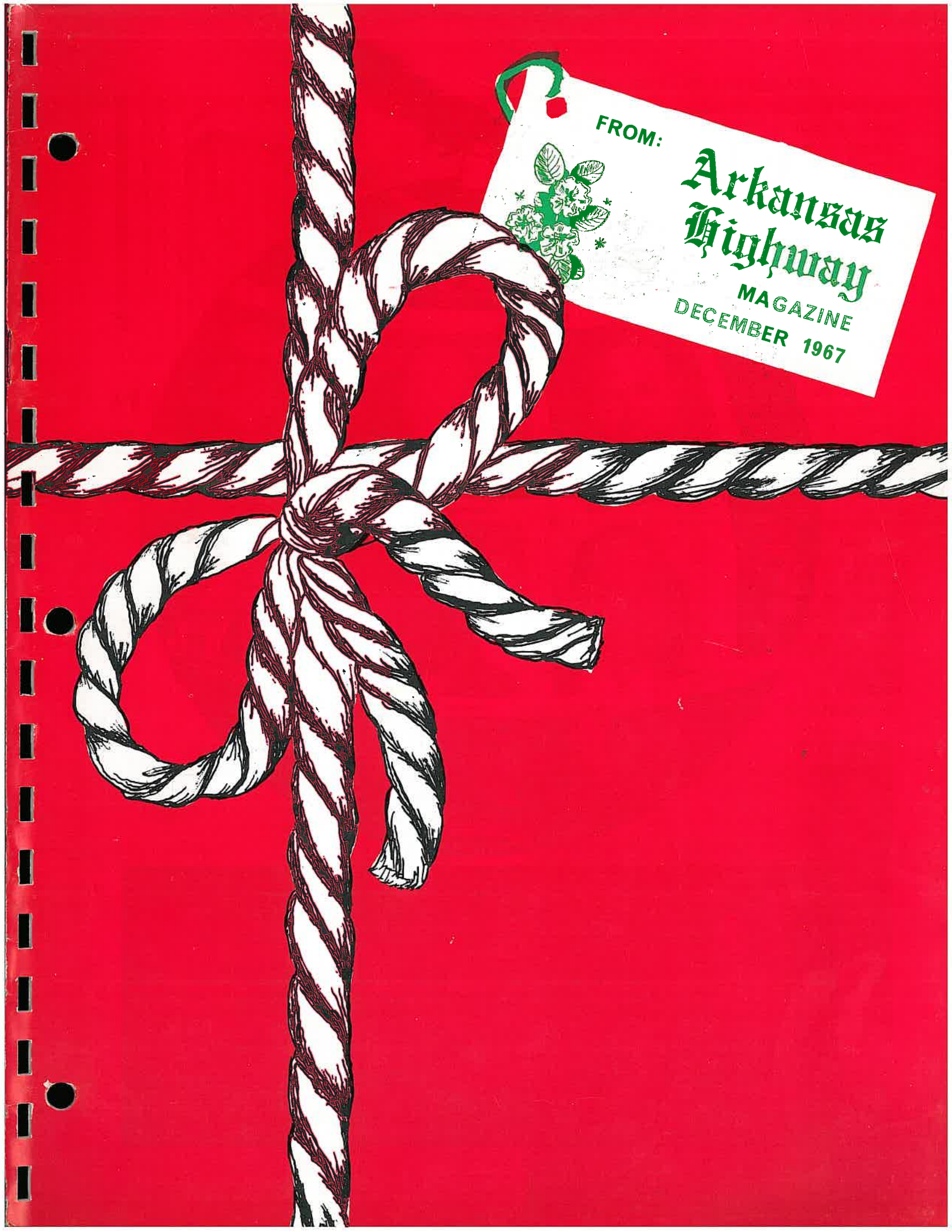


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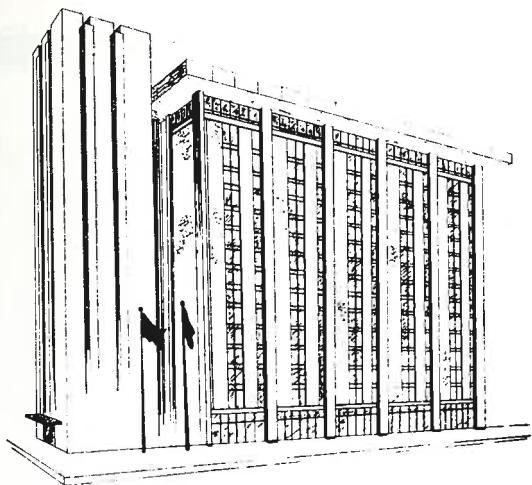
Member Lawrence Blackwell



AT THIS special season of the year, we say "thank you" one and all for your individual cooperation in making this a year of accomplishment for which we may all be proud. Highway building and maintenance is an all-encompassing, never-ending endeavor which requires the best from each of us.

May goodness and prosperity be with you and yours throughout the Yuletide season and the coming year.

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BEST WISHES FOR A
Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year

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20.4 MILES OF I-40 OPENED

On December 8 another 20.4 miles of I-40 was opened to traffic. The new section is from the Highway 17 interchange north of Brinkley to Beck's Road at the end of existing pavement west of Forrest City. A total of 91.5 miles of the 130.7 miles from the North Terminal Interchange in North Little Rock to the Mississippi River at Memphis is now complete and open to traffic.

The section just opened was built at an approximate cost of \$10,372,468. Grading and structures were built in four separate jobs by McGeorge Contracting Co. and E. E. Barber Construction Co. of Ft. Smith; D. B. Hill Contractor, Little Rock, and Michey's, Inc., Warren; Fort Smith Construction & Transportation Co.; and Dixie Contractors, Inc., Memphis.

Surfacing was completed in three contracts, all awarded to Hallett Construction Co. of Crosby, Minn. Interstate Sign Erectors, Inc. of Little Rock furnished and installed the signs.

I-40 BRIDGE - DEVALLS BLUFF

Work is progressing on the I-40 bridge across White River at DeValls Bluff and by the time the Magazine goes to press all the steel work is expected to be completed. The scene here is looking east. Eastbound and westbound lanes on the bridge and approaches will be divided by a concrete median.

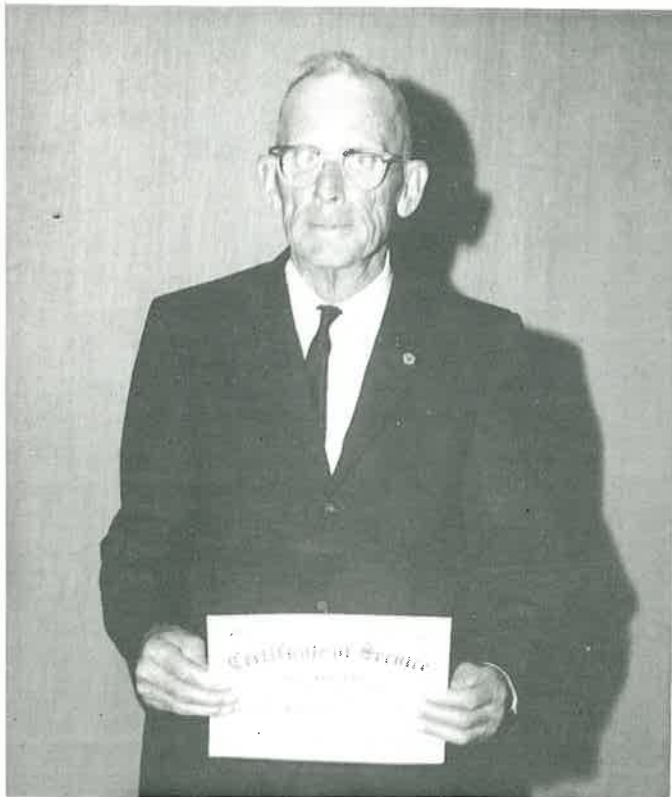
Austin Bridge Company of Dallas is the contractor. The bridge and 2.1 miles of I-40 included in the project will cost approximately \$1,975,000, plus right of way and signing costs. Don Cahoone is resident engineer for the Highway Department.



