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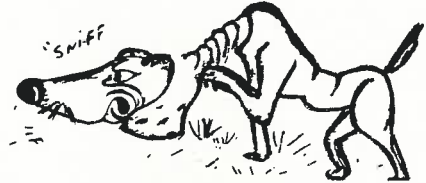
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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR...

Due to circumstances beyond our control, ARKANSAS HIGHWAYS MAGAZINE was not published during the months of January, February and March. However our reporters have continued to work gathering and composing the news about employees during the interim. In deference to their efforts, and because many readers, especially retirees, depend almost entirely on the Magazine for information about the Department, the news turned in for the last three months has been published as a separate supplement, for this time only.

The supplement will be distributed only to employees and retirees. The general news section will be distributed to both employees and others on the regular mailing list.

AROUND the DEPARTMENT



JANUARY NEWS

Bob Keene, son of Internal Audit Chief Ronald Keene, graduated from the University of Tennessee School of Dentistry in Memphis in December. A good student, he tied with another student for scholastic lead in the class.

Ray Garner, former Roadway employee, was a visitor at the main building December 27. He is now an employee of Brown-Root Construction Co. which is building a pulp mill at Ashdown.

The virusii or whatever the term is for various and sundry members of the virus clan, has laid low many employees the last three or four weeks including both Gail Fisher and Bertie Carr in the Commission Secretary's office, Memmy Turner of Weights and Standards (twice) and Ferol Jones in the Director's office. Virginia Williams, secretary in Internal Audit, was home ill for most of the week of January 15 with what her doctor said was "about two steps ahead of pneumonia."

Jim Zinn paid the Magazine office a visit between Christmas and New Years. And then Sarah Henry and her husband Orville, Sr. were in for a few minutes on January 17. It's always a pleasure to have our retirees come back to see us, especially when they are looking so fit and happy as Jim and Sarah.

Our Accounting Division co-reporter Mildred Harness and her husband have suffered a sizeable portion of discomfort lately. Mildred had complications resulting from an abscessed tooth and her husband is in the hospital at this writing with an illness which causes such high fever that he had to be packed in ice. Mildred's oral trouble is better and her husband, at this writing, is still confined in the hospital but much improved.

Whatever Leon Sneed of Equipment says about his grandchild, don't pay two cent's worth of attention to it. He is about the happiest grandfather I've encountered in some time. He's one of those who "just happens to have one" in his billfold. I borrowed this one of



Sue Christine who arrived at the home of Leon, Jr. and his wife on December 12. Leon says he has already informed the duly proud parents of his extensive grandfatherly rights.

Have you seen the new furniture in the vestibule of the main building? It's pretty!! Black leather couches, blond tables, contemporary lamps and planters. They are a real asset to "my living room" as switchboard operator Jane Greenlee calls it.

Mamie Fanning in Reproduction suffered an eye hemorrhage on December 22 and it has caused her quite a lot of discomfort. Time is necessary for the damage to resolve itself but we hope there is no lasting affects.

Marie Blankenship of the Safety Section ran into bad luck over the holidays. Perhaps a better way to put it would be to say bad luck ran into her car. While she was visiting Virginia Williams, one of Virginia's neighbors backed into Marie's car. However, the damage has been repaired and her Chevy looks good as new.



The youngster above is five-year old George Shope of the Methodist Children's Home who spent the holidays with Barbara Oldham of Secondary Roads and her husband Jim. He also visited with them during Thanksgiving. Barbara said he had a good time and they were delighted to have him, too.

The Internal Audit Section scattered like birds for the holidays...Ronald Keene to snowy St. Paul, Minn., Nelson Morgan to Tulsa and Ed Orsini to sunny St. Petersburg, Fla. Bill Pilcher is back to work after undergoing surgery and is his usual smiling self.

One of the things I wouldn't have believed if I hadn't seen it: Attorney Lee Allen in the elevator in a short sleeved shirt the first week of January when I can't remember that the temperature even got as high as freezing! Says he doesn't

like long-sleeved shirts. I don't believe he has any particular fondness for coats, either.

How are you coming along with your New Year's resolutions? I only resolved not to make any resolutions. Anyway, I have several left from last year that are pretty nearly good as new. I'll keep working on them.

Former Magazine editor Martha Adams was hospitalized for nearly a month but was discharged on January 11 and is continuing her convalescence at home. Her recuperation, though steady, is slow. She is still confined to the house and would appreciate cards and phone calls, 305 Goshen, North Little Rock, phone SK 3-4832.



Lucille Huffstutlar of the Reproduction Section received a certificate and lapel pin for completion of 15 years' service with the Department on January 19. Section Head Henry Vopel made the presentation. The other employees of the Section honored her with cake and punch.

A news release from The Asphalt Institute informs us that former P & R research engineer M. J. Hensley has been promoted from area engineer to district engineer with the Institute. He is responsible for providing engineering service and advice on asphalt use in Arkansas and maintains his office in North Little Rock. Our congratulations to Jay.

The sunshine of the week of January 15 was welcomed by all of us probably, but it must have looked particularly good to our maintenance employees over the state who spent many weary over-time hours in miserable weather putting out salt and keeping traffic moving over the state when ice and sleet threatened to paralyze it the previous week. If you don't fully appreciate these fellows whose job really begins when the rest of us are scurrying home (early, perhaps) to a warm house those days when a freeze is coming, just get where you can listen in on the shortwave radio. On a day like that I sponged a ride home with Bud Witter and during the 45 minutes it



A group of Computer Services employees watch the birdie at the table set up for their Christmas party. Left to right, Grover Smith, Art Johnson, Erma Jettson, Gene Etchison, Carolyn Reddin, Pat Green, Billie Jo Young, Judy Linum and Rita Hardcastle.

took us to go 10½ miles the radio was frantic with calls for trucks of salt everywhere at the same time, traffic blocked because of accidents, bridges slick or impassable, etc. Finally District Engineer Bert Rownd, who was supervising salting operations in the Little Rock area, worked out a standard answer for the men calling him, "Just do the best you can, fellas. 10 - 4". And they did a commendable job.



Richard Hobby resigned his job as sign logger with Traffic Services Section on February 26 to become associated with Norvell Plowman Labs, Inc. Mr. Plowman is Hobby's father-in-law. Coffee and cake were served to several working associates who came to say goodbye. Van Campbell, Section chief, presented a going-away gift of humidor and pipe from his fellow employees.

Little Things

LIFE is made up, not of great sacrifices or duties, but of little things, in which smiles and kindnesses, and small obligations, given habitually, are what win and preserve the heart and secure comfort.
—Sir H. Davy.

FEBRUARY NEWS

Charles Venable, Surveys engineer, had the misfortune to break a foot while playing basketball in February.

Sympathy is extended to retiree Leontee Connelly and her husband in the sudden passing of her brother, Layton Stuart, on January 30. Mr. Stuart was stricken with a fatal heart attack while at work.

Virginia Williams' (Internal Audit) son, Kenny, caught an eight-pound bass in February, the largest on record from Lake Georgia Pacific near Crossett. Virginia's husband Ken, who has been an avid angler for lo these many years, somehow doesn't feel quite as ecstatic about this one-time catch of a five pounder.

Ken was involved in what might be termed a prestige accident. During the early morning traffic of February 21 on streets made slippery by snow and a glaze of ice in some places, Ken's car slid into Governor Rockefeller's.



"Dear, it certainly is good to have you at a time like this."

Internal Auditor Bill Pilcher's daughter, Cathy Green, paid a visit to the office in February, showing off her little daughter to some of us. As you might imagine, Grandfather Bill was right behind her every step. I don't blame him, Tina is a doll.

The official order on January 25 for activation of Air Force reserves took some of our folks away so quickly there was hardly time to say goodbye. Among them were Ted Devise in Reproduction, Dan Morgan of Bridge Design, Mike Pearce of Secondary Roads, Ronnie Clayton, Final Estimates; Bill White, Traffic Services; and Roger Taylor, photogrammetry photographer from Surveys. Photographer Johnnie Gray's son, Kemmit was also called up, as was North Little Rock City Engineer Chuck Wrobleski, a former Office Engineer employee for several years.

I see by the papers that retiree George Howell has been elected vice-president of the Pulaski County Humane Society and Mrs. Harry M. Wright was elected secretary. Mr. Wright is retired from Engineer of Secondary Roads. It's a very worthwhile work these folks do and they have the blessings of all we animal lovers.

Speaking of animals, to hear switch-board operator Jane Greenlee talk, you'd think the twins who arrived at her house February 13 were hers instead of her dachshund's.

Chief Auditor Ronald Keene bought himself a Buick and test-drove it to Acapulco the third of February. He returned to work on the 12th looking all tanned and rested. Said the Buick purred like a kitten all the way.

I enjoyed a brief visit in the hall with R. B. Winfrey on February 22. He is retired as Maintenance Engineer and is now employed in the State Safety Coordinator's office.

MARCH NEWS



Faye Sullivan of Computer Services was one of two central headquarters employees selected as KMYO "Secretary of the Day" in March. Faye's day was March 7.

We miss seeing Margaret Wright's pleasant countenance since she resigned from the Maintenance Division to take a position at the Pulaski County offices in mid-February.



There may be a lot of blamey going on in Bridge Design but that orchid secretary Betty Claude is wearing isn't. The fellows gave it to her as a St. Patrick's Day gift. Begorra! Isn't that nice! Makes routine dictation from boss L. P. Carlson a delight.

Chief Auditor Ronald Keene and Auditor A. G. Cruce attended a regional AASHO meeting for auditors in Atlanta March 21 and 22. Ronald's son Bob entered the Navy in March. After completion of his military duty he expects to re-enter school for specialization in orthodontics.

Some of you may think you know what it means to be "shook up" but Virginia Williams really knows. She missed the top doorstep as she left for work March 15 and took quite a nasty spill. She can well appreciate the sentiments of the drunk who stepped into an elevator shaft from the second floor of a building. When asked if he was alright, he replied, "I guess I'll make it, but watch that top step - it's a son-of-a-gun."



Marie Blankenship, secretary to Safety Officer Roland Humble, received her 10-year service certificate and pin March 15. She came to work at the Highway Department as secretary to Judge Neill Bohlinger when he was the Department's general counsel and was later secretary to Counsel Dan Stephens until he resigned to become prison superintendent. The general counsel's position was vacant for sometime afterward and when the Safety Section was established Marie became secretary to Safety Officer W. E. Huie.

ACCOUNTING DIVISION

JANUARY NEWS

Mildred Harness & Mell Jones

Accounting had a very tasteful pot-luck party at Christmas, at which Ole St. Nick was most generous, and the food was marvelous.



Mrs. Wiley Lee Barron

Miss Susan Elizabeth Adams became the bride of Wiley Lee Barron, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Wiley Barron of El Dorado, on December 17 in the First Methodist Church of North Little Rock. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Adams, 3509 Sevier Drive, North Little Rock.

The bridegroom's father performed the ceremony assisted by Rev. Rufus Sorrells.

The bridal gown was of satin styled with an empire waist, Kabuki sleeves and appliqued with Alencon lace. She wore an open-crowned pillbox to which a veil of French illusion was attached.

A reception was held in the fellowship hall following the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Barron are residing in North Little Rock. She is teaching at Dr. Bums Elementary School and Wiley is a member of the Accounting Division.

Accounting is thankful for the safe return of all our Christmas travelers.

Everyone agrees that celebrating Christmas with friends and relatives is like filling out income tax figures, better when they are all together!!!

Good rule to follow when ordering expensive restaurants: "If you can't pronounce it, you can't afford it."



The two cute ones above are Greg, 5, and Mark, 3, sons of Les Perry Federal-aid billing clerk and his wife, Roberta.

MARCH NEWS

We welcome to Accounting Ronnie Lemons who transferred from Office Engineer's, Ronnie will be working in Federal Aid.

A coke and cake reception was held for Barbara Bueter, who left Accounting on March 8. Barbara was presented a very pretty scatter pin that matched the dress she was wearing to perfection.

If you should see a blue bird flying around the State, look again it might be Johnnie Beavers in his brand new Olds '98. It really is a beautiful car and we are proud for him.

Accounting extends a warm welcome to Emily Bush, who is helping out temporarily. Emily lives in Benton, has two children, a son, John, age 8, and a daughter, Athena, age 3.

A surprise birthday cake and other gifts were presented to Doris Whitson, who admits to only "one year older". Joe, Doris' husband is in New York attending school.

We are very glad to hear that Mrs. Keilch, Jack's mother, is out of the hospital in Dardanelle. She has had a long time of it, but feels much better now.

The Harness family was almost all hospitalized at the same time in February. Mildred's husband James had to go first, then Mildred entered for extensive oral surgery and before she was released their son Jimmy was hospitalized with complications arising from injuries apparently sustained several years ago in an automobile accident. All are out of the hospital now. James and Mildred are recuperating, she enough to be back at work, however, Jimmy faces the possibility of surgery later.



