

Arkansas Highways

Christmas 1966



CHRIST OF THE OZARKS

"...Come unto me, and all ye that labour and are heavy laden, I will give you rest."

--Matthew 11:28



THE CHRISTMAS Season, more than at any other time of the year, brings out the best in us. It is a time to renew old acquaintances; to rejoice with our families and friends, and, more importantly, a time to share, and a time to give.

This spirit of giving and sharing of love is the true meaning of Christmas, in remembrance of His Gift to Mankind over two thousand years ago. It is my hope that, as we approach this joyous Day, we will all be thankful for the blessings the year has held for us, and to look forward to what is yet to come.

May you all have a happy Christmas, and may the New Year hold for us all, the fulfillment of our dreams and highest aspirations.

Walter E. Hicks

Wayne Hampton – Chairman
Highway Commission

Arnil Taylor – Vice Chairman
Highway Commission



John Harsh – Member
Highway Commission

Maurice Smith – Member
Highway Commission



Truman Baker – Member
Highway Commission

Ward Goodman – Deputy Director
and Chief Engineer





KEEPING CHRISTMAS

It is a good thing to observe Christmas day. The mere marking of times and seasons, when men agree to stop work and make merry together, is a wise and wholesome custom.

It helps one to feel the supremacy of the common life over the individual life. It reminds a man to set his own little watch, now and then, by the great clock of humanity.

But there is a better thing than the observance of Christmas day, and that is, Keeping Christmas.

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground . . .

to see that your fellow-men are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy . . .

to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life . . .

to close your book of complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness—are you willing to do these things even for a day?

THEN YOU CAN KEEP CHRISTMAS.

Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and the desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear on their hearts . . .

to try to understand what those who live in the same house with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you; to trim your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke, and to carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts, and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open—are you willing to do these things even for a day?

THEN YOU CAN KEEP CHRISTMAS.

Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world—stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death—and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem over nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal Love?

THEN YOU CAN KEEP CHRISTMAS.

And if you keep it for a day, why not always?

BUT YOU CAN NEVER KEEP IT ALONE.

—HENRY VAN DYKE



New Highway Building

Open House and Dedication

On November 22, our new Highway Department building and employees put their best foot forward in bib and tucker to show off a bit. The occasion was an open house and official dedication of the new Highway building. There were ribbon-cutting ceremonies, speeches, and plenty of important people around to participate in the activities.

Principal speaker was Governor Orval Faubus, who was introduced by Highway Commission Chairman Wayne Hampton, acting as master of ceremonies.

Mr. Faubus said that the new building caps the Highway Commission's program of area and district building construction. "The completion of these facilities will enable the employees to work more efficiently and economically," Mr. Faubus said. "I am proud of the part I have played."

He complimented the Highway Commission for foresight in building the interstate highways first through urban areas, thus saving money and accelerating the construction.

Other speakers included Mayor Harold E. (Sonny) Henson and County Judge Arch Campbell,

who extended greetings from the city of Little Rock and the county; State Senators Max Howell and Dan T. Sprick, of Little Rock, and Ward Goodman, deputy director and chief engineer of the Highway Department. Mr. Goodman was presented a certificate by Judge Campbell designating him a "Count of Pulaski." Dr. Dale Cowling, pastor of Second Baptist Church of Little Rock, led the dedicatory prayer.

Among the other special guests on the speakers' platform were U.S. Congressman Wilbur D. Mills of Kensett, and Lieutenant Governor-elect Maurice (Footsie) Britt, who was representing Governor-elect Winthrop Rockefeller.

Miss Pat Pugh, "Miss Little Rock," assisted Mr. Faubus in cutting the ribbon before the main entrance to the building. The McCellan High School, under the direction of David Moore, furnished musical selections prior to the dedication.

An estimated 3,000 people visited the building during the three-hour open house.



Holding the ribbon while Miss Pat Pugh and Governor Faubus snip it are, from left, Highway Commission Armil Taylor, Maurice Smith, Wayne Hampton, Truman Baker, and John Harsh, and Highway Director Walter E. Hicks.



Governor Faubus making his dedication speech. The ceremonies were held at the front of the building in the large visitor's parking area. Sitting at Miss Pugh's left are Lieutenant Governor-elect Maurice (Footsie) Britt, Bill Moore, assistant chief engineer; Henry Gray, chief of Right of Way, and Dr. Dale Cowling, pastor of Second Baptist Church.



Ward Goodman and Judge Arch Campbell holding the certificate Judge Campbell presented to Mr. Goodman naming him "Count of Pulaski."



Brenda McRaven of Traffic Services had charge of the guest book and issued programs. Here she greets Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Neitzel, from Memphis.



The lobby was filled with many beautiful floral arrangements. Here, Jane Greenlee, switchboard operator, flanked by two such bouquets. The flowers were later donated to the Arkansas Crippled Children's Hospital.



Ward Goodman presenting 40-year service awards to A. G. "Lanky" Rives.

THREE SERVICE AWARDS PRESENTED

The Commission Room of our new building was 'christened' November 23 when three long-time employees received service awards and the Highway Commission had its regular monthly meeting and bid-letting.

The three recipients, with a total of 90 years' service, were: ALVA G. RIVES, SR., 40 years; COLUMBUS DALMUT, 25 years, and CLEET D. HARPER, 25 years.

Deputy Director and Chief Engineer Ward Goodman gave a brief sketch on each employee before making the presentations. A large audience, including members of the recipients' families, was in attendance.

RIVES, called "Lanky" by most of his friends, has the distinction of being the third man in the Department to have attained 40 years' service. The others are Director W. E. Hicks, and C. Don Hayes, chief of the Equipment Division.

Lanky's first job in the Department was as a rodman. He advanced through the years to instrument, location engineer, acting district engineer, and State Maintenance engineer. His experience, study, and determination has led to many fine achievements, but perhaps the most important one is the work he did on relocating Highway 7. north of Dover. A few years ago it was chosen as one of the 10 most scenic in the nation.

Lanky was born in Aurora, North Carolina, but early in life established residence in Arkansas.

He attended schools in Marianna. He is married to the former Miss Lena Pruett of Lead Hill. They have two sons who have worked for the Department. Alva, Jr. is currently an instrumentman in District 8. They have one grandson, Cliff.

Lanky is a registered professional engineer; a member of Immanuel Baptist Church of Little Rock; a 32nd degree Mason, and a member of the Arkansas and National Societies of Professional Engineers. In 1951, he was presented the 25-year Award of Merit by the American Association of State Highway Officials.



DALMUT, area foreman in Sebastian County, District 4, is a native of Hartford, Ark. After graduation from Mansfield High School he studied mechanics at Poteau (Oklahoma) Junior College. He joined the Department in 1941.

His leadership abilities were soon apparent and he was promoted to Maintenance foreman. At this point, he received a call to service and he became a corporal in a construction regiment in the Army. He returned to AHD in 1946 after receiving his discharge. He has held his present title since 1955.

Dalmut is married to the former Miss Mary Nell Pearce of Hartford. They have two children and two grandchildren.

He is a member of the Jones Memorial Methodist Church, serving as treasurer and charge lay leader. He is a Mason with membership in the Hartford Lodge.



Goodman and Dalmut

HARPER, a life-long resident and native of Cleveland County, is a motor patrol operator in District 2. He had a job "down on the farm" before joining the Department in 1937. Since then he has graded mile after mile of dirt and gravel roads, operating one of the first tractor-pulled graders. Harper remembers the early day pay checks and long hours. He is considered one of the most proficient operators of the modern motor patrol and has always been ready and willing to do more than his share for his supervisors in District 2.

Cleet married the former Miss Hazel Hollis of Rison in 1936. They have two daughters and three grandchildren.

He is a member of the Bethel Missionary Baptist Church where he serves as a deacon, and is a member of the Masonic Lodge.



Goodman and Harper

40-YEAR CLUB MEMBERS



Hayes, Hicks, and Rives

Here are the Highway Department's only 40-year men in point of service. Director Hicks was the first one to have reached the milestone. This was in June 1964. After reaching the retirement age, Mr. Hicks left the Department October 31, 1965 with 41 years of continuous service. Upon the resignation of Mack Sturgis last April 1, Mr. Hicks was called back to serve as Highway Director. C. Don Hayes, chief of the Equipment Division, received his 40-year awards December 1, 1964. Lanky, the third member, probably won't be the last to reach 40 years as there are several employees rapidly approaching that mark.