Service



Twenty-five year service certificates were presented to Edward Ralph Coker and Willie Williams by Director Ward Goodman on behalf of the Highway Commission during their meeting November 22.



COKER was employed by the Highway Department in 1941 as a truck driver and is now a crew leader with the Searcy County maintenance forces. He is a lifelong resident of the county except for three years of military duty during World War II. Coker is married to the former Irene Page of Don-

gola, Ark. They have one daughter and two grandchildren. Coker is a member of Campbell Lodge No. 115 at Marshall.



WILLIAMS is a mechanic at the central shops at Jacksonville. He began as a laborer in 1937. Williams is a native of Pulaski County, having been born and attended school at Scott. He and his wife Olivia are active in the Newdora Baptist Church of McAlmont where he serves as deacon.

6.06 MORE MILES OF INTERSTATE OPEN

The Highway Department opened Interstate 30 from the end of existing pavement at Homan in Miller County to Fulton across Red River in Hempstead County to traffic Friday, December 1. Motorists can now travel I-30 all the way from the Texas State line to the U.S. 67 interchange at Fulton. The 6.06 miles cost approximately \$4,350,000. plus right of way. Total mileage now open on I-30 which extends from North Little Rock to Texarkana in Arkansas is 83.22. Total mileage of interstate open in the state is 325.03.

Contractors for the grading and structures contracts were W. R. Fairchild, Ltd. and Dixieco, Inc.; surfacing contract was awarded to Hallett Construction Co. and the bridge across Red River at Fulton was built by E. E. Barber Construction Co.

D. R. Mitchell was the resident engineer for the Highway Department.

J. RUSSELL HENDERSON EXPIRES SUDDENLY



James Russell Henderson, 64, engineer in charge of the Planning and Research Division since 1958, died early Thursday, November 30 of a coronary occlusion shortly after arriving at his office. He was a dedicated employee who had been with the Department almost 40 years. Since being first employed in 1927 as a rodman, he had served in many engineering and administrative positions. Prior to being named head of the Statistics and Analysis Division (later named the Planning and Research Division) in 1958, he had been director of the Accounting Division and formerly was assistant head of the division.

In recent years he had been interested in highway research and at the time of his death, was a member of the Highway Research Board's committee on highway costs and budgeting and the National Continuing Highway Research Program Advisory Panel on Administration and Finance.

For many years Mr. Henderson had been a member of various committees of the American Association of State Highway Officials, the Southeastern Association of State Highway Officials, the Highway Research Board of the National Research Council (an agency of the National Academy of Science-National

Academy of Engineering), the National Society of Professional Engineers, the Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers, Pulaski Heights Lions Club and other professional and civic organizations.

He was awarded the AASHO award of merit in 1953. Eligibility is attained in part by having held a position of district engineer or equal with one or more highway departments for 25 years.

A native of Murfreesboro, he attended public school there, State College of Arkansas College of Arkansas at Conway, Little Rock University, and had done graduate work. Mr. Henderson's early interests and collegiate training were in the field of education. He had served four years as principal of Benton Senior High School. During World War II he was in charge of defense access road construction with the U.S. Corps of Engineers at Washington.

Mr. Henderson was a member of the Official Board of Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, superintendent of the Junior High Department, a member of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism and a member of Fisherman's Class. His widow, the former Ernestine Elizabeth Allmon of Pottsville, is very active in Methodist work. She is a national vice president of the Women's Division of the General Board of Missions of the Methodist Church and was on an inspection tour of some South American missions at the time of her husband's death.

Survivors in addition to Mrs. Henderson, 18 Wingate Drive, Little Rock, are a son, John W., of Dallas; his father J. T. Henderson of Murfreesboro, and one grandchild.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 2 at Pulaski Heights Methodist Church by Rev. James Argue. Pallbearers were Russell McKinney, Y. W. Whelchel, Forrest Henry, Lester Jester, Bill Cooper, Roland Bryant, William McHughes and E. W. Copeland. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Fisherman's Bible Class, the Pulaski Heights Lions Club, the Board of Pulaski Heights Methodist Church and division and section heads of the Highway Department. Interment was at Pine Crest Memorial Park at Little Rock.

JESTER NAMED HEAD OF P & R



L. R. Jester, assistant engineer of Planning and Research, was named December 4 to succeed J. R. Henderson as engineer in charge of the Division.

Jester, 35, is a native of Glenwood. He attended public school at Caddo Gap and is a graduate of the University of Arkansas with a degree in civil engineering and holds a Master of Science degree in civil engineering with a major in traffic engineering from Purdue University. A native of Glenwood, he has been with the Highway Department seven years. He is a registered professional engineer, a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, and the Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers. He is also a member of the Institute of Traffic Engineers where he represents the Highway Department on two important committees.

Lester is married to the former Mildred Tidwell, who also comes from Glenwood. They have a fourteen-year-old daughter, Sandra Kay, a student at Mablevale Jr. High School. The Jesters reside at 7 Windsor Drive in Little Rock. They are active members of University Park Nazarene Church.

LEE GIBBONS RECEIVES ICET CERTIFICATION



Lee Gibbons, of the Traffic Engineering section of the Planning and Research Division, has been certified as an engineering Technician by the Institute for Certification of Engineering Technicians. Engineering Technician is the middle of three levels for which certification is granted by ICET.

Requirements for Engineering Technician are a minimum age of 25 years, seven years' technical experience, endorsement of at least two professional engineers and a passing grade on an examination equivalent to that given at the two-year level by any accredited engineering school.

ICET, created in 1961, is sponsored by the National Society of Professional Engineers. It is recognized by all industrial, federal and state organizations. Although certification does not license a person to practice engineering, it does recognize that a person eligible for certification can carry out in a responsible manner either proven techniques which are common knowledge among those who are technically expert in the branch of engineering, or those specially prescribed by professional engineers.

Lee has been with the Department 14 years. He is in charge of the safety phase of Traffic Engineering. Twenty-three Department employees of record have been certified.





LETTERS

December 1, 1967

Mr. Ward Goodman
Director of Highways
Arkansas State Highway Department
9500 New Benton Highway
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

Dear Mr. Goodman:

The personnel of the Office of Planning here in Washington feel that we have lost a personal friend as well as official association in the passing of Russell Henderson. It is not often that an official and personal association between engineers in a State Highway Department and the Bureau have extended for as many years as have ours in this instance.

We were not as close to Russ, of course, as was our Division Office. There was always a definite feeling of satisfaction, however, in working with Russ. He always seemed to anticipate the needs of our work - not only to advance highway planning and highway transportation in Arkansas but also to see that Arkansas contributed its share to the development of national programs.

We have sent Mrs. Henderson an expression of our sympathy. We also wanted you to know of the esteem in which we held Russ and the work he did for the Highway Department.

Sincerely yours,

S. T. Hitchcock
Deputy Director of Planning

U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration
Bureau of Public Roads
Washington, D.C.

25 November 1967

Mr. Jewel Whitaker,
Arkansas State Highway Dept.,
Harrison, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Whitaker:

In this manner I wish to thank you and your personnel for the outstanding job which they performed in the repairing and improving of the State Highways running through our community.

Your personnel were courteous and sufficiently interested in the improvement effort to extend themselves beyond the basic requirements of the original work order. This attitude is appreciated by our citizens and they have indicated their appreciation of the State personnel and the resulting improvements by telephone calls and street conversation.

The traveling public certainly appreciate the rapidity of movement through the new system of traffic and have so expressed themselves to this effect.

This is the first major highway improvement, in Huntsville, in many years and we are "right proud for it" and thankful our Highway Department is capable and willing to provide this needed improvement.

Yours truly,

Joseph E. Sprott
Mayor, City of Huntsville

November 16, 1967

Arkansas State Highway Department
Little Rock, Arkansas
Gentlemen:

In attempting to get to a funeral near Springhill, Louisiana, on the afternoon of November 6th, we turned off Highway No. 71 onto Arkansas State Highway No. 160. We were delightfully surprised to find that we would have to cross the river on a ferry operated by your department. Your employees were most accommodating and friendly and the ferry ride was a new and enjoyable experience for us. We came off the ferry to our first sight of a cotton field, another experience we will never forget.