St. Paul Methodist Church's (Little Rock) senior boys basketball team finished the year unbeaten in 17 league games and won the state YMCA tournament the weekend of March 9. Two of St. Paul's team members are Bob Koonce, son of Mrs. Pat Koonce of the Accounting Division, and Chris Jones, son of Resi-

Gerald Koonce, Pat's son, has been transferred to Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind. where he will attend finance school for seven weeks.

dent Engineer Ralph Jones whose field office is presently at Malvern.

Bob is a senior and Chris a junior, both at Hall High. Their team represented Arkansas at the Regional YMCA tournament in Tulsa the first weekend in March and lost in the quarter finals by one point made as the final whistle blew.

Sorry the news gathering is rather "scimpy" but will look forward to seeing the news from other departments again.



BRIDGE DESIGN

JANUARY NEWS

Betty Claude



Jim Strebeck caught the bass shown at Lake Conway. Two of them weighed 4½ pounds each. Nice catch, Jim. He was also successful in getting a 6 point deer in Ashley County and has caught his limit of quail recently. Sounds like Jim has pretty good luck fishing and hunting.

Mary Matthews, daughter of Jim Matthews, is a member of the Ouachita Theater Players at Ouachita Baptist College. In November they presented "The Diary of Anne Frank" and Mary played the part of Anne. Jim, Minnie, and son, Jimmy were present for one of the performances and they all enjoyed it very much.

Dale Loe is a proud uncle for the first time. His brother, who lives in Parkin, is the father of a little girl born December 19. Congratulations, Dale.

Catherine and Kenneth Rochester, L. P. Carlson's daughter and son-in-law of Huntsville, Ala. had a narrow escape when a tomado touched down there at 3:30 a.m. one morning just before Christmas. Damages to their home amounted to well over \$1,000. but they fortunately were uninjured. Houses a block away were completely demolished. Mr. Carlson spent some anxious hours after learning of the tomado, trying to call them but was unable to because all the telephone lines into the city were busy. Kenneth finally got a call through to let him know they were safe though still shaken.

They visited the Carlsons a couple of days during Christmas but had to go back facing the problem of repairs being made to their home. We are happy they were not injured.

Thursday, December 21, our Department had a luncheon in our office. The wives and children of all the men were invited and just about all of them were here despite the terrible weather that day. Our guests also included Mr. & Mrs. Harold Bastian, Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Williams, and Mr. & Mrs. "Doc" Bonner, retirees, and Ward Goodman. The food was plentiful and delicious, and I don't think any of us went back to work hungry that afternoon.

From all reports everyone had a wonderful Christmas and many New Year's resolutions were made, but I wonder how many have already been broken. I can only speak for myself; I made three and I have broken about that many, which is par for me, but I keep trying every year. A belated Happy New Year to everyone.



BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Hazel McKim

JANUARY NEWS

Charles Thirion became a grandfather for the sixth time on New Year's Day. The youngster was two too late to be the first 1968 baby.

FEBRUARY NEWS

Two of Charles Thirion's sons left for the service in January. Clarence Edward, 20, left January 8 for Army boot training at a camp in Texas. Larry, 18, joined the Marines and left January 17 for California where he is receiving his basic training.

Kenneth W. Bell, son of Mrs. Mary A. O'Curran, enlisted in the Army. He left January 19 for Fort Bliss, Texas. Kenneth is a 1966 graduate of Metropolitan High School and was employed by Jones Plumbing Co. of Little Rock.



This happy youngster is Anthony Dwayne Ransom, adopted son of Mable and Elmer Ransom. He's eight months old. Mable is an employee of the Buildings and Grounds crew.



CONSTRUCTION

Uncle Fat & Luci Dishongh

JANUARY NEWS

H. B. Matthews became grandfather again on December 7, 1967. This is the fourth grandchild and the first to be born in Arkansas! Judy & Fred have named him Fred James Trowell, III.

Geraldine Kissire took off after Christmas to visit in Morrilton with her son and their children. His wife, nee Pat Venable, is a former employee in the District 6 office.

Neoma enjoyed her first vacation from AHD - nearly two weeks, to be with her children, visit relatives and SLEEP!

Pat Hurley arrived home from Rochester, Minn. in time to spend the Christmas Holidays with his folks. It was an unexpected but wonderful surprise to Mac and Mrs. Hurley because they thought the visit would be after the first of the year. Pat is with IBM.

Luci and Dish entertained, and were entertained by friends, and had a royal good time. One of their guests was from Sydney, Australia.

Sure enough, Phyllis Carson presented Doyle an 8-pound, 10 ounce BOY born Christmas Day. Doyle has been on Cloud 9 ever since. Jeffrey Doyle and Phyllis are doing fine. Daddy Doyle lost some sleep from being out so very early Christmas morn.

Guess who had to work the week after Christmas? Margaret, Doyle, H. B. (Uncle Fat), B. D. Mulhollen, H. H. Perkins and Mr. Hurley, plus a very small group in the Final Estimate Section with Raymond Jones.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!



EQUIPMENT AND CENTRAL SHOP

CENTRAL SHOPS

Sue Fuller

JANUARY NEWS

All of our employees and many guests seemed to really enjoy our Christmas luncheon that was held at Central Shops in Jacksonville December 20. The table was loaded with ham, baked beans, potato salad, fruit salad and all kinds of desserts. The food was delicious and a "Merry" time was had by all.

It's so nice to see Frank Boyett back with us after having been ill at home for two weeks. He reports he is feeling much better and we are all certainly glad to hear that.

We have had the "flu bug" with us for awhile. Among those of us who were struck by the bug were Helen Latture, Sue Fuller, L. E. Harper, Mac Laman,

Watson Yancey, Clyde Thomas, Dub Colvert and Henry Kirchoff.

Our deer hunters this season were Jack Barnes and J. C. Hixon - Their report, BAD.

Among those who had a vacation around Christmas were Charlie Brooks and Watson Yancey. Charlie visited with his brother and niece in Nashville, Watson took some time off to be with his son and family who were here visiting from Atlanta, Ga.

Our sympathy is extended to Henry Kirchoff in the loss of his brother who passed away January 4, in Paragould.

EQUIPMENT OFFICE

Tyronza Hines

JANUARY NEWS

We all enjoyed our Christmas party which was on Thursday, December 21. We had a potluck and really had plenty of good food.

Leon Sneed is a grandfather for the first time. His son Leon, Jr., and daughter-in-law Aletha, are the proud parents of a daughter, Susan Christine, born December 12. Congratulations to you both. Leon's son, Larry, was home for the Christmas holidays from the University of Arkansas. Another son, Bill and wife, Phyllis, were also home for the holidays from Pensacola, Fla. where he is stationed with the Navy.

Frank Pitts and his family spent Christmas in Eudora where they visited his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike McCullough.

Bennie Robbins was happy to see her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Burdick of Barstow, Calif., who visited with her during the Christmas holidays.

Avalee Padgett's daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Dickie Moore, were also home during Christmas from Fayetteville where he attends the University.

Thurman Payne was happy to have his son and family home for Christmas. Carroll and Carolyn and two-year old Richard live in Omaha, Neb. where Carroll is with the FBI.

This reporter and family spent Christmas in Warren with my husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hines. We had Christmas lunch with my grandmother Mrs. Ed Vinson, also of Warren. As usual, this is always a big family reunion, so we really enjoyed seeing everyone - and of course, we had lots of food of which we won't forget for a long time.

FEBRUARY NEWS

Avalee Padgett is sporting a brand-new gold and black 1968 Ford LTD. It is really pretty.

Sympathy is extended to Avalee due to the loss of two uncles, Gean Houston, of Heber Springs, and Dr. A. L. Greene, of Tullahoma, Tenn., both on January 26.

This reporter (Tyronza) recently attended the funeral of an aunt, Mrs. Hazel Thompson, who also passed-away on Friday, January 26. She was the wife of

Hughtie Thompson, of Rison, an employee of the Highway Department who works out of District 2.

MARCH NEWS



Avalee Padgett was presented her 10-year service certificate and pin by Maurice Head on February 13. The occasion was noted with coffee and cake.

On February 27 at Central Shops, a party was given in honor of T. C. Ellis who retired after 16 years of service with the Department. Cake, punch, and coffee was served and a gift certificate was presented to Mr. Ellis. His wife Irene, and two grandsons were present, as were a number of our retirees and former employees, among them C. Don Hayes who was Mr. Ellis' boss until his own retirement last year.

All of us are certainly going to miss Mr. Ellis, but we wish him much happiness and Good Luck! A few days later, he called to express his deep appreciation to all for the party and the gift.

Jack Barnes' wife, Mary had surgery February 29 at St. Vincent's Infirmary and we are very happy to report that she is doing very nicely.



FINAL ESTIMATE

The Tattlers

FEBRUARY NEWS

January 25 was Black Thursday for the Final Estimate Section! Ronald E. Clayton of our section was one of those activated with the Air National Guard. Ronnie leaves a big empty space in our office and our wish is that the present crisis will be a brief one so that he and all the others called to active duty will be released soon.

Almost everyone took some annual leave during the Christmas season to visit, hunt or just loaf. On Thursday, December 21, the Final Estimate Section gathered at Hank's Dog House for steaks. We had a great time and all agreed that such eating could easily become a habit

if it were not for the cost factor! The next day we had refreshments and exchanged gifts. Needless to say, we left for the holiday already well practiced in overeating and gift-giving. A good thing for both diet and pocketbook that Christmas comes but once a year!

Mike Herndon's wife, Shirley, was in St. Vincent Infirmary three days recently for minor surgery.



Raymond Jones and Eugene Ashcraft, having submitted proof of qualification to the State Board of Registration, were recently licensed as Registered Land Surveyors.

Everyone be sure and leave plenty of scraps on your plate in the cafeteria so a friend of ours can take them home to his new little chihuahua, called "Buddy".



HELENA BRIDGE

JANUARY NEWS

George Cloud

My only New Year's resolution was to send some news for the January edition of the magazine but the flu bug bit me and I promptly broke it.

The hunting season ended on a flat note for us. The only venison eaten here was some that was given to us. The nearest a buck came to any of us was the one that jumped the fence onto the right-of-way after the season closed and gave the men on duty here the once over. He waved his flag to Dick Walton and Edgar Bounds as he departed across the levee.

Some of the men saved a part of their leave for short Christmas trips.

Boss Archie went to Indianapolis for a visit with a buddy from World War II days. Says that he enjoyed the trip a lot.

The W. E. Mortons vacationed at Daytona Beach, Fla. a few days and broke in a recently-purchased light blue Cadillac while doing so. Their son, Bill, was along on the trip also. He is earning his doctorate in botany at the University of Missouri.

Harry Dunivant's wife and daughter, Sue flew round trip to California to visit their son, Walter during Christmas. Walter is an interior decorator in Palm Springs. Poor Harry, like me, didn't

have any leave left, so had to stay here and help keep store.

I did take my sons, Michael and Stephen, to see a very good Liberty Bowl game in Memphis, though, so all was not lost.

Our holidays were saddened by the death of Olan Alsup on December 22. He worked with us for several years before having to retire recently because of bad health. Our sympathy goes out to his family. Sympathy is also extended to Mrs. Sewall whose mother died before Christmas. Mrs. Sewall is the wife of our Henry.



Noel Cozart ran over and killed a big bob cat recently on his way to work. Now, James A. Ford, Phillips County area foreman comes out with a picture of himself and a bob cat which he claims chased him out of his own hen house and up three trees before he could shoot. Well, I'm told that James was here repairing lights the night that Noel brought his cat in. Adding two and two we think we smell a rat. Or should I say, cat? Anyway, James is a close neighbor and friend of ours so we won't make any accusations.

(Helena Bridge, how interesting to hear from you. Re-resolve your resolution and let us hear from you regularly. Ed.)



HENDERSON FERRIES

O.D. Lemon

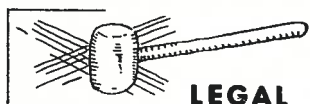
MARCH NEWS

The bridge crew is doing an extensive remodeling job on one of our barges so that we will be ready for the heavy volume of traffic that comes to this area every summer.

We think this is going to be one of the biggest years we've ever had. Last year we hauled over 400,000 vehicles across the lake.

Cecil Gillette and Huston Isom, both long-time Henderson Ferry employees of the Department, are sick and we wish them a speedy recovery.

(It's good to receive news from Henderson Ferry. Let us hear from you often. Ed.)



LEGAL DIVISION

JANUARY NEWS

Joyce Porter

I am sure that many of the Legal Divisioners had very nice Christmas vacations but I have just not had time to find out about all of them. Perhaps in the next edition.