"Now THAT'S a horrible thought!"

Commission Meetings and Letting Dates

The following meeting and letting dates have been set by the Highway Commission for the next six-month period beginning January 1, 1967: January 25; February 22; March 22; April 26; May 24; June 28.



STAR OF BETHLEHEM

By: Janet McElduff

District 1



Editor's note: We took a look at the return address when this article arrived and said, "Goody, we got something from Janet." Janet's writings contain warmth, humor and homespunness (spunness?) that never fail to delight our readers. The only trouble, however, is that we don't hear from her often enough. How's about doing something about it, Janet.

Memories

And at what age do you start having memories? And when, when, does the true meaning of Christmas come to us?

I don't know, but somewhere along the line when you grow up, marry, have children, there comes a time when Christmas is approaching and you begin to remember. Remember the way we did it last year? Remember the funnies, funnies at our house being the funny things that happened the year before, the year before that. Remember the cookie receipt that Mamaw used to use? Remember how the tip-top tree star got broken?

At first there is nothing to remember. At first the most all-important thing in the world with little children in this house is Santa Claus. Oh well, be honest, little children or no, there are always a couple of pretty good Christmas parties, too, that Mamma and Daddy enjoy. There's no Christmas dinner to worry about cause we're still going "home" for that, so this good ol' self-centeredness is all we need really be concerned with. We've taken care of Santa, stayed up far into the night putting toys together, putting the last touches to doll's clothes, and then can't sleep for anticipating the children's expression on Christmas morning.

And that's when the memories start. Remember when the first-born was one and much preferred the can of baby powder to the fine array of toys left by Santa? Remember the middle one wearing training pants (and nothing else) in July with the red felt hat she received on her second Christmas? Remember the boy with the ear-ache on Christmas Eve? Daddy was trying so hard to put the 459 piece farm set together, playing Santa, while Mamma nursed a sick Boy. That's what made that boy believe in Santa Claus far longer than most kids, 'cause he got a glimpse that night of movement in the living room near the tree, and high fever and a little boy's imagination put a red suit and black boots on that figure. That's all right, boy. That's a dilly of a memory.

Another one to cherish is when there were just two little girls, quite little, and we heard a sleepy voice about 5 a.m. on a dark Christmas morning saying "Mamma, Daddy, I see the Star of Bethlehem." And this is another beginning. There just might be something more to this Christmas than these gay parties and the fun of Santa!

Pretty soon there is a pattern established without our knowing it, and we don't want to change; maybe just add another little memory each year. Daddy's same old socks hung. No fancy, felt-sequined stocking for us. That's not part of our family. Well, yes, we've become a family. We stole a few things from our paternal and maternal side, so to speak - Granny's ambrosia, Mamaw's oyster dressing. But we've added; my, how we've added! Old blue balls for the tree that no one else would have, but gosh, we had them the first year we were married! Oranges, gum, and peppermint sticks in the stockings, just because we always have. The scroll of Mary and the Baby, made by a would-be artist of nine that is hung every year. It's not perfect. In fact, people, other than members of the family, think they have double vision when they look at it, but we know this was caused by a mistake made and corrected.

It gets later and later, and there are formals to make now, and boy friends to help cut up the ambrosia. And one funny was the Christmas there were two formals to get ready for, for the first time; two orchids in the refrigerator, and good ol' Daddy washing dishes while Mamma put in a final hem. Two girls fighting over the best mirror - an explosion from the kitchen, the sound of broken dishes and an "oh my gosh, spinach on the orchids!" - and what do you think that caused? That was a funny, girls, a joke. Please don't kill Daddy.

All of a sudden you realize things have happened each year that have brought you closer and closer to what Christmas really is. There was the first year the young people of the church did the out-door living nativity scene. We helped. There was a life-size papier-mache ass and two lambs in our living room for a week and our oldest was Mary, and it gets next to you like nothing else can.

And what is Christmas? That memory goes on, and in a couple of years the middle one was Mary and this time during rehearsals with the spots being turned off and on they came on unexpectedly at one point with Mary sitting in Joseph's lap! I promise

you the living nativity scene script had nothing like this in it! The shepherds and Wise Men hovering close by assured the adult helpers this was nothing to worry about for just minutes before Joseph had been sitting in Mary's lap. For warmth, no doubt.

And a life-time is half gone, half of your Christmases slipped away. No more Santas, just good ol' Mamma and Daddy, and a boy that was 10 feet tall the Christmas of the first big bike; the same boy who, at 11, has his own Christmas money and independently makes his purchases for his family. Good taste, too. The tables are turning in that direction now, for it is Mamma and Daddy that seem to be on the receiving end, and the thought is more wonderful than the gift that they have worked for and given.

And in the life-time that is half left, is there a nostalgia about us for the real meaning of Christmas? As we look back over our memories, the pattern that has been established, where does it lead to, what does it mean to us now?

It means bad times forgotten, it means values sorted, gifts of love, compassion, sincerity, a sense of peace, a strengthening of faith, a thankful heart for all of this. Little by little we've been brought into the nearness of God, and over the years, the magnificent music of the Advent season, the precious goodness of little children in Christmas pageantry, the holiness of the season's worship services climaxed by the hushed stillness of a candlelit communion service on the Eve of the Christ Child's birth, this is where it has led. May God give us the eyes, the ears, and the heart to acknowledge the greatest memory of all, the gift of His son.

I do believe that is the Star of Bethlehem!

HIGHWAY DAMES CHRISTMAS FUND

Each year at Christmas time, the Arkansas Dames sponsor a Christmas Fund to give aid to any family of the Department which might need assistance. The contributions are made in lieu of Christmas cards and is a worthy cause.

At press time for this issue, the Fund had been gaining momentum in contributions, but since there will be contributions up until Christmas, our list of donors will not be complete here. Names not included in the list below, will be printed in the January issue.

Mr. & Mrs. Walter E. Hicks
Mr. & Mrs. Ward Goodman
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Lowder
Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Longcoy
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Venable

Mr. & Mrs. Dale W. Davison
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Mulhollen
Mr. & Mrs. L. M. Elledge
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Chaney
Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Woodson
Mr. & Mrs. David L. Moore
Mr. & Mrs. Baldy Vinson
Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Lee
Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Henderson
Mr. & Mrs. Bud Witter
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Battisto
Mr. & Mrs. L. P. Carlson
Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Teasdale



The Arkansas Art Center was the setting for the Highway Dames' December 8 meeting and luncheon in the Delta Room. Twenty-one members attended. A tour of the beautiful Christmas Tree Gallery was a highlight of the meeting. The door prize was won by Mrs. Ruth Newson. Hostesses were Mrs. Eleanor Pattillo and Mrs. Lucille Witter.

The January meeting will be held at Hotel Sam Peck. An 11 a.m. luncheon will be served for \$2.25. Special guest will be Mrs. Andy Dillahey, an interior decorator, who will speak and illustrate various decorating techniques. Hostesses will be Mrs. Jo Nell Moore and Mrs. Ann Lawrence.

February is our money-making project month. We have voted for a bingo party for families and guests. Tickets for 50 cents each will be ready for sale at the January meeting. Prizes will be white elephant merchandise donated by members. Please bring them to the January meeting! Let them be something that you would be proud for a member of your family or a guest to win.

If the white elephants will be perishable, please record it. We must know that we have sufficient prizes in order to sell tickets.

We wish to thank Mr. Walter E. Hicks for sending the memorandum to all the departments asking them to help with our Christmas Card Fund. Also, Mr. Goodman for asking the men to cooperate with the ladies on this project. We also appreciate Dale Davison's help in locating our artist, Robert Thomas of Roadway Design - who did such a beautiful job on one of the giant Christmas cards. And, to Johnny Gray, for his faithful help again this year.

The cards are on display at the switchboard and in the cafeteria.

