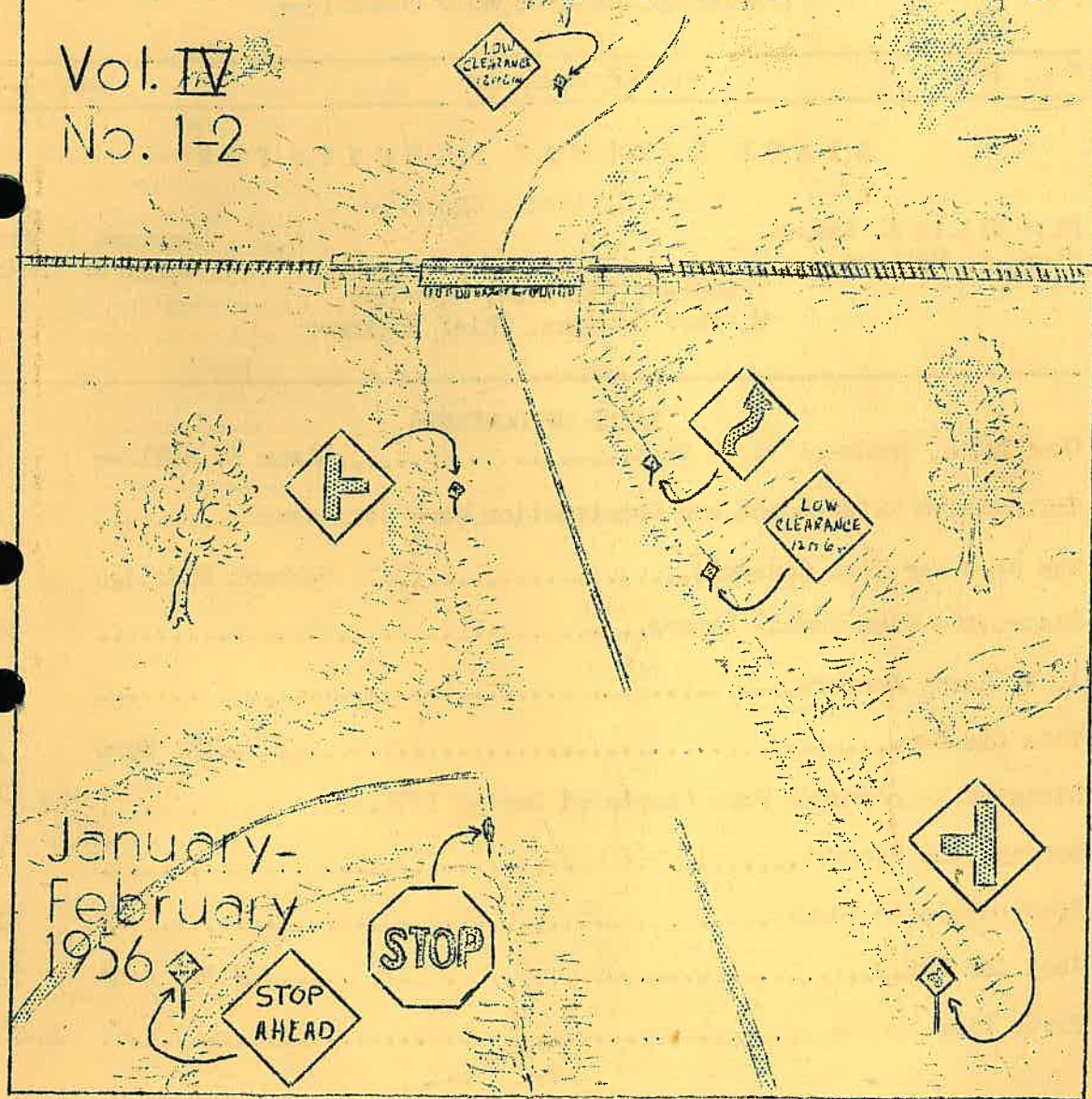


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THIS OLE CAR ...

by John Hume, S & A Division

The president of the American Medical Association, Dr. Elmer Hess of Erie, Pennsylvania, said recently that traffic accidents are a much greater American health problem than heart disease.