We did have a very nice Christmas party here on the last work day before Christmas. We all exchanged gifts and I believe everyone was very well pleased with his gift. Our gift to Chief Attorney Tom Keys was two dress shirts and a nice tie. Ken Brock made the presentation.

Former employee Joe Gunter who "just happened by" at lunch time was an unexpected but very welcome guest. He said he remembered how good the food was last year. We enjoyed his visit very much. Come again, Joe, real soon!

If you will notice in the picture of Mr. Keys and I, my corsage is actually a fish pin cushion. All the girls in Legal received one as a Christmas present from Mrs. Alice Sansome, mother of Ethyl Harrison of this division. We all thank her very much for the very nice gift. She is now in the hospital. We surely hope she gets well and is able to return home soon.

Another one of our attorneys, Art Dodrill, has left us. We had a small going away party for him Tuesday January 2 and presented him a nice Ronson cigarette lighter. We will miss Art but wish him a very successful private practice here in Little Rock.

Betty Grimes writes from Dallas once in a while and says she and her family are all doing fine except for the fact that everyone has had the flu. She sent a picture of her little grandson, George Henry Huddleston. He is about two years old, a blonde with blue eyes. And just as cute as a bug. I wanted to share it with all of you.

W. D. Kelly's wife fell on the ice (January 2) and broke her right arm just above the wrist. She is right-handed, of course. We hope it mends quickly.

For those of you to whom I have been griping since October when I ordered some new furniture, well it finally arrived. Thank goodness. Also I have another Christmas present, a 1965 Plymouth Satellite. Black with gold and bronze interior with bucket seats and all. I hope it ends the car trouble I've had the past year.

We extend our sympathy to Faye Skinner and her family in the loss of two loved ones in December. Her great-uncle, Emmett Rea of Lonoke, and her grandmother, Mrs. Roxie Glover, a former resident of Lonoke who has been living in North Little Rock for the past 10 years, passed away within a few days of each other.



Former employee Betty Grimes' grandson, George Henry Huddleston, son of Betty's daughter, Doris Jean.



The beautifully decorated Christmas tree behind Annette Youtz and Billy Pease reflects their creative ability.



Joyce Porter admires Tom Keys' Christmas gift shirts and tie.



Eleven-year-old Gloria, daughter of Hazel Carraro of the Title Section, looks over the windfall left by Santa on Christmas morning.

FEBRUARY NEWS

Several have been out with the flu the past couple of months. Seems like an epidemic. But presently everyone is back and well again.

Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Curtis Hutchins. He was a friend to all of us and we will miss him very much.



We welcome Herman Schmidt to Legal. He was of course known to all of us as he transferred from Right-of-Way Engineering. He will be filling the position of Draftsman which was vacated when Betty Grimes resigned and left for Texas. We know Right-of-Way will miss Herman but their loss is our gain.

Condolences are sent to the family of James N. Dowell on the death of his brother-in-law, Russell C. Moody of Little Rock.

If Ethyl Harrison appears to be a little stary-eyed for the past several days it is because she had surgery for the removal of a cyst from the back of her right eye. That must have been very painful but she doesn't complain much. We are glad that everything is going to be o.k. now.

Our sympathy to the family of Annette Youtz on the death of her grandfather, Crum Archer. Mr. Archer was living in Little Rock but was originally from Fordyce.



James Biddle, formerly of Fayetteville, has joined the attorney's staff. His family is his wife Ruby; a son John in his second year at West Point; daughter Ann (Mrs. Harvey) Johnson of Waldron; and three grandchildren, Tammy, 5; Jo Margaret, 4 and Mike, 1. We are very glad to have James with us.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Ethyl Harrison on the 20th of February.

MAINTENANCE



RADIO

Shirley Dunegan

BEAUTIFICATION

JANUARY NEWS

The news is pretty much the same this time of year with Christmas and New Year parties, holidays and vacations bringing an end to the wonderful year of 1967.

Bob Fulton's (Beautification) most anticipated Christmas gift didn't arrive until January 10 when Mr. Stork brought little Patricia Michelle. Since the Fultons already have a three-year old daughter, Bob will have to be on his toes, else the women at his house get the best of him.

Several in the Division made the best of the holidays by spending Christmas with relatives and friends in and out of the state. The list is too numerous to mention all in this column.

Clarence Page, communications supervisor, played the role of old St. Nick himself and motored to Albuquerque, New Mexico, loaded with gifts and toys for his two very special grandchildren and to visit with his daughter and son-in-law.

The annual Christmas party for the Beautification section was held at Ben Hogan's home and was attended by all except two of his staff and their wives. Everyone said it was a blast, or bow out, or something to that effect.

Also leaving the state for a holiday visit was Bryan Davis and wife. They drove down to Baton Rouge and New Orleans, La. for some merrymaking with his parents and in-laws.

Another tidbit from the Beautification section was the recent promotion of Raymond Holland to the rank of Captain in the volunteer fire department of Cammack Village. Congratulations, Raymond. Bet he looks cute in his hat and holding his little hatchet.

Gerald Sisk, assistant maintenance engineer, enjoyed a visit from his son Pfc. Tommy Sisk who was to leave over the holidays from Fort Knox, Ky.

Well, anyway, I had the spare and jack out when a highway truck loaded with sand came along. The two men offered assistance and when they had almost finished changing the tire, I casually mentioned that I was the radio operator for Little Rock. One of them just sort of grinned through his teeth and said, "So you're the one we hear on the radio about every fifteen minutes!" (Really, I don't talk that much!) We thanked him kindly and continued our journey home but I wanted to take this opportunity to say "thank" you again for coming to the aid of a damsel in distress. I guess *Chivalry* is not dead as we sometimes think, or maybe it is just the way of the Arkansas Highway Department.

We bid 1967 farewell and now look forward to a more happy and prosperous 1968.



Jim Lowder, Maintenance engineer, received a long-desired gift from the employees under his supervision. It was a 12-inch bust of Abraham Lincoln for his office. You can tell by the picture he's mighty proud.

Dedicate this paragraph to District Four and a mobile unit whose number I do not recall. My family and I spent the holidays in Tulsa and stayed on a few days after my husband returned to Little Rock. After driving all the way from Tulsa to Ft. Smith in blinding snow on Saturday we had a flat about 10 miles east of Ft. Smith. The snow was still coming down in blankets, or sheets. (Which is it for snow?)

FEBRUARY

There has been a lot of sniffing and sneezing going around lately with the flu bug hitting hard once in a while but most have recuperated and have their noses back to the grindstone. Most missed around here was J. M. (Smitty) Smith of Maintenance Division. Things just did not seem the same for a few days. Glad he is feeling better now.

We had a report the other day of a sweat shirt being placed on the top light of the radio tower at Buffalo. Now I don't know if you know how tall one of those towers is but I do, and you couldn't pay me enough to climb one. I get air sick just going to the tenth floor by elevator here in the building.



George Lamar Coyle is a new employee who will work out of the Radio Shop. George, his wife Colema and daughter Karen reside at 43 Kaywood Drive. He was formerly with the Civil Defense Headquarters in Conway before moving to Little Rock. Welcome aboard, Lamar.

Beautification Engineer Ben Hogan's Thunderbird was wrecked recently while sitting in front of Asst. Construction Engineer Bill Mulhollen's home. Instead of having it repaired he replaced it with a new gold Toronado with black vinyl top. Sounds exciting, doesn't it?

Billie Carlton, secretary in Beautification, recently purchased a seven-year-old bay mare named Duchess. Jerry Wright, husband of Margaret in Maintenance, rode her in the flag race at the Chicot Riding Club and came in second place winning a red ribbon. Now the problem is, who gets to keep the ribbon. It was Billie's horse but not her efforts. Maybe soon she will have learned to ride well enough to enter the events along with her horse. Congratulations, Duchess, and you, too, Billie.



MATERIALS AND TESTS

JANUARY NEWS

Sibyl Maddox

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Our resolutions are made (some to be kept and some to be broken) but what fun to make them!

Jim Reynolds resolves to **NOT LEAP**, since this is leap year. Don't tempt him, girls!

George Green resolves to stop being so lovable and give the other boys a better chance with the girls.

Bill Langston resolves not to go to any horse races this year - he wins too often and he doesn't want to be selfish.

Jim Briley resolves not to make any resolutions. (At least he won't have any trouble keeping his. Ed.)

R. C. Turney (our friendly coffee man) resolves to save money this year by going up on his coffee.

Russell Newsom resolves to get more puzzles worked this year, so if you have any extra ones around, send them to Russell.

Maurice Tillery resolves to not be so wild in '68. Just what are you referring to???

Allan Holmes resolves to talk less. Now really, Allan, how quiet do you want to be?

Charlene McClain resolves not to have any more wrecks...especially since she is sporting a new 1968 Plymouth.

Julia Halliburton resolves to go on a diet. (Diet!!)

Jean Ellis resolves to repaint her pink bucket to "highway orange". Oh, boy!

My resolution is to be kind to all dumb animals - including people.

Our Christmas party was a bang. Some 40 employees and guests attended. There were goodies galore to eat...ham, potato salad, fruit salad, slaw, baked beans, stuffed celery, devilled eggs, cakes, dips, punch and coffee.. The table was beautifully decorated, as was the tree, thanks to Frances Roller, who gives so willingly of her time each year to make it so. Hayes Medlock donated the tree. Music was furnished by Henry Hart and Maurice Tillery. (Another bit of interest concerning M & T's Christmas tree is that each employee had an ornament and it was his individual honor to place it on the tree. Ed.)

Julia Halliburton, secretary to Henry Schneider, visited her dad in Heber Springs during the holidays.

John Redding, chemist, took a quick trip to Dallas on December 27. He says he had a wonderful time visiting friends.

George Green, also a chemist, spent Christmas with his folks at Sparkman. By the way, George is a wonderful cook. He baked three delicious cakes for our Christmas party.

Jim Reynolds also recently visited in Dallas and made all the "In" places. Had a real good time, he says.

Maurice Tillery enjoyed having his brother home from Artesia, New Mex. to spend the holidays with the family in Benton.

Area Engineer Russell Newsom and his wife Ruth motored to Atlanta, Ga. where they visited his brother who is a research chemist at Georgia Tech.

Inspector Edwin Wilkinson has entered the community hospital at Paragould after suffering a heart attack. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

Inspector J. L. Owens' daughter Judy became the bride of Larry Dean Watts at 7:00 p.m., December 23 in Northside Church of Christ in Harrison. A reception followed in the Owens home.

We leave you with this thought:
"Civilization develops only where considerable numbers of men work together for common ends."

— George Foot Moore

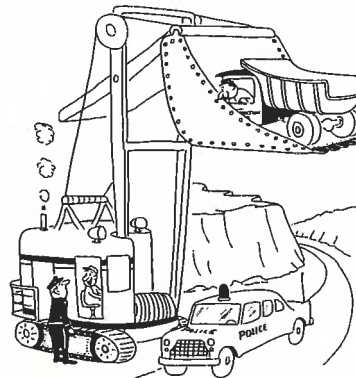


Nothing appears to have been left out on this festive board for M & T employees.

FEBRUARY NEWS

Four M & T employees received service awards in January. Grady Putman, assistant II, whose job is in the Lion Oil asphalt processing plant at El Dorado, received a 15 year pin.

Charlene McClain, clerk-typist, and Jerry Stacks, assistant II, received 10 year pins, and Jerl Burks, engineering aide IIB, received a five-year pin.



"Nope, Officer. No speeding truck went by here!"



PERSONNEL

JANUARY NEWS

Dorothy Lehman



Marie Hartley was honored as the KMYO "Secretary of the Day" on Friday, December 29. The floral arrangement was by courtesy of a local florist. She is a secretary in the Personnel Office.

MARCH NEWS

It's been some time since we have relayed any news and we hardly know where to start to catch up. "The hurrier I go the behinder I get," the saying goes. So a fast run from December brings these items...During the holidays Frank and Ceil Newsham gave an open house for Personnelers. His daughter Frankie Oehnbring and her husband Mike were here for about a week during the holiday season...my daughter Peggy had tonsils removed...Faye Sullivan and I had sons home from college.



In January Shirley Bain's Angela visited Personnel and you can see by the picture she enjoyed herself. Isn't she a cutie! The following week we were saddened to learn of the death of Shirley's grandmother in Hope. Her parents from Bodcaw visited her and Angela in February.

The first of February Faye Sullivan transferred to Computer Services. Barba Oldham of Secondary Roads and Betty Claude from Bridge Design joined us for a luncheon in Faye's honor. We miss you, Faye.

On the sixth of February Sibbl Cox counted off another birthday and we celebrated with dinner of Mexican food. Betty Claude, Barbara Oldham, Sibbl Maddox from Materials and Tests, and Jan Commander, who worked in Personnel last summer, joined in the celebration.

Sibbl Maddox and Sibbl Cox took in the races early in February and several of us are looking forward to going soon.

