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EAST - WEST FREEWAY ADDED TO INTERSTATE SYSTEM

THE EAST-WEST FREEWAY, a badly needed 7.4-mile traffic artery designed and partially completed in Little Rock, has been added to the state's interstate mileage, increasing the total from 518.8 to 526.2. The announcement was made November 12 by Congressman Wilbur D. Mills of Kensett at a Little Rock Rotary Club meeting. Congressman Mills has been greatly interested in the acceptance of the Freeway into the interstate system by the Federal Highway Administration. The Highway Commission had requested the FHWA to accept the Freeway last March after completion of the route was halted because of a lack of funds.

As interstate mileage, the facility will be eligible for 90% Federal funds. It will give badly-needed access to downtown Little Rock, state and county governmental offices, the city's four large medical centers, the State Hospital and some 40,000 daily cross-town commuters. It will also be a connecting link between I-30 on the east side of town, and I-430 now under construction on the west side. I-430 is a north-south connection between I-30 and I-40.

The City of Little Rock and the Highway Department together have already spent approximately \$7 million for the construction of a one-mile section between Pine and Dennison streets and a volume of more than 2500 vehicles per day are using the short stretch since it was opened to traffic in the summer of 1969. An estimated 95,000 cars and 5,000 trucks are expected to be using the Freeway in 20 years.

The Freeway was originally designed for four lanes, with a portion depressed below street level; however plans have been expanded so that the entire route will be six lanes. The section already open will be widened to six lanes at a later date.

A contract for the first six-lane portion (from University Avenue to Pine Street) is expected to be let in January, 1971, contingent upon the availability of federal funds. This particular section, when com-

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More than 2,500 cars per day are already using the one mile of the East-West Freeway which is completed. Above, the Woodrow Street overpass, and below, a pedestrian overpass at Johnson Street.



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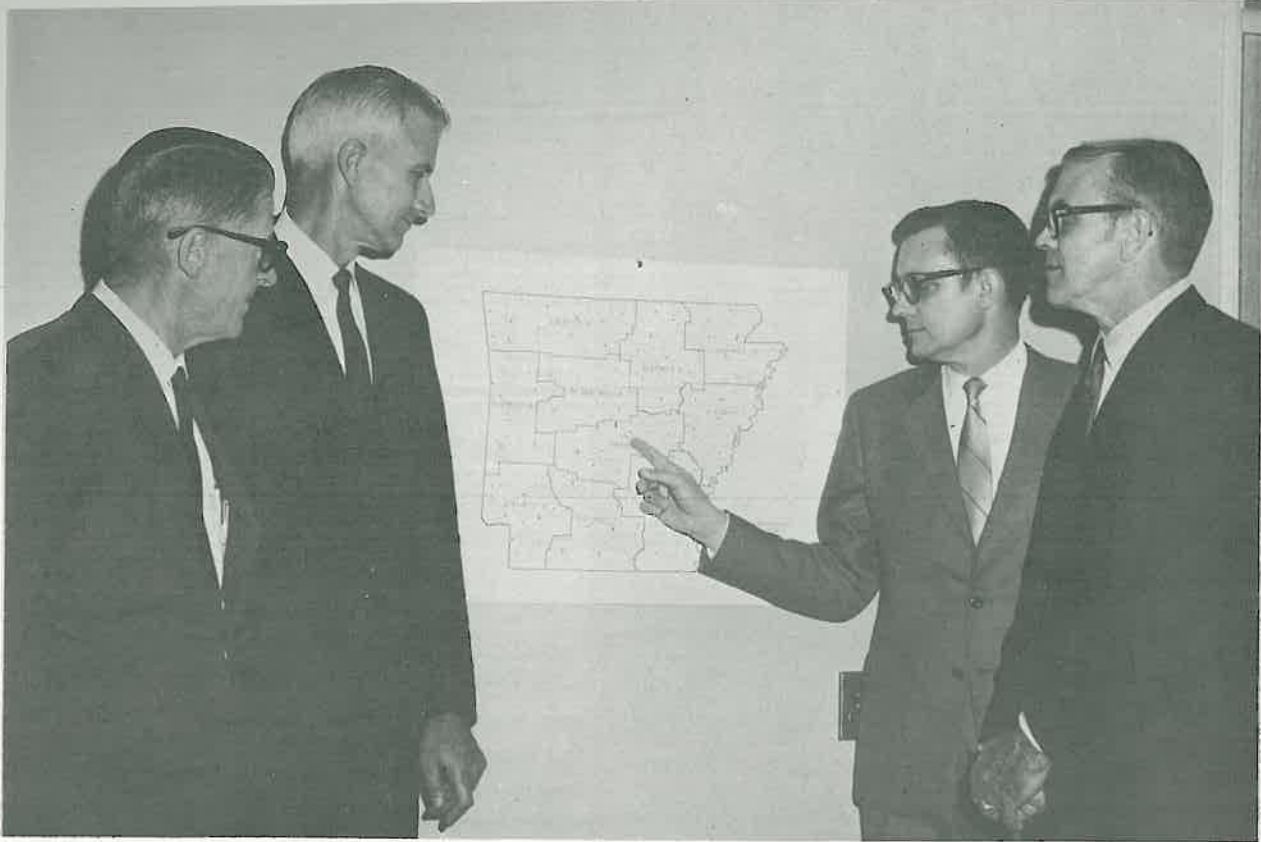


THE COVER PHOTO

The Ozarks seem to become more gloriously gowned each autumn and wherever the motorist is, that seems to be the prettiest, most riotous color of all. The cover scene, photographed on a section of Highway 66 in Jimmy Driftwood country is between Timbo and Alco in Stone County. This section is a part of the Salem Plateau, which occupies most of the northeastern part of the Arkansas Ozarks in Stone, Marion, Baxter, Fulton, Izard, Sharp, Independence, Lawrence and Randolph counties. The topography is rough and deeply cut by many beautiful mountain streams. The trees are mostly hardwoods, whose leaves change to rich gold and flaming red, with enough pine for a touch of green to complete the fall bouquet.



NEW UTILITY REGULATIONS INAUGURATED



Among those who attended the meeting were R.A. Williams, AP&L, left; James A. Simmons, Ark-La, second from left; and Robert Q. Welch, Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., Pine Bluff, right, here shown with Alton Van Patten, chief of the Utility Section, who was in charge of the public meeting.

The Highway Department has adapted its policies and requirements for the accommodation and adjustment of utility facilities on highway rights of way to comply with new Federal regulations and uniform guidelines as set out by the national highway organization, the American Association of State Highway Officials.

A public meeting was held by the Utilities Section of the Right of Way Division to explain to representatives of the various utility operators the new provisions and the effect on their operations.