We were very much impressed with the amount and types of road work being done by your department on the roads we travelled, going and returning by different routes. As I work in the office of the County Highway Department here in Lancaster County, I am particularly conscious of the kinds and types of roads I see when traveling away from home, and I know that you encounter many problems that we do not have here in Nebraska.

If your department puts out the Arkansas State Highway Map, we would appreciate having a copy. Thank you again for the free ferry ride.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. James L. Townsley

(The Spring Bank Ferry crew is made up of Hermit Vestal, Doddridge, foreman; C. E. Boothe, Doddridge; J. J. Overstreet, 420 N. Washington, El Dorado; L. R. Shaver, Rt. 1, Taylor; and J. E. Smith, Rt. 1, Box 96, Bradley...Ed.)

LETTERS (CONTINUED)

**MITCHELL TO REPLACE BYWATERS
AT WEST HELENA RESIDENCY**

November 21, 1967

Dear Sir:

Just a note to you to let you know that we appreciate the help that two of your men gave us when we had car trouble at the edge of Lonoke County on our way to Little Rock this past week end from West Memphis.

I know that there is very little thanks given to you and your men for the job that you must do.

Again I wish to thank you for the extra service your men did.

Yours truly,
The Larry Kutschers
403 N. 36th St.
West Memphis, Ark.

(Weight Division officers George K. Coffman and Turner Cooper, Jr. of Little Rock office rendered assistance to the Kutschers...Ed.)



Charles H. (Chuck) Mitchell, resident engineer at Forrest City and Brinkley, has assumed the responsibilities of the West Helena residency since November 22. He will retain responsibility for the Forrest City and Brinkley offices.

Mitchell, a native of Helena, has been with the Highway Department six years. He attended Arkansas Tech at Russellville two years and graduated from the University of Arkansas with a degree in civil engineering. He is also a three-year veteran of the Air Force, having been discharged with the rank of staff sergeant.

Mitchell, 36, and his wife, the former Patsy Smith of Helena, live at Forrest City. They have two daughters, Michele, 7, and Pamela, 3, and one son, Chuck, 1.

**DRIVER REGISTRY QUERIES
HIT 60,000 A DAY MARK**

The National Driver Registry, a service designed to help the States keep problem drivers off the highways, currently is handling some 60,000 inquiries a day.

Federal Highway Administrator Lowell K. Bridwell said the number of daily queries has increased by 50 percent since the National Traffic Safety Act of 1966 became effective and broadened the scope of the Registry's service.

When the Registry was set up by the Congress back in 1961 it was authorized to report only on drunken drivers and on convictions of those involved in fatal accidents. The Safety Act of 1966 broadened this to include all revocations or suspensions of licenses.

To date, 36 States and the District of Columbia are reporting the new kinds of driver license denials and withdrawals to the Register. Also, 19 States and Territories are reporting original and renewal license applications to the computerized service in Washington.

"We expect all States eventually to report and use all phases of the service," Administrator Bridwell said. "This should be considered a minimum safety procedure in driver examination, improvement and control."

A primary purpose of the registry, now maintained by the Department of Transportation's National Highway Safety Bureau, is to prevent drivers whose licenses have been revoked in one jurisdiction from obtaining another license in some other place.

A study of driver violators conducted by the Registry showed one individual's driving privilege was withdrawn 33 times in seven different States over a period of nine years. All involved convictions for driving while intoxicated - a primary cause of fatal traffic accidents.

HIGHWAY DAMES ACTIVITIES

The Highway Dames met for a luncheon and program of hair fashions and cosmetics at Pulaski Heights Bank November 15. Members of the Dames served as models. Forty-five members and guests attended.

A tea at the Governor's mansion was the setting for the December meeting on the 7th. Bobbie Moore, president, Wilma Perkins, vice president, Yvonne Mulhollen, secretary and Rebecca Daggett, corresponding secretary, made up the receiving line. Marg Davison and Charlene Looney served as hostesses. Jo Nell Moore and Lillian Lee poured.

Mrs. Rockefeller asked that a donation be made to a selected charity. Since the Dames is a charitable organization itself, each member attending was asked to contribute \$1.00 to the assistance fund. Ellyene Gray, treasurer, accepted the donations.

The January meeting will be a luncheon at the Top of The Rock on the 25th at 11:00. Hostesses will be Ernestine Henderson and Eleanor Longcoy. Fred H. Schmutz, director of KETS-TV, will present the program.

The lovely Christmas card at right, now on display in the lobby of the main building, is the creation of Ethel Lowder and Martha Lee Jones. Response to the Christmas Assistance Fund has been good. Contributions have been received from the following as of December 7:

Mr. & Mrs. S. J. Lee	Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Lowder
Mr. & Mrs. I.M. Kibbe	Mr. & Mrs. H. R. Holland
Mr. & Mrs. B. C. Butler	Mr. & Mrs. Wm. L. Moore
Mr. & Mrs. L. M. Elledge	Mr. & Mrs. W.K. Bartleson
Mr. & Mrs. C.E. Venable	Mr. & Mrs. H.L. Wadley
Mrs. Kent Brown	Mr. & Mrs. J. Vandenberg
Mr. & Mrs. G. Sisk	Mr. & Mrs. Henry Gray
Mr. & Mrs. R.E. Shelby	Walker C. Haigh

Mr. & Mrs. B.D. Mulhollen	Mr. & Mrs. Ward Goodman
Mr. & Mrs. J.C. Longcoy	Mr. & Mrs. H.W. Schneider
Mr. & Mrs. D.C. Ashcraft	Mr. & Mrs. P.H. DeBusk, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. J. J. Schamer	Roy L. Johnson
Mr. & Mrs. S.H. Daggett	Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Gray
Mr. & Mrs. H. H. Perkins	Mr. & Mrs. C. T. Keehn
Mr. & Mrs. S. Pattillo	Mr. & Mrs. S. A. Hutson
Mrs. Mary D. Herndon	John L. Phelan
Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur D. Luton	Mrs. Ernestine Tucker
Mr. & Mrs. C. Hooker	Miss Memmy Turner
Mr. & Mrs. L.P. Carlson	Mr. & Mrs. J.C. Perkins
Mr. & Mrs. R. C. Andrews	Mr. & Mrs. R. B. Jones
Mr. & Mrs. D. L. Moore	Mr. & Mrs. B. Vinson
Mr. & Mrs. G. Robertson, Jr.	Mr. & Mrs. D.H. Martin
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Chaney	Mr. & Mrs. J.T. Pendergrass
Mr. & Mrs. R. L. Jetton	Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Conway
Mr. & Mrs. R. Newsom	Mr. & Mrs. A. W. Johnson
Mrs. Ferol Jones	Bob Hickey

Contributions received after press time will be listed in the January Issue.



Models Rebecca Daggett, Mary Beth Gray, Mildred Jester, and Shirley Chaney pose with stylists from J E's Hair Fashions. Aren't they lovely?



Many of our folks hunted the elusive deer during the November season, some with success. Others just walked the dogs and enjoyed the outing. A reporter for the Maine Highway Department News who writes with a more-than-average flair, and whose column I eagerly look forward to increasingly with each Maine issue, comments banteringly on the deer season in his state. He points out how even though the deer's winter coat ranges from battleship gray to nearly black and looks nothing like the forest's wardrobe of green, red, or yellow, all the same "... strange things happen in the woods and eyes play tricks; I still remember the 8-point maple stump I bagged once." The writer also points out that November in Maine brings to the woods a new species of wildlife in that state. "Created by decree, the blaze orange-breasted lead slinger, a variety of the rosy crested sound-shooter, is reported enmasse in southern Maine. The plumage is raucously bright and affords ample warning that something is afoot. The blaze orange-breasted lead slinger knows that anything that moves colored unlike himself is fair game for this 'thuty thuty' squirt-nasty." Without knowing Maine's hunting laws, my guess is that his reference to the blaze orange-breasted lead slinger must mean that Maine statutes now require hunters to wear luminescent hunting vests.

Today November 20, more instant lawn decorating is in the process, with the Maintenance Division's Vermeer tree mover busily transplanting oaks and pines at the east end of the main central headquarters building.

Pat Huddleston, chief of Computer Services, spent a couple of weeks in the hospital recently and then recuperated at home two weeks but is now back at work.