Another of Frank Newsham's daughters, Laura Malat of Menomoneie, Wisc. visited her parents in February.

Betty and Tim Daley, Sib Cox's daughter and son-in-law, traveled to Ft. Sill, Okla. and arrived home just before the last blizzard hit. February 16 was Frances Richardson's last day in Computer Services. She is now doing supervisory work in data processing at Union National Bank. About fifteen couples surprised Frances at Roy and Rita Hardcastle's home on Saturday night, the 17th, and enjoyed a lovely party.

My daughter Peggy has joined the Rainbow Girls and simply loves the activities. She would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who donated telephone books for their paper drive. Son Ron at the University of Arkansas has had his scholarship renewed through next year. My older son, Charles, is making a trip to California to visit his paternal grandmother who has only seen him once in these twenty-three years. Enroute he will stop in Waco, Texas to visit my mother. He plans to enter the University's graduate school in September to study psychology.



Asst. Chief Engineer for Planning and Director Ward Goodman were guests at P & R's office Christmas luncheon. Billy smiles and takes his time while the boss awaits his turn.

Jim Carvell Sr. and his wife enjoyed the visit of son Jim Jr. and his wife and little boy.

Vacationing: Karen Phillips spent eight days at Blytheville recently. Charles Parsons put in part of his time planting pecan and dogwood trees; should this venture prosper, fellow workers will be expecting some candy featuring those pecans. Mayo White says he loafed. His son Larry was on leave from Veitnam, and he and his family spent 35 days hereabouts. Ruby Crouse and parents visited Fayetteville, N. C. - where her brother and his wife showed off their new baby.

Very excited girl these days - Libby Brockington. She and Doyne have purchased their very own house in Wakefield Village.

Sharon Kay Pelley transferred to Computer Services in the middle of December. On her last day in P&R, the girls with whom she worked popped up with a cake in her honor.

Pete Powell's son, Jeff, has taken two big steps in his life; he has accepted a position as assistant manager of a Western Auto store and has become engaged to be married to Miss Phillis Morris; the wedding to take place February 3rd at Trinity Baptist Church in North Little Rock.

Larry Johnson out-foxed the Finance & Economics folks and made it to January on his I WILL QUIT SMOKING resolve, and collected a bet thereby. Good work, Larry, and keep it up.

Bill Headrick is proud of the fact he has 30 boy scouts who have finished their First Aid training, and some are beginning an advanced course.

Sporting a new aqua and black Chevelle Malibu is Femie Speights. Is that fair, Femie? Your old car was newer than mine!

FEBRUARY NEWS



We have a celebrity amongst us - Lee A. Gibbons, of the Traffic Engineering Section, has been elected president of the Little Rock Toastmasters Club. He has been a member for three years.

Kenneth J. Bynum, traffic engineer, attended the Regional Workshop on Urban Arterial Traffic Improvements in Houston, Texas, February 11 to 14.

Beginning February 5, Howard Snow spent two weeks on military leave, taking part in a course in naval surface mine warfare at Charleston, South Carolina. Howard is a lieutenant in the Naval Reserve.



Billie Whiteside

JANUARY NEWS

We had visits over the holidays from several former employees who have moved away. Paul Edwards has been in the Armed Forces for two-and-a-half months, and it evidently agrees with him - he has gained 30 lbs. Paul is being sent next to Camp Polk, La. Pat Patton, Bob Faulkner, Jim Carvell Jr., and Charles Frazier also came by. Mignon Frazier, formerly of the front office, lunched and shopped one day with this reporter. Mignon is now working with the Kentucky Highway Department and doing fine, but is sometimes a little homesick for Arkansas.

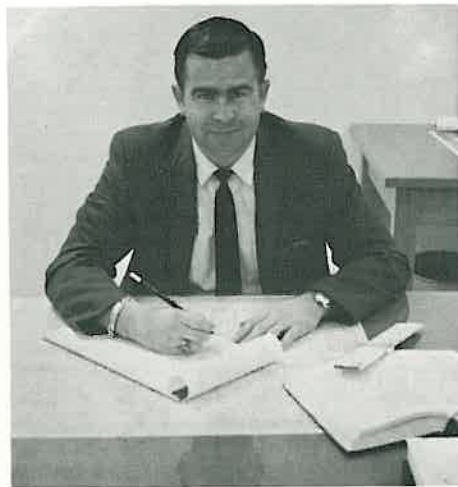
Some of our employees and their spouses or dates partied at Tia-Wanna before Christmas, and our official P&R party was a luncheon, held here, with gourmet food prepared by the PARSAC Committee. We were very pleased to have as guests Director Ward Goodman and Assistant Chief Engineer for Planning B. K. Cooper, who was formerly our Assistant Division Head. Grace was said by Mayo White.

Friends will be interested to know that Bonnie Jones, nee Liner, formerly of our front office, is now living in Saudi Arabia. Her husband is a flight engineer with TransWorld Airlines.

Edith Garland, who was recently hospitalized, is doing fine and we expect her back soon.

Vicki Saunders, of Mapping, resigned to accept a position with an advertising firm.

MARCH NEWS



We welcome two new employees. Lewis Belcher, who comes to us from the University of Arkansas, is an engineering aid in the Traffic Engineering Section. He is married, the father of a little boy, and is presently taking a course at night at LRU.



Dowl G. Eubanks, assigned to the Data Collection Section, joins P&R after being with the Arizona State Highway Department at Phoenix. Dowl and his wife, Roberta, are the parents of two sons and two daughters. One son, Ken, is a student at Mesa Jr. College in Colorado. Dowl himself has accumulated 165 college hours, his major being elementary education.



On Saturday, December 30, Jim and Lou Ann Head became the proud parents of an 8 pound, 11 ounce BOY, whom they have named Douglas Bryan. (Since they already have a little girl, they had naturally designated a boy in their order.) We obtained a picture.

Recent "trippers" - Genny Gunn and Karen Phillips, who made the scene at Mardi Gras at New Orleans. They report a gay occasion.

One surprised girl was Sharon Pelley, our receptionist, when on no particular occasion at all a dozen roses arrived from her husband. She had just had a tooth pulled, and what considerate husband wouldn't want to soothe the pain of a cutie-pie like Sharon?

A number of P&R employees attended LRU's display of Mary Dickson's paintings at The Mall recently. All comments heard were enthusiastic. Favorites of this reporter were The Wait, and Pewter and Glass. Mary's daughter, Mary Ann, was employed as an artist in this Division until recently.

Betty Wiggins has been driving to work lately in a new Montego; very sharp.

C. H. Jester has been transferred to the Traffic Services Section of the Maintenance Division. He will be missed.



PROCUREMENT

Glenda McIntyre

MARCH NEWS

Greetings friends around AHD - all you other guys, too. This is your friendly Procurement Reporter reporting a friendly report.

First off our P.R.O.C. Hot Line: Harry Buffalo has informed us that he should be home around May 3. We miss you, Harry.

Bemie Cox is grandpa again. Myrene and Bemie, Jr. presented Mr. Cox with Tanya Kristine February 26. That evened the score. Bemie now has two grandsons and two granddaughters. Congratulations.

TUESDAY - LOU'S DAY: That's right, folks, Tuesday, March 12 was an action-packed, fun-filled day for Lou Hardy. The day began when Lou found out she had been selected Radio Station KMYO's "Secretary of the Day". That always means the arrival of a lovely floral arrangement for the lucky one's desk.

Next came a corsage from the other girls and guys in the office. Frank Caple took his "secretary of every day" to lunch. In the afternoon Frank presented Lou a five-year service pin which was duly noted with refreshments.

The "Procs" and Mildred Harness and Bonnie Hill of Accounting gave Lou a charm bracelet as a token of friendship. To top off Tuesday, the well-loved Mrs. Hardy was elected secretary to the Southwest Little Rock Jaycettes. What are you doing for Christmas, Lou?

WHO'D BELIEVE IT?...Lady-like Patsy Navens loves to ride on the back of a motorcycle...Wanda Allred took three days (!) vacation to clean house...and Lewis Warren and Lem Kirkpatrick are considering a petition in favor of Highway Department "love-ins".



If Lou Hardy were a singer, her tune on March 12 might well have been "It's a Most Unusual Day". Here Boss Frank Caple presents certificate of five years' service.

Boss Frank Caple performed many mystifying feats of magic for the Highway Dames February 23. By the way, if anyone happens to find Frank's birdcage, please let Barbara Oldham or Mrs. Ben Hogan know.

Recent weekend guests of Patsy Navens were her sister, JoAnn and family from Memphis. Patsy tells us that JoAnn's new baby, Suzanne, is a real cutie.

Nancy Thompson's father-in-law, Reed W. Thompson, Sr., will be leaving for the Far East soon on an assignment with the State Department. You may have read about it in the newspaper. Mr.

Thompson, Sr. is the former North Little Rock City Attorney.

Nina Hawk Camen had an office lunch with some of the girls March 13. Blonde Nina is Norma Hawk's twin sister. Nina held the title "Miss Walnut Ridge" the year before Norma. Both girls bore up well to the stares. It's a real charge to watch those girls together.

Our deepest sympathies to Lem and Marguerite Kirkpatrick in the loss of his brother, Richard, recently.



JANUARY NEWS

The Staff

We enjoyed a gathering with other employees and friends of the Right of Way Division at Shakey's in North Little Rock, two weeks before Christmas. All went dutch and this was a fun and inexpensive time for the minority who were able to attend. We thought the music was great, and no one was too bashful to sing. Carolyn Halbert gave a lovely solo rendition of "Jingle Bells" to everyone's amazement and amusement.

The Division Christmas party on Friday afternoon before Christmas was a great success. Employees exchanged gifts, and the Division presented Otha Lewitt a percolator, and Don Martin a set of coffee cups and walnut stand. These gifts made an attractive and useful addition to their offices.

Cokes, chips and dip, cheese, and assorted crackers and luncheon meats were served. All participated in a game led by Glenda Brown. The highlight of the party was a skit written and acted out by some of the girls. It was all in fun and was not submitted to anyone for prior approval. The girls are to be complimented for their writing and acting, and the men for being such good sports about taking the cuts and digs thrown their way. All of us want to voice our appreciation to Santa Claus for his part in distributing the exchange gifts. They say the fun is in giving, not receiving, and our Santa, Leroy Elledge, certainly proved this to be true.

Our annual Christmas Party at Tia-Wanna was held December 22 and all who attended had a real good time, as usual. The only disappointment was caused by the date being so close to Christmas - several people who usually attend this party were out of town.

ENGINEERING SECTION: The flu bug is flying again and has bitten several employees in our Section. Victims so far have been Shirley Childress, Ellen Gross, Arthur Reichstadt and Neil Gibbs.

Santa Claus had a hard time finding Earl and Janie Keehn this year, for they flew to Miami, Fla. to spend the holidays with Janie's sister and her husband. One of the highlights of their trip was seeing the Houston Oilers clinch the

Eastern Division American Football League title by defeating the Miami Dolphins in the Orange Bowl. The 70-degree weather they enjoyed was in sharp contrast to the cold weather we had over Christmas.

Wayne Parish is the proud owner of a 1966 Mustang. It is red with black interior.

Our sympathies to Jim Mode in the loss of his grandmother, Mrs. Annie Mode Johnson, December 30 at Conway. Burial was at Guy, Ark.

ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION: A happy holiday season was reported by all employees of the Administrative Section with the possible exception of Richard Andry. The flu bug got hold of him about halfway through the holidays and has just now let go. We are real glad to see him feeling better.

Linda Young journeyed to Biloxi, Miss. over the New Year's week-end to be with her fiance, Ronnie Ramsey. While there, they stayed with Ronnie's sister and family. Linda reported a very enjoyable time with only one complaint: It was too short a stay.

Retha Griffin enjoyed having her son, Terry, home from Henderson for two weeks for the holidays. Since Terry is Henderson's sports writer, he spent part of the two weeks' vacation following the basketball team as it made it's tournament rounds.

A. C. Ledbetter took a few days off during Christmas to lounge around and watch his new color television which Santa brought.

UTILITIES SECTION: Our employees traveled to many different sections of the State during the Christmas holidays. Frank Wiggins and family went to Gurdon, Jim and Wynona Bartlett visited his parents in Appleton, Carolyn Halbert as usual spent her vacation in Prattsville, Sue Witherington went to her hometown of Hamburg, Charles and Lena Hill visited his grandfather in Yellville, and Alton Van Patten visited in Texas.

On December 15 Charles and Lena attended the Kappa Kappa Gamma Christmas formal in Fayetteville.

Apparently Santa Claus was good to all of our gang - haven't heard any complaints from anyone.

George Ivey has been off sick for a couple of weeks with the flu. We are hoping he will be able to return to work soon.

At this time James Burge's wife has pneumonia.