One of the most important policy changes will require utility operators to trim and cut trees and brush along highway rights of way according to High-

way Department specifications. Spraying for defoliation, retardation or deadening will be virtually eliminated, particularly on all freeways, scenic highways, rest areas and other sites developed for scenic enhancement.

Other major changes will require utility operators to obtain approval from the Highway Department before engaging in new construction or major maintenance work on highway rights of way. Safety will be emphasized through such measures as avoidance of above-ground utility installations within the roadside area adjoining a traffic lane.

The new regulations became effective November 15.

THREE RECEIVE QUARTER CENTURY AWARDS

Three employees received twenty-five year service awards at the October 23 meeting of the Highway Commission in Little Rock. Lawrence Blackwell presented the certificates and lapel pins on behalf of the Commission.

Hugh S. Perryman is a certified ferry boat pilot at Henderson Ferry. His boat crosses Lake Norfolk at 15 minute intervals, transporting an average of 250 cars per day. He and Mrs. Perryman live in Henderson and belong to the Church of Christ. They have four children and two grandchildren. Hugh is an outdoorsman who enjoys fishing and hunting.



Perryman

Chester J. Siesicki is a registered professional engineer in Roadway Design Division. One of his principal achievements was being a member of the design team who drew up the plans for the section of I-30 between Malvern and Prescott.

Siesicki is a native of Bridgeport, Conn. He is a veteran of World War II, having attained the rank of first lieutenant while assigned to an Infantry Division in Europe. He came to the Highway Department in 1945 as a designer. He and his wife Ruth reside in the Pulaski Heights section of Little Rock and are members of Holy Souls Catholic Church. Chester has a wide range of interests including gardening, home remodeling, travel, reading and music.



Siesicki

Billie Wood is a materials inspector for the Materials and Tests Division. Smokey, as he is called by his fellow employees, began as a laborer in 1936 but left after four years for the Army, where he served as an infantryman during World War II. He returned to the Department in 1949 as an assistant inspector in M & T. He is presently the principal inspector of asphalt plants in the Little Rock area.

Smokey and Mrs. Wood reside in North Little Rock. They have one son, Dr. Gary Wood, a physician in Jackson, Miss., and three grandchildren. Smokey is a member of Gardner Memorial Methodist Church and is a past councilman for Boy Scout Troop No. 185. His hobbies are electronics and fishing.



Wood

Good News For Boaters

The Highway Commission and the Game and Fish Commission have jointly finalized an agreement to provide highway access improvements to public water recreation areas. The agreement was reached after an extensive study was made by the Highway Department to determine the amount of road-user taxes being collected from motor boat users.

The study indicated that more than five million gallons of fuel are purchased annually for non-highway use by boaters, fishermen and other sportsmen in Arkansas. At a taxation rate of 7½ cents per gallon, road-user taxes collected from motor boat users amounted to almost \$390,000. Access road improvement programs for water recreation areas will be based on that amount. Prior to the study the Highway Department has been constructing and maintaining recreational access routes as funds were available.

Under terms of the agreement, annual priorities are being established for improvements to highways which provide access to public waters administered by Game and Fish. Projects programmed for construction or other improvement of existing roads will be subject to the standard administrative and fiscal controls currently governing the Highway Department for the respective program and financial systems under which these highway improvements are to be performed.

A listing has been made of the state highways and county roads whose primary function is to provide access to waterways. All the roads end at a stream, lake or other wateruse area.

The current fad to travel and vacation using campers and small trailers is drawing more and more people to water recreation areas to fish, ski or just boatripe for fun. A study made by the Planning and Research Division of marine use of motor fuels revealed that there were 127,214 marine engines, both inboard and outboard motors of all sizes, in use.



Improved roads to lakes and streams is the key to more pleasurable hunting and fishing.



White River boat ramp near Hazen (arrow) is easily accessible from either direction of I-40.



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pleted, will provide a multiple lane, controlled access route to urban Little Rock from the areas southwest and northwest of the city and provide maximum use of the one mile already completed.

According to Highway Director Ward Goodman, the second section to be put to contract could be from I-430 East toward University Avenue. The Arkansas Baptist Medical Center has plans for a vast medical complex on the Freeway route west of University Avenue, and a spokesman announced at the Rotary Club meeting that they expected to break ground for the hospital in March, now that the Freeway has been made a part of the interstate system.

Prefacing his actual announcement about the Freeway, Congressman Mills, in a jovial mood, joked about his announcement of " . . . the inclusion, as a part of the primary road system of our state, the present road that runs from Morning Sun to Evening Shade." Rotarians, guests and newsmen (who suspected the purpose of Mills' presence at the meeting) knew immediately what road he had in mind.

"A SPLENDID ACHIEVEMENT"

"This is a splendid achievement for Arkansas, a threshold to new horizons in the socio-economic development for all the state, and a vital link to a more mobile communications between the outlying communities of the state and their central seat of government," stated Ward Goodman, Director of Highways. The highest type of modern freeway design will be utilized in its development. It will be carefully coordinated to provide safe and efficient service to the highway user and to enhance the environmental value of the adjacent areas.



Here,
There
and Everywhere

IN SWITZERLAND even the birds are smarter. Instead of climbing high over the towering Alps, swallows migrating north from Italy are flying through the 3.7-mile-long Grand St. Bernard Road tunnel.

THE MINNESOTA HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT a year ago installed a trial Fitch Inertial Barrier in Minneapolis. The barrier is simply a number of plastic barrels filled with graduated amounts of material, with lesser amounts in the front barrels and greater amounts in the barrels progressing to the rear. The purpose of the barrier is to provide an extra measure of safety if a vehicle strikes whatever abutment or solid object the barrier is protecting. Recently an automobile, occupied only by the driver, struck the trial barrier. According to Minneapolis police, the driver suffered no injuries and damage to the auto was primarily confined to the left front. It appeared that serious injury or possible death was averted by the system. The barrels are partially filled with plastic foam, topped with a layer of sand. In cold weather salt is mixed with the sand so that the sand will not harden into a solid, bricklike mass.

AUTOMOBILE BRAKE FLUID has come under the scrutiny of the Department of Transportation's National Highway Safety Bureau. A public advisory has been issued, warning people that use of a brake fluid having a too low boiling point may harm brake seals and cause vapor lock during moderately severe service in hot weather. Substitution of any fluid other than that recommended by the vehicle

manufacturer is discouraged.

HURRICANE CELIA'S vicious winds inflicted an estimated \$400,000 worth of sign damages, and most of the breakaway signs broke away when sustained wind velocity exceeded 160 m.p.h. as the eye of the storm passed over the northern section of Corpus Christi. Estimated damages to city traffic control devices were estimated at \$100,000 but most motorists adjusted to the uncontrolled driving conditions very well so that traffic accident rates only increased by 10%. A 9:00 p.m. curfew helped keep people off the streets.