Cathy Pilcher Green presented her father, Internal Auditor Bill Pilcher, his first grandchild with the arrival of a baby girl November 29.

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT



Auditor Nelson Morgan, bagged a 6-point buck the weekend of November 18. It was his first.



Jo Malone, secretary to Assistant Chief Engineer William L. Moore, received a five year service certificate and lapel pin November 24.

Ronald Keene's son Bob and family visited him during the Thanksgiving holidays. Bob will graduate with honors from the College of Dentistry of the University of Tennessee at Memphis on December 17.

A dozen lush red roses and a pretty corsage arrived at Marie Blankenship's office the day before Thanksgiving, a remembrance from her husband. Her real birthday was Thanksgiving but we all got to enjoy the flowers for a day since they came early.

Helen McCook, who keeps things under control in the Mail Room, vacationed Thanksgiving week with her relatives in St. Louis.



Mel Jones and Mildred Harness

What are children made of?
SUGAR AND SPICE and
EVERYTHING NICE!

Since this is the month to be especially nice, we would like you to meet some of the children of the Accounting Division of which we parents "just happened" to have pictures:



Randy Bueter, 15, son of Barbara and Ted Bueter. Barbara is the Federal-aid clerk.



Mike Jones, 16, son of Mell Jones, retirement clerk.



Teri Lyn, 13, daughter of Mel Jones.



Scott Allen, 2, Stacy Lynn, 4½, and Dea Veronica, 6½, daughters and son of Inventory Clerk Vernon and Mrs. Fulmer.



Patricia Keilch, 3, daughter of Federal-aid Supervisor Jack & Mrs. Keilch.



Elaine, 5, and Pat Whitson, 11. Daughter and son of Doris and Joe Whitson. Doris is the insurance clerk.



Keith Rankin, 5, son of Sherry and Robert Rankin. Sherry is the cashier.



Sandra, 17, and Rex Gower, 14, daughter and son of Utility Auditor Ken and Mrs. Gower.

We, of the Accounting Division send to all of you Christmas Greetings, and wishes for an enjoyable New Year.



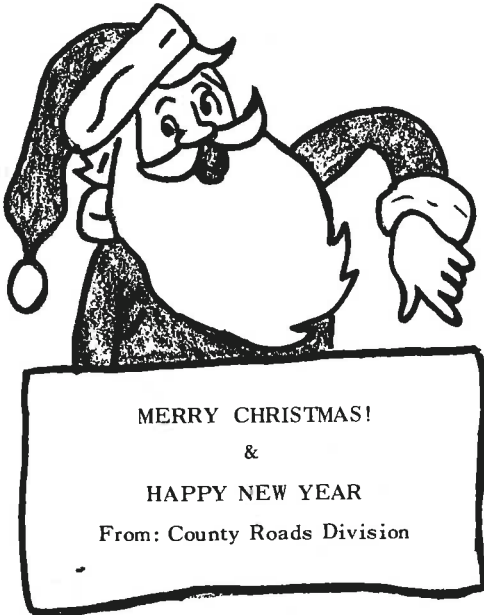


COUNTY PROGRAM

Barbara Oldham

John Tallant attended the SASHO Convention at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia in November.

We welcome a new employee, Jerry Wayne Hale, who is an engineering aide in this division. His hobbies include water skiing, hunting, and fishing. Jerry is a graduate of Perryville High School and his family lives in Adona, Ark. We are glad to have you with us Jerry!



Bennie Stephens was one of the fortunate young men to receive greetings from the President of the United States and is now serving in the armed forces at Fort Polk, La.

Jim Mitchell left us in November for employment with A.O. Smith Company. He was with us for 2½ years and we all wish him the best of luck in the future.



EQUIPMENT AND CENTRAL SHOP

Tyronza Hines & Sue Fuller

Watson Yancey is the proud owner of a new 1968 Bel-Air Chevrolet. It sure is pretty and we know that he and his wife are very proud of it.

Mac Skelton had eye surgery on November 16 in the V.A. Hospital. He is at home now, and just waiting for the doctor to give him the O.K. to come back to work.

Helen Latture and family made a trip to Nashville, Tenn., to spend Thanksgiving with her son, James, and his

family. Helen also has a new daughter-in-law. Her son, John Keith "Butch" Latture, and Jeanie Baker of Beebe were married October 28. Both are students at Arkansas State University.

Johnny Heckford was the only one of our men who had any luck deer hunting. He was very generous with his deer meat, though.



After Willie Williams received his 25-year service awards from the Highway Commission November 22, Equipment gave a party for him. Cake, coffee, and punch were served. We were all glad to honor Willie.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hembree and little son, Chris, were here from Denver, Colo. visiting with Mrs. Hembree's parents, Dub and Betty Colvert.

Bennie Robbins and husband, Jerry, and children spent Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Robbins of Alicia.

This reporter (Tyronza) and family had Thanksgiving lunch with my grandmother, Mrs. Ed Vinson, of Warren. We really had a family get-together and enjoyed seeing everyone. We had a Thanksgiving dinner with my husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hines, also of Warren, so we have all had enough Thanksgiving meals to last a while.



LEGAL DIVISION

Joyce Porter

We are very proud of our Thomas Keys who was named Acting Chief Attorney but now has been appointed as Chief Attorney for the Legal Division. Mr. Keys has been with the Department for approximately 10 years. We of the Legal Division are very happy to have him as our boss and extend our most sincere congratulations to him on his new job.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Kelly visited with his mother, Mrs. A.C. Kelly of Stamps, Ark. She was in the hospital but has returned home now and is doing fine.

If you notice Faye Skinner wearing a new type of dress lately, it is for a very good reason. This coming summer she and Bill will have a new addition, or maybe two, to the family. Congratulations to Faye and Bill.

Oleta McClain's son, Jim, has been very ill and has been in the hospital for several weeks. Oleta reports that Jim is doing better and is home now. She said he was very anxious to leave the hospital too...must not have been any pretty nurses around! We do hope that Jim gets well real soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Dodrill vacationed for about a week during Thanksgiving visiting relatives in California. Art is back now and says that he and Jeannie had a very enjoyable trip. Enroute to Los Angeles they stopped off at Juarez, Mexico. Coming home they stopped at Las Vegas and toured Grand Canyon. The Dodrills will never forget their trip to Los Angeles. During their stay, the largest amount of rainfall in history flooded the city.

One of Legal's favorite gals has left the Department...Betty Grimes who had been here for about 11 years but decided it was time for a change. She and her son, George, have gone to Dallas, Texas where she will visit with her daughter, Doris Jean Huddleston and grandson, George Henry, before starting to work again. We had a small going away party for Betty and presented her with a yellow, floor-length robe and a pair of gold house-slippers. Several of her friends came up to say good-bye and before the day was gone she had accumulated several going-away gifts. We will sure miss Betty. Legal just won't be the same without her. But we do wish her the best of everything and hope that she comes back to see us real soon.

Ethyl Harrison was surprised to receive a phone call at the office from her daughter, Robin, in college at Conway. Immediately Ethyl's first thought was that Robin was sick or something was terribly wrong...but on the contrary something was very much right. Robin just couldn't wait to tell her mother that she had made an "A" in French. Good for you Robin, I would be very proud of that too.

Christmas came early at my house...for me anyway. Ernest gave me a beautiful Polaroid camera as my Christmas present but a little early. He said it was early so that I could learn how to make good pictures before time to take the Christmas ones. And if you are saying to yourself that you don't know how a camera could be beautiful, well it is my first Polaroid and I just love it. I have been snapping pictures all over the place and some of them aren't too good so I guess it was a good idea to give it to me early after all.

For all of you who missed the wedding of Annette Archer and Phillip Youtz, I would just like to say it was beautiful. This writer and family, as well as Betty Grimes and son George Wayne; Helen and Wayland Hackett and Doris Harper and family attended the wedding from Legal.

Annette was lovely. I wish that everyone could have been there. We wish Annette and Phillip every happiness.