"What's the use," he asked, "of making it possible for people to live longer and healthier and then permit traffic hazards which kill and maim more people annually than any single disease?"

Dr. Hess said there should be stricter laws to keep persons mentally or physically unfit from driving an automobile and added: "If I had my way, I would not allow a teen-ager to drive after dark."

The following poem from "Kansas High-lights" written in parody of a recent popular song may sound rather sad, but perhaps it will make us stop and think.

This ole car once knew some children
This ole car once knew a wife
This ole car once knew a husband
And a merry family life....

At this family's trips are over
Picked a dangerous spot to pass—
Then they saw death's Angel peekin'
Through the broken windshield glass—

"Ain't gonna need this car no longer
Ain't gonna need this car no more—
Had no time to fix the brakes up,
Had no time to fix the door,
Had no time to fix the steerin'
Or to drive with more restraint—
Ain't gonna need this car no longer,
They've been taken to meet the Saints."

BURYING THE HATCHET

"Burying the hatchet" is a very old expression, often used, but its origin is not definitely known. It was an Indian custom when the hatchet was the implement most used by the red man in warfare.

Long ago, the Indians believed that there were evil spirits who flew about in the air causing people to quarrel and put jealousy, resentment, and hatred in their hearts. Therefore, whenever a dispute was settled between the parties involved, they feared that the evil spirit might continue the work of inspiring jealousy and hatred, so they eliminated the possibility by placing the hatchet where it could have no further power.

Because of this belief, a hole was dug in the earth; and the stronger the hatred the deeper the hole. At the burying of the hatchet those who were engaged in the quarrel would stand over the hole and talk out their grievances, whether real or imaginary, and in this way they felt that they were pacifying their souls that they buried their grievances with the hatchet. This is, of course, superstition but the Indians firmly believed that it ended all troubles.

Perhaps people of our day and time could attain a great deal of happiness and comfort by learning the moral and satisfying results to be obtained by use of such age-old customs. It is surely much better to settle a dispute by some superstitious methods than it is to nurse its rancor through life.

However, those who observe the "Golden Rule" need never resort to such methods.

—Inspired by "Highways of Happiness"

GOOD RURAL ROADS — — A VITAL NEED IN OUR STATE

by Glenn F. Wallace
Highway Commissioner

In addition to our endeavors to get our primary roads in first-class condition, your Highway Commission is dedicated to the work of completing rural highways so that the State can develop. We have given ourselves 6 years to do the job (and in using the word "ourselves" I mean every person in the service of the Highway Department, each doing his share).

Not only are we using all the matching funds for construction of secondary roads as fast as they become available, but our maintenance forces are using all equipment, when not employed in the regular maintenance work, to build roads ready for surfacing. We have given the maintenance forces bigger and better equipment with which to work; and each year more and more miles are being hard surfaced. We expect an increase of this work up to, possibly, 500 miles annually.

We are also giving all the aid and encouragement possible to the County Judges in the utilization of their annual \$1,500,000 matching funds from the Bureau of Public Roads for approved county road construction. A third of our State Highway System is still unpaved and much of the present surfacing is worn out and must be redone.

The big majority of Highway employees are in the maintenance department. Because of the greater mileage and less improvement, maintenance employees are

more concerned with secondary roads. Much has been said about the highly traveled primary roads being money-makers and that the gasoline taxes earned on these roads pay the deficit on secondary roads. The truth does not lessen the essential worthiness of secondary roads. They help to develop our State economy. They are important because they are the feeders that make high traffic possible on primary roads. The better they are developed and maintained the more traffic they channel into the so-called "money makers."

There is so much to be done. However, we can and will do it. Somehow we will manage to double our efforts in order to attain a secondary system which will meet the requirements for today's needs and those of tomorrow. This is of vital importance to the economic well-being of our State; and I hope to show you some of the "why's" of this urgency.

At every Commission meeting we have delegations come before us, from all over the State, requesting roads that will open up for them the opportunity to compete in the dairy, poultry, livestock, and agricultural fields.

Arkansas is an agricultural State. Agriculture is the largest industry we have, and the farm owners employ 35 percent of the State labor. Knowing this, perhaps you will be surprised to learn that today in Arkansas there are a

million and a half acres of land that has been ruined for cash row crop production.