FREEWAYS, TALL BUILDINGS CAN REDUCE AIR POLLUTION. So says Dr. J. E. Cermak, a fluid dynamics expert at Colorado State University. Tall buildings deflect winds down to the street, which tends to lift pollutants, and freeways, properly placed, are channels of fast moving air that also drain pollutants out of the city. Smog conditions are caused many times by inversions, the atmospheric condition where an upper layer of cold air traps warm air on the ground, stopping vertical mixing of air and concentrating pollutants near the ground. Cermak said his research, using three wind tunnels, had shown that inversion-produced pollution in some areas can be abated if a row of tall buildings form what he calls an inversion dam. The presence of a single tall building generates vertical mixing of air, which has beneficial effects. If the building is so tall that it is above the inversion layer, then this vertical mixing is a definite advantage, he said.

DEBUSK PROMOTED

Paul DeBusk has been promoted to Squad Leader in the Roadway Design Division, to fill the vacancy created when Fred Pulliam retired.

DeBusk is a native of Little Rock and a graduate of Central High School. He was first employed by the Department in 1955 when he worked half days while attending Little Rock Junior College. He is a graduate of the University of Arkansas with a degree in engineering.

DeBusk is married and has two young daughters, Paula, 5, and Molly, 3.



FOUR-BALL TOURNAMENT HELD

The Highway Department's Fall Four Ball Golf Tournament was played at War Memorial Golf Course from September 19 through October 17. Thirty golfers from the Department and their invited guests made up the two flights. Two teams representing the Federal Highway Administration's Little Rock Office made the tournament very interesting and competition was keen between the two groups. "Duffers" and "pros" were equalized through handicaps. Both money and fun were involved — a little money and lots of fun.



Grand Prize winners Lee Gibbons, left, and Charles Rain, Traffic Division.

Ronnie Baker and Ronnie Watson, representing FHWA, won the championship flight. Charles Rain and Lee Gibbons of the Traffic Division won the first flight, and then defeated the championship flight winners in the play-off for the Grand Prize trophy, which was an engraved plaque for each.

The tournament ended with a wait-till-next-year threat from several entrants. Interest increases and competition sharpens with each tournament. Other employees who have not yet participated in an A.H.D. tourney are invited to get in the game and join in the fun. The entrance fee for the four-ball was \$2.00 per golfer, with the money being used for cash prizes. Golf balls given as prizes were furnished through the courtesy of friends of the participants.

Championship Flight

Winning Team (\$10)
2nd Place Team
3rd Place Team
Consolation Winners

R. Watson & R. Baker
D. Loe & F. Harrison
F. Caple & B. Moore
M. Reinhardt & B. Babb

First Flight

Winning Team (\$10)
2nd Place Team
3rd Place Team
Consolation Winners

L. Gibbons & C. Rain
J. Weston & J. Trost
M. White & L. Johnson
B. Cooper & B. Nichols



Linda Wilson is one of our new reporters from the Accounting Division. She and Barbara Pierce will be collecting the news, so be helpful to them, all you Accounting employees. Linda is a clerk-typist. She was employed by AP&L prior to coming to the Highway Department. She graduated from high school in Memphis and attended Henderson College. Her husband Tommy is a truck driver for Kroger and they have an 8-year-old son, Ward.



Linda Wilson

Walker Haigh, who retired from Bridge Design a few months ago, was in the office for a visit on October 29. He had just returned eight days earlier from having heart surgery performed at St. Luke's Hospital in Houston. On October 9 the famous heart surgeon, Dr. Cooley, replac-

ed the right auricle valve with a plastic one. Walker is a bit pale and thinner but said he was feeling well. He had been hospitalized in Little Rock a month before going to Houston for the surgery.

Forrest "Bogey" Bogart called from Forrest City a few days ago. He and his wife have just returned from an extended visit to Albuquerque and Bogey says they may decide to relocate there in the near future. It isn't only Albuquerque's high, dry climate that's beckoning the Bogarts . . . their grandchildren are there, too.

Former Director F. R. Oliver was also a visitor in the Magazine office recently. He looks fit as a fiddle and was saying that he had just been shopping for matching cold weather fishing outfits for Mrs. Oliver and himself. They fish Greer's Ferry Reservoir the year round.



Carl Hillis, left, receives certificate from Maurice Head.

Carl Hillis of the Jacksonville Shops was presented a 20-year pin by Maurice Head, superintendent of the Equipment Section, on October 20. Since Carl was

making the mail run from Jacksonville to the main building and back that week, it was decided to have cake and coffee for Carl early in the morning in the Equipment offices. It was a surprise, that is until the Magazine editor, who had been called in for photographer duty, blabbed it.

Retiree Daisy Conley had two unfortunate experiences, one right after the other. Back in September she opened the oven door of her stove and struck a match to light the oven. An accumulation of gas from a slow leak that she didn't know was there, caused the oven to explode. Daisy suffered second degree burns on one arm and hand, and on her face. Her hair was also badly singed. At the time of the accident, Daisy's only sister was visiting her. She stayed a couple of days longer than intended because of Daisy being burned, and then returned to her home in Santa Maria, Calif. She died suddenly only a few days after returning home. Our sympathy is extended to Daisy in her loss.

Donna Spraggins is an almost-new employee in Final Estimates. She lives in Malvern and commutes.



Donna Spraggins

Ferol Jones, secretary to Highway Director Ward Goodman, was elected vice president of the South Central District of American Business Womens Association at the recent national convention held in Dallas. The District is comprised of Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri and Oklahoma. There are 118 chapters in the five-state district.

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DEPARTMENT NEWS



ACCOUNTING DIVISION

by *Barbara Pierce & Linda Wilson*

Rose Clingan is back to work. Little Alan Scott was 3 months old November 1. We hear that she got a new car, too, while on leave. Welcome back, Rose.



Alan Scott Clingan

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phillips flew to California, where they enjoyed a nice long visit with their son and his family.

We have two new employees in our Division. Butch Garner transferred from District 6. Al Hunt is the highway inventory technician. He is married and lives at 4924 Hillcrest Street. Glad to have both of you.

Aleene Boysen is the proud owner of a new Chevrolet Malibu. She has been all smiles lately. Maybe there is something new, other than a car?



BRIDGE DESIGN

by *Willie Whitmire*

We welcome two men to our Division, Ken Glover, Jr. and Charles E. Sherwood. Ken is married and has a 2-year old son. His wife teaches math at Conway High School. Ken's hobbies are hunting and fishing. Charles is an eligible bachelor, girls. He graduated from the University of Arkansas in January and was in our

Training Program. He chose Bridge Design as his place with the Highway Department, for which we are happy. Charles is from DeWitt and his favorite hobbies are fishing and tennis. We are happy to have these fellas and hope they will be happy with us.