W. D. Kelly had a car accident on the freeway coming to work on the morning of December 4. He was driving a 1962 Dodge and fortunately he was not injured, but the car was damaged rather badly. And he says that a sign that was on the road, is no longer there. Mr. Kelly says to tell everyone who uses de-icer on their windshields, to be sure and not use it on the inside of the windshield. It will put you to sleep. We are all sorry to hear of the accident but are very glad that Mr. Kelly wasn't hurt.

This writer and family went to the Golden Eagle Motorcycle Races Sunday, November 25th, which are held at their track located just off the road to Camp Robinson. I believe it was the first race of the season. We just watched but we usually ride trail. It is fun to watch but more fun to ride. This past Sunday, Dec. 3, we did ride trail and it was so muddy that several of the guys were stuck about half the time and several got lost. They changed the trail up some from last week. We spent most of the day waiting and wondering who was where and if we were going to have to go out and look for them. All of you motorcycle fans come on out. Either to join the races or just to watch. They have beautiful trophies. Races start at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoons.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Russell Henderson of Planning & Research who passed away last month.



Miss Georgia Annette Archer, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Carter L. Archer, 3900 Whitfield, became the bride of Phillip S. Youtz at 7:30 p.m. Friday, November 10, in Western Hills Methodist Church. Rev. Herman G. Bonds officiated at the double-ring ceremony. Nuptial music was provided by Mrs. Jean Davis, organist and James Douglass, soloist. Mr. Douglass sang "The Wedding Prayer".

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white velvet floor-length gown with an empire waistline, rounded neckline and three-quarter sleeves. A crown held her fingertip-length veil of illusion and she carried a bouquet of red roses atop a white Bible.

Miss Patsy Sue Archer was her sister's maid of honor.

Bulon Christenson was best man. Tommy Archer, Woody McAlister, John Lewis and Glenn McAlister ushered.

A reception was held at the church. After a short trip to Hot Springs, the couple is residing at #6 Voorhees Drive in Little Rock.



To start off this month's little bit of news, we would like to extend our congratulations to Billie Carlton in Beautification. As you may remember, in our last issue I mentioned the fact that she had purchased three fish. Well, there has been a birth in the aquarium world of approximately thirty new little guppies. Our prediction came true in the fact that one bowl was not going to be big enough. Oh yes, Billie has guppies for sale at the price of ten cents each or two for fifteen cents. No guarantees go with them if sold in pairs.

Bud Witter of Beautification and his wife Lucy took the train to Columbus, Ohio for the Thanksgiving holidays to spend them with their sons Dale and Freddie Boggs. They took the sleeper car to St. Louis, and then on to Columbus on the lounge and diner car, and returned the same way enjoying every minute of it. It sure beats fighting the holiday traffic.

Madge Livingston of the Maintenance force and her husband Carl drove to Groom, Texas on the fifth of November to meet with other members of the family to celebrate their parents' golden anniversary. It was a nice vacation and family reunion for all.

Half of the Beautification section recently enjoyed a fishing trip to Heber Springs. Those who helped each other pull them in were Ben Hogan, Ray Behrens, Raymond Holland and Bryan Davis. They told everyone they hooked quite a few but didn't take any pictures to prove it. Next time, guys, bring home some proof of the little outing.

How many times have we heard "Oh this younger generation"? Maybe the following little paragraph will help to explain the reason for that saying. My son Alan who is nine gave me a card for Mother's Day that he had made with his own little hands and a little prose en-

closed which read as follows: "Roses are Red, Violets are Blue, If I had a brick I would throw it at you". Then for his father's birthday, as the crowd was singing the traditional Happy Birthday, he joined in with "Happy Birthday to you, you live in a zoo, you smell like a monkey and look like one too". This may be the way his generation has of expressing themselves but I am a little inclined to disapprove with their meaning of congratulations. How about you?

As you probably have noticed, we are getting some new trees around the Central headquarters grounds. The Beautification section and a Green Thumb crew have really been busy and will have planted a total of 62 trees in all when the project is complete. And have you seen the machine that digs the trees out? It sure wouldn't take long to dig a swimming pool, with a scalloped edge of course. Nice work, men. It really looks nice.



P & R Staff

Well, this certainly seemed to be the Birthday month among our gang. Neb Bingham, Buddy Lewter, and Jim Head all had birthdays and to make the occasions memorable, delicious cakes were brought by the "girls". Cakes were also brought on December 1st for Peggy McFarlin's birthday. Their ages? Sorry, it's classified information. However, one wonders if they didn't fib a little when asked. Can Neb Bingham really be 25??

Cecil Rider brought a cake before Thanksgiving to get the holidays underway early. He said that he had baked it, but we think Mrs. Rider did. After all these cakes, if nothing else, our group certainly should be chubby and happy.

Yes, deer season was in full swing. Cecil Rider, Claude Roberson, Pete Benetz, and Leo Biggs were among the unlucky hunters who simply got a lot of fresh air and exercise. Graham Noble, L. R. Jester, and C. H. Jester each



L.R. (left) and C.H. Jester and their kill.

brought home a deer. L.R.'s first shot felled a deer on the first day of his first deer hunt. Anyone who has been hunting for years without success who reads of Lester's good fortune will most certainly be envious. Now for the saddest deer story of the season. Pete Benetz was the only member of his group who didn't get a deer. We can only hope he had friends who believe in sharing.

Fred Helton went duck hunting, however, the outing was plagued by problems such as motor trouble; there were no trophies to bring home in return for the effort.

Chester Willis' wife was in the hospital last month but we're happy to hear that she made a speedy recovery. The flu germs have been quite active around here. Asa McCord, Florence Routh, and Mayo White will attest to that fact.

Free turkey is the best kind, according to Stuart Pattillo and Pete Benetz. Stuart and Eleanor's bird was won in an OSCO Drug Store drawing. Pete Benetz's wife won theirs at a K-Mart drawing.

Libby Brockinton has been on vacation for a week. Her plans were to sleep and relax. What could be more pleasant?

At the request of Larry Johnson we add the following news (?) item simply because we know there are numerous sports fans who will be delighted to know - Holly Grove won its annual Thanksgiving Day football game from its gridiron rival, Clarendon.

Don Finkbeiner has begun building a new house on Highway 216 near Harris Brake in Perry County. This is quite an undertaking as he is doing the construction work himself.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hudspeth visited friends and relatives in Homer, La., over the holidays.



Congratulations to C. H. Jester's son, Rodger, who plays for Glenwood High, on his making all-District 5B offensive tackle, and good luck to him in future athletic endeavors.



We are happy to welcome Wanda Jean Kelly as a new employee in Data Analysis Section. She is from Sheridan (where else??) and was formerly employed by First Pyramid Life Insurance Company.

Mary Dickson, well known to many in the Division, recently had a "one man show" of her art work at the Commonwealth Federal Savings and Loan Association Office. She is the mother of Mary Ann Shuh, who was formerly employed in our Art Section. Mary is enrolled in Directed Study of Art at LRU this year.

A friend of Carrol McChesney's who is employed by WSM Radio and TV Station in Nashville, Tenn; recently visited him. He was much impressed with the city and, of course, the highways; but he thinks the present State Bird doesn't fit Arkansas. He suggests instead that it be a flying Razorback hog!!!

The Planning and Research Division wishes to use this medium to express their loss in the passing of J. R. Henderson, a kindly boss, a Christian gentleman and a warm-hearted individual.



Right-of-Way Staff

ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION: The Administrative Section is still very much in a rut with everybody still hunting. Here's hoping there will be something to write about after Christmas.

ACQUISITION SECTION - W. B. "BARNEY" McCRIGHT RETIRES.... A party was held December 1, in honor of and to extend best wishes and present gifts to W. B. "Barney" McCright for his retirement from the Highway Department.

Barney was presented a pair of binoculars by Don Martin on behalf of the Right of Way Division and a hunting lantern by his boss, W. D. Luton, on behalf of the Acquisition Section, and also a plaque of Arkansas. Barney was given a surprise gift of knife and whittle sticks for those leisurely hours ahead.

Cake and punch was served to Barney and his many friends. Among those present were Don Hayes and George Howell, who are now retired from the Highway Department and Director Ward Goodman.

Prior to his employment with the Department, McCright worked for the Rock Island Railroad Company, the Attorney General's office and Arkansas State Revenue Department. During his 11 years' service as a negotiator for the Right of Way Division he bought over \$11 million property. In the interval of 1959 to 1962 he sold at public auction some \$185,000 of salvage improvements.