-- Betty Hutchison
Publicity



LETTERS

November 25, 1966

Arkansas Highway Department
Little Rock, Arkansas

Gentlemen:

Since I am a resident of Meadowcliff I often go through the intersection of Asher and University and have watched the progress of the remodeling from the beginning. So many times I have been impressed with how well planned the work has been. That I have promised myself I would let you know about it.

I'm sure you get plenty of complaints about workmen being in the way when they're working on busy roads, but I thought you might like to know they're also noticed when they're doing an exceptionally good job. All of the work has been done in such a manner as to cause a minimum of inconvenience to motorists. When it has been necessary to direct cars around their normal paths, your workmen have been invariably courteous and helpful.

Now that the work is almost completed it is more difficult to know just where to go, but it is also obvious that this will be a short term problem. All of us who travel this route will be grateful many times in the future for the improved intersection. For myself I wanted you to know it has been a pleasure to watch people who knew their jobs - and did them well.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Val Carithers

Bartlesville, Oklahoma
November 30, 1966

Dear Mr. Bryant:

We want to tell you again how much we appreciated your helpfulness when we had car trouble in

Morrilton last Tuesday. Thanks to you and to the efficiency of Baker and Payne we made it on to Jackson before night. Your town will always hold a warm spot in our memories. I called Gene Poindexter here to tell him about his wonderful home town. His brother Paul lives there, but was out when we went by to see him. I do hope that if you're over our way you will let us give you a cup of coffee and true Southern hospitality as you gave us in Morrilton. None of that Thanksgiving food spoiled, either! I'm thankful for good people like you.

Sincerely,
Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Jones

Mr. Bryant, to whom the letter is addressed, is E. L. Bryant, area foreman in Conway County, District 8. Ed.

AN OPEN LETTER TO SANTA

DEAR SANTA:

I realize that I'm asking for an awful lot this year; perhaps more than you can give, but since this is not a selfish request, I'm sure you'll do your best to fulfill it.

As we once again celebrate the birth of The Prince of Peace, bring to every driver the spirit of brotherhood to make him considerate and thoughtful of his fellow motorist, now and in the new year just ahead.

Fill his Christmas stocking with great driving skill, good judgment, and patience. Leave him a bright candle of understanding to help him see the other fellow's needs, as well as his own, behind the wheel; and to light his way safely over the highways in the darkness of the night.

Give every pedestrian a candy cane of caution that he may walk with care and always reach his destination without accident or injury.

And if you hang a wreath on someone's door, Santa, please make it a bright and shiny one representing the new life and the new beginning in Christmas, not the dark and somber wreath of death which was hung on the homes of so many traffic victims at Christmas time in years gone by.

In closing, Santa, I'd like to ask you to be especially careful yourself this year. So many drivers just don't realize they could kill Santa Claus.

With best wishes for your safety,

Your Traffic Officer

LANKY FETED WITH OPEN HOUSE



The Rives', Lena and Lanky

Surveys Division held an open house for Lanky Rives after he received his 40-year awards November 23. Punch, coffee, mints, nuts, and the cake shown here were served to Lanky's friends and co-workers in the Department who dropped by. The Thanksgiving theme was carried out in the decorations. Adele Fiedler, secretary in Surveys, Mrs. Bert Rownd, and Mrs. Charles Venable were responsible for the arrangements. Madge Livingston was in charge of the guest book.

TROOPER NABS LITTERBUG

If you must litter the highways, do it in high style, as did a defendant in a District 2 Justice of the Peace court.

In one of two related cases, State Highway Police Trooper Bill Mullinax was asked to testify before the court as to the nature of a highway littering charge brought by him against the defendant in the case.

In his testimony, Trooper Mullinax stated that he pulled up behind a vehicle on the highway, and that shortly after he began following it, a passenger in the car opened the door and put a case of beer out of the car onto the highway, thus littering it, following which Mullinax stopped the vehicle for

the purpose of placing the passenger under arrest on a littering charge. The defendant pleaded guilty to littering.

In the subsequent case, Mullinax was again asked to testify, and stated the driver of the above mentioned vehicle, upon being stopped in the above incident, was found to have in her possession two cases of beer, which caused him to place her under arrest on the charge of possessing over the legal limit of alcoholic beverages.

Fines levied in the cases were \$25 on the littering charge and \$101 on the possession charge.

DINNER ON THE GROUND

Summer is over, autumn is here, and winter is approaching. But, summer, with all the old fashioned homecomings at the country churches, is remembered fondly.

If you have never been to a homecoming, you don't know what you are missing or have missed.

After the morning services, with a sermon by a preacher that has been gone elsewhere for many years, the congregation moves outside to the back of the church for a "dinner on the ground."

My! This is the life! Who wants some of Aunt Bertha's chicken and dressing? Did you eat Mrs. Smith's banana cake? Wasn't it delicious! Finally, dinner is over, and little groups scatter here and there meeting friends that haven't been seen for 40 years. "Why, Uncle Tom," a middle age man addresses an elderly man, "I haven't seen you in 35 years."

The old gentleman smiles as he turns, "Why, Bob Brian, where have you been keeping yourself?" "Oh, here and there. I have been in California for 15 years. There goes Miss Sally. I want to speak to her. She was my fifth grade teacher, you know. I wonder if she remembers whipping me for cutting Susan Brown's braids off."

All over the church yard people are grouped, reminiscing old times. Finally, the time comes to gather in the church for an afternoon of singing. After another hour, the event so looked forward to will be over for another year. Many of the elderly people will never meet with them again, but will join other friends out in the old church cemetery.

— M. O. Tillery
Materials and Tests

CHRISTMAS QUIPS

Remember Christmas is a birthday not a warehouse sale.

At Christmas what the kids would like is something that will separate the men from the toys.

And what the man "who has everything" needs is help with the payments.

HAMPTON HONORED BY AGC AT BANQUET

The Arkansas Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America presented a plaque to Highway Commission Chairman Wayne Hampton for services rendered during the three years and nine months Hampton served on the Commission. The presentation was made by E. E. Barber, of E. E. Barber Contractors, Fort Smith, at the Association's annual banquet December 1 at Hotel Marion.

Mr. Hampton, whose term expires January 14, 1967, was elected to the Commission by fellow members May 8, 1962 to fill the spot vacated by Harry Parkin, who resigned the post in March 1962 because of conflicting interests. This was the first time an appointment on the Commission was filled by Commission members. During his tenure, Hampton served several times as chairman.



E. E. Barber and Hampton

JOHN "High Roller" TALLANT



The County Roads bowling team took a definite upturn the night of December 5 when John Tallant, with a season average of 138, created quite a bit of excitement throughout Pleasure Lanes and became an instant celebrity by rolling a 245 game. This figure is the season high for the entire 10-team Highway League. For his outstanding game, John was awarded an ABC citation for bowling 100 pins above the average, an ashtray from Pleasure Lanes, a "235" patch for his bowling shirt, and a free breakfast for making consecutive strikes.

At the Highway Department's Open House and Dedication, many spouses of our employees paid us a visit, but one was missing. Mrs. Maxine Cruse, wife of Bo Cruse, auditor, was hospitalized at the time and couldn't make it then, but Bo brought her up one Friday afternoon recently to look over the new place. We had Bo and Maxine pose with Ronald Keene, left, and Mr. Hicks during her visit.



BLOOD DONORS FOR OPEN HEART SURGERY



The American Red Cross is trying to initiate a blood program for open heart surgery patients. Its goal is to try to organize fifty-two groups whereby each group will donate blood once a year. The Highway Department, always willing to do its share, went to the rescue December 7 when eleven employees donated. Several more volunteered but for various reasons were not accepted. Pictured here are: Bob Hickey, Materials and Tests; Fred McCormack, Planning and Research; Dale Hoggard, Data Processing; James Bartlett, Right of Way; Jerry Conway, Data Processing; Charles Freeman, Office Engineer; Willa McFall, Maintenance; Billie Bain, Accounting; Bill Hurt, Roadway Design, and Dale Davison, chief of Personnel. Maurice Head of Equipment donated also but was not available when the picture was made.

MORNING AFTER HINTS

Christmas – the time to get together with friends and family. The time many people will over indulge – not only in food, but in the giggle juice.