APPRAISAL SECTION: Bob Hamilton flew to north Iowa over Christmas week-end, experiencing some sub-zero weather, but only an inch of snow, so he didn't get a chance to try out his old skis. Bob says that from a mile high, it's hard to decide whether the central Iowa checkerboard of farms, or the rugged hills of north Arkansas are the prettiest.

For those interested in appraising or economics, north Iowa property is assessed at about 20% of farm values and 27% of city values. City millages are limited by law to 30 Mills. A \$10,000

house will pay about \$200 per year taxes, whereas in Arkansas taxes on that same house would be only about \$100.

K. D. Suthmer and family spent the Christmas holidays at Walnut Grove, Mo. where they had a family reunion. We'd like to suggest that annual leaves be rearranged and expanded, with a few days set aside specifically to provide for these family get-togethers.

We and Sue Boyett are very proud of her sister, Phyllis, who was recently initiated into Alpha Chi, honor scholastic fraternity, at State Teachers. Phyllis is a senior and we congratulate her for such high scholastic achievement.

Bryan McArthur's son, Bill who will soon receive his law degree, has received a very attractive civil service offer in the New England States but prefers to stay at home in Arkansas. We appreciate his loyalty to Arkansas and if enough bright young men choose to remain in the state, perhaps we can stop this "brain-drain". If you want to get some long conversation started, just ask Bryan or Billie about Bill.

FEBRUARY

APPRAISAL SECTION - We are indeed sorry to report that Charlie Scott is in the hospital. We all miss him and hope for a real speedy recovery.

Bob Hamilton and daughter Jan went camping this week-end in Searcy County. They had a wonderful time, wading in waterfalls and cooking out. Bob's wife participated in the Women's Bowling Tournament at Fort Smith on January 27 and 28. Nell, who is a very good bowler, had a streak of bad luck and came home without a trophy. We wish her better luck next time.

We were all glad to see Ina Dunn back at work after a brief stay in the hospital.

Herbert Hooten recently attended The American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers seminar for reviewing appraisers in Dallas, Texas. The seminar's program included the qualifications, functions, duties and responsibilities of a reviewing appraiser.



Walker Watson, right, received a 10-year service certificate and lapel pin in January. Herbert Hooten, chief of the Appraisal Section, presented them.

ENGINEERING SECTION: Our Section lost three employees in January and gained one back January 16 and another February 1st. We were very sorry to lose Harlin and Carl Johnson when they left us January 12 to go West. We would like to wish them luck in their new jobs in sunny California and hope they will remember to drop us a card from time to time. Both are now residing in Rosemead, Calif.

Herman Schmidt, an employee in this Section for six years, also left us to become a draftsman for the Legal Division. Since he has to use our maps we still see him almost every day. We do miss his weather reports, though, and I'm sure Arthur Reichstadt misses his teasing.

When Carl, Harlin and Herman left, we held a small office party and presented them gifts as small tokens of our friendship.

Almost all the employees in this Section missed a few days of work because of the flu but the ones who were so ill they missed several days were Jim Mode, Wayne Parish and Arthur Reichstadt. This was Arthur's second bout with the flu, for he also was among the ones listed in the January news as being sick. We are happy to say that he is looking and acting like his old self again.



Bill Bell



Bob Evans

We welcome our two new employees, Bill Bell and Bob Evans. It's really a "Welcome back" to Bob, for he is a former employee returning after about seven years. He now resides on "A" Street in Little Rock.

Our other new employee, Bill Bell, is a draftsman in our Section, married and the father of a six-month old baby girl

named Dawn. Bill, his wife Sue, and Dawn are residents of Alexander.



Congratulations to Neil Gibbs upon receipt of his five-year pin and certificate, shown here being presented to him by Glendol Jackson, Chief of the Engineering Section.

If this report sounds a bit fishy you can blame Ronald Johnston for he took Glendol Jackson and Neil Gibbs fishing at Dardanelle and they came back with this picture, saying they caught all of these themselves. I would say Ronald is a pretty good guide, wouldn't you? Get Glendol to tell you about the big fish he is imitating.

Our Section had a very nice fish fry at Glendol's house February 3. The fourteen people present ate their capacity of fish, french fries, slaw, hush-puppies, onions, pickles and pie and we still had food left over. Bet you can't guess what kind of fish we had.



Glendol Jackson, left, Neil Gibbs, right and Ronald Johnston, the photographer who preserved this for posterity, "snagged" 168 pounds of spoonbill and channel catfish from Lake Dardanelle one weekend in January. The largest one weighed 25 pounds. Glendol is imitating the fish but his upper lip just isn't long enough to make a very good job of it.

MARCH NEWS

ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION: Terry Griffin, Retha's son who is a student at Henderson State College, attended a Circle K convention in St. Louis Friday March 15. From there, he flew to Kansas City the following Sunday where he joined the Henderson Reddies who were participating in the NAIA basketball tournament. Terry handles the sports information at Henderson and is statistician for all sporting events.

A few of the girls from Right of Way gathered at Mary Arey's new house on Grace Drive recently and played cards and talked. As everyone will probably guess, more talking went on than card playing.

If you have seen A. C. Ledbetter going around counting on his fingers lately, it is because he is figuring out how many spare hours he is going to have to play golf. You see, A. C. washes dishes quite often for his wife (like every meal) and after seeing what it is doing to his hands, finally decided to buy her a dishwasher. He has figured that he will have 360 spare hours.

ACQUISITION SECTION - We wish to extend a hearty welcome to N. A. "Mac" McLeod, who has been convalescing in a Texarkana hospital for two months from a back injury sustained in an automobile accident. We are all glad to have him back and in good health. Things were getting pretty quiet around the office.



Fred Sloan

Fred Sloan transferred from Appraisal to Acquisition January 1, where he is working as a negotiator. All of us in Acquisition welcome Fred to our staff.

Carolyn and Jim West drove to Winnsboro, La. over the week end, where they were house guests of Jim's brother.

We have been unable to get a statement from Mr. Elledge, but it has been rumored that his increased interest in sports (such as "track meets") in Hot Springs, is due to the handsome sum that the daily double paid a couple weeks ago.

ENGINEERING SECTION: Ellen Gross and husband Rodger have made several trips to the races at Hot Springs. Sounds like they have had pretty good luck since

they keep going back, but we're not too sure of Bob Evans, because he only made one trip that we know of.



Vick Winchell left us last May to work for the Texas State Highway Department but he missed us so, he came back and we're glad. Vick now resides in Little Rock on Redwood Drive with his wife Sue and daughter Suzanne.

Our sympathies to Glendol Jackson in the loss of his uncle, Louis Thomas, February 19 at Benton, Ark.



Virginia Ashlin

JANUARY NEWS

Our annual Christmas Party was held at Tia-Wanna the night of December 19 where we enjoyed a delicious steak dinner. Also during the last few weeks we worked, each of our five squads took turns bringing cookies, cakes, candy, etc. to eat during our coffee breaks. The food was delicious and now that we're going into a new year, seems like everyone is on a diet except for Bill Hurt and he wants to be different. He's giving up smoking.

We received cards from W. C. Johnston, our former boss, and from G. E. "Babe" Williams, who is retired and living in Wausau, Wisc. Sure was nice to hear from them both. Babe and his wife have recently moved into a new home.

Sure is a lot of flu going around now and just about every one in Roadway has been blessed with it.

At the end of each year we appoint a new entertainment committee to plan our parties, social functions and etc. Those appointed for the new year are Cameron Lowe, Joe Hicks, Richard Siegler, Wayne Sutton and Bill Duncan. We'd also like to say thanks for a job well done to our outgoing committee.

FEBRUARY NEWS

Welcome to Bob Mize who transferred to Roadway Design from County Roads the 16th of January. We're glad to have Bob with us, but we were sorry to lose Don Potter who transferred to County Roads to fill the vacancy left by Bob.

New employees joining our "gang" are: Donnie Hutchinson, Bob Summers, Hugh Treese, James Squires and Bobby Welch. Welcome, one and all.

We had cake and coffee on January 24 to say goodbye to Bill Duncan who resigned to enroll at Little Rock University.

Congratulations to Ray and Linda Maxey, the proud parents of a baby boy born January 5. He weighed 5 pounds and 14 ounces and was named Robert Vaughn. Ray transferred to Traffic Services the 1st of February. We wish him good luck in his new job.

The Glenn Trammels recently attended the graduation of their youngest son, Robert, from the University of Arkansas. They are understandably proud of both their sons, who have now attained masters degrees in business administration. Robert will soon enter the service. After completion of his military duty, he expects to join a local accounting firm. Their older son is with Hallmark Card Co. in Kansas City.

Brooks Nichols and family spent the weekend of February 3 in Shreveport, La. visiting with Brooks' brother and his family.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Fred Pulliam and daughters, Roxie and Jeannie, in the death of Mrs. Pulliam who passed away January 9, 1968 after a long illness. Funeral services were held at Griffin & Leggett Chapel at 2:00 p.m. January 11.



Secondary Roads

Barbara Oldham

JANUARY NEWS

Here we are, off to another new year of work! We began our new year with a new employee, Melvin Wayne Hall. Melvin attended high school and Texarkana Junior College in Texarkana, Texas. He is 21 years of age and single. Welcome to our working crew.

We welcome Don Potter from Roadway Design to our Division as a squad boss. He will replace Bob Mize who has transferred to Roadway Design. Bob has been a faithful and dependable member of this Division since coming to work with the Department in 1965 and we wish him the best of luck in Roadway.

We are always happy to see former boss Harry Wright (now retired) who visited with us on December 14.

Charles Rain, Jr., his wife Paula and their children, Alice Ann and little Charlie, spent a Christmas vacation visiting Charlie's father in Salem, N. J. On the way to Salem they stopped in Washington, D.C. to see the White

House Christmas Tree. Each State decorates a tree for Christmas. Christmas day was spent with Charlie's sister in Pennsylvania. No snow was seen until the second day of the return trip!

Our office Christmas party was held at John Adams' house on December 16 and everyone enjoyed the party, ate a lot and are now looking forward to the Christmas festivities this year.

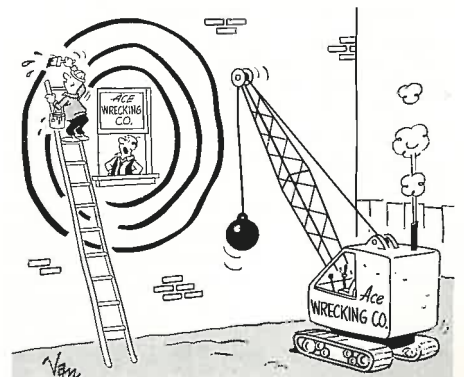


Charles Rains' youngsters pose beside the Christmas tree which represented Arkansas on the White House lawn.

MARCH NEWS

It looks as if all piscatory species in the streams of Arkansas are in for a long hot summer as our boss, John Tallant, is the proud owner of a new aluminum fishing boat. At this writing he has not put the boat to use but I am sure it will be christened when the weather is right.

Max Hall drove up in this new Dodge Polara 500 one morning in March. It is metallic blue with black vinyl roof and an instrument panel resembling a jet plane. But, Max says, it simply will not leave the ground. I guess he must have tried to fly. You never know these days...



"I thought I fired you yesterday, Wiggins?"



WEIGHTS AND STANDARD

Mammy Turner

MARCH NEWS



Weights and Standards Division Chief Roy Johnson, left, presents a 10-year service certificate and lapel pin to Samuel Eugene Pack, a member of a roving (mobile) weight unit which works out of Lonoke.



DISTRICT



Janet McElduff

MARCH NEWS

High on the list of news items in District One are recent retirements of three of our long-time employees. Our good friend Jerry Jayroe, St. Francis area foreman for the past 13 years, has retired because of ill health, and Jerry's friendly smile will be sorely missed. Jerry started to work with the Highway Department in 1939 and has been with us continuously since then. He started as a laborer and worked his way up to area foreman. Jerry and his wife raised a family of ten children, a family who remain close to each other, and we know Jerry will enjoy his children and grandchildren in his retirement. If you are going along U.S. 70 through Palestine and see a familiar figure just loafing in his yard, stop and say hello - that'll be Jerry.

Another familiar face, and in recent years a more familiar voice, is that of A. W. Rodgers. Mr. Rodgers came to the Highway Department in 1950 and retired on February 15, 1968. During that time he served as area foreman in Crittenden County for five years, but for the last few years has been building maintenance operator for Crittenden County and in daily touch with this office by radio. We miss his voice and hope that he will enjoy his gardening and being home more with Mrs. Rodgers.

Construction circles certainly has a void since Max Oldham left the 15th of March. Mr. Oldham is a registered professional engineer, holds a degree in civil engineering and first started to work with AHD in 1927. In 1928 he left us to go with the Michigan Highway Department and after 5½ years there, went to work for Tennessee Valley Authority. From there he returned to Arkansas with the Works Progress Administration in the capacity of supervisor of Poinsett County, but in 1938, with apparent itchy feet, he went to work for the Panama Canal Commission.