Barney will be missed by his many friends and co-workers, but we hope his fishing and many travelling adventures will allow time to pay us a visit. He already has a trip to Alaska and points between which will last approximately three months on his itinerary for April. We wish Barney much happiness and good luck.



W. D. Luton, left, presents McCright an Arkansas plaque.

APPRAISAL SECTION NEWS: Bob Shockley, a member of the Sertoma Civic Club of Hot Springs, helped decorate a float last Sunday for their Christmas parade which was the following Monday, December 4. There were 30 floats in the parade. Two of Bob's children were riding on the float they decorated. The Sertoma Club sponsors hearing and speech development for children.

Zach Mashburn and wife spent Thanksgiving day at a family reunion at his daughter's in Forrest City. Their son and family drove down from Memphis for the occasion. A wonderful time was had by all.

Walker Watson and family spent Thanksgiving day and the following day visiting friends at Fort Smith. It was really an enjoyable trip and such a festive occasion for getting together.

K. D. Suthmer and family had relatives visiting from Springfield, Mo. for Thanksgiving. They really had a wonderful time and enjoyed a lot of delicious food. Thanksgiving should come more than once a year!

Charles Scott of the Appraisal Section and wife, Allena, are the proud grandparents of a new baby boy born to their daughter Linda and husband Edward. The little bundle of joy, who arrived Dec. 5, weighed 8½ pounds and is named James Addison Bemis. This is the reason for the big smile on Charlie's face. Cigars saying "It's a boy" were handed out by the happy grandfather. Charlie and Allena are planning to visit Linda and Edward and baby soon in Pennsylvania.

ENGINEERING SECTION: Several men in our Section went out into the woods to try to bring home meat for the table during November. A few succeeded and, alas! some failed. The successful ones were Herman Schmidt and Glendol Jackson. I won't report the failures for obvious reasons.

Bruce Johnson took a week's vacation around the Thanksgiving Holidays and flew to California to visit his sister.

Ted Mitchell's brother from Richmond, Va. visited him and his family Thanksgiving and the week following.

Shirley Childress and husband Andy attended the homecoming dinner and football game at DeValls Bluff, November 10. Several prizes were given away at the dinner including an electric knife, blender and a chair. One of the lucky winners was Shirley. Her prize - 30 lbs. of rice. Anyone have some good rice recipes?

We are happy to report that Arthur Reichstadt's wife Macy is home and doing fine after undergoing surgery November 17. She was able to be home in time to spend Thanksgiving with their son Emil, who is a freshman at SMU.

Not too many people can wreck their car while watching TV but our Jim Mode is the exception. Upon hearing a loud crash, a few weeks ago, he raced to the window in time to see his car being knocked into the back of another parked car. His car was so badly smashed up front and back that he just decided to trade it off and is now driving a 1966 Olds.



UTILITIES SECTION - We have a new employee, Charles Hill, a draftsman. Charles attended the University for

three and one half years, where he was studying architecture. He plans to continue his studies at Little Rock University.

Charles is married to the former Anna Lena Kristina Lennartson of Stockholm, Sweden. Lena was an exchange student at the University, and a guest there of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. Lena now is attending Little Rock University, working on her major in French-Spanish.

Congratulations!!! A proud papa in this Section is George Ivey. George and Margaret have adopted a precious and very smart little six year old, Martha Jean. When she and her mother visited with us one afternoon, we were all very impressed with Martha and found her to be quite charming. We know Martha is as fortunate to acquire George and Margaret for her family as they are to have been given her.



TRAFFIC SERVICES

Lou Net Rickett

Arthur Fisher, just retired from 20 years in the Air Force, is a new employee at the Sign Shop. He and his family (wife, Nancy, son Chris, daughter Irene and dachshund Max) live at 700 Beverly Drive in Jacksonville. They have an older son Carl, 19, in Albuquerque, New Mex. While in the Air Force, Art had the opportunity to visit many states and several foreign countries, including Japan, France, Italy, Africa, the British Isles, Hawaii, the Phillipines, China and Saipan. Of them all his preference is Scotland. The climate and terrain there, are most like Arkansas' and West Virginia's, his native state.

Mrs. Fisher is employed at the L.R.A.F.B. commissary. The Fishers have been in Arkansas nine years and plan to make this their permanent home, which should be a compliment to us Arkansans. Art's favorite hobby is fishing.

As of November 14, Ray Cranfill has been with the Highway Department 18 years. Since he is noted for practical jokes (such as salting coffee), I wasn't surprised at the answer he gave when I asked him if he had noted any changes in 18 years. He said there was only one noticeable difference - he has gotten older! Now, that is typical of Ray.

Unless you have lots and lots of money, don't buy any pecans from Diane. Her mother has a pecan tree and sometimes has extra pecans which she sells. Julia and I were interested in some and when we asked her how much they were, she said, 35¢ a dozen. At that rate we couldn't afford them.

Mr. and Mrs. Claudis Bryant observed their 38th wedding anniversary November 27.

Julia Hopkins was pleasantly surprised on her anniversary November 15. Her husband, Bud had nine long stemmed red roses delivered to her, one for each year.

Frank Blalock's birthday also occurred November 15. He was on vacation so we

don't know how he celebrated it but we can guess!

Mrs. Loa Balch and Mrs. Bryan Apple of Batesville had lunch with us at the Sign Shop the 15th of November. Mrs. Balch is the White River Regional Library bookmobile librarian and they had come to the book fair held at Ricks Armory. Mrs. Balch brought a mincemeat pie and the rest of us furnished sandwiches, potato chips, pickles and drinks. That was a pleasant change from our usual lunch fare.

Charles Latture was on vacation four days the week of the 6th and then was sick the following week with a sore throat and tonsillitis. Since he is newly wed, you can imagine the ribbing he received.

This you won't believe - Earl Hillis took three days' vacation the 15th, 16th and 17th of November. He planned to go downtown. Now if this doesn't sound exciting to you, just remember that he hasn't been downtown in three years, other than driving through!

Our sympathies are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stoebener, at the loss of Mrs. Stoebener's father, Oscar Matthis who lived in Arizona.

J. B. Clanton underwent surgery for stomach ulcers on November 22, his second this year. He is at the V. A. Hospital in Little Rock and improving daily. Mr. Clanton spent several days at the hospital before Thanksgiving but was able to go home for the holidays and then returned for the surgery. We hope to see him back with us before very long. Everyone likes Mr. Clanton and our best wishes for a speedy recovery are with him.

Vernon Pearce should feel like a new person. He recently had to be fitted with glasses (and bifocals at that!) and a new pair of store bought teeth.

Harold Guinn's birthday was November 24. Last year his birthday fell on Thanksgiving, so he gave himself credit for the reason we celebrated on Thanksgiving. Well, this year he was a day late but we observed both days anyway. He was on vacation the 24th so Julia brought him a big spice cake on the following Monday. And about that black eye...Harold said he got it playing touch football. We're going to take his word for it this time, but remember next time, Harold, the football excuse has already been used.

Brenda McRaven, you should be more careful in the elevators!

Eddie Moser and his family went to Florence, Ala. over the Thanksgiving weekend. Their two daughters living in the Tri-City area should have really been glad to see their folks because Eddie took them half a dressed beef, a whole dressed hog and lots and lots of goodies from the freezer.

Did anyone not get enough to eat Thanksgiving? I wonder how many of us took all that good food and pleasant company for granted. We should all stop once in awhile and take stock. We have an abundance of blessings but sometimes don't take time to remember them. My antidote for the blues would be to start counting the "Haves" and not the "Don't Haves."





WEIGHTS AND STANDARD

Mary Turner

It's almost a tradition for many of our officers to save a week's vacation for the deer season, and this year was no exception. We haven't heard as much about their luck, or lack of it, as we usually do, but our limited reports indicate that the men in Bob Baker's district had a more successful season than the folks in the other areas. If we are wrong about that, we'll surely be corrected!

After four long, painful weeks, Louise Johnson (Mrs. Roy L.) is up and at 'em again. Louise suffered severe burns on her legs and feet in a butane explosion and flash fire in their home on Dixon Road. All of us are so glad that she is healing so nicely now.