This land, largely in the north and western portions of the State, was farmed extensively with cotton and corn for many years until the top soil was eroded and washed down into the creeks and rivers. Probably, a third of this vast acreage should never again be cultivated but should be allowed to revert into forests that can, by the way, be profitable with planting and selective cutting.

Cattle Ranch Potentials

However, there is at least a million acres of this land that was, at one time, basically good and which can be brought back to a high state of fertility with proper land use, fertilizer, and seeding of clovers and grasses suitable to the particular soil. This can be done economically only with a system of cattle raising. Work already has been done by cattle producers to fully demonstrate the feasibility. But to bring the land back to productivity requires men of more capital and larger farms for cattle growing than was necessary with the small one-team farmers that depleted the soil to feed and clothe their families. People moving away from marginal, eroded land have been responsible for the loss of rural population in Arkansas.

A million acres of rolling pastures with lush grass and clovers with sleek cattle where now there is only sage grass and bushes would mean a great deal to the economy of Arkansas. This trend has already started. As you drive along our highways, especially the unimproved

secondary roads and the country roads, you will see miles of abandoned farms. Still, here and there, you will see a fine pasture with fine cattle where once was a worn out cotton field. You will also notice that most of these are along our better highways; and invariably there is a modern home on the farm.

Men with cattle know-how and capital sufficient to assemble and stock a cattle ranch are not going to come to Arkansas and settle where they cannot give their families a standard of living comparable to that found in the city. This can be accomplished with accessibility of good transportation facilities and electricity.

This is applicable to the dairy industry as well as beef production: an industry that is more dependent on good roads with its daily delivery of milk.

The poultry industry rose from an annual income of \$6,248,219 in 1940 to \$30,220,907 in 1950. In 1955, it was estimated that there would be produced 64,000,000 broilers alone and a tremendous increase in turkeys. While this industry is based on purchase of feed from out of the State, still it is a fine industry that gives employment to many and is entirely dependent on adequate transportation for feed and markets.

How good is your vision? Does the information in this article help you to understand the importance of your work in the Highway Department and how it can benefit your people and your State as a whole? Just add it up: Better roads mean more industrial-agricultural development and more development means more gasoline tax money for more and better roads.

INFORMATIVE MEETINGS CONDUCTED BY

The Maintenance Division started the year off with a bang by taking advantage of the bad weather to conduct a series of three day-and-a-half work conferences for Maintenance supervisors to help correlate and unify the work in all the Maintenance Districts. These conferences were held on January 31 and February 1; February 7 and 8; and February 14 and 15.

All supervisors were selected to attend one of the three conferences, division being made in such a way that normal maintenance operations would be carried on with proper supervision. People with the following titles composed the groups at each meeting: District Maintenance Supervisors, Division Maintenance Superintendents, Division Assistant Maintenance Superintendents, Division Equipment Supervisors, Job Superintendents, Bridge Foremen, Area Foremen, and such other supervisory personnel selected by the District Engineers who, in their opinion, would profit by the instructive meetings.

An inspirational and informative talk by Director Eldridge opened and closed each conference. The faith and confidence so readily apparent in our Director at all times can only result in the loyalty and accomplishments he so fully believes will be attained. A. G. Rives, State Maintenance Engineer, planned the program and conducted the work conferences. Chief Engineer Goodman followed Mr. Eldridge at the speaker's table at each morning session, and his usual friendliness and enthusiastic approach to all Highway affairs helped to produce a mood of attention and keen interest in the listeners.

Each of the District Engineers gave excellent educational talks and were available at all times during the conferences for questioning and to participate in group discussions. H. R. Lucas of District 2 spoke on "Recruiting and Training Personnel;" W. E. Hicks of District 3 chose "Drainage Structures" as his subject; W. F. Turner of District 4 gave "Surface Operations" a thorough go-over; C. M. Matthews of District 5 discussed our "Roadside Development;" and J. C. Perkins tackled that ever-present problem "Right-of-Way Encroachments." Richard Hart, Right-of-Way Attorney, was on hand to assist Mr. Perkins on the legal aspects of encroachments and to help answer debatable questions.

