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LETTERS

THIS letter was addressed to the Highway Commission...however, the Commission and Highway Officials feel its gratifying content is certainly meant for you, also.

After driving a couple of thousand miles over your wonderful highways and roads through your State parks and beautiful hills, I feel that we should let you know how very much we enjoyed our very fine and well-kept roadside parks along the way.

One roadside park, just outside the fine little town of Leslie, I'll never forget. We drove in to rest awhile and I found we were on the banks of a nice little stream called "Little Red River," I believe. As I dearly love to fish, I told my husband I would try my luck there. He was rather doubtful that I'd have any luck, but humored my wishes.

You should have seen his eyes pop out when just a moment after I cast my bait out, I pulled in a 4-pound drum! Another worm and another cast, and I brought in a 3-pound drum. A third attempt and I snagged about a 1 1/2-pound bass. So I really enjoyed my short rest at that roadside park and believe me when in your very fine State again, I'll surely drive by Leslie, Arkansas.

Your lakes and streams are wonderful, and I am sure that we will find our retirement home somewhere in your very beautiful hills.

Again I want to say thanks for a very pleasant visit through your State.

Mrs. Thomas Hathorn
Kansas City, Missouri

JULY CONTRACT AWARDS

Chicot County, U. S. 82, Montrose-Lake Village, 20 lin. ft. of bridge remodeling and channel improvement over Boeuf River, to W. R. Fairchild Construction Company, Ltd., Warren.

Conway County, County Road north of No. 154 near Petit Jean State Park, 6.306 miles shaping roadway and ditches, base and surfacing, Fell Vaughn, Contractor, North Little Rock.

Crittenden County, U.S. 61, Marion-West Memphis, 951.75 feet of overpass and 0.350 miles grading approaches, to the S. R. D. Company of Warren.

Cross County, No. 42, No. 75, Parkin-Marked Tree, 15.224 miles of base and surfacing, Southeast Construction Company Inc., Pine Bluff.

Dallas County, No. 8, No. 9, near Princeton, 37.658 miles base and surfacing, to Graves Brothers, Pine Bluff.

Mississippi County, No. 148, Burdette-Junction, 1.655 miles base and surfacing Mississippi Valley Contracting, Paragould.

Polk County, No. 8, Board Camp-Norman Road, 5.969 miles base and surfacing, Reynolds and Williams, Little Rock.

Polk and Montgomery Counties, No. 8, Mena-Norman Road, 10.109 miles base and surfacing, Reynolds and Williams, Little Rock.

Pulaski County, No. 10, 0.019 miles including 413.08 ft. bridge, pavement remodeling Main St. Bridge, and construct one RC and steel bridge, J. H. Leveck and Sons, Little Rock.

Yell County, No. 27, Chickalah-Dardanelle, 7.210 miles surfacing, to Reynolds and Williams, Little Rock.

GOOD HIGHWAY SIGNS—A MUST

by Otha Hewitt

Supervisor of Traffic Service

The erection and maintenance of highway signs is of vital importance in the operational functioning of an efficient Highway Department. Temporary, as well as permanent, highway signs are a necessity for the safety and convenience of the traveling public and for the economic preservation of pavement life on our highway system. Then, too, highway signs are a directional courtesy which can create good will, or bad, according to placement, accuracy, and legibility.

A permanent highway sign may be defined as a traffic control device mounted on a support above the level of the roadway that conveys a specific message by means of unchanging words or symbols.

Traffic signs fall within three broad functional classifications:

Regulatory Signs give the highway user notice of traffic regulations that apply at any given place or on a given highway.

Warning Signs call attention to conditions in or adjacent to the highway or street that are potentially hazardous to traffic operations.

Guide Signs show route designation, destinations, directions, distances, points of interest and other geographical or cultural information.

All signs must be kept in proper position, clean and legible at all times; and damaged signs replaced immediately. Special care should be taken to see that weeds, shrubbery, construction materials,

and mud are not allowed to obscure the face on any sign. Damaged, obscured, and missing signs may be contributory factors to vehicle accidents and, as such, are a hazard to the traveling public. Well-maintained signs add materially to the general appearance of a highway.

Maintenance

Maintenance methods and procedures are governed to a large extent by the composition of the sign and its support, and the importance of uninterrupted visibility of the message carried. For example, the temporary painting out of the message displayed on a historical marker during field operations would only be of minor inconvenience to the public, while an obscured warning symbol might contribute to a serious vehicle accident.

Efficient sign maintenance requires complete records of all sign installations, scheduled inspections by trained personnel, and constant observation of sign conditions by all Highway employees. If a sign is defaced, knocked down, or damaged in any way, it is the concern of every Department employee to report such condition for immediate correction as it produces a derogatory reflection upon the entire Highway Department.

Sign maintenance is performed both on the roadway and in the Central Sign Shops. Field maintenance includes straightening posts and sign assemblies to the proper

positions, cleaning sign faces and the reflective elements, cleaning and repainting posts, tightening bolts, removing visibility obstructions, and replacing severely damaged elements and occasionally the entire sign assembly. Severely damaged signs are replaced immediately with new or reconditioned signs and the damaged sign sent to the Central Sign Shop for repair and reconditioning when it is economically feasible.

Field Repairs

The extent to which field repairs should be made must be based on good judgment and sound economics. Minor damage to signs, such as slight deformations which do not impair legibility, are normally repaired on the roadway without moving the sign from its support. In many instances, the sign post is bent or knocked out of position without damage to the sign itself. Wood posts should be reset and metal posts, which are deformed to a minor degree, should be bent to proper position. Occasionally signs become loosened from their support through wind vibration or because the original installation was not properly made.

Cleaning

All highway signs become dirty and obscured from dust, splash, bituminous materials, wind-blown fungus, pollen, and ordinary road film. Defacement by crayon and cosmetics also reduces visibility. The accumulation of road film and splash on low-mounted regulatory and warning signs is, however, the most frequent cause of impaired visibility. Our signs in the future will be mounted 5 feet

from the ground which will give more protection from road splash.