Mr. Albright has kept his promise to come see us and we've certainly enjoyed his visits. Our division is grateful to the Magazine staff for the fine article and pictures of the retirement of "Mr. Law Enforcement" in the November issue.

Buddy Watson, offer in charge of our unit at Hampton, suffered a badly broken leg and ankle in a mishap on Thanksgiving Day. He is in the Hampton Hospital and will probably be there for quite some time. Our best wishes to you, Buddy, for a nice recovery.

Thanks to our chief, Roy Johnson, for bringing us a very large, very gay Santa Claus to stand in our office. Not only is he an enormous Santa, but with his contagious grin, we find ourselves grinning back at him!

From all of us in the Weight Division, to each and all of your, our best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season.



Nathan Whitehead, Permit supervisor, receiving 10 year pin from Roy Johnson, chief of Weights and Standards.



Our scale mechanic, Carlos Lester, recently attended a one-week school on how to repair electronic stationary scales conducted by Fairbanks-Morse Co. at Davenport, Iowa.



DISTRICT



Leslie Long

Statistics reveal that for the past five years hunters have averaged killing over 20,000 deer during three periods, and 1966 was slightly above average. From all reports 1967 will be a bumper year. Our hunters were many and with favorable reports. Received a real good colored picture from B. W. Slaughter of Lake



Village. Slaughter, J. V. Morphis and D. E. Martin, all of Lake Village, killed buck deer during the last hunt. Deer hunters from Hamburg were Leroy Sims, a four-point; Gerald White and Billy Shaver, spikes; Leon Crouch and Billy Hill, three points; A.C. Kilcrease, W.W. Fair-

child, and Carol Martin, five-points. Only three out of six hunters from Desha County were lucky. Paul Barley killed a nine-inch spike after having been on his stand only six minutes. George Cook killed a doe. (He was hunting behind the levee where it was legalized.)

And John Hughes with his "deer story"! He was laying down resting after a good deer chase on horseback when a deer walked up within a few feet of him. It took three shots while laying down and two shots sitting up to kill the four-point. In camp at Monticello those bagging their deer were Joe Hays, Horace Handley, Elbert Martin, Dub Berry, W. P. Johnson, Lester Rabb, Roth Rabb, W. K. Wilson, Floyd Fullbright, and R. W. Andrews. Clete Harper and Artis Price from Rison and Dennis Henley and Bo Earnest from Star City were winners. From Jefferson County and the Headquarters shop, our hunters Henderson, DeQuince and Crane in a party of seven, took their stands on Crane's home place on Hwy. 35 near Rison. Henderson on the seventh stand was the only lucky one. He had relaxed thinking there were no deer around when he saw one about 50-yards away and without a very clear sight, felled the seven point buck after missing with two slugs.

Henderson and Keys, in a party of five, went rabbit hunting near Hooker Community and bagged seven rabbits, two squirrels and three coons. Henderson has a good recipe for coon cooking. Parboil in apple cider and then bake. In his words, "It's 'larapin'." AND he makes his own rabbit sausage!

The Thanksgiving holidays have come and gone and Christmas is well underway once more as evidenced by all the decorations and Christmas parades, and even Santa Claus has arrived. Be careful what you wish for because you might get it!!

James and Laura Pierce and three girls travelled to Carthage for Thanksgiving day to join his two brothers and their families at the home of their parents. This is a yearly occasion. Their father always manages to kill a wild turkey (during season) which they all enjoy for dinner, with all the trimmings. There are seven grandchildren.

Brewster, Sunny and John Shalmy joined Brewster's family for Thanksgiving dinner at his sister's home in Pine Bluff. John says Aunt Louise is such a wonderful wook, he didn't eat breakfast, anticipating all the goodies, and from what I hear, he ate enuf for all three of them.

John and Louise Harris attended the SASHO convention at Sulphur Springs, West Virginia and did not return until after Thanksgiving. They reported a very nice trip but happy to get back home.

Selma and Van Dyke Chavis joined Selma's family for pre-Thanksgiving festivities honoring her father's birthday and dinner the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Approximately 16 members of the family attended the annual affair. From Selma's report, I can nearly gain five pounds just hearing of all the delicious food. Son Phil with wife, Sandy and little Lara did not arrive from Houston until Thanksgiving Day, so that was a good cause for

celebrating with another dinner.

In addition to Thanksgiving celebration, C. E. Woodfield and myself were both born under the sign "Scorpio" only a day apart. (I'll not reveal the years between)—only, my birthdays now treat me with some kind of a hex — each year is worse than the last but better than the next. Eugene 'Peanut' spent most of his celebrated day as a firefighter in his neighborhood, where the youngsters had a good one going. Selma surprised us with a beautiful and delicious birthday cake on our return to work.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kirkpatrick, on November 4, 1967, a son, James Glen, 9 pounds 3 ounces. Earl is construction inspector with the Monticello residency.

Recipients of service awards in November were Larry Clark Tucker, engineering aide, Monticello residency, for 5 years; Louis Conway Parker, bridge carpenter and Willie Gean Peterson, pile driver operator, for 15 years.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to I. V. White in the loss of his brother.



DISTRICT



The Informers

Congratulations to Bill and Norma Michael! They are the proud parents of a daughter Robin Suzanne, born Sunday, December 3 and weighing eight pounds. Bill is a heavy truck driver at the Fort Smith District shop. I might add that the Michaels also have lovely twin girls, Kay and Ray, who are seniors in High School and one son, David, age 14.

District shop is really in the news this month. Lloyd Thomas, mechanic, was married to Mrs. Venita Lantz of Booneville, Friday, December 1. The happy couple will make their home in Booneville. Lloyd has been with the Department Since May 1966.

Ray Moore, former mechanic in District shop, came by to visit all of his old friends last week.

We are indeed sorry to report that our District equipment supervisor, Fred McLaughlin, is a patient in Sparks Memorial Hospital. Fred entered the hospital about November 20th and is scheduled for surgery today. We are all thinking about and hoping he will be well and back with us soon.

Don Cooper, stock clerk, received his five year service award. Don is married to the former Miss Sue Shamblin from Muldrow, Okla. His hobby is hunting, and he has been trying real hard to work in some quail hunting, but he has had rather a difficult time. Presently he is trying to set up his new stock room, install new shelving and a "MILLION" other things which he has on his busy schedule. Better next hunting season, Don! All joking aside, the new stock room is really nice and the personnel in Don's department are enjoying the extra space.

Another employee receiving his five

year service award is Harlon Wayne Gimlin of Scott County. Wayne, a patrol operator, and his wife, Ruth Ann, have one daughter, Lynette Ann, age nine months. They are members of the Baptist Church of Waldron.

Marvin J. Carpenter, area foreman, Franklin County, received his ten year service award. Marvin and his wife, Gelene, live in Ozark. They have one son Johnny, age 18. Marvin's hobby is horseback riding, and he spends all of his spare time riding the Ozark Roundup Club. The Carpenters are members of the Presbyterian Church, Ozark.

Jesse McLaughlin, patrol operator, also of Franklin County, received his fifteen year service award. Jesse and his wife, Ouita have three sons, Bill Harris, Charles Adrian and Jesse Edward. His son, Ed is one of our radio technicians at Springdale. The McLaughlins also have six grandchildren. Jesse has several hobbies. He loves to travel, fish and take care of his pets.



The picture shown is Jesse and a couple of his friends.

Therman Atchley, crew leader in Scott County, vacationed to San Antonio, Texas to see his daughter and her family—grandson, age five and granddaughter, age three. Enough said — a very nice vacation.

Several of our employees used their vacation time deer hunting. We had a number of good reports from them...Ed Slaughterbeck, Construction employee, 8 point; Tom White, District-wide bridge crew, 8 point; Lyndell Lyda, Construction employee, 9 point; and Harlon Oliver, District-wide bridge crew, 7 point.

We do want to mention, also, that Emily Rogers, bookkeeper, has a new grandson, Scot Frazier. The proud parents are Emily's youngest son Frazier and wife Gay of Little Rock. Emily now has one granddaughter and three grandsons.