If you should happen to fall in the last category, this article may be of interest for the morning after. However, don't read this on New Year's Day, because chances are you'll be feeling bad enough already.

But – in ancient China if you saw a man popping a diamond or ruby into his mouth, you could assume he had been on the town the night before. A jewel under the tongue was supposed to bring instant relief from a hangover. We know some gals that would appeal to immensely, hangover or no.

The Assyrians swore by swallow's beak ground myrrh. The Greeks tried working on the outer man: flagellation, massage, steam baths, and binding the temples. A favorite during the Middle Ages was bitter almonds and raw eels smothered in wine – and we're surely not going to read this New Year's Day.

Going modern, the nutritionists have provided such suggestions as yeast and yogurt, aiming at replacing the body's supply of Vitamin B. Some brave people down a

glass of sauerkraut juice, while a Japanese doctor prescribes a mixture of brown sugar and soy sauce.

The Germans and Austrians have for centuries been treating their morning-after blues with a sour herring (called a "rollmop," which sounds like a modern singing group) or black coffee with juice of half a lemon.

To help retard the absorption of alcohol, drink a small amount of olive oil before bending the arm.

These are some preventive measures, but who cares?





If Santa Were An Engineer

By PAULA B. WELLS, P.E.

Although the engineer today
Is viewed with glamour all the way,
One fact remains quite sadly true —
Perhaps not realized by you —

If Santa were an engineer,
He'd never get from There to Here.
And First Among the reasons why,
He's never trust a deer to fly.

But would have spent each Arctic night,
Considering other means of flight.
In manner so preoccupied
He'd let his other duties slide —

Like making all the dolls and toys
For eager little girls and boys.
And even if he turned his mind
To routine duties of this kind,

He'd have his helpers so confused
By the newfangled means be used
For handing job assignments out,
He'd have the outcome still in doubt.

At first, the loading of the sleigh
Would slow old Santa on his way.
For he would have to figure here
The friction drag of every deer.

He'd have to purchase right-of-way
On which to drive his loaded sleigh
To get an easement just to stop
On every single chimney top.

Then not content with that, it glows,
The kilowatts of Rudolph's nose
He'd analyze — and might decide
It inefficient for the ride.

For Christmas would have come and gone
While Santa's planning rambled on.
But even if they want ahead
And finished on their own, instead

The trip would not be guaranteed
Because of Santa's obvious need
To figure each component part
Of every little stop and start

For first, he'd have to do the math
Of setting up the critical path
And then would program up the plan
For IBM to hand each man

A job assignment all in code
That specified his working load.
By then, the poor discouraged elves
Would've laid the tools back on the
shelves.

The route his reindeer team should go
Would next keep his departure slow
For pros and cons of every route
Would have to be figured out

Despite the fact that every year
The route's decided by the deer,
Who know the best way to each door
Is just to go same as before.

And then if Santa got around
To getting things up off the ground,
The trip would still hit lots of snags
Because of engineering jags

Pursued by Santa on his way
As through the sky he drove his sleigh
The trajectory of Santa's ride
Would keep his mind quite occupied

In fact, perhaps his mind would stray
Until at last he'd lose his way.
(Hurrah again for faithful deer
Who'd see that Santa made it here)

The impact loading of his sleigh
Upon each roof along the way
Would give him cause to stop and fret
(Although there've been no failures yet)

Then, once inside, mechanical toys
Which were to be for little boys,
Would catch his engineering eye
And so detain him from the sky

A trifle longer. Meanwhile night
Would start to turn to morning light
And reindeer, knowing time was short
Would paw the roof and loudly snort.

By then, the probability curse
Of his completion would un-nerve
Poor Santa til he'd say
"I simply cannot see a way

To finish — maybe by next year
Time-motion studies could make clear
A more expedient route to fly
That gave me less time in the sky"

And back he's go to engineer
A better way to drive his deer.

So, children everywhere, be glad
That Santa was a simple lad
Who never went to engine college
To be confused by too much knowledge.

Nebraska Engineer Dec 1963



AROUND the DEPARTMENT



ACCOUNTING DIVISION

Mildred Harness

Here we all are setting down for the winter in our new building. The first two weeks were spent trying to work and more or less feeling our way around; also seeing people that we had talked to on the phone, but just now seeing them in person.

The elevator is still a little stand-offish, but maybe it will also settle down and become friendly.

Margaret and John Allen left for San Antonio, Tex., November 18 to spend Thanksgiving with their son John and family. John Jr. took them south of the border to Lardgo, Mexico. They spent the day sightseeing and enjoyed it.

Jo Malone was chosen Secretary of the Day. She received a nice vase of flowers and many good wishes.

Bonnie and Bob Hill, November 22, flew to Denver, Colo. and spent the week sightseeing and visiting relatives. Bonnie, being the good girl she is, brought back some pictures for us to see.

Frank Phillips brought his little grandson Mike up to see us last month. He is sure a little sweetie and by the way, we think he looks like Frank.

Ed Orsini has our heart felt sympathies in the death of his mother.

All of us in Accounting wish you and yours a very merry Christmas.



BRIDGE DESIGN

Betty Claude

Thanksgiving and all the football games are behind us so now we can concentrate on Christmas, the best time of the year. I know there is a lot of shopping being done, and isn't it nice to be able to enjoy Christmas as we do?

We have two new men in our Division. Jim Strebeck and Dan Ellis. We welcome them to the Highway Department and hope they will be with us for some time.

You know a lot of deer hunting was done by some people in our office, but to date I haven't heard of too much success.

Mr. Carlson attended the AASHO Meeting in Wichita the last week in November. Jim and JoAnn Hillis spent Thanksgiving

week-end in Kansas City with his parents. Jim toured the Kansas City Life Insurance Company Building and he says it is a fabulous place. Gold telephones in the executive offices. How about that?

We are glad to have Walker Haigh back with us after a week or so of illness. *Happy Holidays to you all.*



COUNTY PROGRAM

Barbara Oldham

Our division would like to say "Welcome" to our new employee, Leroy McLain, Jr. Leroy, who is an engineer helper in this division was recently employed with Garver and Garver, Inc., and is a graduate of Hall High School. And girls...he is single. His hobbies are football and hunting.

Deadeye Bellomy, after many anxious days in the brush, came out disillusioned and out of ammunition, but still no deer... Better luck next time Deadeye.

Several other employees went hunting but their stories are all about the same. Lots of fun but no luck.

Max Hall came to work last month with his arm in a sling. After everyone expressed sympathy, Mr. Hall grinned and related his story to us. It seems that his bowling score had been so good the night before that he was saving his arm for the next bowling night. Our team fights a battle each Monday night. We may not be the best team but everyone enjoys the night out to bowl.

We hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday season.



DATA PROCESSING

Peggy Hardin

Carolyn Reddin has joined the jet set. She and daughter, Kim, flew down to Houston for a vacation visit with her sister while husband, Jimmy, went deer hunting.

Art Johnson has a star in his family, now. Richard, his 14-year-old son, was selected for the Little Rock Junior High All-Star Football Team. He plays safety man for Forrest Heights. Congratulations, Richard.

More congratulations. This time, to Erma Jetton and husband, Robert, on their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary November 1.

It was Happy Birthday for Trisha McDonald on November 23.



Mighty Hunters Peggy Hardin and Jerry Conway



The first deer hunting season was quite an eventful one for Jerry Conway and this reporter. Jerry was our guest down at Redfield where he killed a 6-pointer early on a Saturday morning while I killed mine about an hour later. That's some fun.

Duck hunting season is here again and Jim Stringer has been out after them. He went the first two days and returned home with his limit each day. He has invited us all over for dinner - we're all going.

Nedra Barton and family spent a nice holiday vacation with Joe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Barton at Center Point.



MATERIALS AND TESTS

Sibyl Maddox

Several of our employees spent Thanksgiving away from home. Bobby Gossett visited relatives in Newport; John Adams visited in Florida, and Wendell Williams and family visited her parents in Sheridan.

Douglass Turney, student at the University of Arkansas, spent the holidays with his parents, R. C. and Georgette Turney.

Travis Beard, from Arkansas Tech, visited his parents, the A. T. Beards.