It can truthfully be said that all of the modern reflector reflectors function efficiently in signs mounted well above the zone of concentrated road film and splash. Periodic cleaning, especially of the reflective materials, is very necessary in order to maintain good legibility for all exposed signs. There is a great variation in the many factors contributing to sign illegibility; therefore, no fixed schedule can be recommended for cleaning.

Replacement

Sign replacement is required when major damage has been inflicted to the sign or its support, or when legibility is impaired by fading of the lettered message or symbol. Failure of a considerable portion of the reflective elements or sheeting also necessitates the placing of a new or reconditioned sign. Good judgment must be exercised in determining whether the sign should be replaced and returned to the Sign Shop or repaired "in place" on the roadway. In borderline cases the decision should be made in favor of replacement. Defacement of 4 or 5 square inches of sign face usually necessitates replacement.

The high ratio of nighttime accidents stresses the importance of visibility and legibility during the dark hours. Inspection of reflective materials can be effectively accomplished only at night. Where such signing exists, at least one additional annual inspection is made under night-driving conditions. When such an inspection is made, it is

exceedingly important that particular attention be paid to any missing or damaged reflectorizing materials.

Keeping the sign message clearly visible at all times from obscurement by vegetation, foliage, parked vehicles, and other physical obstructions is an extremely important task, especially for regulatory and warning signs. Weeds and grass are probably the most common sign-visibility obstructions encountered on the rural highways. When visibility cannot be maintained with the normal right-of-way mowing operations, special mowing operations for sign-visibility purposes should be initiated, including all growth obscuring stop signs on the approach roads. These clearings should be of such width and length as to furnish the maximum in sign visibility to approaching traffic.

No vehicle should be parked on the right-of-way at places where traffic signs will be obstructed. No sign should be placed at a position where there is a possibility of its being hidden by a mail box or post.

Save that Sign

All signs and sign posts should be saved and sent to the Sign Shop for possible repair and reconditioning. Most steel post can be cut and used. If a post is broken at 2 feet from the end, this will make a good post for Flare Boards at bridge ends. If a steel post is all bent, the straight portion can be drilled and used for cross-arm behind Town Boards. Most temporary signs can be used over and over again and should be conserved for future use.

MARK UP THE PROFITS!

Your money is working for you. That certainly sounds reassuring doesn't it? And, believe it or not, that is exactly what is happening in regard to the money you contribute to your Retirement System fund. On July 22, the Board of Trustees purchased another \$350,000 worth of U.S. Treasury Bonds, which brings the total of the System's investments to \$1,475,000 with annual interest earnings of \$36,400.

The law limits the investment of the System's funds to general obligations of the United States of America or the State of Arkansas, which means that they are backed by the full faith and credit of each; and are the safest type of investment security that can be bought. The Board reports that this restriction was deliberately written into the law to protect the individual trust provision of the Act, which states:

"It is herewith expressly guaranteed that all member contributions shall be held in trust for the exclusive benefit of the individual contributor."

This provision means that every dollar a member pays into the Retirement System fund is held in trust for his eventual retirement. It also means that if, before that time, he leaves the Department or dies a refund will be made to him or to his beneficiary.

It is a wonderful thing to have our money working for us, isn't it? A career employee can look forward to a liberal retirement allowance or, if he elects to seek employment elsewhere, he can enjoy the benefits of an insured savings account. We just can't lose!

DESIGN FOR GOOD RELATIONS

Is there anything more delightful than being greeted with a glass of ice cold lemonade after a long, hot, and dusty trip? particularly when such a hospitable gesture comes as a complete surprise on one of the days when the summer's heat is most oppressive! Well, that was the welcoming friendliness Division 7 offered the Commission and their entourage when they arrived at Camden, wilted but unmounted, for a visit with the personnel.

Two full days, scheduled to the brim, saw the Commission and their party through South Arkansas on their third trip this year for visits with District personnel and civic groups. Good will and appreciative grins were mutually rampant throughout the trip, which was clearly indicative of the spirit of cooperation being emanated by the people, the personnel, and the Commission.

This particular tour started bright and early July 28. The first stop was at Arkadelphia for a coffee break with Chamber of Commerce President Lee Ramsey and civic groups at the Caddo Hotel; then, luncheon with C of C President Bob Reynolds and civic groups at the Broadway Hotel in Prescott; after which our group drove to Hope for a meeting with District Engineer W. E. Hicks and the Division 3 personnel.

An unusual and very pleasing break occurred at the Division 3 meeting when the personnel thoughtfully expressed their appreciation by presenting the Commissioners and each member of their party with one of those world-famous Hope watermelons. How favorable for our

well-being to know that executives and employees are well acquainted enough to inspire wholesome friendship!

After the personnel meeting at Hope, Mr. Hicks drove over to Camden with the Commission to preside at the meeting with the Division 7 personnel, which ended about 5:00 p.m. That did not end the day, however, for our travelers! who drove on to El Dorado for a dinner engagement with Judge Frank Hudson and civic groups at the Garrett Hotel.

The second day dawned, and with renewed energy our group went cheerily on their way spreading good will and creating understanding by their informative talks on Highway affairs. There was a stop at Crossett for a coffee break with C of C President H. A. Etheridge, Jr., and civic groups at Rose Inn and Lodge; a luncheon engagement was fulfilled in Lake Village with C of C President James M. Hughes and civic groups at the Cornell Hotel; a visit with C of C Manager Frank Ross and civic groups at the Greystone Hotel in McGehee; and then, to Pine Bluff for a meeting with District Engineer H. R. Lucus and the Division 2 personnel.

The large group of construction personnel attending the Division 2 meeting evidenced the cooperative teamwork being performed by a unified Highway Department. Harmonious adjustment has been made and enthusiasm held Commission and personnel in its spell all through the meeting.

These tours have been advantageous for all. Beneficially informative, they have created a healthy attitude conducive to attaining goals! Bless our Commission.

THESE PREVENTABLE ACCIDENTS AFFECT YOU!