During the war years Mr. Oldham worked at several plants, among them Redstone Arsenal and Hooser Ordnance Plant, in an engineering capacity. At the close of the war he returned to AHD and has been with us ever since. When asked what he planned to do upon retirement Mr. Oldham in typical fashion replied that he just didn't know, but he was considering going to Mexico or Australia to live. We wish him luck and the best of health on this next venture!

I'm high on the hog with news from the Construction offices, everything from closing the Brinkley office to moving the West Helena office to Marianna, losing M. B. Gentry, former resident engineer; replacing Richard Bonady with Belinda Kay Guthrie as field clerk in Forrest City, an improvement in the "looks" department to say the least; losing Nita Bettis and Judy Oliver as field clerks, but acquiring Margie Brand in West Memphis and Melinda Jennings in Marianna as replacements, and these resignations and replacements could go on and on! We're also proud of some of our boys who have received their engineering technician certificates, among them Charlie Simpson and Ed Travis as Senior Engineering Technicians, Floyd Lancaster as an Engineering Technician, and along with those Charles Mitchell, Moody Jones and Charlie Simpson are also qualified now as licensed Land Surveyors. These certificates and licenses don't just fall off the trees and we are proud of these boys for working for them.

Among the ailing have been Leroy Curtner who was off almost two months with a bad knee, and who else but his running mate, Mike Carpenter who has had to have bone graft in his arm. Leroy is back and much better, and Mike should be back with us in a couple more days. Tim Fiser had some eye surgery and Tom Snider's wife was in for throat surgery, but the sun is shining now, and I believe everyone is on the mend.

Our congratulations go to V. D. Crowell for five years' service, B. J. Hale, 15 years, and J. E. Bums for 20 years' service with the Highway Department.

Hospital patient receiving bill for operation: "No wonder they wore masks in the operating room!"



The nicest addition to our office is pretty Donna Smith who came to work March 4. Donna graduated from Wynne High School in 1967, and became Mrs. Ronnie Smith on January 29, 1968. She is Clerk I and we are happy to have her with us.

That's all - pretty good for somebody that has to sit at this bloomin' desk all the time - wish I had a road job!
YAWL COME - ANYTIME!



Miss Herberta Lynne Waddell and Lt. Richard Lee Hartness exchanged marriage vows at 6:30 P.M. Saturday, February 3 in a pretty ceremony at New Hope Baptist Church on Highway 1 south of Jonesboro. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Waddell of Jonesboro. Lt. Hartness is the son of Mrs. Dick Ethridge, fuel clerk in the District 1 office in Wynne.

Mrs. Hartness is a junior at Arkansas State University where she is a Spanish major Lt. Hartness, a 1962 graduate of Wynne High School, received a BS

degree in math at Arkansas State University at which time he received his Second Lieutenant's commission. He received further training at Fort Belvoir, Mo., and on February 16 reported to Fort Dix, N. Y., and is now in Frankfurt, Germany for a two year tour of duty with the 5th Corp Engineering Branch of the U. S. Army.

Among the out-of-town guests at the wedding were Mrs. Tippie Wilkins, Mrs. Hurschel Stacy, Mrs. Bob Harrell, and Mrs. Oscar Grafton, all of the District One office.



DISTRICT



Leslie Long

JANUARY NEWS

District 2 did not attempt to hold their annual Christmas party this year and there was some disappointment. Better partying for next year, let's hope! "Home for the Holidays" was the happy theme song of many of our employees. We had only seventeen of our family for Christmas dinner, coming from Texas and Louisiana.

The week after Christmas is always such a letdown that we try to cure those after-the-holiday blues with a start on New Year's resolutions. Happy New Year! Many of our crews welcomed in the New Year working long and hard hours keeping the highways safe for traffic. They are to be commended for their diligent efforts.

The deer news of the second hunt - John Hughes, our fantastic hunter of Desha County, killed a four-point the first morning. Steve M. Reeve and C. V. Earnest of Lincoln County were reported on a hunting trip for a few days but no kill reported as yet. James Henderson and Willie Key are still killing their limit of the great cotton-tail, and Will Wright and son, with the aid of their beagle, Cricket, ambushed several. And, Johnnie Harris has been spending his hunting time at the duck blind. He's quite a marksman, we hear.

Three District 2 personnel have recently qualified as Engineering Technicians as required by ICET. They are J. A. Albritton, construction inspector and James Ralph Davidson, engineering aide at the DeWitt residency of L. K. Howell; and William E. Kirkpatrick, construction inspector with George Kames' residency at Monticello. Congratulations!

James Thorn, asphalt raker with the Desha County crew, made a weekend trip to Hickman, Ky. to visit his "new" granddaughter. His grandchildren now number five granddaughters and three grandsons.

William Allison, a truck driver with the Desha County crew, made the momentous decision to buy himself a car right now instead of getting married. One major decision at a time, says he. He is a "Dodge" man, 65 model.

The Leslie Carringtons of Star City are the proud parents of a new son, born December 10, 1967, weighing eight pounds. Leslie is a mower operator in our Lincoln County crew.

S/Sgt. Jack L. Ryals, son of Mr. & Mrs. Willie J. Ryals of Lake Village was recently assigned as a supply sergeant in the 570th Supply Company near Long Binh, Vietnam. Willie is a truck driver in our Chicot County crew.

John Withers Stroble, patrol operator in Jefferson County, received a 15-year service certificate and lapel pin, and Russell L. Brantley, service station attendant at the Monticello Area Headquarters, received his five-year certificate and pin.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Everett Morse who was fatally injured in an automobile accident on December 23, 1967. Everett was a mower operator with our Chicot county crew.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of Area foreman and Mrs. R. O. Jarboe of Lake Village who lost two relatives in the space of 18 days. Everett Morse was Mrs. Jarboe's sister. Then on January 10 Mr. Jarboe's brother Joseph of Greenville passed away.

MARCH NEWS



Beth Gaddy, niece of Russell Gaddy, accountant at the District headquarters, was the subject of a full-page story in the Pine Bluff Commercial on March 3. Beth is a junior at Arkansas A & M in Monticello where she is working toward a degree in elementary education. The story was entitled "Campus Action" and concemed her viewpoints about A & M as a place to receive an education.

Russell's brother Guy has been both mother and father to Beth and her older sister Ann since their mother died when the girls were fairly young. Russell, who is unmarried and lives with Guy and the girls, is justifiably proud of them. Ann is teaching her first school this year as a member of the faculty at Marvell.



DISTRICT



Sharon Bailey

FEBRUARY NEWS

It has been such a long time since we have let anyone hear from us that I thought for this issue we would just bring you up to date on the many changes that have happened. First, we have had quite a few personnel changes. Ardell Clark, District maintenance superintendent, resigned in November due to ill health. He had been our maintenance superintendent since June 1955 and had worked for the Department since 1942. We all wish him well in his retirement.

Ted Maryman, assistant maintenance superintendent since May 1960, was promoted to fill the vacancy. Ted has been with the Department since 1938 (would you believe that's before I was born) and since he's one of our favorites we are sure glad to see him get this promotion.

Charles "PeeWee" Webb was promoted to assistant maintenance superintendent. He has been with the Department since 1949 and was currently working in the Hope residency as a construction inspector. He took over his new job in December, so most of us in the office have gotten to know him pretty well and we've decided we'll let him stay around for a while longer. I know he will be tickled pink to hear we've accepted him.

Sam Huckabee, who was our permit clerk, was promoted to office manager. Sam has been with the Department since 1949 and has worked in the office for quite a few years, so he wasn't a stranger to any of us. We wish him luck in his new job because, handling a bunch of women, he'll need it.

Jim Foster took over the duties of permit clerk. Jim had worked for the Department before in the Hope residency, but most of us didn't know him very well before he came into the office. To tell the truth, he stays out so much of the time now that we hardly recognize him when he comes in.

Betty Penny, fuel clerk, is going to be leaving us for a while so that she may have an addition to her family. Betty has been with us for about 3 years and is planning to come back after the little one comes along. This will be her second child, the first being a son named Clay. Here's hoping she has a sweet little girl this time.

Phillip Bobo has been employed to take Betty's place while she is gone. He is a Hope boy and married. His wife's name is Sandra and they have two children, a son, Phillip III, age 4, and a daughter Ronda, 2. We all extend our hellos to him and hope he likes working with us.

R. V. "Wilky" Wilkison resigned as resident engineer of the Hope residency the last of December to go into business for himself. He started working for the Department in 1955 and became a resident

engineer in 1963. We all wish him the best of luck in his new venture.

John Shaw, assistant resident engineer, was promoted to fill Wilky's vacancy. John has been with the Department off and on since 1960 and has been in Hope since April of last year. He's had excellent luck since he took over; his clerk decided to move to Dallas and he hasn't found a replacement yet. Oh well, it gives him a chance to learn his job and his typing might improve.

Don Mitchell resigned as resident engineer of the Texarkana residency. Don started with the Department in 1962 and came to Texarkana in 1965. He is now employed by Hallett Construction in Texarkana and we have been able to sort of keep in touch with him.

Charles Mauk, who was at Texarkana acting as resident engineer on one of the projects in that area, was promoted to resident engineer of the Texarkana residency. Charles transferred to Texarkana in March 1967 but started working for the Department in 1962.

Well, that gets most of the changes in personnel that were made around here - at least the ones that I could keep track of.

We have had a lot of company the past few months due to the fact that we are one of the lucky districts to get IBM. Boy, you talk about a job getting started, it is one, but I imagine it will be well worth it when we all get the hang of it and get to know what we are doing. We have enjoyed having the Accounting boys down here and appreciate them holding their tempers so well and putting up with us. They really do a good job, and they are so nice along with it. (This wasn't a paid advertisement - doggone it.)

District 3 just completed the Defensive Driving course which was held at the Red River Vocational School in Hope. Troopers Jim Wooten and Ray Davis conducted the course and did an excellent job. Everyone here enjoyed it and what's more important, learned from it. I know it has helped me in my driving but, of course, I had much room for improvement.

That's it for this time. I hope to have some more news next month but will need some help from the fellows out in our District. How about it - send me some news from your area so that we don't have to hold our head down when the magazine comes out next month.

(Voila! It's good to receive news from District 3. We knew you were there all the time - just couldn't get a recent accounting of you. Ed.)



DISTRICT



The Informers

JANUARY NEWS

Things have really been humming in District 4. Besides the hustle and bustle of Christmas, we are rapidly approaching the time when our remodeling job will be complete. We're all

getting a little anxious for it to be finished so we can rearrange, etc. and get back to as near normal as we ever are!

Everyone we've talked with had a nice Christmas - however if you listen closely you'll hear moans of dismay from the girls about the little "extra" that was added-on by all the candies and goodies that were around tempting them to over-indulge for a couple of weeks! Our Christmas social was held Friday afternoon the 22nd in one of the new offices. All agreed it was a very nice party - an abundance of goodies, festive decorations and pleasant conversation. We had several guests, but we will only take the space to mention two "most special". Mrs. J. D. Gregory brought adorable little Paula, the ten-month old daughter of Jimmy Don Gregory, lay-down machine operator on Leo Seal's crew. And Mrs. Bill Michael brought precious little three-week-old Robin. (We announced her birth in the last issue). Don't ever let anyone tell you that tiny babies are not pretty. She is a beauty. By the way, Jimmy Don reports that Paula started walking over the holidays.

Helen Butler was one of the many in our District who took a vacation during the last two weeks in December. She said she visited with "in-laws" and "outlaws" - daughter Candy and son-in-law Glenn in Cherry Vale, Kans. and "outlaw" museums in both Cherry Vale and Coffeyville, Kans. She had a very nice visit but was glad to get back home.

We have two service awards to report for the month, each for five years. Joe Newell, shop mechanic, completed five years of service December 15. Joe is unmarried, a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He likes to hunt, fish read and occasionally, skeet shooting.

Emily Rogers, bookkeeper, completed five years of service December 1. Emily has three children, all married, and four grandchildren. She and husband John celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on Christmas Day. They are members of St. Paul Methodist Church. In her spare time Emily likes to read and sew.

Clarence Lafleur, our sign man, resigned effective the last working day in December, just before becoming eligible for a 15-yr. award in January. We hated to see him leave but do wish him well in his new venture.

We regret that R. R. Davison, Logan County, is still unable to return to work after suffering a heart attack in August. Charley Cagle of Franklin County, who was hospitalized the latter part of November, has returned to his home but is still unable to work. We hope both employees will soon be able to rejoin their respective crews.

We are happy to report that Fred McLaughlin, District equipment supervisor, returned to work January 2, after having had major surgery the last week in November. Welcome back, Fred.