Several of the Little Rock people took an active part on the program which was artfully arranged to include educational films. "The Last Mile," a film on safety produced by the Caterpillar Tractor Company and loaned to the Department for these meetings, was extremely good and certainly contained food for thought. Gerald Sisk, Y. W. Whelchel, and you, editor, composed a safety panel to lead a discussion on ways and means of developing safety-consciousness in workers and the methods which, if employed, would help eliminate many of the accidents occurring in the Department.

Inquiries made to the people attending, revealed the general opinion to be that the conferences were most constructive and much of beneficial use was learned.

Congratulations to Mr. Rives on his successful program and good management.

MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION

On February 8 and 9, the Construction Division started their series of three day-and-a-half work conferences under the able leadership of E. E. Mashburn, Engineer of Construction. The second meeting was conducted February 15 and 16; and the third one will be held March 6 and 7.

The people attending the Construction conferences were selected in a manner to assure responsible supervision of all construction projects during the periods of the meetings. Plans were set up so that the programs for the second and third meetings would be identical. The first meeting was beneficially utilized for the discussion of a wide range of Highway topics and construction procedures in an endeavor to iron out problems on which there has not been complete agreement by those in control of the operations. A most commendable and cooperative way in which to settle any differences of opinion and establish harmony and unity of work.

The District Engineers and District Construction Engineers participated in the first two meetings and are scheduled to do so in the third. The people who have, or will, attend one of the three meetings are those with the following Highway Department titles: Resident Engineers; Assistant Resident Engineers; Resident Inspectors; Instrumentmen; Levelmen; and Inspectors III and IV.

"Gentlemen, I first want to commend you for the splendid work that you are doing, and I want to give you a challenge for some things yet to be done," so spoke Mr. Eldridge, and he did just that. His

informal and informative talks at all of the meetings posed a challenge for the accomplishments to be attained this year.

Mr. Goodman was on hand at the Construction conferences, too, and added his own enthusiastic "let's get the job done" with a warmth and confidence that seemed to transmit itself to his audience.

Leaders participating on the program were: Mr. Mashburn, C. Don Hayes, V. F. Hudspeth, W. R. Thrasher, H. B. Matthews, E. L. Wales, Mr. Hicks, C. M. Matthews, Mr. Turner, W. C. Ross, E. E. Hurley, W. E. Carter, Mr. Lucas, J. S. Harris, Jr., L. A. McCain, Mr. Perkins, J. P. Clayton, and Harry M. Wright.

Educational films interspersed the talks and discussions which contained the following subjects: Care of Equipment; Building Safety into Highways; Accidents, Warning Signs and Legal Responsibilities; Office Procedure, Estimates and Reports; Compaction of Earthwork and Related Topics; Clearing, Grubbing, Roadway Excavation; Subgrades, Selected Materials and Base Courses; Hot Mix Bituminous Surfaces; Concrete Pavements; Concrete Bridges and Culverts; and a Recap with conclusions and recommendations at the close of each of the sessions.

Mr. Mashburn deserves the highest praise on the excellent design of his program. There certainly was animated all-round discussion on some of the topics subjected to questions. With such paramount interest there can be no doubt of the success of the first two meetings and we feel sure the third conference will meet with equal success.

THE NEED FOR GOOD CONCEPTS

by *Herbert Keedige*
Director of Highways

It always comes as a pleasure to me to talk to you through the means of our magazine. You hear of me and I hear of you, but somehow I seem to feel a closeness when I chat with you in this manner.

At this time, I am thinking of our "concepts" and what they can do or undo for us. You know, everything man has done since the beginning of time has first of all been a thought in his mind. Thoughts result in ideas and ideas invariably become our concepts about the various problems and questions which confront us in life.

Our concepts control our vision and our desires with regard to both our problems and our opportunities. The actions we take and the interest and desires we have will be high and correct if our concepts are high and correct.

Everything is relative and certainly our concepts must be in accordance with that relativity. We should not look down an infrequently traveled rural road and visually plan a 4-lane highway. Nor should we inspect a primary highway and visually plan construction which would be adequate only on a rural road. Our concepts must coincide with the relative need in each case. We are pioneering in a modern world and we must set our sights accordingly.