Jake Clements and Mr. Schneider attended the annual Highway Research Meeting in Fayetteville, November 18.

Julia Halliburton and Sibyl Maddox attended the Council Meeting of the Toastmistress Club in Memphis at the Holiday Inn, Saturday, December 3.

Mr. Schneider attended the AASHO in Wichita, Kans.

We have two new employees in M&T - James Reynolds, a 1958 graduate from Ouachita Baptist College and Larry Bisbee, 1964 graduate from Sheridan High. Larry is engaged to be married January 27 - Congratulations, Larry????? James is available by the way.

Employees of our Division are deeply hurt by the loss of our friend and fellow worker, Clark Salley, stricken with a heart attack while on a field trip November 30. Our sympathy goes to the family. We will surely miss him!

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Man must work. He may work grudgingly or he may work gratefully; he may work as a man, or he may work as a machine. There is not work so rude that he may not exalt it; No work so impassive that he may not breathe a soul into it; no work so dull that he may not enliven it.

--- Henry Giles



PERSONNEL

Dorothy Lehman

Dale Davison made his annual trip to Fayetteville for recruiting purposes and had a short vacation early in November, Dale, Jr. and a young friend accompanied Mr. Davison on a deer hunt just before Thanksgiving.

Since our move to the new building, many of us have riders to and from work. Jay Ehrhorn of Magazine keeps me company and Shirley Bain has Margaret Weathers, John Helgen and Billie Bain with her each day.

During the time of moving from old to new building I was glad to have the opportunity of meeting all Office Engineer personnel and working there for a

short while. At this time, however, I'm sorry to report that Leontee Connelly has been confined to the Missouri-Pacific Hospital since early November. All of us are thinking of you, Leontee, and hope you are your gay self again very soon.

Recently Shirley and I made the plunge and bought new cars. Proud she is of her Chevy II and I of my Plymouth Signet.

This reporter's trip to Fayetteville for the SMU game was most enjoyable. We attended the open house at Wilson-Sharp Hall and enjoyed our visit with son, Ron, a freshman there.

Aren't you enjoying the cafeteria, music and bright, clean surroundings? We in Personnel are so proud of our new office and enjoyed many visitors on dedication day.

Although Johnny, Jane's oldest son, was sick with mumps, Jane relaxed on a short vacation over Thanksgiving holidays. Jackie Wallace was a guest in the home of Jimmy and Grace Zinn for a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Jim, Jr. and his family were there from Tennessee to make the holiday complete. Thanksgiving Day found Shirley and daughter Angela at Bodcaw, near Hope, for a visit with Shirley's family. I believe the rest of us cooked the traditional bird and had our immediate families with us for a most enjoyable day.

Sibble Cox had to stay at home for a couple of days due to a cold aggravated by an allergy. She returned to work feeling much better.

We miss Linda Young being in the office. She's pinch-hitting now as secretary in Bill Moore's office.



PLANNING AND RESEARCH

P&R Staff

Three Service Awards were presented this month to the following in P&R: Leo L. Biggs for 15 years and Sam R. Elsberry for 10 years (Data Collection), and Ruth Cantley for 15 years (Data Analysis). Congratulations to these loyal employees!

New Employee, John Wilhite, a former Little Rock policeman who lives at Bigelow, has started to work as a vehicle classification technician.

J. Hensley, whose eye was injured recently in an accident while hunting, is a very lucky fellow - the eye is O.K. Buddy Lewter, who was hospitalized for a check-up, is back with us again.

The Research Section held its annual meeting in Fayetteville November 18. Two proposals were approved subject to the development of a satisfactory workplan: a study of ion exchange complexes of soil particles and the effect on engineering characteristics, and a comprehensive maintenance training study.



W. K. Bartleson presenting Ruth Cantley her 15-year service awards.



Leo L. Biggs and Sam R. Elsberry holding their awards.

Gary Whittington and Bill Cypert attended a two-day school at the local IBM office on the IBM 360 computer.

John Vandenberg recently returned from a two-week vacation in the Gulf Coast area. The first two days were spent at Mississippi State University, attending the annual meeting of the Mid-South Section of The American Society of Civil Engineers; then on to New Orleans, where Van and his wife indulged in a little night life of that hospitable city. At Port Arthur, Tex., they met their new (and first) grandson. On to Galveston, and Austin, with some golf enjoyed between visits. At Austin, the Vandenberg were the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Courter. He is the former Bureau of Public Roads Division engineer at Little Rock, who is now employed as a

special assistant to the director of the Texas Highway Department.

Jim Barnett and Jim Carvell Jr. went to Fayetteville and saw Arkansas beat SMU. Mayo White made a week end trip to Toma, Wis. Harold Woolsey spent a week visiting his family in Springfield, Ill.

Several from the Planning and Research Division participated in the ancient art of deer hunting last month. Evidence of their skill was provided only by Chester Jester, of Field Data Collection, who got a nice 6-point buck. However, Bill Mann emptied his rifle and pistol in helping to subdue a big buck. Pete Benetz was another deer hunter; as was Jo Nell Threet. Ruby Crouse did not actually hunt (husband Billy Ray did), but she went with a party for a big pre-deer hunt barbecue of a whole hog the evening before. Congratulations to Chester!



Chester Jester

The big news in Planning and Research this month is the wedding of one employee with the brother of another. Mary Elizabeth (Libby) Mills became the bride of Doyme Brockington, who is Edith Garland's brother, in an afternoon ceremony on November 26. Joann Jones, also of P&R, was the matron of honor. Doyme is employed by Rebsamen Motors. We extend our congratulations and best wishes.

Libby was honored with a luncheon-shower November 21 by the P&R gals. She is shown at the head of the table. Cakes for the occasion were baked by Edith Garland. (See picture)

Hal Phillips hopes to move into his new house on Delray Drive by the first of December and has an eight-week-old beagle all set to take up residence, also.

A luncheon was shared at Paul's Lamplighter by the ladies of P&R and Memmy Turner and Ernestine Tucker of Weights and Standards. The occasion was W&S's leaving our building. We were truly sorry to see them move and will miss them.



The P&T luncheon for new bride, Libby Mills, who married Doyme Brockington, Edith Garland's brother.

Janet Smith and Mary Louise Bailey had birthdays this month and both were given presents from the feminine members of P&R. Chocolate and coconut cakes were served at the party. Bob Kessinger also had a birthday, and the Research Section's new member, Phyllis Smith, rose to the occasion with a cake they reported to be great.

Some from P&R made a noontime excursion recently to see the new home of former employee Bonnie Thomas. After stopping in a green, wooded area for a picnic, we began to try to find our way to our destination. A closed road and a street sign that wasn't there caused several false starts and a good deal of backtracking. However, we enjoyed the trip and the country roads we got onto. Bonnie's house was eventually discovered to be of mixed brick with charcoal grey shutters, located on a curving street which is very attractive but removed from the hustle and bustle of the city.

During the Thanksgiving holiday season, we visited Ann's Candle Shop during another lunch hour. It's one of those fascinating places so crammed with beautiful and interesting things you just can't see them all. Among the things we carried away: Christmas tree ornaments. A large group also visited the Art Center while the Rebsamen collection of porcelain birds and flowers, by Boehm, was on display. Their gift shop was full of new items to see, too - dolls from all countries, animal figurines, etc. Taking part in the jaunts: Fern Speights, Helen McNutt, Edith Garland, Mary Louise Bailey, Ruth Cantley, and Billie Whiteside.

Our Bowling team is improving. The fellows say that since Jim Barnett joined up, they have won 11 out of the last 12 games.

Bill Headrick's son, John, has a ham radio and is going to take the test for a Jr. Citizens Band radio operator's license.

We were sorry to hear that Helen McNutt's brother is in the hospital and is quite ill.

Chester Jester's brother-in-law died November 8, and he and brother Lester Jester attended the funeral. We extend our sympathy to the family.



PROCUREMENT

Lou Hardy

This is one reporter who is glad to report that the move is over. Everyone is adjusted to the change by now and we all like our new home much better than anticipated. There has been so much better than anticipated. There has been so much happening around our office and with the different employees I hope that not too much is missed. But if I do, please just over look it.