District 1 - Division 1 - Total 10

7/1/55, while cutting rivets out of mowing machine blade a piece of steel struck him in arm.

7/2/55, loading log onto truck with drag-line when cable hit him under right eye, inflicting a cut.

7/5/55, struck by lightning while picking up debris on right-of-way.

7/11/55, sprained left arm when mowing machine overturned while mowing right-of-way.

7/12/55, vehicle accident, no injuries.

7/15/55, injured back while loading large lumps of asphalt in truck by hand.

7/21/55, runway board on bridge slipped, mashing arm between board and handrail.

7/22/55, while looking for a bolt off mud jack, scratched right hand on piece of drill shaft.

7/28/55, cut on head when hit by door that fell from motor crane.

7/28/55, became overheated while unloading gravel.

District 1 - Division 10 - Total 1

7/12/55, cut arm while clearing brush from right-of-way.

District 2 - Division 2 - Total 1

7/9/55, blistered palm of hand while cranking tractor.

District 2 - Division 6 - Total 3

7/6/55, cuts on knee from fan blade.

7/22/55, fell from overturning tractor, bruises and abrasions on body.

7/29/55, foreign particle in eye while cutting weeds from right-of-way.

District 3 - Division 3 - Total 0

District 3 - Division 7 - Total 3

7/18/55, stepped into hole, bruised leg.

7/18/55, fell while stepping off truck, strained back.

7/19/55, while cutting a tree, abrasion inflicted on cornea when piece of bark struck right eye.

District 4 - Division 4 - Total 2

7/12/55, while filing size blade, blade slipped and cut the knuckle of his left hand.

7/18/55, ligaments in left leg pulled when tree fell on him.

District 4 - Division 8 - Total 4

7/11/55, piece of steel lodged in arm while hammering tract pin.

7/12/55, received bruises on left knee when he fell from a truck.

7/20/55, fell against shifting stick of mowing machine when he hit big rock, bruised groin.

7/21/55, glasses struck, breaking the lens, resulting in abrasions on the face and eyes.

District 5 - Division 5 - Total 3

7/5/55, shoulder injured when foot slipped and he fell on boom.

7/11/55, sprained ankle when stepping from motor work table.

7/1/55, while cutting tree, timber fell and mashed toe.

7/5/55, received cut on elbow and finger, also bruised shoulder when mowing machine overturned causing him to fall.

7/6/55, while surveying on a steep hill worker slipped and fell, fracturing two ribs.

Little Rock - Total 1

7/27/55, while painting, glasses knocked off and broken.

Jacksonville - Total 0

DRAMA OF A PLAN—in Two Parts

THE STORY THUS FAR: In a meeting called by the Director of Highways for open discussion of the new organization setup with the Division Heads, District Heads, and the Commission Chairman as a guest speaker, the significance of a coordinated "Plan" was laid out to assure complete understanding. Definite responsibility lines were explained in detail. Personnel relations, public relations, and relations of an authoritative nature were thoroughly discussed. Faith and confidence in the loyal cooperation of men to attain successful results through coordinated effort with the Plan is manifest as we take up our story as voiced by Mr. Eldridge:

PART II — PRODUCTION PHASES

Now we come to a subject of utmost importance in our production output and service efficiency and one which has many ramifications...that subject is Planning. In the use of the word "planning" I am not talking about drawing plans. Some of you might call it management; but whatever you call it, it means that we all have to use good judgment: we must look ahead and be on the alert...not only for today, next month, or next year, but at all times.

Adequate planning of our work needs to be done at every supervisory level as well as on a District-wide scale. For example, area foremen will have responsibility for maintaining several different types of roads. The work can be accomplished efficiently with proper planning. Some work may have to wait on materials or equipment, but all work needs planning.

Materials should be ordered on the Division scale and the use of your equipment planned to fit in with your schedule. That may sound simple, but it isn't. It requires a lot of planning to bring about maximum accomplishments; and over-all District-wide planning of the work is necessary. That not only applies to maintenance, but also to construction.

There are many hazardous conditions on our roads that need to be corrected. We have cases where we lose money because conditions have not been taken care of. We have hill sides where a little surfacing is needed to eliminate continual heavy maintenance. We all need to keep our eyes open to conditions, when we drive over our paved roads, for there are many places where improvements should be made. These are only a few of the many things that must be included in our planning.

Of course, the principle thing we have to deal with is the surface of our roads, but there are many other things of vast importance in our road-building program. Service to the people is our prime necessity and we should never underestimate the importance of highway service in all of its manifestations.

We can make even greater progress if we can work on our old roads and obtain the full width of rights-of-way. Our objective is to get the ditches as far away as we can, thereby obtaining a road that is as safe as possible; and on which we can use our heavy equipment to maintain. The type of road we should be developing is the kind where it is unnecessary to know the exact spot the

shoulder plays out; so that if a person's car gets out of control, he has a reasonable chance to get it back on the road without an accident. You would also have something you could mow.

On some of the sections I have seen, you have done a very good job of widening the slopes. You have a slope you could run a power mower on, but your ditch is still too close to the road. If you will use a little more dirt that is not needed on other sections for filling these, you can accomplish the job. Some of you are regrading roads at this time, and will want them to fit the proper pattern.

Sometime ago, in their zeal to get as many miles of dust-proof surface as possible, the Highway Commission decided to do a great deal of secondary-road black-topping. All of that work is now under construction except two jobs in Phillips County, three jobs in Dallas County, and one job in Cross County. Information came to me this morning that the roadway is now ready on the Cross County job. The purpose of the program was to accomplish the work of surfacing these roads this year. I feel confident that we will achieve our purpose.

Through our contract procedures on these secondary roads, we are getting a base surface...but it does not give us a complete road. That means there is a lot of work to be done through maintenance as soon as possible. It means that what is needed immediately in the way of shoulders, you will have to put there. Many of these roads have not been cleared and the clearance work will have to be done before an attempt is made to relieve the sections.