CAROLS

A Christmas story with a repeated refrain—was originally danced as well as sung. The original meaning of the carol was "ring dance" from its circular form. They are thus related to carousel and the merry-go-round.



DISTRICT



Marilyn Coffman

Congratulations to those receiving 10-yr. service awards in November; Norman R. McElrath, crew leader; Saxton L. Ivy, truck driver; Cecil C. Horn, truck driver; and Gary C. Anderson, truck driver.

This month was full of leave slips in preparation and employees getting ready for the first deer hunt of the season. James Frazier, area foreman in Jackson County, reported killing a deer and catching his limit of trout all before noon on the first day. (Can anyone beat that story?) John (Pat) Pendergrass, employee in Fulton County, and Spencer Land of White County, both had good luck, but no elaborate details of their kill. One of the best stories of all was that of Elmer Wall, truck driver. Elmer purchased a new gun, went on his very first hunt and got lost. We do hope this doesn't discourage Elmer on future hunting trips.

We all enjoyed a visit with Henry Coe, retired Highway employee, who stopped by the office recently on his way home in Rogers, Ark.

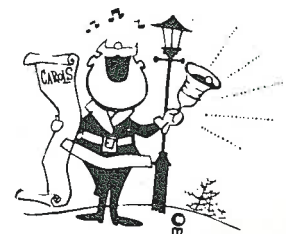
Visitors this month from Little Rock were; William L. Moore, Gerald Sisk, J. C. Perkins, J. E. Lowder, Clarence Page and Frank Caple. Our apologies to Mr. Caple for not recognizing him and asking if he was employed by the Highway Department or one of the members of the Efficiency Committee. After all he has only visited with us twice, but I bet we all remember him the next time.

Runt Moser, retired employee of this district, was confined to Dr. Gray's Hospital in Batesville for a few days, but has now returned to his home. We hope he has a speedy recovery and will be visiting with us soon.

We welcome Lytle Peyton Landers, a new employee for Resident Engineer Ralph Wyatt. Also, we are proud to have Gary Smith, engineering aide for Resident Engineer Benz, return to work after six months' active duty in the Army Reserves.

Mildred Thomas, clerk for Resident Engineers Wyatt and Smith, is very proud of her son, Michael, who is one of the star players for the Pleasant Plains Jr. Basketball Team. Their team has a 9-0 record and recently won first place in the Invitational Tournament at Oil Trough.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Earl Anderson, who passed away on November 6th. Earl was a retired job superintendent with this district and will be missed by his many friends and co-workers.





DISTRICT



Shirley Morton



Huel David Pack

Our area foreman of the month is Huel David Pack of Searcy County. He has been with the Department since November 6, 1940, working at different intervals as a laborer and motor patrol operator until being re-employed on a full-time basis April 26, 1948. He was assigned as Area Foreman on September 1, 1960. Prior to working for the Department, Huel farmed in Searcy County and worked two years in the ship yards at Stockton, Calif.

Huel was born October 29, 1912 at Smyrna, Pope County, where he spent his early years and attended public schools. Smyrna, which was situated near the head of the Illinois Bayou, was devastated by a flood in 1928 and the Packs sold their farm and moved to another farming community. Huel attended high school at Hector.

Huel and Mildred Leona Blackwell were married at Witts Springs in 1935. They are the parents of three sons. One son lives in Indiana and one in Missouri. The youngest is with the U.S. Air Force stationed at Denver, Colo. Huel and his wife are also the very proud grandparents of two lively boys. They lived in Witts Springs for over twenty years and now reside in Marshall where they are members of the Baptist Church. Huel's hobbies are hunting and fishing.

Pack is responsible for maintenance of approximately 160 miles of roads in Searcy County. He and his crew join with all of the District Nine employees in wishing everyone a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

One reason opportunity isn't recognized more often is that it goes around disguised as work.



DISTRICT



Isabelle Psalmonds

Those who received service awards in November were: John O'Steen, welder at Paragould, 15 years; Virgil M. Stuart, District equipment supervisor, and Loran K. White, welder at Paragould, 5 years. Congratulations.

Looking at the stack of leave slips, one gets the impression that nearly half of the men in District 10 went deer hunting. Those on the Lawrence County crew who went were Melvin Brown, George Brady, Edgar Carley, Thomas Carley, Darrell Parker, Jackie Rainwater, and Garland Simpson. We know that some on other crews went but not all gave us a report. Those reporting a kill were Thomas Carley, a nine-point buck; Edgar Carley, a doe; Cecil Bennett, motor patrol operator, Craighead County, a nine-point buck; Bill Spence, mechanic, Paragould, a four-point buck the first season and a small one the second season.

Garland Simpson, mower operator, Lawrence County, is sporting a new 68 Chevy II.

Mrs. Frank Robert had an accident on Village Creek Bridge. Luckily she wasn't hurt seriously - only a few cuts and bruises. Frank is the caretaker of our rest area on Hwy. 63 between Black Rock & Imboden and doing a commendable job.

Hamp Fletcher, shop foreman, Paragould, and Mrs. Fletcher celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary on November 28. They recently moved into a lovely new brick home on Hwy. 1 south of Paragould.

Charles Wells, welder, and his wife celebrated their 20th anniversary on November 29 and Junior Wycoff, office supervisor and his wife celebrated their 11th year of marital bliss on December 1. Congratulations to all three couples.

Bill Montgomery, wife, Ruby, son, Billy Mac and daughter, Cindy moved into their new brick home at 206 Roselawn, Osceola, on November 18th. Bill is an inspector on the Osceola Resident Engineer's crew. Moving into a new home is always exciting and we are sure the Montgomerys will enjoy theirs.

John Sanders has been showing a safety film "Death on the Highways", to the area crews. It is a gruesome film, which certainly makes one think on the importance of driving safely.

Jerry Wright, engineering aide, Osceola, is back on the job after two weeks in the hospital. He had an appendectomy with complications. Glad to have you back, Jerry.

Essie Butler, bookkeeper, and her husband, Don, went on a vacation trip in October. They went to Kansas and returned home through the Arkansas Ozarks. Essie says they had a good trip.

Some of the folks took an extra day or two and went on a trip over the Thanksgiving holidays. John Penn, asphalt

raker, Lawrence County, and wife spent a few days in Florida. Resident Engineer and Mrs. H. C. Martin and family of Paragould visited their daughter, son-in-law and grandson in Fort Worth, Texas. Jackie Hopkins, payroll clerk, went to St. Louis.

Two of our men got early Christmas gifts. Bill Spence, mechanic, Paragould, won \$200.00 at a drawing at Kelley's Supermarket and Maurice Sales, engineering aide, Osceola won \$100.00 at the Big "D" Grocery, Blytheville. Congratulations to both fellows. Bill bought doughnuts for our coffee break one day. Thanks, Bill.

We express our deepest sympathy to Charles Hesselbein and family in the death of his mother on November 30th. Charles is a job superintendent. And to the family of Wain Turner who was killed in an explosion of an asphalt tank while on the job at Osceola on December 1st. Wain was a front end loader at Osceola.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.



Everybody works in District No. 10. Here Darren John, three-year old grandson of District Maintenance Supt. John Sanders, rakes leaves while his brother Brian David, loads them into the truck to celebrate his first birthday.

Children never think it's fair
To give them something they can wear.
For to the average child a gift
Is something he can set adrift,
Or shoot, or ride, or throw, or shake,
Or scare the neighbors with - or break.



Season's Greetings



To
All Retirees

Windows a-gleam with Candle-light,
Silvery tinkle of Christmas chimes,
falling on still, Cold Winter air
bring our Yuletide wish for you

A MERRY-MERRY CHRISTMAS

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A Christmas Prayer

Let us pray that strength and courage abundant be given to all who work for a world of reason and understanding & that the good that lies in every man's heart may day by day be magnified & that men will come to see more clearly not that which divides them, but that which unites them & that each hour may bring us closer to a final victory, not of nation over nation, but of man over his own evils and weaknesses & that the true spirit of this Christmas Season — its joy, its beauty, its hope, and above all its abiding faith — may live among us & that the blessings of peace be ours — the peace to build and grow, to live in harmony and sympathy with others, and to plan for the future with confidence

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