We should all be deeply concerned about whether our concepts are broad enough in scope to contend with both the

problems and the opportunities afforded in our Highway Department work. The employees who have been with the Department for a number of years should be especially concerned with the matter of whether or not their concepts have changed with the Department as it passes from political control to nonpolitical control. It would be virtually impossible for anyone to visualize correctly the duties, the responsibilities, and the opportunities of a Highway Department dedicated to the real need of all the people of the State if his concept remained unchanged after the adoption of the Mack-Blackwell Amendment.

It is also impossible for any person to fit properly into the employment of a modern Highway Department if his concept of the work remains the same as it was when the automotive industry was still in its experimental stage. That was "then." This is "now." And now we know that automotive vehicle transportation is a vital part of our social and economic system. We, in the Highway field, have the inescapable obligation of providing the necessary Highway services which our people are demanding and to which they are entitled.

It isn't enough to say that we don't have the needed revenues. It is our responsibility to furnish the leadership which will produce both the needed revenue and the Highway services. It is

our responsibility to do the very best we can with what we have...and to go further, by trying to do better than we thought we could do.

Every employee of the Highway Department performs an important task that must be done in order to accomplish our goals. If that were not true then that person would not be employed with us. The work of one person, or one office, or one division could not possibly contain the diversified capabilities necessary to produce the results which must be attained. Could you say of one part of your body that it alone is important in the maintenance and success of your life? Of course not. The same is true in the work of our Department. The accomplishment of the tremendous task ahead of us necessitates the teamwork of many, and we should adjust our concepts to the relative need of doing each of our jobs to the best of our ability. If it is worth our time, it is worth doing well.

We cannot expect to succeed with a narrow concept of our duty; or with an attitude of doubt or defeat. We will most assuredly succeed if our concept of our work in the Highway Department is conceived through the idea that our job is one of the largest and most important jobs confronting the people of our day.

We are making history. Let's make it praiseworthy history. Let's rearrange our concepts, if necessary, to produce a Highway service of which our people and our State can be justifiably proud. Let's take a relative view of things and modernize our thoughts to the needs of today and prepare for the ever-increasing needs of tomorrow.

A. W. HARDY HONORED

A. W. Hardy, Utility Engineer in the Right-of-Way Division, has been elected by the Board of Directors of the Mid-South Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers to serve as one of their representatives on the District 14 Council. Mr. Hardy succeeds Mr. Eugene F. Bepalow who is the Vice President and Chief Engineer of the Choctaw Culvert Company at Memphis.

District 14 Council of the A.S.C.E. is the advisory body and policy-making board for the sections within its jurisdiction which are as follows: Mid-South, Oklahoma, Mid-Missouri, and St. Louis. The states which comprise the Mid-South Section on which Mr. Hardy will serve are: Mississippi, Arkansas, Southeast Missouri, the southern part of Illinois, and the western part of Tennessee.

We feel that the Board of Directors of the A.S.C.E. chose well in selecting Mr. Hardy as their representative as he is well qualified to serve on the Council and has taken an active part in the Society for a number of years. He is a former President of the local branch of the Society and past President and Vice President of the Mid-South Section. He has also acted as a delegate to represent Arkansas during the National Work Conferences.

Mr. Hardy has served the Highway Department faithfully for over 20 years. We join his host of friends in offering him our heartiest congratulations. We are very proud of him and wish him good luck and the best success during his tenure on the Council.

DISTRICT 3 WINS SAFETY HONORS

Congratulations to District 3 for winning first place honors in accident prevention for the calendar year 1955; and to District 5 for coming in a close second. Out of the total of 293 reported Highway Department accidents for the year, District 3 kept their total number of accidents down to 43, with 24 accidents occurring in Division 3 and only 19 in Division 7. District 5 wins second place with a total of 46 accidents during the year, only 3 more than the winner, of which 22 occurred in Division 5 and 24 in Division 9.

The highest praise is due Division 10 for having the lowest number of accidents of any of the Maintenance Divisions with a year's total of only 18. Unfortunately, their teammate, Division 1, pulled their District total to next to bottom with a total of 58 accidents for the year. Low man on the totem pole is District 2 with a total of 70 accidents during 1955: 27 in Division 2 and 43 in Division 6.