On sections where we are involved in relocations, the District will do such grading work as is necessary for the contractor to place his work. That has to be done in advance of the contract work but cannot be done before the right-of-way is available. This leaves only a short time in which to get the grading accomplished. Naturally, your work schedule will have to be planned so that you are ready to do that type of work.

There is plenty of room for us to progress and, if we will just put ourselves and our minds into this job, I know, without doubt, that the Arkansas Highway Department will get the job done. Remember, too, that we have a great need for all of our people on the roads to see that we are getting something done. Keep up the good work you have been doing in making improvements wherever you can. Continue to take pride in your work and the results will be there for all to see.

We have our Commission Chairman with us today whose optimistic viewpoint and inspirational words can always be used as a guiding light to solidify our faith in the attainment of our goals...

MR. CECIL LYNCH:

It is a pleasure to be with you again and I want to start off by commending you for the work you and your men have been doing. I think we have a real working organization. We have come a long way and we have a long way to go.

July 1 marks a change which is a very fine move. To my way of thinking, it is fine because it gives our Department closer contact with the people of the

tate. Also, this change is welcome because what we have been trying to do has been spread too thin and we could do nothing about it, but now we will have a better chance.

In setting up this organization, I think we have before us a job that is very important, and one that will require years and years to accomplish. It is my hope that you will each do your best to build up the organization as you go along.

Time works against all of us. I want to ask each one of you to study your men carefully, and pick out the ones that are developing and getting the job done, without their knowing it. Try to prepare a man to fill your shoes when you drop off. Too often, an organization finds itself in a difficult situation because something happens to one of the key men.

Another thing that we should never forget is that an organization is no stronger than its weakest link; and when any part falls down, the whole organization has fallen. Strive to find any weak links and to strengthen them.

A feature of Highway work that is dear to my heart is one in which we must keep on serving the people to the best of our ability. When we have information that is of interest to the people, we should pass it on to them. We need to get everything we can before the public. They have come to us for results and they have served us well. We must do all we can to gain and retain their respect. We must build up and constantly maintain good will between our people and the Highway Department.

You have made really great progress in passing on information and in working with the public; but don't forget that things like that are sometimes easily forgotten...so, let's keep on doing our best. They tell me that you have to say a thing seven times before you make an impression. Let's increase that number, if necessary.

You District men are the connecting link between the people here and the people out there; and we must all work together for we are one big machine. An automobile is fine as long as all of its parts are working together; and so it is with the Highway Department. Let's all work together in harmony.

FINALE

As the curtain is drawn on this Drama of a Plan we hope its significance has impressed itself upon your mind. True belief often shines brilliantly in words unspoken if we open our minds and hearts to its presence. It is in this story if you want to find it...the decision is yours. Most of you have found it, we know. And you have heard and recognized the plea to forget petty grievances of the past; and will answer that plea by putting your shoulder to the wheel in cooperative and coordinated effort to successfully carry out the plan.

And so...the ending of our real-life story is a happy one. For how could it be otherwise! when men, without discord, work together in happy employment to attain unprecedented heights, achieve unbelievable results, and forever rejoice in the accomplishments brought about one through the other.

OLD MEXICO— *by John Hume*

Hear ye! this dissertation is in direct response to a request from our editor that I give a blow-by-blow description of my Mexico vacation while I loll about at home one evening with time on my hands. Ha!

Okay, the lucky caballero (that's me) enjoyed a 2-week automobile trip to Guadalajara and other cities of western Mexico as the guest and amateur secretary-guide of friends. The rear seat of a hardtop is far from the most comfortable spot in the world for long trips, but the beautiful women of Guadalajara and Morelia and the cool mountain air and scenery made it well worthwhile.

A high point of the trip was a 2-day stop at a small village on Lake Chapala, which has an international colony with a large number of artists, musicians, and writers for radio, television, and films. I thoroughly enjoyed listening to these people. One of the women wrote the script for some film Barbara Stanwyck is now making; and another, a serious elderly man, is at present collaborating with his wife on a scholarly critique of Toynbee's "Western Civilization" (which I haven't even read). Several retired army officers (Mexican and American) have found the climate ideal at this 5,000-foot altitude with its temperature range of 70 to 75 degrees the year around and are living along the lake with their families. Also, retirement income goes further in Mexico, although not as far as it once did.

This particular colony is the village of Ajijic (pronounced Ah-hee-heek) and was found or founded by an Englishman

named Peter Lille who, as a child, had been fascinated by geographical place names and, in particular, the Fiji Islands because of the three improbable consecutive dotted letters. (I suppose, having grown up in the south of England he was not as impressed and overwhelmed as I am by Welsh place names). In adult years while in the Foreign Service, he couldn't believe his eyes when he discovered the four dots of Ajijic on a detail map of the Lake Chapala area, came to see it about 20 years ago and still resides there.

Another interesting spot was a small isolated village where copper is mined and worked into primitively handsome items in the same manner in which it was done centuries prior to the Conquest. It just so happened that the day we were there, the village was celebrating some local fiesta and we were entranced by two of the indigenous indian dances...One is pre-Columbian and has a striking and startling resemblance to our "jitterbug;" and the other, the Dance of the Moors and Christians, was brought to New Spain over 400 years ago.

Mexican cooking is wonderful...from tocino o haymon huevos, carne asada and guajalote con mole, through huachanquita to helados, chongos and dulces; but tequila, mescal, aguardiente and pulque will never replace bourbon and water. (Betcha didn't know I was so well informed on Mexican food and drink, didja?)

Being a veritable source after two trips into the "Land of Siestas," I could propound at length...but refuse further divulgence until due consideration has been given the subject!

Party Line Parade

HEADQUARTERS

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

Betty Lane - Reporter

It has been a pleasure to have Doris Allen with us for the past 2 weeks. Doris helped out in the Director's office while Joyce and Betty were vacationing, and we take this opportunity to thank her for a job well done.

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Miss Ella Hesse, Mrs. Eldridge's sister who is here from Texas on a visit, had the misfortune to fall and break her hip several weeks ago. Miss Hesse has gotten along so beautifully that she has now been released from the Baptist Hospital. We offer our warmest wishes for her continued improvement with the hope that her shut-in days will soon be over.