Another of our employees has left us - via the retirement route. Wright

Piles, patrol operator with the Scott County crew, retired effective December 31 after 25 years' service. We always hate to lose a good man, but after that length of service he deserves a rest. (Enjoy it, Wright - we really envy you.)

We would like to take this means of conveying our sympathy to Mrs. Earl Clem in the loss of her father on January 2. Earl is crewleader of the Sebastian County crew with headquarters in Lavaca.



DISTRICT



Marilyn Coffman

MARCH NEWS

Congratulations to those recently receiving service awards: Orval H. Stanbrough, Jr., district equipment supervisor, 15 years; Kenneth Mathis, construction inspector, Roy Jesson, mower operator, Troy Case, patrol operator, Robert Parish, laborer, Glen Stroud, front end loader operator, Fred Medlock, mower operator, and Joseph M. Burkheimer, mower operator, 10 years each; and Stanley Travis Young, bridge laborer, 5 years.

Esthal Curtis, roller operator, has returned to work after spending several days with his wife, who was seriously burned at their home and is recuperating in a Little Rock hospital. We all wish Mrs. Curtis a speedy recovery.

Sally McMillan, fuel clerk, had an extra special birthday February 18. She became a proud grandmother for the fourth time. Her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Dobbins of Fordyce became the parents of a baby girl named Sarah Kathryn, who weighed 6 pounds and 7 ounces. They already have one daughter, Judith Ann, 4.



Valerie Odom, 14-year old daughter of the John Odoms, is Queen of the Bald Knob Riding Club. She is a freshman at Bald Knob Senior High School and has been a member of the riding club since it was organized. John is area foreman of White County.



Mildred Thomas, clerk for Resident Engineers Wyatt and Smith, was very pleased that the Pleasant Plains junior basketball team won first place in the County tournament and second place in the District tournament. Her son, Michael, (top row, second from left) was chosen one of the all-District players.

Winona Jones, radio operator, has reason to be proud of her son, Kenny, a junior at Batesville High School. The faculty selected him to receive the Good Citizenship award and his classmates chose him to be Junior Page for the school year book.

Miss Martha Dale McCown became the bride of Bobby Dale Altom January 27 in Central Avenue Methodist Church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar McCown of Batesville (Mrs. McCown is our payroll clerk). The bridegroom is a native of Batesville and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Altom.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Her wedding gown of white crepe with accents of viennese lace, fashioned with an empire waist, rounded neckline and long fitted sleeves tapered to lily points over the hands. She wore a full length lace mantilla and carried a bouquet of white roses.

The bridal attendants were identically dressed in floor length gowns designed with moss green velvet bodices and candlelight crepe skirts. Each attendant carried a long stemmed white rose.

The nuptial vows, pronounced by the Rev. Jim Beal, were followed by a reception in the church fellowship hall.

After a short wedding trip, the bride and groom are residing at Sparkman where the bride is teaching in the elementary school and the groom is finishing his senior year at Henderson State.

Area Foreman John Odom of Bald Knob has a request to make to Fred Hobbs, laborer, of White County. It seems that every time Fred takes off to garden we have a snow storm. So, please, Fred, wait a few weeks before taking off work again.

Our sincere sympathy to the James Fraziers of Newport on the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Janet Ford, of Wellington, Texas.



DISTRICT



Burnham & Campbell

FEBRUARY NEWS

Congratulations to 10 year service award recipients John Robert Mulligan, John Daniel Waller, Jesse C. Harrison and Murry Jessie Hollis; all are Maintenance employees in District 7.

We are glad to have Clifford Smith, oiler, back at work after an accident. Clifford stepped off a curb and was hit by a car, injuring his hip and head.

M. S. Smith, permit officer, is driving a new Buick station wagon, in burnt saddle. It really is a beauty and we are all waiting for a ride.

A heavy wind hit our new Headquarters Thursday, February 1st, breaking a glass door, damaging three metal Shop doors and breaking glass in equipment on the yard. It was so "all of a sudden", but still gave time for John Livingston to be first in line for the emergency operations center. Odis Alexander, painter, hopped in his pickup to get out of the rain and found it unsafe, as one of the windows broke and scattered glass all around. Lucky no injuries were encountered.

Vernon Fulmer, from Accounting at Central headquarters, has been with us the past two weeks. We enjoy his company but think he was a little reluctant to go back to his room on the fourth floor of the "Hotel" after the storm.

We are enjoying our new office and really giving "efficiency plus". Love to have visitors - come and take a tour.

MARCH NEWS

Congratulations to Donald Dean Brandon, area foreman in Clahoun County and Alvin T. White, maintenance employee, who received their 10-year service awards in March.

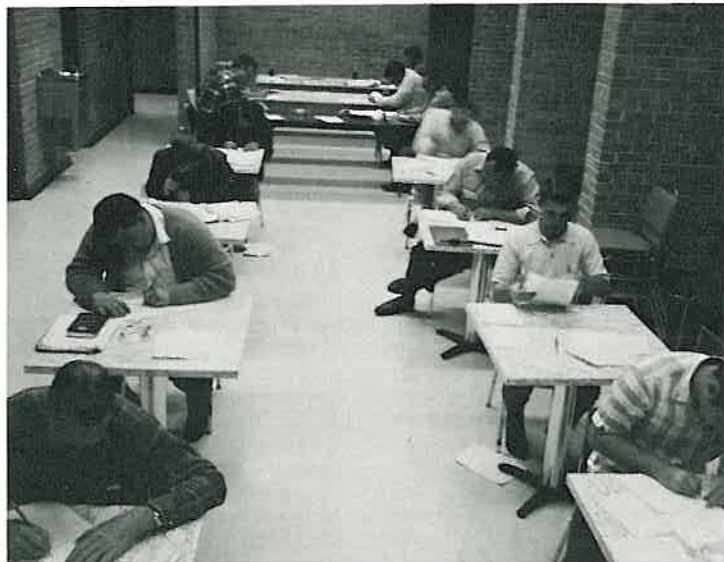
Frank O'Donnell of the Safety Section and State Troopers Ray Davis and Jim Wooten presented the Defensive Driving Course to our employees in District 7, February 12, 13, 14 & 15th. It was reported to have been very beneficial and very interestingly presented.

Ray Behrens and others from the Beautification Section have set out lots of pretty shrubbery at our new office. We are all pleased with this new appearance which with spring will grow even more lovely.

Resident Engineers N. D. Pumphrey of Camden and J. B. Williamson of El Dorado held a Basic Materials Course for Construction employees in District 7 at the Camden Lab, February 19-27.

Personnel from District 7 who attended the Resident Engineers conference in Little Rock March 6-7 were District Engineer Coy Campbell; Residents N. D. Pumphrey, G. E. Gunn, A. W. Hardy, Jr. and J. B. Williamson; R. E. Myers, G. E. Naugle, Dallas Smith and Kenneth Richey.

Jewell Prince has been promoted to assistant maintenance superintendent to fill the vacancy created by the death of Tom Thompson. We wish him well in the new position.



Examination time at the end of the basic materials course is a matter of concentration for these "students". "Professors" Norman Pumphrey and J. B. Williams, resident engineers, were the instructors.



Employees who took the basic materials course at the District Seven headquarters in Camden February 19-27 are, left to right: J. D. Futrell, S. J. Vignes, J. R. McVay, R. G. Dumas, M. Gunn, C. A. Dumas, J. M. Shackelford, A. D. Robertson, R. S. Jackson, L. G. McMann, G. G. Wise, L. R. Launius, E. A. Beasley, D. E. West and S. A. Williams.



DISTRICT



McCoy & Howell

JANUARY NEWS

The offices in District 8 received a new coat of paint for Christmas. Fred Moore, mechanic in the District shop, refinished the filing cabinets in green, and the new paint is a complimentary shade of green. The new decor is very pleasing to the eye and has given all of us in the office a "lift".

Holiday visits and visitors: Mr. and Mrs. John F. Price, district engineer, enjoyed the holidays in Monroe, La. with Katie's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewin Caudle, job superintendent, went to Lawton, Okla. to be with their daughter and her family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCain (he, a mechanic in the shop) started to California but ran into a heavy snowfall in New Mexico, so they visited a few days in Albuquerque, then came back to their home in Dover to enjoy the remainder of their vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Gray had a pre-Christmas visit with their son, Danny and his wife in Norfolk, Va. Danny is stationed there with the Navy.

Netha and Loren Brown had their parents, children and grandchildren (who number four) for the holidays.

Doy and Larry Branch spent the holidays with Doy's parents, Roy and Mary Taylor. Larry is with the Army at Ft. Riley, Kans. They also visited with Larry's family while here.

Elmer and Genevieve Smith enjoyed Christmas holidays with Gen's sister in Gillett and Elmer's mother in Little Rock.

S.W. Moore, a mechanic in the District shop, and Denver Houston, area foreman of Johnson County, received 20-year service awards in December. Ten-year awards were presented to F.D. Cato, construction inspector with Resident Engineer Lawrence Fletcher; N. B. Breashears, engineering aide with T.D. Casey in Pope Co.; D. Stovall, construction inspector with Resident Engineer T.G. Orton, Jr. in Pope Co.; and O.W. Stephens, engineering aide with Resident Engineer Elmer Smith in Johnson Co.

Those who completed five years with the Department in December were J. L. Mott, truck driver in Yell Co.; U.C. Burnett, mower operator in Faulkner Co.; P.F. Newton, patrol operator in Pope Co.; T.R. Hankins, truck driver in Faulkner Co.; and J.K. Brown, engineering aide with Lawrence Fletcher in Faulkner Co.

MARCH NEWS

Congratulations are in store this month to the following employees in District 8:

Kerry L. Cavaness, has been promoted to resident engineer. He replaces T. G. Orton, Jr. who resigned to accept the position of city engineer for the City of Russellville.

James B. and Edna Ruth Rives on the birth of a son, Benjamin Brown Rives II. Benjamin made his appearance at St. Marys Hospital in Russellville on January 20. He weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces. The Rives have one other son, Clifford James. James B. is a construction inspector in this District.

Joe Duvall, who is in charge of the Sign Crew, on the arrival of his first grandson, Scotty.

James L. Eakin, engineering aide III, who has been certified as an Engineering Technician by the Institute for Certification of Engineering Technicians.

We would like to welcome back Ann Nicolas field clerk for Kerry L. Cavaness, resident engineer. She worked in the District office last summer and is now replacing Patty Rowe, who has taken leave of absence to await the arrival of her first child.

Service awards were presented to Huie T. Flowers, mower operator, and Thomas O. Guinn, front end loader operator, for 10 years each.



DISTRICT



Shirley Morton

JANUARY NEWS



Huel Pack



J. M. Tate

Twenty-year service certificates were presented to J. M. Tate, Marion County area foreman, and Huel Pack, Searcy County area foreman, by Jewell Whitaker in December.

Curtis and Nita Pangle and children visited in Texas over the Christmas holidays with relatives. Nita's mother returned to Harrison with them for a visit.

Twenty-eight Davises greeted Santa at the Jeff Davis home in Harrison. Jeff and Bea had their five sons and their families home for a very happy and merry Christmas.

Forrest and Vivian Williams spent the Christmas holidays with her mother and family at Magnolia.

Marion and Norma Lee Downs and her mother, Ruth Roberts, enjoyed a happy Christmas at Keiser with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Curtis Downs.

Frank Rose and Marion Downs are hunting quail and having fair luck. Hillman Watkins and Freckles are having pretty good luck duck hunting and John Burlsworth still continues to fish despite the cold weather!!

FEBRUARY NEWS



John Parker, asphalt plant foreman at Bear Creek, was presented his 20-year service award in January by District Engineer Jewell Whitaker. Congratulations, John!!



Patricia Duffy, the lovely daughter of the Ray Duffys, was crowned 1968 Homecoming Queen in January at ceremonies preceeding the Yellville-Bergman basketball game. Patricia, a junior, was also first runner-up at the Yellville-Summit High School Beauty Revue at Yellville in January. The 46 contestants were judged on natural beauty and poise.

Mr. & Mrs. Bennie Edwards announce the arrival of a darling baby girl, Tina. The Edwards', along with their four other children, live at Huntsville. Congratulations to the Edwards family!



DISTRICT



Isabelle Psalmonds

JANUARY NEWS

Of course, weather is not news, but we said goodbye to 1967 and hello to 1968 with a blanket of snow. The sight that greeted us on Sunday morning, December 31 was beautiful with the snow undisturbed and ice glistening on the trees. But snow and ice doesn't mean beauty - only extra work for many Highway Department people. The men in District 10 arose to the task and got the highways clear. They did a good job.

Service awards for December went to Ancil L. Rice, mower operator with the Blytheville crew, and Marlin Richard Stuart, engineering aide IIB with the Paragould residency engineering crew, both five years; and Charles Alvin Ward, engineering aide IIA of the Paragould residency, and L. C. Hester, crew leader with the Clay County crew, 15 years each.