Little Rock and Jacksonville continued to hold their accidents to a minimum and we offer our congratulations to both. The decrease in accidents during the fourth quarter of the year is indicative of the progress which can be made in accident prevention. Let's all THINK safety.

<u>Three Quarters...242</u>	<u>Fourth Quarter...51</u>	<u>1955 Calendar Year...203</u>
Division 1...34	Division 1...6	Division 1.....40
Division 2...21	Division 2...6	Division 2.....27
Division 3...21	Division 3...3	Division 3.....24
Division 4...25	Division 4...2	Division 4.....27
Division 5...17	Division 5...5	Division 5.....22
Division 6...29	Division 6..14	Division 6.....43
Division 7...16	Division 7...3	Division 7.....19
Division 8...22	Division 8...3	Division 8.....25
Division 9...22	Division 9...2	Division 9.....24
Division 10...15	Division 10...3	Division 10.....18
Jacksonville..11	Jacksonville..3	Jacksonville....14
Little Rock...9	Little Rock...1	Little Rock.....10
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District 1.....		58
District 2.....		70
District 3.....		43
District 4.....		52
District 5.....		46

PREVENTABLE ACCIDENTS

Division 1 - Total 2

- 12/28/55, Compressor rolled and knocked employee against truck; hurt shoulder.
- 12/29/55, automobile accident, no injury.

Division 2 - Total 3

- 12/6/55, mower blade fell on left foot.
- 12/15/55, engine backfired, sprained right wrist.
- 12/23/55, automobile accident; no injury.

Division 3 - Total 0

Division 4 - Total 0

Division 5 - Total 2

- 12/22/55, strained back working on truck.
- 12/30/55, wench pulled boom on truck over into cab; cuts to right side and lip.

Division 6 - Total 7

- 12/1/55, head and back injuries received in automobile accident.
- 12/9/55, pulled ligament in back while placing timber on bridge.
- 12/13/55, concrete mashed left thumb.
- 12/19/55, while repairing truck, foreign particle flew into right eye.
- 12/21/55, wrenched back using jack hammer.
- 12/21/55, wheel of spreader ran over right instep.

- 12/22/55, automobile accident, no injury.

Division 7 - Total 0

Division 8 - Total 3

- 12/6/55, piece of concrete flew into eye; three small cuts to left eyeball.
- 12/12/55, slipped and fell on frozen ground; deep bruise on side of chest.
- 12/13/55, car door closed, injuring nose.

Division 9 - Total 0

Division 10 - Total 1

- 12/19/55, automobile accident; no injury.

Little Rock - Total 0

Jacksonville - Total 0

Division 1 - Total 1

- 1/4/56, putting up sign posts, got creosote in both eyes.

Division 2 - Total 1

- 1/17/56, struck foot while removing tire.

Division 3 - Total 2

- 1/11/56, sill slipped, breaking foot.
- 1/2/56, nailing decking on bridge, spike flew out; cut and bruised left ankle.

Division 4 - Total 2

- 1/24/56, car overturned, no injuries.
- 1/10/56, fell, tore ligaments finger, arm.

Division 5 - Total 0

Division 6 - Total 4

- 1/27/56, fixing machinery; steel in eye.
- 1/16/56, repairing compressor, foreign particle in left eye.
- 1/19/56, jack hammer jumped; user hurt.
- 1/25/56, State truck struck by bus; body injuries to two men.

Division 7 - Total 2

- 1/3/56, working on truck; steel in eye.
- 1/20/56, man stumbled; wrenched his back.

Division 8 - Total 2

- 1/11/56, unloading tire from truck, severe contusion left and ring fingers.
- 1/17/56, lost footing; bad bruise on hip.

Division 9 - Total 2

- 1/27/56, truck slipped on ice, swinging around; hitting, killing man instantly.
- 1/5/56, fell from lift, fractured rib.

Division 10 - Total 3

- 1/10/56, plank dropped, mashed finger.
- 1/12/56, tree limb struck and injured eye.
- 1/23/56, tree limb flew off; struck eye.

Little Rock - Total 1

- 1/10/56, rock hit glasses; no eye injury.

Jacksonville - Total 1

- 1/25/56, piece of steel flew in eye.