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Your reporter is happy to report the Lane family moved into their new home in Westwood on August 1. Even though my vacation was spent moving and getting settled, it was lots of fun and almost everything can be found without a lot of searching...and I'm determined not to maintain a "Fibber McGehee" closet! Oh! what noble thoughts our minds conceive.

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Doris and Charles Hodge recently returned from a very enjoyable vacation. They spent a short time in Mt. Magazine, which I understand is a wonderful vacation spot; and then on to Oklahoma City, where they attended the Midget Auto Races.

The Spencers enjoyed a vacation trip recently through the Ozarks and on to Lake Taneycome where they spent several days. Joyce came back with a glamorous new hair-do and she sets it off beautifully.

PERSONNEL DIVISION

Mauel Norman - Reporter

Laura Beasmore will be leaving us soon for her regular work of teaching at Tech High School. We shall all miss her sweet smile and hope she will come back to see us often. The certificates of merit she has lettered are definitely works of art.

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Jean and Harry Redwine entertained very welcome house guests for a few days recently when Harry's brother and his wife, Buster and Edna Redwine, of Evansville, Indiana, visited them.

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We will all miss Bobby Hendricks who is resigning August 23 to enter Little Rock Junior College. Bobby has been with us since June 1 and has done a superb job in helping with the personnel records. We wish him the very best in his college work and in all his future undertakings.

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Your reporter's children finally came home after a delightful trip to Tennessee and Georgia. They haven't gotten around to telling everything that happened while away but, little by little, I learn of the events and experiences.

Party Line Parade

RIGHT-OF-WAY DIVISION

Nancy Sipe - Reporter

Our bulletin board is just littered with colorful and entertaining postal cards from various Right-of-Way personnel who have been vacationing during the past 2 months. Norman McLeod and family motored down through the southern states visiting New Orleans, Mobile, and returning via Monroe, Louisiana. Norma and Remond Schafer visited in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, where they attended their daughter's wedding. The C. V. Clark's vacationed in Pensacola, routing their trip through New Orleans, Mobile, Biloxi, and Jackson, Mississippi. Beverly and Jimmy Hart, accompanied by Jimmy's parents, drove to Huntington Beach, California, and on the way across country visited Colorado Springs, Las Vegas, Grand Canyon, and other places of interests. Richard Hart spent 2 weeks at the England Air Force Base in Alexandria, Louisiana, while on military leave. El Capitan Bill Rainwater is at Fort Hood, Texas, at the present time on military leave for 2 weeks of summer camp and we miss him like mad. Flo and George Howell spent a week in Chicago and attended the annual Shriner's Convention. From the report we received, from all sources, everyone had a marvelous time every where they went. In the meantime, yours truly sat at her desk receiving and pinning the cards on the bulletin board...however, all indications point to a short vacation in Hot Springs on Lake Hamilton soon.

The first little girl to be born in the Nelson family in 80 years made her appearance June 14. The Nelsons' are the proud grandparents of Jolie Sue, that tiny bundle of joy, born to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene F. Nelson, Jr., of Little Rock. Our hearty congratulations to both parents and grandparents.

ACCOUNTING DIVISION

Lucy Yeary & Norma Miller - Reporter

Aleene, Edwin, and Betty Boysen have recently returned from Chicago where they attended the Shriner's Convention. They reported to have had a marvelous time and Aleene's temperature is almost back to normal.

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Our congratulations to Irene and Jimmy Hawkins and their sons who recently moved into a lovely new home at 1301 South Jackson. Good luck to the Hawkins' and we offer our wishes that they will find their home chock-full of happiness.

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We are happy to report that one of your reporters, Norma Miller, is rapidly improving from an injury received in an automobile accident July 21. We all miss you, Norma, and are looking forward to having you back on the job with us.

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Margaret and John Allen were happy to hear that their son, John, had landed safely in Germany where he will be stationed with the Armed Forces. John's wife, Carolyn, has plans to leave on September 23 to join him over there.

Party Line Parade

Congratulations to Lucy Ann O'Bannon and Jim Blackstone who were married on July 31 in the Oak Forest Methodist Church. They are making their home in Bryan, Texas, where Jim is employed. He will, however, return to Texas A & M this fall where he will complete his third year of college. Wally and W.B. are very proud of their son and new daughter-in-law and we add our best wishes to the young couple for a very happy and successful future together.

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Things are just about to get back to normal in the Accounting Division after a thorough "going-over" by the Auditors. We are not sure if we are glad or if we are sorry for we will miss Professor Higgins (Forrest D.) and hope he will come back for a visit with us when he can.

MATERIALS AND TESTS

Julia Halliburton - Reporter

Congratulations to G. W. Roark who became the proud grandfather of an 11-pound 3-ounce granddaughter named Ann Brough. Little Ann was born to her very happy parents, Ella and Price Roark, on July 25 at St. Vincents Hospital.

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Lois and Charles Roach and children spent a recent week end in Houston. They reported a most enjoyable time.

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Frances Roller spent a recent week end in Lake Charles visiting her husband who is stationed nearby on summer encampment with the National Guards.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George Allen of Ash Flat who are the proud parents of a wonderful baby boy.

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Guy T. McHenry of Harrisburg is on military leave in Leesville, Louisiana. Have a good time, Guy.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Hays Medlock and Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Cato who celebrated wedding anniversaries in July. Our very best wishes to both couples for many more years of happiness together.

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Ray Orrell and his mother visited in Kansas recently and his sister and her children came home with them for a visit.

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Our Division hit the jackpot this month for birthdays and we offer our hearty congratulations and best wishes to the following: M. L. Crow, D. M. Greer, Julia Halliburton, Ray Orrell, Grady E. Putman, Neil Roach, L. G. Willcockson, E. L. Wales, Carroll Cato, J. D. Magness, and Albert Richardson.