Ken Glover, left, and Charles Sherwood

Walker Haigh, who is retired from Bridge Design, is back in Little Rock after having heart surgery in Houston. He was out to see us recently and seems to be recuperating nicely. L. P. Carlson was out recently also, and we are always happy to see him.

The hunting season is upon us and you can see that faraway look in the eyes of some of us in this Division. Lots of luck to all those hunters who are dreaming of a deer this coming season.

COMPUTER SERVICES

by *The Staff*

We had another picnic at Burns Park! Hamburgers and all the delicious goodies that go with a cook-out were enjoyed. Not all could be there, but those who did attend had a real fine time and put on a few more pounds!

Pat and Mollie Huddleston took a week off to spend some time getting re-acquainted with old friends in Arizona — from there they went to Houston, where they took in a ball game in the Astrodome!

As we go to press Art and Jean John-

son will be winging their way to the beautiful island of grass skirts — to soak up the warm and friendly atmosphere of Hawaii! How we all wish we were with them!

Mary and Tommy Green were blessed with a precious baby girl — Patricia Kay — and we've already been able to hold her and make all the silly noises and faces that you make to a wee one!

We have two new employees in the Key Punch Section — Sue Riggin and Brenda Templeton. We're glad to add them to our hard working crew! Brenda's husband Ray is stationed in Vietnam, but will soon be returning to the States to finish his allotted time.



Brenda Templeton

Roy Shelby's daughter, Barbara Ann, was married September 11 to Roy Cannon. We wish them much happiness. The bridegroom is employed by the State Pollution Control Commission and attends U.A.L.R.

A new sound can now be heard coming from the Guy Sims household — Richard Guy Sims, III has been letting it be known that he has arrived. Congratulations to the happy new parents.

Gary French, computer operator, took a week off last month and took a trip to Ridgecrest, N.C. with the Arkansas State University B.S.U. group for a church convention.

That's all the old news, and the only new item is that a new computer has been installed to make our work quicker

and more efficient for the Highway Department.

PERMIT SECTION

by Virginia Wingfield

Permit Supervisor V. W. "Buddy" Dumas is a typical grandfather. Only he doesn't know it's typical. You see, he thinks his little granddaughter is the only one. Well, for the Dumases, little Shannon Leigh is the only one and they have met her only through pictures. (For extra points, you might tell him that she looks like her grandfather.)



Shannon Leigh Staats

The first of October the Dumases went vacationing in Tennessee and Alabama. While in Tennessee, they visited the Grand Ole Opry and the Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville. Apparently that was a pleasant weekend. After a few side trips, they visited with some retired service friends in Alabama. They also toured Gunter and Maxwell Air Force Bases in Montgomery, where Buddy was stationed at one time.

Bob and Martha Wortham and son Keith took a Sunday tour through the Ozarks to view the beautiful painting of Mother Nature. They reported the trees to be in their height of beauty.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Purkiss made a quick weekend trip to Sallisaw, Okla. to visit Mr. Perk's grandmother.

The Permit Section has been honored recently by visits from several of our former employees. Nathan Whitehead, who retired a year ago, came by. I am happy to report that he is feeling much

better and looks real good. F. M. Waymack visited with us and reports that he is enjoying his retirement on Lake Conway. Seems funny to me that I hear about the big fish but no pictures to prove it. Doyle Chambers also came by for a visit. He is working at the Post Office and going to U.A.L.R. part-time. We hope they will come back to see us soon.



PLANNING & RESEARCH

by Janet Billingsley

September was really a month for parties around P & R, especially in the Current Planning Section. All the girls took Peggy McFarlin out to lunch at Casa Bonita and presented her a charm to add to her charm bracelet and a new wallet. Peggy left us to attend UALR and become a needle pusher (nurse). All of us wish her lots of luck with her new venture.

Jeanie Barentine also left us to continue her education. She hopes to receive a B.A. at Ouachita and become a teacher. In her honor everyone went to lunch at A Q Chicken. She was presented a Tom Jones album. Study hard, Jeanie.

Charles and Bennie Parsons attended the Texas A & M - Texas Tech football game at College Station, Texas. Wonder who they rooted for? What a choice!!!

Hilda Crabb recently attended the graduation of Harold White at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. It was Hilda's first air ride and from all reports, she made the trip just fine.

June Brown has been wearing cotton in her ears lately. I believe the reason is her daughter Renee's new clarinet. Renee is in the 6th grade. Her mother decided to be brave and let her learn to play an instrument and join the band. June's son Les is a member of the King Pins bowling team and her daughter is a member of the Wood Wigglers. Both are doing quite well.

Skipper Bosley has a new Chevrolet Monte Carlo, which he is most pleased with. It's silver with a black vinyl top.

Betsy Morrison's husband is doing well after his recent heart attack.

Candy Hoagland and Judy Hathcock are new employees in Current Planning. Candy will be working with Traffic Crash

Statistics. She has a 3-year-old daughter, Michelle, of whom she is quite proud. Michelle is becoming quite a professional horseback rider, already she can ride alone. Candy is from Benton and enjoys camping and reading.



Candy Hoagland



Judy Hathcock

Judy is married (sorry, fellers) and lives in Malvern with her husband Bernis. She formerly worked as a receptionist in a doctor's office. She celebrated her 27th birthday and there was a cake for this special occasion.

Cecil and Mrs. Rider spent their vacation this year in California and Washington. In California they visited with Cecil's brothers in Los Angeles and Eureka, and drove through the Redwood National Forest. They visited with another of his brothers in Seattle. While there they toured the battleship Missouri. Cecil said he really did enjoy the plane trip there and back, too.



Michelle Hoagland

Bob Roberts has started on the road to homework, P.T.A. meetings, lunch money and such. His daughter Jenny Lynn started first grade at East End Elementary School. Bob also has a son Paul, who is four.

Another proud father is Jim Head. His daughter Dana also started first grade at East End Elementary. Good old Dad's already started learning the new math and how to say his ABC's. Jim recently took Dana and his little boy Doug fishing. Doug is following right in Dad's footsteps and is quite a fisherman, right down to cleaning the fish, from what I understand.

If you see a green-eyed brunet riding a bicycle, it's probably Polly Cloud. Her youngest daughter Stacy has learned to ride, so mom has been persuaded to go along, too. Stacy told her it would help them to have a good figure. Stacy is seven years old but she believes in starting early on those curves. I wonder if she thinks mom needs some help!!!