Mr. and Mrs. Elb Harris, a truck driver with the Lawrence County crew, spent the Christmas holidays in Florida. Elb brought back some oranges for the crew which he picked.

We've just learned Ralph Lewis, another Lawrence County truck driver, became grandpa again in September when an 8-pound 7-ounce son was born to his daughter and her husband, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Inman of Hoxie.

Jackie Rainwater, front end loader in Lawrence County, reports that he has been killing plenty of ducks around Lynn.

Mrs. Virginia Brown, wife of Melvin Brown, Lawrence County area foreman, spent several days in Lawrence County Memorial Hospital for treatment of ulcers. She is improved and back home.

Cecil Butts, a mower operator in Lawrence County, cut himself with an ax while helping his father cut fire wood. As he was attempting to split a block of wood, the double bit ax bounced back and struck him on the forehead. Took 10 stitches to sew it up.

Area Foreman Charles Hopper at Osceola reports that his house caught fire on Thanksgiving and there was quite a bit of damage.

We found out one thing for sure John Sanders, maintenance superintendent is a good cook. He recently called a meeting of the District foremen and job superintendents and had them to come for lunch. He also invited all the office personnel to lunch, which consisted of mulligan stew (that's what he called it). He wouldn't divulge the ingredients and we didn't dare investigate too closely, because there had been talk of 'coon, 'possum, goat and deer so we just ate

and enjoyed it. Mrs. Sanders brought several delicious cakes. She, Mrs. Charles Holder, wife of the assistant maintenance superintendent and Mrs. Sam Smith, wife of the district engineer, also had lunch with us.

If most of the news this month seems to be from Lawrence County, that is because Melvin Brown, area foreman of Lawrence County, is the only one who sent any news. Thank you, Melvin. Maybe there will be news from others next time.

Equipment Supervisor Virgil Stuart and his wife spent the Christmas holidays in Glendale, Calif. visiting their daughter and her family. Virgil says they went through snow going and coming and even in sunny (?) California his grandchildren made a snow man! They had a good visit and are thankful for a safe trip.

FEBRUARY NEWS

Service awards were presented in January and February to the following employees: R. C. Brittingham, distributor driver at Paragould, 10 years; Curtis Paul Friar, a patrol operator specialist at Paragould, five years; and Bertha Wood, clerk-typist at Osceola, five years.

Several of the Lawrence County crew were on the sick list this month including George Brady, patrol operator; Quint Morgan and Garland Simpson, mower operators; and John Penn, asphalt raker.

Ralph Lewis' mother-in-law had a stroke on January 25 and is now recuperating at the Lawrence County Hospital in Walnut Ridge. Ralph is a truck driver at Walnut Ridge.

Mrs. Edgar Carley's aunt and uncle were killed in a car wreck January 20 at Willow Springs, Mo. Edgar is a mower operator. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of Cecil Butts, a mower operator in Lawrence County, whose uncle passed away on January 26, and to Herman Walker and his family in the death of his mother on January 7. Herman is a truck driver in Randolph County.

Earnest Sorg, patrol operator specialist, and Charles Swann, a mower operator, and their families are both enjoying new homes recently occupied. Both Sorg and Swann work with the Randolph County crew. Congratulations to both families.

Leo Rickman, a truck driver with the Randolph County crew, is wishing for the river to clear up. Could be he is getting fish hungry. Is that right, Leo?

Congratulations to Finis Brewer, heavy truck driver at Paragould, and Mrs. Brewer upon the arrival of Finis, Jr. on January 8. The baby is their third child but the first son. Father Finis was walking on air for a few days - don't know if he has to walk the floor at night or not - but he wouldn't even mind that.

The crew at Walnut Ridge is enjoying a new tile floor which spruces up their office at the area headquarters.

Gib Bynum, father-in-law of Lawrence County Area Foreman Melvin Brown,

underwent surgery at the Veterans Hospital in Memphis January 24. Melvin and Mrs. Brown visited him there Sunday, January 28 and he was improving.

Alfred White, a truck driver at Paragould, is sporting a new sea-foam green Ford Fairlane 500. Congratulations.

All of us in District 10 appreciate the fine job of Troopers Jim Wooten and Lanier Moore in presenting the Defensive Drivers Course. They were in Paragould three days and the information they gave was interesting and helpful.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Bill Raspberry, area foreman, in Mississippi County, in the death of his father on January 21st.

Our thanks to Area Foremen Melvin Brown of Lawrence County, and Clifford Cook of Randolph County, for their contributions of news this month.

Our best get-well wishes to E. F. Newsom, watchman at the headquarters. He underwent surgery January 30 and is still in the hospital at this writing.

MARCH NEWS

Those receiving service awards in March were Roy C. Glasco, mower operator of Marked Tree, 10 years and Paul W. Halcomb, roller operator from Paragould, five years.

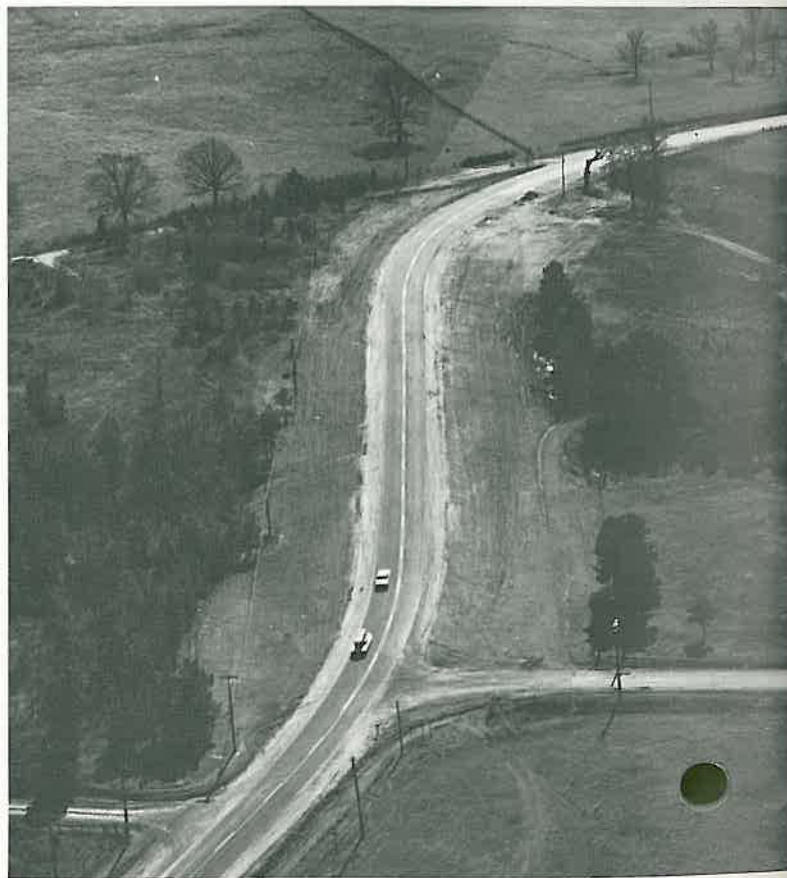
On March 4 I saw my first jonquil in bloom - Hooray! Hurrah! Spring can't be far away.

Claude Parton, resident engineer of Jonesboro, taught a group of men the course in Basic Materials Inspection. Hope they all passed the examination.

Charles Hopper, area foreman Osceola, and Gene Davenport, truck driver of Osceola have received high school diplomas after completing courses at the high school in Osceola. Congratulations, men, it was a brave thing you did, and smart, too. We admire you. It isn't easy to hold down a job, take care of a family and go to school all at the same time.

We express our sincere sympathy to Hamp Fletcher, shop foreman, and Mrs. Fletcher whose mother died March 4, and to James C. Cobb, permit clerk, and Mrs. Cobb whose brother died February 29.

A hazardous overpass of an abandoned railroad track on U.S. 67 southwest of Benton has been removed and the road rebuilt with improved vertical and horizontal alinement as part of the Department's spot hazard improvement program to make highways safer.



THE LAST REVISION

Reprinted from "The Center Line" of Montana's highway department.

The draftsman and the engineer
Are men of skill and vision.
At least they are until they hear
That hated word: Revision!

The engineer with practiced eye
'Surveys his grand design.
The draftsman then expertly draws
Each complicated line.

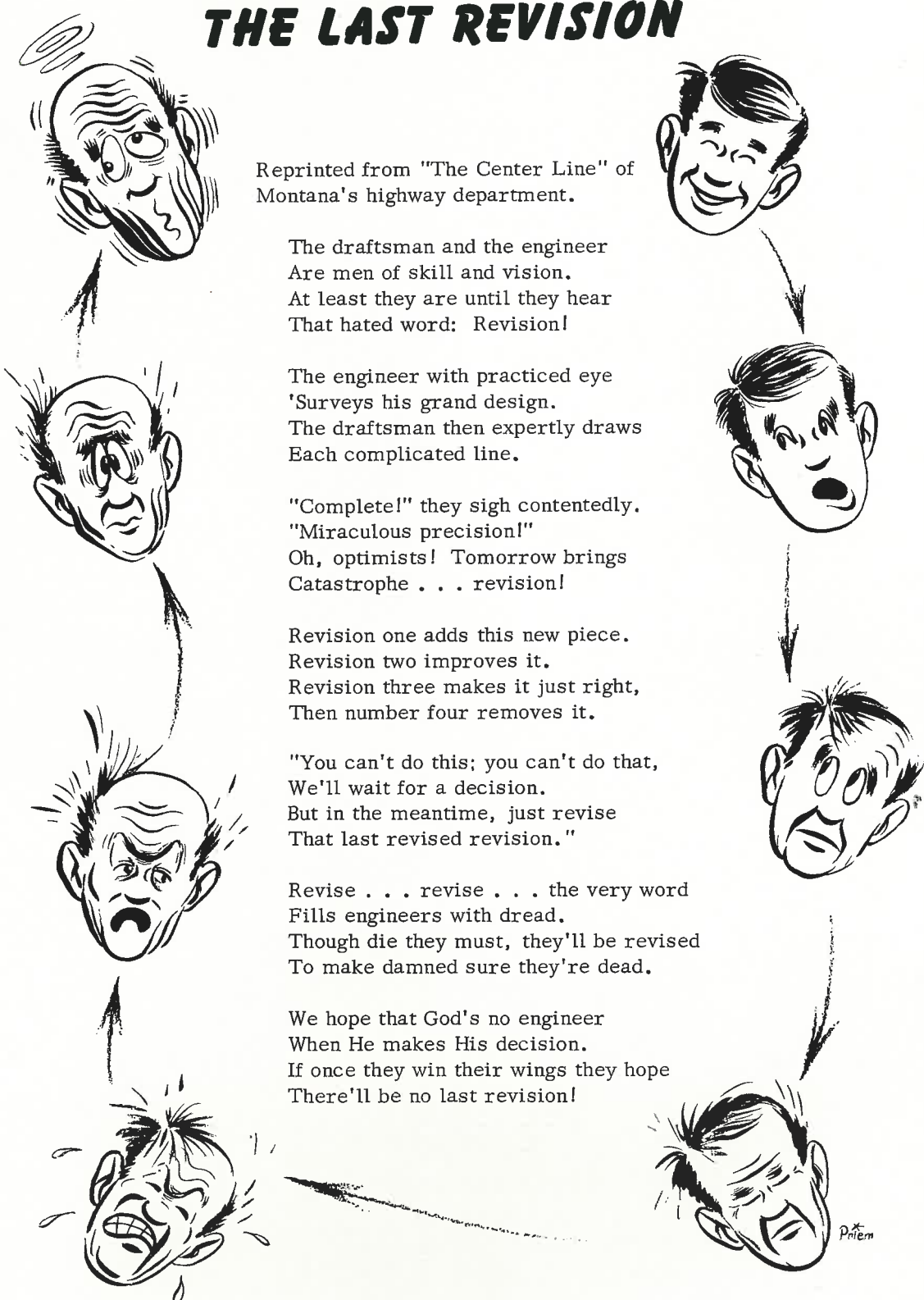
"Complete!" they sigh contentedly.
"Miraculous precision!"
Oh, optimists! Tomorrow brings
Catastrophe . . . revision!

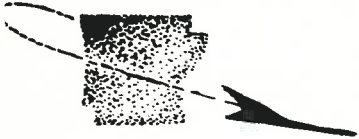
Revision one adds this new piece.
Revision two improves it.
Revision three makes it just right,
Then number four removes it.

"You can't do this; you can't do that,
We'll wait for a decision.
But in the meantime, just revise
That last revised revision."

Revise . . . revise . . . the very word
Fills engineers with dread.
Though die they must, they'll be revised
To make damned sure they're dead.

We hope that God's no engineer
When He makes His decision.
If once they win their wings they hope
There'll be no last revision!





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