The office force and other friends over the building recently helped to surprise the boss, Frank Caple, with a party celebrating the receipt of his 15-year pin and also his (?) birthday. Mr. Pendergrass presented Mr. Caple with his certificate and pin. (See picture.) Cake and punch were served and a good time was had by all. Another birthday was celebrated this month also. Bernie Cox was taken to lunch in our own cafeteria November 23.

There was a very happy event celebrated by one of our employees. Doris Haskett is a proud grandmother again. A baby boy, John Harold, was born November 3; weight 5 pounds, ½ ounce. Mother, father, baby and grandmother are all home and doing fine.



Mr. Pendergrass presenting Frank Caple his 15-year service awards. Looking on is Sylvia, Frank's wife.

Last month we reported that Harold and Janie Ladd were the proud owners of a new T-Bird. Well, this month we would like to say that Harold had a slight accident on the way to work and they no longer have the T-Bird - "sorry bout that."

Lewis Wade and son Kevin and Wade's mother spent several days in Hamilton, Ala. visiting with his brother.

Patsy Navens and Eulin Downing were fortunate in securing tickets and attending the stage production of "Hello Dolly." They enjoyed it very much.

We are sorry to report that Shirley has resigned to accept a position in Jacksonville where she lives. We sure do miss her but wish her every happiness and success in her new job.

The girl taking Shirley's place is Bettie Hartnett. She has two children, Stephen and Travis. Her husband is employed by Bale Chevrolet Company. Her hobbies are fishing and all phases of summer camping (ants and all). We're glad to have her with us.

Mr. Caple's mother has been visiting with him during the holidays. I understand the Caples are seeing "Red" these days. TV that is - They have a new color television. We know where to go now to view Bonanza. Mr. Caple's youngest daughter, Debbie, has recently turned "Sweet Sixteen."

Bernie Cox spent several days in the hospital after surgery on his ear. He is at home now and doing fine.

Alton and I had our 8th anniversary November 26. Boy, seems like forever!

Frank Pitts is taking a few days away from the office. Patsy Navens was off while her sister and family from Memphis were here during Holidays.



RIGHT OF WAY

Shirley Childress

Everyone is finally getting back to the everyday routine after moving into this beautiful new building. Believe me it took a while for us to get use to working in an office with enough light, no holes in the floor and oh, so quiet, except for the music, which we are thoroughly enjoying. Another thing we are very happy about is the cafeteria. Of course a few people may have to make a New Year's resolution to go on a diet, if the food continues to taste so good.

As reported in our last magazine, Mr. Luton did not get to move into our new building because he suffered a heart attack two days prior to our move. We have a very good report to make about Mr. Luton this time, for he made a surprise visit to Right-of-Way November 30 and said he will return to work December 12. Everyone was very happy to see him looking so well and delighted that he will be back so soon.

Visitors to our new building have been Dwight Little, Art Emmerling and George Howell. We're always happy to see these three and hope they will come back again.

We would like to welcome Fred Sloan, our new employee in the Appraisal Section. Fred is married and resides in Little Rock. He has one married son. Before coming to work for the Highway Department. Fred was in the real estate and residential construction business.



Fred Sloan

Several of our employees took Friday after Thanksgiving off and visited relatives in other parts of the State. Carolyn Halbert spent the holidays with her parents in Prattsville while Retha Griffin and sons Terry and Bob spent four days at Dumas with Retha's mother.

Fred Williams took an extra day off Thanksgiving to be with his brother,

sister-in-law and their three children from Florida.



Congratulations to James and Anna Burge on the birth of their son, James Luther, born November 17, 8:15 p.m. at Arkansas Baptist Medical Center. James Luther weighed in at 7 pounds, 12 ounces. The picture shown here was taken by his daddy when he was 6 days old. Papa James is one of our newest employees and works in the Utilities Section.



Altho' I'm sure everyone had a very nice Thanksgiving and hated to return to work, after stuffing themselves with turkey and dressing, I would say that Donna Barbee had the best Thanksgiving of all. Her husband, Allen, was home on leave from the Air Force. He came home November 18 and returned November 26 to Grand Forks Air Force Base in North Dakota. Orene Hester took a week vacation the week of Thanksgiving and spent it at home with her husband George and little girl Lanna Gay. She also visited her parents in Malvern.

Henry Gray attended the 52nd Annual AASHO meeting which was held in Wichita, Kans. November 28 through December 2.

Several of our men have been deer hunting and duck hunting but the only ones I know of that got their deer were Herman Schmidt and Gip Robertson. The ones killing ducks are too numerous to mention.

If you see a blue streak going by in the parking lot in the afternoon do not get excited. It is not one of the Blue Angels landing, just Doug Thacker taking off in his new blue El Camino Chevrolet truck. It has all the luxuries including bucket seats and air condition.



ROADWAY DESIGN

Virginia Ashlin

B.K. Cooper attended the American Association of State Highway Officials in Wichita, Kans. the week of November 27.

Jim Nichols, brother of Brooks Nichols, came up to see our new offices and meet everybody while he and his wife were visiting with Brooks and Linda during the Thanksgiving holidays.

We are real happy that Peggy Pulliam is at home again from the hospital after undergoing surgery.

The John Hicks' son, Robert, was home for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Sorry this is short, but if anyone knows any news, they are keeping it a secret so this is it for this time.



TRAFFIC SERVICES

Becky Fleming

The week end of November 18, Howard Stoebener, James Mellard, Jim Woodson, and Richard Hobby were guests of Frank Blalock of Ola, Ark. They went deer hunting, had loads of fun but, unfortunately, didn't see a deer of any kind.

"Hello Dolly" was attended by most of our crew and enjoyed by all.

Jim Woodson welcomes a new daughter. Susannah, born September 16, weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces, has blond hair and blue eyes. She is a delight to her family, which includes two-year-old brother, Chris.

Brenda McRaven, as guest of Weingarten's, had the pleasure of an expense paid four-day trip to Houston, Tex. Brenda traveled by jet and had a very plush room at the Shamrock Hilton. While there, she was a guest at the Astrodome for the game between the Astros and Cubs. The Astros won. She also attended the MISS ASTRO pageant where she met and talked with film and TV star Barry Sullivan. The Emerald Room of the Hilton was the setting for a party which lasted until 2 a.m., honoring the store managers for Weingarten's. She also took in several night spots where the entertainment was marvelous.

Otha Hewitt and Wife, Betty, just moved into their new home located at #12 Sandstone Court, Little Rock. They say this home is something else!

Charles Bland, an old employee of ours, was by to see us November 22 and to be on hand for the dedication of our new building.

We welcome to our Sign Shop, Mrs. Lou Net Rickett. Lou Net is replacing Mary Ison, who resigned. She lives in North Little Rock with her family.

Van Campbell's wife, Laverne, just recently returned from a trip to California visiting their daughter and grandchildren.



DISTRICT



Janet McElduff

Just consulted my notes and I find lists of 1966 graduates, new babies that are now 10 months old, announcements of weddings that have already celebrated their first anniversary - oh well, shoot! Its just been about eight or 10 months since we sent in any news.

Just to familiarize you with who we are, we're District 1. We're in Eastern Arkansas, covering 7 counties. We're in the same old location, same old building, same old furniture, same old bosses, same old girls. The most exciting thing that has happened over here recently was last summer when Mildred Stacy, our bookkeeper, was ill, a couple of the auditors came over to help us out. There really wasn't anything particularly exciting about that - you know these auditors - except one day when one of them (he shall be nameless) got in Mildred's basket to see what we had tucked away that we didn't know what to do with. We didn't really mind that, but when he threw away our baseball talleys for the last five years Series, we all nearly had a fit! You can just carry those Boy Scout deeds too far sometimes!

Well, lets see - Thomas Bridges, Walter Grisham, Mary Ann Harrell, G.A. Burns, C.E. Jackson, W.F. Lindsey, H.H. Shubert, A.J. Glover, M.I. Markham, D.W. Armstrong, A.M. Ashby, W.E. Beier are among those who received service awards during the last few months, and E. Moody Jones and M.E. Dorsett are wearing their 15 year pins. We have Jerry Jayroe, too, who went to Little Rock and received his 25-year award. That's pretty good and we say congratulations to all.