Katie Brazel, a cartographer in the Mapping Section, received her 25-year-service award from the Highway Commission on September 30. The office attended the presentation in force to give our Katie a thunderous applause. Afterward, she was treated to a reception by PARSAC. Cake and punch were served and everyone in the Division congratulated Katie and wished her another 25 years to come with the Department.



Katie Brazel holds her 25-year certificate and a sketch by Stella Owen of her receiving the award.

We have several "hustlers" in P & R, namely, Paul Elcan, Carl McChesney, Wayne Harper and Joe Foster. In case you don't know what a hustler is, he is a pool player. From all accounts, they are pretty good and are willing to take on all challengers.

Brenda and Paul Kirkpatrick are enjoying a new den which they have added to their home.

Your reporter is back at work and feeling pretty pert after her car wreck. If anyone has a car for sale, please contact her.

Margaret Harris will have an acrobatic ballet dancer in her family one of these days. Her daughter Valeria has started lessons. Margaret better hope she doesn't have to help with any acrobatic homework! She may be standing on her head, or even end up in the hospital.

The fellows from P & R have really been keeping the road to the golf courses hot. Some of our potential Ben Hogans are Mayo White, Larry Johnson, John Vandenberg, Ben Landers and Neb Bingham. Good luck, fellows!

Wayne Harper's son, Wayne Jr., really has something of which to be proud. He holds a 2nd degree (Brown Belt) in Karate. Wayne, Jr. attends McClellan High School. He is a student at Taekwondo Karate Academy and will soon be testing for the Black Belt.

Ed Johnson has just become a full fledged teacher at Finkbeiner Reserve Center and at the U.S.A.R. school at Camp Robinson. Ed will be giving instructions in first year Command and

General Staff Officers Course. Even our own Howard Snow, a lieutenant in the Navy Reserve, will be one of his students. Howard and Ben Landers have been on military leave during part of August and September. Howard was in Washington and Ben at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Keep up the good work, boys.

Current Planning has a walking encyclopedia on Arkansas by the name of Dodson Leonard. He knows where every road and town is or ever has been. Dodson has been with the Highway Department 33 years.



Ferrel Magby

Ferrel Magby of Bauxite has joined the Mapping Section and is being trained as a map scribe. He is a 1970 graduate of Capital City Business College in the field of drafting. Ferrel lives at Bauxite and is SINGLE.

PROCUREMENT

by *Jean Cadjew*

Frank Caple recently attended the Texas Association of Magicians Convention in Dallas and brought home a beautiful trophy for the Best Stage Act and an award for the Outstanding Act of the entire convention. To date we cannot coax him into showing us one little trick. Anyway, we are proud of him, as we know this is quite an honor.

Bernie Cox is sporting a handsome new blue suit to which he adds a coral shirt. The combination is very colorful. Bernie

has spent a lot of time lately serving on the jury. I know this would be interesting.

Wade has about convinced me that everyone should read and keep up with their horoscope. He has had some very interesting things happen to him lately, which were in his forecast. It just so happens that he was invited to have dinner with an old high school girl friend whom he had not seen in 30 years. He reported that he had a very nice visit and talked over those old school days.

Every week Lem has new pictures of his little grandson to show. This week Lem's daughter came up for a visit from Houston and brought the little one up to see us. He is a little boy doll! He ran all over the place and had more visitors than Lem does — Like grandfather, like grandson. Lem also celebrated his birthday this month and had many well wishers. There was even a cake brought to him here at the office.

Ted brought some nice pictures taken on his vacation. He and his family traveled through several states. He takes a lot of ribbing about the mustache he is trying to grow.

Lewis Warren has been on our sick list but is feeling better and able to return to work. His wife came by for a short visit one day.

Rita has been going crazy lately. She is learning a new job and training Melba on her old desk. She also is about the best dressed girl in the office since she went on a big shopping spree.



Melba Shepard

Melba Shepard joined our forces the first of the month. We are glad to have you, Melba. She brings all kinds of goodies to eat and some very good recipes that we have tried. Melba's husband is an X-ray equipment salesman. They have a little boy and a little girl, ages 8 and 6.

We couldn't bring Patsy down to earth again after she attended the Glen Campbell Show. She and Eulin traveled to the surrounding towns to several of the fairs and rodeos during the month.

Joyce has been on our sick list again. She missed a week because of the flu. She is feeling much better and recently took in the sights of Dogpatch.

We have had several visitors in our Division lately . . . Lou Hardy, Nancy Thompson and Gail Fisher.

We are recovering from a recent move. Don't think I will ever find everything again. Everyone is busy with all the hustle and bustle of the upcoming holidays. Now that Trick or Treat is over, it is time to think about Thanksgiving and Christmas, but it is the loveliest time of the year.

REPRODUCTION

by Sue Walls

Rachel and Fred Simmons celebrated their wedding anniversary October 11 while on an evening cruise with other members and guests of the Little Rock Sertoma Club aboard the *Border Star*. Rachel said the dinner served was delicious and the view at night wonderful.

This Section celebrated the birthdays of Rachel and this reporter with cake and some real cute cards. Rachel's birthday was October 2, and mine was October 5.

Lucille Huffstular was present at the dedication of the new Toad Suck Bridge. She said she really enjoyed it.

Penny Wylie has left to await the arrival of the stork in May and doesn't plan to work after the baby arrives. We will miss her, but we know she will enjoy staying at home.

Mary Dry, who has been helping Lucille in the Ozalid Room, was moved over to Microfilm to replace Penny when she leaves.

We sure were sorry to lose two employees. Guy Howard, one of our camera-

men, and Dick Rauschenberger, photostater, have left for other employment.

We have four new employees. Pat Latson replaces Mary in the Ozalid room and helps out in Map Sales. She is married and the mother of two girls; Vaneesa, 11 years old and Tareesa, 8 years old. She enjoys sewing and gardening.

Tommy Daniel, who has taken Dick's job, is married and the father of one little boy, Michael, aged 15 months. Tommy's hobbies are hunting, fishing and raising animals for pet shops.

Mike Shaw is working in the Microfilming Section. He graduated from high school in Hot Springs and attended SCA for a year before coming to the Highway Department. He is 19 and lives in North Little Rock. His favorite outside activity is drag racing.

Melvin Moss is a D. E. student who attends Metropolitan High in the mornings and works in the afternoons. He likes sports, especially football and basketball, and photography. We welcome all of them.



From left to right: Melvin Moss, Tommy Daniels, Pat Latson, and Mike Shaw.

We celebrated Marie Crawford's birthday with cake a day early, because she was off on her birthday. She was genuinely surprised.





RIGHT OF WAY

ACQUISITION SECTION

by *Phyllis Erwin*

This Section has lost another long-time employee to retirement. N. A. "Mac" McLeod worked for the Highway Department at various periods but was continuously employed from 1955 to October, 1970 as a negotiator in Acquisition. A Division party and a Section get-together were given in Mac's honor and he received a gift at both affairs. The acquisition Section will miss him.