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Julia Halliburton spent a delightful Sunday recently in Des Ark visiting with friends she had not seen for many years. To add to her enjoyment she was honored by a birthday dinner at Island X on August 12 with Birdie Wright, Lucille Dishongh, and Frances Roller attending.

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We offer our sincere sympathies to Guy T. McHenry and his family in the loss of his father-in-law, Charley Easley, who passed away recently.

Party Line Parade

COUNTY PROGRAM

Zelda M. Riggs - Reporter

W. W. Mitchell's host of friends are delighted to see him walking with only the aid of a cane and we understand that he will be able to walk as "Of Old" in a very short time. Isn't that wonderful?

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Our congratulations to Mary and Jack Teasdale who have moved into their new home at 2924 North Grant Street. We all wish them lots of luck and happiness.

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Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pendergraft were happy to have the following guests over the July 24 week end: His mother, Mrs. G. W. Pendergraft; his sister, Mrs. D. L. Sollock; both of Tahlequah, Oklahoma; his aunts, Mrs. J. S. Stapleton of Joplin, Missouri; and Mrs. I. J. Russell of Springdale. The occasion was to celebrate Mother Pendergraft's 82nd birthday. Many happy returns of the day to you, Mrs. Pendergraft, and may you have many more.

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We are very proud of Harlan Webber, draftsman, who received his Bachelor of Science Degree from the State Teacher's College at Conway on August 12. Our hearty congratulations, Harlan.

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Your reporter is happy to report that her husband, Richard L. Riggs is recovering from a recent illness and we are looking forward to a visit from his sister, Elizabeth Moore of Tulsa, and his young nephew, Rev. Courtland Moore of Bethany, Oklahoma.

Congratulations and best wishes to Joan Duff and Scotty D. May who were married at the Immanuel Baptist Church in a very impressive service July 1. After a brief honeymoon they are at home to their friends at 5200 West 30th Street. Joan is employed in the advertising department at the M. M. Cohn Department Store.

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Max Hall spent the recent holiday week end in Fort Worth visiting his child and grandchildren. His daughter, Helen, returned to Little Rock with him to enroll in North Little Rock High School for the fall term.

BRIDGE DESIGN DIVISION

Virginia Tackett - Reporter

We are happy to spread the welcome mat to Baldy Vinson who recently returned to our Division after a long absence. Baldy is Assistant Bridge Design Engineer.

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Our hearty congratulations to Helen and Frand Battisto who are the proud parents of a baby girl, Carol Sue, born July 23, 8 p.m., in the Baptist Hospital. Carol Sue weighed in at a hefty 8 pounds 13 ounces and will be going home soon to join her sister, Cathy Lou.

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Richard Flemming entered the Campbell Clinic in Memphis August 8 for further exploratory work on his leg which was injured in an accident several months ago. We send our very best get well wishes to you, Richard, and hope you are back with us in time to celebrate your birthday.

Party Line Parade

Army and Navy Reserve encampments have claimed two of Bridge Design's personnel. Bill McMahon sends word from Newport, Rhode Island, that the food is good and he is making the most of his 3-week Naval encampment. James Matthews left August 8 for Fort Hood, Texas, where he joined the engineering division of the Army Reserves for 2 weeks. Happy encampment, boys.

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With a birthday and wedding anniversary the same month, Lillian and Jake Knott find August a gala month of celebrations. On August 4 they celebrated their wedding anniversary, and August 8 was Jake's birthday celebration. We offer the Knott's our sincere wishes for many more happy years together, and "Happy, Happy Birthday," to you, Jake.

MAINTENANCE DIVISION

Dorothy Jean Britton - Reporter

We are happy to welcome the following new personalities to our Division: Norma Jean Potts, stenographer; and Nathan Arrett of the Permit Section. Norma Jean came to us from Orlando, Florida, formerly of Oklahoma City. Her husband, Lt. Robert J. Potts, is now stationed at the new Air Base. They are making their home at 3523½ Magnolia Street, Park Hill; Nathan has worked for the Department before in another Division but resigned and later gave his full time to his college studies. Nathan, Juanita, and baby daughter, Donna Lynn, are living out on Highway No. 9 but they plan to move into town soon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Strom are very happy to have their grandchildren, Nancy and David Breihan of Redlands, California, with them for 2 weeks. Before returning to Redlands, Nancy and David will visit relatives in Enid, Oklahoma. They are having a wonderful time but miss their 16-month-old sister, Julia Ann, who stayed at home with mom and dad, Mary and "Russ" Breihan.

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Jean Lowery Britton, your reporter, has resigned from the Highway Department effective August 26. Harry (my husband) and I will leave on September 4 for Tampa, Florida, where Harry will enter the University. I will miss all of my friends in the Department and hope you will think of me often. Norma Jean Potts will be your reporter from this office and I am sure she will make a good one. (We are sorry to lose Jean and will miss her cheerful banter. Our best wishes go with the Britton's for a successful future. We hope to hear from them from time to time.)

Reporters
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Party Line Parade

STATISTICS AND ANALYSES

Headrick and Hume - Reporters

Bea Davis made a most enjoyable trip to Dallas on August 13, and she also visited her sister in Temple recently.

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Congratulations to Jane and Karl Huff who purchased a new home in scenic Kingwood at 7020 Kingwood Road. The Huff's will be moving in soon and we wish them the very best of everything.

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W. K. Bartleson and family are in Florida at the present time on a 2-week vacation. It sounds just perfect and we are sure they will have a marvelous time.

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Several of our field personnel have recently returned safely from vacations and although we have been unable to get specific information on the "where's" and "what's" all indications point to the fact that vacations are wonderful breaks in work routine. They send a fellow back on the job full of pep. Verifications of this statement are: Mignon Francis, Carl Bratcher, Ray Martin, and Clifton Hudspeth.

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Jesse Thomas and his family are planning a delightful vacation to colorful Colorado where they will spend 2 weeks.