I have one note that is dated sometime in May. Ol' Ross, that's H.M. Ross, Monroe County foreman, came in with a story about James Quinn mowing right of way on Highway 17 way down in Monroe County, and a bear coming out of the woods and crossing the road right in front of him. You never know about Ross's stories, but he swears to this one and said James hollered to the rest of the crew and they saw the bear swim about 8' of water and disappear in the woods. As I say, you never know about Ross's stories.

Pat Russell got married last summer too. Acquired himself a lovely wife and two young daughters. We asked him if he was getting along all right with those two gals, and he declared he was.

The only real help I have on this news is from Elise Kapter, field clerk in Forrest City. Bless her heart, she sent me a list in September and I am just now getting around to getting it in. Roger Vowell of their residency was married to Patricia Ann Edwards from Forrest City, and Clifford Wiles became a father of a baby daughter, Yveta Irene. They also have a new man, Samuel L. Soper, Jr., from Frankfurt, Germany. Samuel's father is with the Army and he graduated from high school in Frankfurt. Oh me, and from that office too, is the news that Patsy and Charles H. Mitchell, resident engineer, became the proud parents of a baby boy October 14. They have two little girls, and we know that Charles is proud of this boy.

I guess the most recent news is that Mr. and Mrs. Matthews (Charlie and Hazel) are really proud grandparents of an 8 pound, 10 ounce grandson, born November 27. Charlotte and Wiley Montgomery of Greenwood are the parents, and this is their first baby, to be named Wiley Kent Montgomery, Jr. Don't blame them for being proud!

Tommy Lee Curtner is in the Army stationed at Camp Lee, Va. Tommy is the eldest son of Leroy Curtner, and is sorely missed around the Curtner homestead.

We had a nice visit one day from our Director, Mr. Hicks. He came in one day when Mr. Matthews wasn't here, and we really got to mouth around a little bit. We thought we had it fixed up for us to come to Little Rock to the grand opening of the new building, but someone certainly fouled up, for when the invitation arrived it simply read Mr. C.M. Matthews, Mr. Hicks and Mr. Matthews are old, old friends, and we really believe Mr. Matthews pulled a slick one on us rather than us pulling one on him.

Oh well, we got to go to Paragould, and boy, what a lay-out! Honestly, it is just beautiful. It was fun meeting all the personnel in District 10, too, and comparing notes, etc. We were a little hurt, for Johnny Gray called us up to have our picture made with the Commissioner, and dog-goned we haven't seen that picture yet! Johnny will never know what beauty and talent ended up on the cutting room floor.

I think I have myself in enough trouble for one day, but if I am still around, in the words of our truly beloved boss, yow'l come see us!

Hoping this Holiday will play
its part-

In fulfilling the wishes
within your heart!



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Leslie Long



We Wish You a Mer-ry Christ-mas
We Wish You a Mer-ry Christ-mas
We Wish You a Mer-ry Christ-mas
AND A HAP-PY NEW YEAR!!

November was a full month with the first deer hunt of the season. Many employees saved their leave for it. In the camp at Monticello, those bagging deer were Fred Mausehardt and Floyd Fullbright, 8-pointers; Woodrow Wilson, a 7-point one; John Hollis, 6-pointer, and Willard Johnson and Roth Rabb, spikes. James Henderson, Shamy Crain, and Willie Key were among a group at the Rison Hunting Club and even though they were unlucky in a kill, they did their share with those that were killed at the camp, that being the custom.



Mausehardt

Mrs. Vick paid us a short visit. She had just delivered Mr. Vick (one of our retirees) to the deer camp at Star City Hunting Club. There were about 20 in the group; all equipped with food, cook and houseboy, and peanuts and apples. We haven't received any word on the outcome.

Thanksgiving Day brought many families together for the traditional turkey dinner with the trimmings, AND the opening of deer season. The only duck hunters I have word on are Johnnie Harris and my son, Charles, both getting their quota.

Will Wright treated his son to rabbit hunting while he and family were here for the holiday. Quite a sport, they claim.

My only complaint with the passing of November: I'm now a full year older.



Fullbright

On November 2, Roland Humble, Frank O'Donell, and Leon Sneed conducted a four-hour radiological refresher course at District 2 Headquarters. At recess, coffee and donuts were served, and at the close of the session, makings for "make-your-own" sandwiches and trimmings were served.

On November 10, the regular seasonal meeting for job superintendents, area foremen, and station attendants was held at District 2 Headquarters. At the close of the meeting, the men were treated to sandwiches and coffee.

We congratulate Cleed D. Harper upon receiving his 25-year certificate of merit and service pin, and Neal Peacock for receiving his 15-year awards in recognition of their efficient and loyal service to the Department. Barbara Hays, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe C. Hays, has had another honor bestowed on her. She was crowned Homecoming Queen of Dollarway High School. Dollarway played Sheridan in the game.

We welcome these news items from the Monticello residency. A letter was received from Ralph Hass, a former AHD employee, who has retired and now lives in Thayer, Mo. We're always interested in hearing from former employees.

Two new employees were added to the crew as of September 19: Carl Lasiter and Lemar Phelps. Welcome, fellas.

Making big news again is Mary Novak, daughter of the Frank Novaks. She was in the cast of "The Twins," a Greek comedy presented by the Arkansas A&M Drama Department on October 25-27.

IT'S A BOY! Congratulations for Inspector Jerry Smith and Mrs. Smith on little Nathan Dean's arrival September 3.

Happy Anniversary wishes go to the Don Scogins and Walter Shepherds.

All hunters were looking forward to the first deer hunting season, but I haven't had any final reports.

Our sympathies are extended to Walter Shepherd, whose mother, Mrs. Nell Shepherd, died October 30, and to Joe Akin, whose uncle, Fred Akin, died October 22.



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Edna Lewallen

Receiving service awards in December were W. C. Beck, 15 years, and Otis K. Walden, 10 years.

Luther J. Brown, mower operator in Howard County, resigned recently to accept other employment in Nashville.

Mrs. Roger Gisana of Paris, France, has been a recent guest of her brother, Pierre Malardier and family. This was Mrs. Gisana's first visit to the States. While here she got to see a real American football game when the Razorbacks played SMU at Fayetteville. In Paris, rugby is the favorite game and it is very much like football. Mrs. Gisana's husband is a coach.

Debbie Steward, 12-year-old daughter of Billy Wayne Steward, area foreman in Pike County, killed a 4-point deer.... Gary Barham, 11, son of John Ed Barham, killed a spike buck in about 30 minutes after he got on his stand. We are happy that some of the older ones who have been hunting for several years were all smiles when they returned as they had also been lucky, at last.

Edgar and Audrey Andrews have returned from a 10-day trip to Las Vegas visiting their daughter, Carolyn, and husband, Bobby Hendrix, and family.

Congratulations to the Clarence Knights on the arrival of a boy, Clarence Earl, Jr., who was born November 26 at Branch Hospital weighing 8 pounds, 4 ounces. Proud Papa Clarence is a mechanic in the shop.

Clovis and Chloe Tittle spent Thanksgiving in Monroe, La. visiting their son, Jack White and family.



Little Miss Javonna Sue Gray is 6-week-old daughter of John Calvin Gray, mechanic in the district shop.

Olive Jackson had as her guest during the Thanksgiving holidays, her sister, Mrs. Hugh Petty of Marianna, and niece Susi, of Memphis.

Le Roy Hatfield had the misfortune of losing a toe while removing a tailgate from a truck. We hope he will have a speedy recovery and be back with us soon.

Two new employees in our district are James Preston Martin of Little River County, and Wayne Beaver of Hempstead County.



This young man is Stevie Skinner, 8-year-old son of Aaron Skinner, superintendent of the bridge crew.



DISTRICT



GeorgeAnn



Johnny Cheek, heater planer operator in District 6, is shown with his children, Phyllis and Allen, and the 10-point buck he killed November 17, below Humnoke.



DISTRICT



Marilyn Coffman

Ludie Massey, a retired shop employee, is returning to his home in Batesville after spending a few days in St. Vincent's Hospital in Little Rock.