Mac McLeod, r., receives a going away gift from Gip Robertson, Jr. on behalf of the R.O.W. Division.

ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

by *The Staff*



Carolyn McCann

Carolyn McCann started work in this Section on August 10 as the replacement for Linda Trogden, who has resigned.

Carolyn and her husband Stan have one little son, 11-month-old Steve.

Rusty Kauffman was in the hospital for a short time.

Butch Wilson and Jennifer Fox have been transferred to the Administrative Section. Jennifer is now the secretary of that Section. Butch is anxiously awaiting the arrival of the stork sometime this month.

Congratulations to Doug Thacker who recently observed his fifth wedding anniversary.

We all enjoyed a surprise birthday party on October 15 for Retha Griffin and Gip Robertson, Jr.

Richard Andry was surprised to find a little lavender bloom on his African violet. Could it be because of that little dab of sunshine?



ROADWAY DESIGN

by *Benny Robbins*

There is so much news in this Division I hardly know where to start! But here goes, anyway.

Fred Pulliam and Sidney Lee have retired after 38 and 17 years respectively. Paul DeBusk was promoted to Squad Leader to take over Fred's squad. Fred retired because of illness but we are happy to say, as of this writing, doing well.

Travis Orton's many friends will be wanting to know what progress he has made since his heart attack. He is doing well, I hear, and will return to work shortly.

We have a new employee, Earl Kirkpatrick. He has been through the Training Program and we are very glad to have him with us. Jim Perry is on the Student-Training Program and we are glad to have him, too.

Danny Moore and his wife were blessed with a baby boy on September 7. They named him Brendan Keith Moore. They are so proud of him, and we are glad both mother and son are doing well.

Richard Siegler has just come back to work after surgery. We won't elaborate on that at this time, but he is just doing fine, though.

This reporter got to attend SASHO

with her husband, courtesy of Little Rock Road Machinery Co. and to say "we had a ball" is the understatement of the year! The people were great, the food superior and, in general, fun was had by all who attended. Jerry (my husband) and I went fishing in the Gulf and we both caught a King mackerel. It was great!

In this Division we are already planning our Christmas party, which is just around the corner, you all know.

Rick Henriksen received his five year pin and we say congratulations to him.

SECONDARY ROADS

by *Barbara Oldham*

Autumn is here with all the flaming trees. It is a real treat to look out over the tree tops around our beautiful highway building. All the men in our Division seem to get a fever this time of year. I think it is generally diagnosed as hunting fever. I suppose that we will be hearing lots of stories about the ones that ran, jumped and flew away before the season is over. Time will tell about the great "Hunters" here in the Secondary Roads part of the good ole Highway Department.



John and Maxine Kizer with children Lana Dee and Eric pose with whopper melon.

John Kizer, our boss, and family enjoyed eating this 104-lb. watermelon pictured above with the Johnnie Gray family. The melon was given to Johnnie by Mr. and Mrs. Lester Kent of Hope. The Kents have won the World's Largest Watermelon contest for the last three years. In 1969 their winner was a 153-pounder! Mr. Kent is a retired Union Pacific Railroad engineer.

Mark and Kathy James have a new member in their family, a dachshund

named Lester. Kathy has been out shopping for the puppy, so he is now the proud owner of a new sweater. Mark says that he likes best of all to pull clothes into a pile in the living room and sleep on them. The next door neighbors bought Lester's sister, so this sounds promising. Mark has promised to keep us informed.

The pantsuit fashion rage has placed frowns on the faces of many of the men here at AHD. As you know, I am one gal among many guys here in our office. At least, I was a gal, now I am really considered one of the boys on the days I wear a pantsuit. Would you believe that one of my guys had the audacity to tell me that the legs of my pantsuit were about three inches too short! Guys are funny, yes they are . . . but they are great to have around the office. Until next month . . .

DISTRICT NEWS

DISTRICT 3
by *Sharon Bailey*

Congratulations to Clyde Tullis on reaching 20 years with the Department; Carol Burnett for 15 years; Horace Jordan for 10 years; and James Townsend, Donald McKenzie, Jessie Howell Harris and William N. Cox for 5 years.

Rodney Tompkins became a father October 11 when .6 pound, 4 ounce Stephen Lloyd was born. Rodney works in one of our district crews. Congratulations.

Jodie Waddle's son Joe is the singer for a musical group called The Prime Meridian. Other members of the group are Jeff Watson, John McWilliams, Danny Stewart and Gary Lyons. On October 29 they made their public debut in a performance at the Emmet P.T.A. Talent Contest and took second place in the senior division. From what I hear, everyone really did enjoy them. Congratulations, and I hope this is just the first of a long list of honors for the group.

Teressa Turrentine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Hardemon, and Charlie

Ogden, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ogden, Sr., were united in marriage October 20 at the home of the bride's mother. The Rev. Thomas E. Cherry officiated. Charlie works in our Hempstead County crew and we hope that he and his wife will have a long, full life together.

Birthdays! Have we ever had them around here lately! At various times during the last month, cake and coffee were served in honor of Edna Lewallen, Charles Webb, Robert Skinner, Floyd Pharris, Sr. and Don Teague. Hope all of you have many more.



Edna Lewallen



Robert Skinner, left, and Charles Webb



Floyd Pharris



Don Teague

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Hubert Miller on the death of his mother, Mrs. Stella Miller, of the Geneva community near DeQueen.

DISTRICT 4
by *Reta Fleming*

Hello! It's been a few months since we have sent in any news from District 4, so we will now try to catch up on all the latest happenings.

Congratulations to Bob James and Locke Williams who were presented their 20-year certificates and pins at the District office on September 17 in the presence of friends and fellow workers. Coffee and cake was served for the occasion. Bob is an engineering aide in Carl Sanders' residency. Locke is a diesel mechanic with the District 4 headquarter's maintenance crew.



James, right, receives certificate from Dist. Engr. Calvin Peevy.

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A Las Vegas cleaners' ad: "While you are here, why not get your clothes cleaned, too?"



Locke Williams, left, receives award from Maint. Supt. Bud Hodnett.



Kristi Faber

October 1 was a day of celebration around my house. It was the second birthday of my daughter, Michele. We celebrated with a little party for her and her little friends. She really had a time tearing (and I do mean tearing) open all her gifts. In no time at all she had the house looking like a disaster area with paper and ribbon strewn everywhere. Of course, Mommie and Daddy enjoyed the party, too, especially the after-party clean-up.