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The Traffic Section of S & A is working somewhat feverishly getting ready for an extensive O & D Survey in Fort Smith beginning August 15. There will be a full-length article on this survey in next month's magazine.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Hess Gordon - Reporter

Jeff Holland, our "engineer of vertical transportation" here in the building, was at home 4 days nursing a very painful injury to his hand. On July 25, while Jeff was considering the purchase of a new automobile, the car door was accidentally slammed on his right hand, crushing his third finger so completely it had to be removed at the top joint. The finger has healed nicely and Jeff says it is going to be all right. The car, a bright, shiny, sky-blue Chevrolet was not at fault, so Jeff tells us...so he bought it even though it "bit" him! The car is really good looking, Jeff, and certainly one to drive with pride. We sincerely hope that you will have no further trouble with your finger.

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W. B. Cape, gas station attendant at the Main Building, will start his 2-week vacation August 29. Mr. Cape plans on a most enjoyable visit with his son, who will be here from Michigan.

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Jack Roland returned to work August 23 after having been a patient at the University Hospital, following surgery on August 1. We are glad to have you back with us, Jack.

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Our thanks to the Maintenance Crew for the good job they did in building the concrete steps into the parking lot across from the building. That's a safety measure we needed and appreciate.

Party Line Parade

EQUIPMENT AND PROCUREMENT

L. O. "Jack" Brown - Reporter

Hershel Russell spent 2 wonderful weeks of annual leave at home recently just resting and taking life easy.

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We send our very best get-well-quick wishes to Charlie Stewart who suffered a heart attack July 7 and is in the Baptist Hospital. We all miss you, Charlie, and hope you will be able to come back to work real soon.

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J. H. Gill attended the Shrine Convention in Chicago the week of July 11. J. H. is a member of the Shrine Patrol, so he did his part of the marching.

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W. C. Mize spent 10 wonderful days vacationing in Oklahoma, Arizona, and California. He reported to have had a most enjoyable trip.

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Ray Casey was on sick leave for several days and we are glad to report that he is doing fine now. Ray also made a trip to Memphis to see an eye specialist.

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We spread the welcome mat to Bonnie Gene Collins and Jacqueline Hollingsworth who joined our office force recently. We hope you will both be very happy on your new jobs.

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Jim Hardcastel and Cecil Hamrick returned to work August 8 after a week's vacation. We do not have the details but are sure they had a marvelous time.

James M. Baker is in the V. A. Hospital in North Little Rock and we send him our best wishes for a speedy recovery, with the hope he will be back with us soon.

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Matthew Skelton spent his annual leave building a new front porch on his home. He said he enjoyed it even though he did stay home and work hard.

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Charlie Jernigan is taking a 5-day vacation to attend the wedding of his son, Sgt. Keith Jernigan, of Dallas, Texas. We will give you details later.

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Tom Eby is spending the greater part of his vacation at Lake Conway. Good luck with the old fishing rod and reel, Tom.

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We will all miss Joy Faucett who resigned to move to Fayetteville with her husband, Ernest, who will attend the University of Arkansas. He will major in mechanical engineering and take an active part in football. Joy will be working for the R.E.A. there. We wish them success and happiness in all future undertakings.

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We were also sorry to lose Bernie Burks who resigned August 8 to accept a job at the Little Rock Air Base. We wish Bernie the best of luck on his new job.

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We are all glad to have A. G. Jackson back with us after 10 days of illness.

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Kay Bonnell is planning to spend her time visiting in Wisconsin. We hope you have a good time, Kay.

Party Line Parade

DISTRICT 1

Division 1 Mildred Stacy Wynne

Our hearty congratulations to Shirley and James Thomas who are the proud parents of little Pattie Eloise born on July 31, weighing 7 pounds and 1 ounce.

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We are sorry to report that the father of Raymond Andrews was seriously injured when the tractor he was operating overturned in a ditch near his home. He has now been released from the Campbell's Clinic in Memphis and we offer him our best wishes for continued improvement.

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We offer our deepest sympathies to Mrs. Hampton and her family in the loss of her husband, Lee A. Hampton, who passed away July 26. Mr. Hampton has worked for the Department the past 3 years.

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Congratulations to Floyd Brewster who is the proud grandfather of Jerry Wayne Rhodes born June 20, weighing 7 pounds and 1 ounce. The parents are Catherine and W. C. Rhodes. W. C. is stationed in Germany with the U. S. Armed Forces.

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Maxine and Jimmy English have returned from a vacation spent in Miami and Daytona Beach. She reports that they had a wonderful time.

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Tommie and Le Roy Curtner, with their sons Tommy and Danny, are vacationing in the Petit Jean Mountains. They plan to visit Tommie's brother in Canton, Mississippi, before LeRoy returns to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rodgers of Turrell announce the engagement of their daughter, Marjorie Ann, to Charles Ray Harvey, son of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Harvey and the late C. B. Harvey of Monroe, Louisiana. The wedding will be solemnized on September 4 at the Turrell Methodist Church.

DISTRICT 2

Division 2 Ouida Grimes Pine Bluff

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie McGriff who are the proud parents of a wonderful baby boy. Billy Floyd, who weighed 9 pounds and 8 ounces, was born July 23. The McGriff's have another son named Larry Eugene.

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On July 29, we were honored with a visit from Mr. Lynch, Miss Lawson, and Mr. Wallace of our Highway Commission. Accompanying them were Mr. Eldridge, Mr. Goodman, and several members of the Little Rock staff. We benefited much from this meeting. It pepped us up and made us want to work a little harder. We also enjoyed talks from Robert Jarboe and N. M. Mitchell expressing our thanks to the Commission for what they have done for the Highway Department and its personnel in the past 2 years.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Savage who are the proud grandparents of their very first grandson. Orral, Jr. was born to Mr. and Mrs. Orral Savage, Sr., and weighed 6 pounds and 8 ounces. The young man's father is stationed in Japan with the Armed Forces.

Party Line Parade

A lovely shade of green is the color scheme for our offices and we are proud of the paint job performed by the smooth-working team: James Henderson, J.L. Goins, and O. V. Williams. Thanks fellows.