John Ed Smith, resident engineer, is a patient in the North Arkansas Clinic Hospital in Batesville. We hope he has a speedy recovery from his surgery. John is very proud of his son, Johnny, a student in Castle Heights Military Academy in Lebanon, Tenn. Johnny takes an active part in sports and was chosen captain of his football team.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Aunsbaugh have returned from a trip to Wichita, Kans. While there they visited with his sister, Mrs. Homer Prothro, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Johnson spent their vacation in Greybull and Jackson-hole, Wyo. on an elk and deer hunt. Lawson killed his usual one of each.

Ed Farra, truck driver in Fulton County, is a patient in the Veterans' Hospital in Poplar Bluff, Mo. We hope he is back to work soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell McMillan had as guests for the Thanksgiving holiday, their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Dobbins and Judith Ann of Fordyce.



DISTRICT



Shirley Morton

Roland Humble, Frank O'Donell, and Leon Sneed conducted a radiological monitoring course at the District 9 office in Harrison November 23. There were approximately 40 employees in attendance. At the close of the meeting, the office staff joined the group to see Johnnie Gray's latest film, which was enjoyed by everyone.

Paul Byrom is ill in the Boone County Hospital. Get well soon, Paul, we miss you.

Sue King is on leave from the Springdale office awaiting the arrival of her first child. We will miss Sue and send her our very best wishes. Helen Baxter

was re-employed to work the few months Sue will be away.



This is Laura Cantrell with her Reserve Champion Angus bull at the 1966 Boone County Fair. Laura also entered the Fair in 1964 and 65, winning with her Grand Champion Junior heifer and Grand Champion Junior bull. Laura is the lovely and talented 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cantrell. A sophomore in high school at Bergman, she has participated in 4-H Club six years, and is a forward on the senior girls' basketball team. She was also on the team of the champion Bergman girls' softball team during the past summer.

Several employees enjoyed vacations with their families and friends during the Thanksgiving Holidays.

Curtis Pangle, Ray Duffy and son, Roger, spent a recent week-end squirrel hunting. Ray and Roger killed their limit - how about you, Curtis?

The leave slips indicated that many of our employees were deer hunting in November, however, no venison was checked in at this point.

John Burlsworth continues to fish despite the cold weather. He's got some good stories, but has presented no evidence of any 'keeper'!

Our sincere sympathies are extended to the family of James H. Hawkins, retired motor patrol operator, who died at his home in Bellefonte November 25.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!





DISTRICT



Isabelle Psalmonds

Several of the maintenance personnel in Osceola and Blytheville are attending adult education classes at their local high schools. We want to commend them on this undertaking.



H.O. McFall, recently retired, was presented his certificate appointing him as a Public Relations Representative of AHD at the employees' open house and dinner which was held prior to the open house of our new building for the public.



Alice Martin, daughter of H.C. Martin, resident engineer, Paragould, and Bob Jones, Paragould, were married on October 25, 1966, at Stigler, Okla. Both are Juniors at the University of Arkansas. Bob is in electrical engineering and Alice is in arts and sciences. They are at home in the Carlson Terrace Apartments, Fayetteville.

Billy Hyde is back at work after an illness and short stay in the hospital. Melvin House is still recuperating from a recent operation and hopes to be back at work by December 1. Mrs. Jackie Hopkins

was in the hospital for a few days but is back on the job...Junior Wycoff was on the sick list for several days but he, too, is back at his desk.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wood (Berthalerk at Osceola) have a new 1966 Mercury Comet with "everything" on it including payments. The Psalmonds are driving a 1966 LaSabre Buick and it has "everything" - especially the payments.

We have been in our new headquarters for a month and they are lovely and convenient and we have lots of room. Coming to work is more of a pleasure now.

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Ed Orsini, auditor, in the death of his mother.

A highway patrolman observed a trucker on the road ahead alight from his cab and with a heavy mallet tap the side of his truck vigorously on all sides and then get back in and drive on. Still following the truck some distance behind, he saw the man repeat the performance. When this happened the third time the patrolman could not withhold his curiosity any longer and stopped the trucker to ask just what he was doing.

Upon being questioned, the trucker said, "You know there's a weight station just around the corner?"

"Yes," replied the patrolman.

"Well," said the trucker, "I've got a five-ton truck here loaded with six tons of canaries, and I've just got to be sure ton of them are still flying when I get to that station."



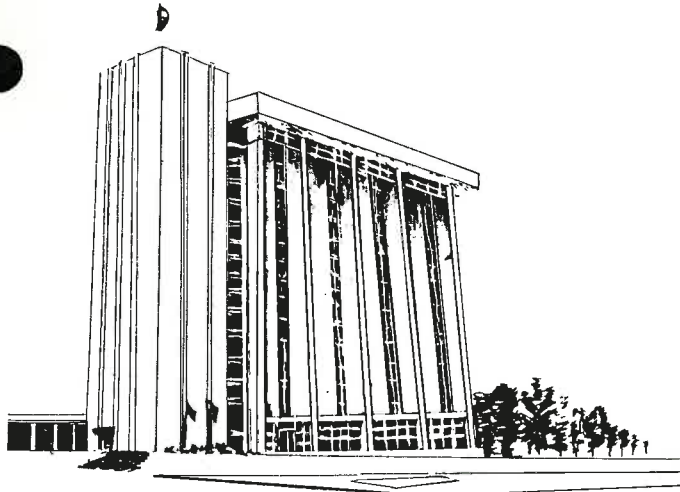
Merry Christmas

Here's hoping that the true spirit of Christmas will bring the gift of happiness and joy to you and yours...And may the coming year bring health, contentment, and all the good things in life. This is our very special wish to all our readers everywhere, and to our fellow employees of the Highway Department family. Our special thanks to our faithful reporters and others who contribute to "Arkansas Highways," without whose cooperation we'd be up a salt creek without a paddle.

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BEST HOLIDAY WISHES



*This'll
Kill Ya!*



A man went into a restaurant and ordered steak and french fried potatoes. As he was paying his check to the cashier, the cashier said, "How did you find your steak?"

The man said, "Oh, just by accident, I turned over one of the potatoes and found the steak lying under it."

Employer: "Look here, what did you mean by telling me you had five years' experience when you've never had a job before?"

Young man: "Well, you advertised for a man with imagination."

The careful driver approached the railroad crossing, and, doing as the sign instructed, he stopped, looked and listened. The only sound he heard was that of another car hitting him from the rear.

"What are all these zeroes on your report card?" the stern parent asked.

"Those aren't zeroes, Pop. The teacher ran out of stars so she gave me moons."

Mother (teaching her son arithmetic) - "Now take the Smith family - there's mummy, daddy, and the baby. How many does that make?"

Bright Son - "Two and one to carry."

"How come you look so worried?"

"I'm trying to make up my mind about going to a wedding tomorrow. Who's getting married?"

"I am."

Husband (during a quarrel - "You talk like an idiot.")

Wife - "I've got to talk so you can understand me."

A wife who had joined a ladies' bowling league returned from her first evening's attempt at the new sport and was met by her husband.

"Tell me," asked the husband, an inveterate golfer, "how did you do?"

Replied his wife airily, "Well, at least I didn't lose any balls!"

A pretty little girl of seven entered a store in a small town and said:

"I want some cloth to make my dolly a dress."

The merchant selected a remnant and handed the child the package.

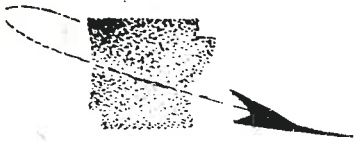
"How much is it?" she asked.

"Just one kiss," was the reply.

"All right," said the child, as she turned to go. "Grandma said to tell you she would pay you when she came in tomorrow."

Wife to husband, upon opening his anniversary present to her: "Oh, darling, a mink coat! Is it genuine mink?"

Husband: "Well, if it's not, I'm out \$25."



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Cover: The 7-story tall Statue of Christ is located on Magnetic Mountain in Eureka Springs. The statue, completed last summer, was built by the Elna M. Smith Foundation, and is supposed to be one of only three in the world, and the only one on the North American continent. The sculptor was Emmet Sullivan, who also helped sculpt the Mount Rushmore memorials in South Dakota.