A few of our employees enjoyed a weekend of fishing on Lake Ouachita October 10 and 11. Among the ones attending were Dist. Engr. Calvin Peevy; Res. Engr. Carl Sanders, and Kim Whittaker who works in District 4 headquarters maintenance. They report catching enough fish for a big fish fry Saturday night. Next time, fellows, bring back some pictures.

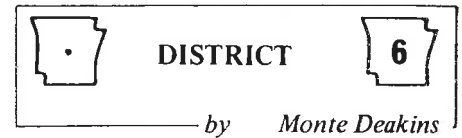
Debbie Berna, daughter of Tommy and Barbara Berna, celebrated her 9th birthday October 22. Tommy is an engineering aide in Sanders' residency.

Harper Smither, an engineering aide in Sanders' residency, was hospitalized from October 21-23 and is now recuperating at home. We all miss him and will be glad when he is able to return to work.

My husband Bill, our daughter Michele, and I spent the weekend of October 24 in North Little Rock visiting our families. We certainly enjoyed our visit and are looking forward to going again.

If this article seems to be mostly about Carl Sanders' residency, it's because

that is where I work and, therefore, the one I know the most about. If you other residencies will send me some news, I'll be more than happy to write about you, too.



McConnell's Residency

by Pat Main

After wishing on many stars for an electric typewriter I have given up hope (almost) for any such automatic device. This morning I did, however, discover that my old machine had been converted to *hydro-matic*. Everything I put into it came out wet! D'you suppose my window leaks a little?

I can't brag about my new granddaughter because she is now three months old. She was born the 28th of July, and while I don't remember how much she weighed, her name is Frankie Lynne. She does still live with her proud parents Frank and Carol Walker, halfway between here and Sheridan.

I'd like to brag about my new house that we just recently moved into, I really would, but we haven't moved yet. I'd like to say that we are going to move in this weekend, too - but I've said that so many weeks that I think the crew here has a pool of some sort going on the actual moving date.

Rueben McConnell's little daughter Cindy broke her arm a week or so ago. Hey, Cindy, how did that happen? Some kids'll do anything to get out of six weeks tests. Or is the cast to hide that report card in?

All of our guys who've been over to the big building lately are bemoaning the fact that some of the mini skirts have been replaced by (is it really true?) PANTS SUITS? (There's that new punctuation mark again) I think I'd like to join them because the only thing that looks worse on me than a mini is a midi. I did try on a mini once. I never got a chance to see it, though, the mirrors kept breaking.

Lawyer, reading client's last will and testament to circle of expectant relatives: "And so, being of sound mind, I spent every d - - - cent."



DISTRICT

7

by

Althea Campbell

Service award recipients in District 7 are Martin O. Machen, 20 years; Ervin H. Hamilton, 15 years; Larry E. Hollis, Jimmie R. Hamilton and Wiley L. Bryant, 10 years; and Clarence R. Hogue, 5 years. Hollis is an accountant at the District headquarters. All the others are equipment operators. Congratulations!

Dist. Engr. Coy Campbell represented the Highway Department at the 31st National Highway Management Conference in Stowe, Vt. in September. He also attended SASHO in Mobile, Ala. in October.

Maint. Supt. and Mrs. G. E. Nunnally flew to Park Forest, Ill. in mid-October for a visit with their daughter, Anne McKanna and family. A few weeks earlier they enjoyed a trip to Dallas, together with Mr. Nunnally's brother and sister-in-law. They all visited relatives.

Stock Clerk Ralph Toward and Mamie are happy to have their son Ed and his family living in Camden. They moved here from Dallas and Ed is now working with the Department. We are happy to have you with us, Ed!

Mildred Russ, equipment clerk, attended the Pilot Club's district work shop in Magnolia October 24. While there she enjoyed a Highway Department-Pilot Club chat with Jeanne Johnson, field clerk for Res. Engr. A. W. Hardy at Magnolia. Jeanne is also a Pilot Club member.

Glenda Parker, who was sponsored at Girls' State by the Camden Pilot Club, was the guest speaker at the Club in October. She is the daughter of Equip. Supt. Jesse and Mrs. Parker.

Res. Engr. Bob Myers' "Highway family" has increased by two. The Raymond Purifoys have a new son, and Ed and Linda Peisert have a daughter born October 8. She has been named Marguerite Marion Minnie in honor of both grandmas and a great-grandma. Raymond and Ed are engineering aides for Myers.

George Griffis brought in several squirrels and Sula, Arlene and Carolyn developed a tasty dish of squirrel mulligan—it really livened up an otherwise rather dull lunch hour. Thanks, George - and



Charles David Slaton, 3-month-old grandson of maintenance repairman, Eugene Slaton.

girls. George is a special maintenance supervisor.

Carolyn Milner and a friend enjoyed a fall vacation at Panama City, Fla. Receptionist Mary Lane's son Curtis is a star fullback on Camden Junior High's football team. John and June Livingston are also enjoying the CJHS games this year. Their daughter Angela is a majorette. John is an engineering aide.

Rick Guesner's wife Birdie recently spent a week at market in Dallas. She is a buyer for Starr Fashion Shop. Rick and Birdie are looking forward to a visit from their daughter Joyce, son-in-law and small son of Memphis in November.

Our former District Engineer, now retired, Walter Hicks and his daughter Virginia who was visiting the Hickses from Tulsa, pleasantly surprised us recently with an office visit. Two other retirees, Hugh Anderson and Frank Mulligan, also visited with us not long ago. Frank says that his wife, who is employed at Bagpak Division of International Paper Co., will join him in retirement next month.

Clifford and Evelyn Smith took their first trip by air to visit their son Nick and wife in Denver and make the acquaintance of their new grandson, little Martin Barron Smith.

We are all watching, listening and pulling for the Razorbacks ! !



DISTRICT

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by

Shirley Morton

The following employees were recipients of service awards in September and October. Fayetteville residency: Paul Sanders, construction inspector, 20 years; Larry Hodnett, engineering aide, 10 years; Tom G. Hudson, construction inspector, 5 years.

Harrison residency: John Sullivan, crew leader, 20 years; Jess T. Hensley, deckhand at Henderson Ferry, 15 years; Buster Murdock, equipment operator, 10 years; Lloyd Burgess, construction inspector; Billy G. Hudson, equipment operator; and Harvey L. Boles, deckhand at Henderson Ferry, 5 years each.

Martha Baxter of Springdale, daughter of Mrs. Helen Baxter, and Larry Savage of Elm Springs were wed in a home ceremony on September 28. Mrs. Baxter is the payroll clerk at the Springdale office. Rev. Glen Barnes performed the ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by her cousin, Bill Plumlee. She wore a formal gown of white accented with a red sash. She also wore a gold locket presented to her grandmother, Mrs. Emma Plumlee, by Mr. Plumlee 58 years ago. A reception was held after the wedding. The bridegroom is now serving a 6 months' tour of duty with the Navy in Vietnam. Mrs. Savage is living in Springdale during his absence.