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We were glad to have Dorothy Hubbard join our forces on July 1. Dorothy became Mrs. Charles Tucker July 30 at 8 p.m. and we offer Dorothy and Charles our best wishes for a very happy life together.

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Ben F. Jackson is very proud of his St. Charles Ferry crew. This is the newest addition in the Department and also rates a "first" in our Division as a crew of 100-per-cent-members of our Highway Retirement System.

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A d-e-e-r and not a d-e-a-r ran into the truck driven by Joseph J. Doss a few weeks ago. The truck wasn't damaged, but the poor dear deer suffered two broken legs. Joseph used good judgment and immediately took it to the game warden who gave it to the Orphans' Home.

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Our men are not only good Highway employees, but also good gardeners. Elmer Morgan and Floyd Walker gave us some of the largest and most beautiful tomatoes we had ever seen and they certainly tasted as good as they looked.

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Inez Royston is really enjoying her nice new District office. We are glad for her, but we sure do miss her. Please note the change in reporters and I shall do my best for our Division.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Pamplin had a wonderful vacation and this is what Cleve had to say about it: "We left Portland, went to St. Paul, Minnesota, and from there to Canada and back home broke." Just read between the lines of that remark, will you! In other words they had a perfectly heavenly trip and well worth a "badly bent" purse.

DISTRICT 3

Division 3 Olive Jackson Hope

We were delighted to have the following guests with us recently: Cecil Lynch, Miss Willie Lawson, Glenn Wallace, Herbert Eldridge, Ward Goodman, V. E. Scott, and W. R. Thrasher. Beneficial talks were made which we all enjoyed very much and we hope they will visit us often.

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Our best get-well-quick wishes to Oscar Mitchell of Center Point who received severe head injuries, August 8, requiring 9 stitches after a piece of timber fell on him. We hope you will be back on the job with us real soon, Oscar.

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We are sorry to report Hiram Hatfield was hospitalized several days due to a leg injury received in an automobile accident on August 4. Hiram was on his way to work when the driver of another automobile failed to stop at a red light and hit Hiran's car, damaging it badly.

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Our hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stovall who are the proud parents of a baby boy, born August 3.

Party Line Parade

Earline and Floyd Pharris, Sr., are visiting their daughter and family in Bay Town, Texas. Floyd is our Division equipment supervisor.

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Congratulations and best wishes to Lydia and Lt. T. A. Kimser who were married July 28 at the First Christian Church in Fayetteville. Lt. Kimser is a graduate of the University of Arkansas. Lydia will resume her studies at the University after her husband leaves on August 22 for overseas duty. She is the daughter of Syble and Schley Carter of Murfreesboro.

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We were glad to see Jerry and W. T. (Bill) Jeter, Jr. when they visited us. They were on their way to Ft. Smith from Pensacola where Bill recently received his wings from the Naval Air Station.

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We spread the welcome mat to the following new employees: Ernest Pender of Ashdown, and Jerry A. Killian of De Queen. We hope they will be very happy on their new jobs.

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Pauline and George Stroud were called to El Paso, Texas, recently to be with their daughter, Martha Jean Vines and granddaughter, who were injured in an automobile accident. We send them our best wishes for a very speedy recovery.

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We offer our sincere sympathies to J. A. Calhoun and his family in the loss of his sister, Mrs. Ruth Harper of Prescott who passed away July 13.

Leo Miller is spending his vacation in Bremerton, Washington, visiting with his daughter and her family.

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Floyd Pharris, Jr., and Cecil McCorkle are on 2-week military leaves with the National Guards at Camp Polk, Louisiana.

DISTRICT 4

Division 4

Faye Carter

Ft. Smith

We are very happy to report that Grif Liles is back home in Mena after spending several months in the new Veterans Hospital in Little Rock. Grif is feeling better and we send him our best wishes for continued improvement.

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We were sorry to lose Elmo Mathews who resigned recently to take a job at Camp Chaffee. We wish you the best of luck on your new job, Elmo.

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Violet and Locke Williams and Ann and Ed Blackard (a foursome) just returned from a 2-week vacation in Galveston and Houston loaded with interesting pictures. They report that the entire vacation was perfect in every way---'cept the time element. They want to know how 2 weeks could possibly pass that quickly!

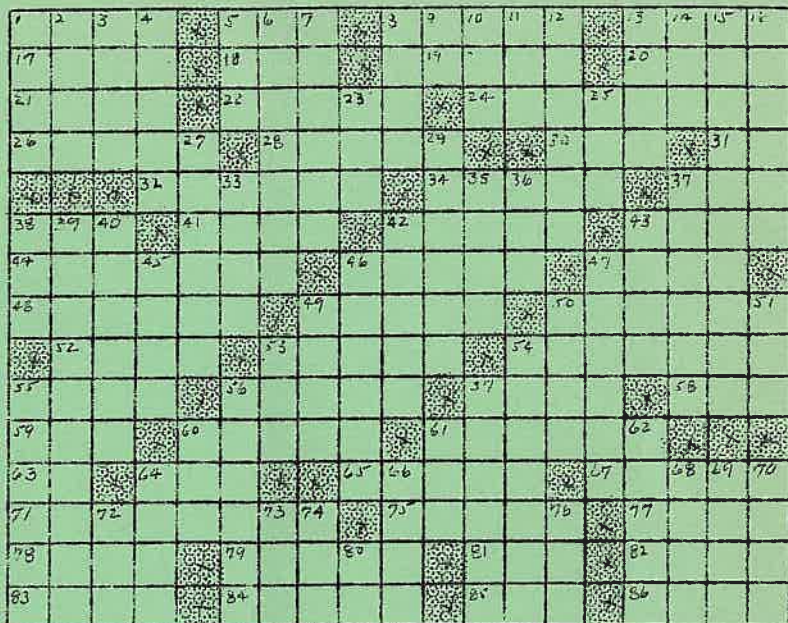


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30. Dowry
31. Exclamation
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37. Monk
38. Fortune
41. Ring
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43. Seven bells
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