Mr. and Mrs. Larry Savage

Lloyd Burgess and family enjoyed a vacation trip that covered several miles of sight-seeing in Texas, New Mexico, Colorado and Kansas.

Dist. Engr. and Mrs. Curtis G. Pangle attended the SASHO meeting at Mobile, Ala., October 3-7.

Marion and Norma Lee Downs and Ruth Roberts enjoyed a recent visit with relatives at Amarillo, Texas. Marion is a construction inspector with the Harrison residency.

Jeff and Bea Davis spent the weekend of October 23 visiting his brother in Shawnee, Okla. and other relatives and friends in Oklahoma City. Jeff is assistant maintenance superintendent.

Wallace and Betty Harrison journeyed to Colorado for a very successful week of deer and elk hunting.

Charles Hesselbein, a junior at Paragould High School, has been selected to attend the Fifth Arkansas Junior Science and Humanities Symposium in Little Rock November 12-14.



Charles Hesselbein

Hesselbein, son of Asst. Maint. Supt. and Mrs. Charles Hesselbein, 502 N. 10th Street, will listen and learn at the symposium this year. Next year he hopes to present a paper on some phase of science. Winners will attend a national symposium.

The symposium is presented through the combined efforts and sponsorship of the U.S. Army Research Office, Durham, S. C., Pine Bluff Arsenal and Arkansas Power and Light Company. Approximately 90 students and 40 teachers from throughout Arkansas will gain some experience in research methods.



GUESS WHO?



Guess Who? was Geraldine Kissire of the Construction Division. She was correctly identified by Pat Koonce, Jane Greenlee, Ed White, Marilyn Robinson, Joyce Spencer and Butch Wilson.



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Feroi Jones

Feroi is a charter member and past president of Razorback Chapter. She was the Chapter's Woman of the Year in 1969. She was also a charter member of Diamond Charter Chapter, the first ABWA chapter organized in Little Rock in 1960. She has maintained a perfect attendance record since she first joined Diamond Chapter in March, 1960.

In a phone conversation today with former Chief Engr. J. T. Pendergrass, he mentioned that he and Mrs. P. were about to depart for sunny Florida to spend December with her sister and family at Fort Myers. Ho, hum — some people have all the luck.

It won't seem the same around the Department without Jack Teasdale, who will retire November 20 after 43 years! He has racked up the most cumulative service of any A.H.D. employee of record. There ought to be some kind of special recognition for that kind of loyalty.

Hope you all remembered to be especially thankful for small things during this Thanksgiving season.

DISTRICT

by *Isabelle Psalmonds*

Equipment Operator II's who received 5 year certificates of service since the last news went in are: A. D. Huffine, Paragould; Lyman C. Gullett, Pocahontas; Paul R. Gatlin, Walnut Ridge; Gerald M. Cole, Paragould; Arthur C. Ball, Osceola; and Jackie T. Rainwater, Walnut Ridge. Homer Lenderman, equipment operator at Paragould, received a 15 year certificate.

Dist. Engr. Sam Smith attended the SASHO meeting in Atlanta and reports a very pleasant trip and a good meeting.

Congratulations to the William G. Hardins. Their baby daughter made her appearance - on September 18. William is an auto/diesel mechanic at Paragould.

Bookkeeper Essie Butler is in the Methodist Hospital in Memphis for eye surgery. She will be away from her desk until the first of the year. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

Larry Whittle, clerk in the Resident Engineer's office at Osceola, is in the hospital at Osceola. We hope that he will soon be able to be back at his desk.

Payroll Clerk Jackie Hopkins is so excited! Her first grandson, Jeremy Mark Curtin, from Boston is visiting her. He is four months old and this is the first time Jackie has seen him. Her daughter Pam and son-in-law Jack, the baby's parents, are visiting, too.

HOW TO PRESERVE A GREEN CHRISTMAS TREE



Since the holiday season is almost upon us, some of you may be interested in the following method of preserving and fireproofing Christmas trees and other evergreens used for decorations in the home:

Mix together 2 cups of light corn syrup, 4 teaspoons of chlorinated liquid household bleach, and 4 tablespoons of Green Garde (a non-toxic micronized iron sold at florists, garden supply centers, and hardware, grocery and variety stores. Do not use a toxic iron chelate.) Pour mixture into a gallon of hot water and mix.

Saw 1" off the trunk of the tree, crush the fibers at the bottom of the trunk with a hammer, or saw several cuts in the base of the tree to permit the preservative to flow up into the tree. The tree may be stood up in a bucket for a few days before setting it in a tree holder, or the tree may be placed directly in the holder and the hot solution poured around it. Add warm tap water each day as needed to keep the tree holder filled.

Where is it?

The Where Is It? for August-September is the Highway 4 bridge across the Cossatot River between Wickes and Umpire in Howard County. It was correctly identified by Asst. Cons. Engr. Norman Pumphrey and Ronnie Mize in the Mail Room.



THIS'LL KILL YA



When John Jones took his hunting dog out in the fields to show him off to several strangers, to his amazement the dog pointed at one of them.

"He's smarter than you think," said the man. "My name happens to be Partridge."

Little Sister: "Bobby, quick, I've dropped my cookie under the table. Don't let Rover eat it!"

Bobby: "Don't worry. I have my foot on it."

A hot-tempered contractor wrote the following letter to vent his feelings:

"Sir, my stenographer, being a lady, cannot type what I think of you. I, being a gentleman, cannot think of it. You, being neither, will understand what I mean."

Pollution is one of the things that everybody talks about and everybody does something about - like contributes to it.

A Britisher couldn't understand why we keep bars closed on Election Day. "At home we keep the bars open," he said. "We figure nobody's going to vote for those candidates when he's sober."

A man got on a plane and held a gun to the pilot's head. He said, "Take me to Miami!" The pilot answered, "This flight's going to Miami, you don't need a gun." The man retorted, "Three times before I got on a plane to Miami and ended up in Cuba - this time I'm going to Miami!"

Car manufacturers are complaining that cars aren't moving in the showrooms these days. I've got news for them: They're not moving in our city streets either.

Did you know that radar spelled backward is still "radar"? In other words, they get you going or coming.

The youngster at Hallowe'en knocked at the door.

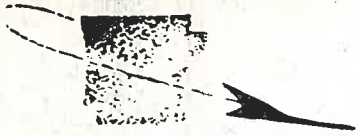
Man: "What are you supposed to be, little boy?"

Boy: "A pirate captain."

Man: "Where are your buccaneers?"

Boy: "Under my buckin' hat."

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