DIVISION MAINTENANCE

January 1, 1955 —

TYPE OF WORK	DIVISION 1	DIVISION 2	DIVISION 3	DIVISION 4	DIVISION 5					
ROADWAY	Miles	Miles	Miles	Miles	Miles					
Pavement Resurfaced	2.95			0.84	2.36					
Widened & Resurfaced		0.70								
New Pavement	9.96	6.89		18.52	11.74					
Grading & Minor Drain.	57.06				12.44					
Gravel Resurfaced	61.72	56.62	28.78	49.03	70.00					
Sealing	66.93	112.32	182.81	125.27	119.51					
Dust Palliative	1.65	17.79	5.97							
TOTAL ROADWAY MILEAGE	200.27	194.32	217.56	193.66	229.05					
BRIDGES	No.	Linear Feet	No.	Linear Feet	No.	Linear Feet	No.	Linear Feet	No.	Linear Feet
Replaced by Culverts			2	51	4	130				
Old Bridges Redecked										
Concrete	2	304	7	295	3	156				
Asphalt							3	287		
Timber			2	120					4	
Widened & Redecked										
Concrete	2	290	1	42	13	1,218				
Asphalt							1	82		
Timber										
Hand Rails Set Out										
New Bridges										
Precast Concrete	5	327	4	247	12	1,043			8	
Steel			4	356						
Timber	1	58			2	97			1	
Multiple Pipe										
TOTAL BRIDGING	10	979	18	1,060	30	2,514	4	369	14	1,000

CE WORK COMPLETED*

— December 31, 1955

DIVISION 6		DIVISION 7		DIVISION 8		DIVISION 9		DIVISION 10		TOTAL	
Miles		Miles		Miles		Miles		Miles		Miles	
1.25		15.48		15.25				0.70		38.83	
0.80		8.72		1.50						11.72	
1.47		13.58		1.70				11.15		92.01	
						15.47		30.66		121.63	
51.65		19.45		26.30		6.50		80.07		450.12	
41.90		132.08		105.40		175.52		46.01		1,107.75	
		19.12						2.40		46.93	
107.07		208.43		150.15		197.49		170.99		1,868.99	
No.	Linear Feet	No.	Linear Feet	No.	Linear Feet	No.	Linear Feet	No.	Linear Feet	No.	Linear Feet
		2	65							8	246
20	2,313			1	64	10	985	2	180	45	4,297
		3	446							6	733
2	50	1	30	3	166					12	914
14	1,081					4	287			35	2,939
				3	184			2	124	6	390
						2	1,450			2	1,450
1	112	10	873	1	30	2	96	4	280	47	3,655
		1	24							1	24
						1	100			5	456
2	94	2	76	2	60					10	405
		6	174							6	174
39	3,650	23	1,623	10	504	17	1,468	8	584	173	13,987

Party Line Parade

HEADQUARTERS

MAINTENANCE DIVISION

Norma Potts - Reporter

We were very glad to welcome Sallie Alexander who joined our office force recently and we hope she will be happy on her new job.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Strom motored to California to spend the Holidays with their three children and their families. While en route they experienced some exciting events, the first being a small earthquake in Brawley, California. Then near Los Angeles they ran into smog and had to stay over there until that condition improved, and even worse was the flood they came to when they arrived at their son's home. But none of this stopped them from having a wonderful, wonderful time. Speaking of EVENTS, the Stroms became the proud grandparents of a granddaughter, Mary Owen, born on January 20 to Mr. and Mrs. John Strom, Jr.

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Our hearty congratulations to Betty and John Walding who are the very proud parents of a 6-pound 6-ounce baby boy, Audie Gilbert, born January 23 at the Baptist Hospital.

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Norma and Bob Potts spent the Holidays in Oklahoma City and Stillwater visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Easley and Mr. and Mrs. H. Clay Potts. They reported to have had a wonderful time.

PURCHASING OFFICE

Mildred Sanderson - Reporter

On the evening of December 21, the Tia Wanna Supper Club was the scene of our Christmas dinner-dance attended by employees and their guests of the Equipment and Procurement Division. We were happy to have Mr. and Mrs. Ward Goodman as our special guests. An atmosphere of gaiety and frivolity prevailed during the entire evening of dining and dancing. We all enjoy and look forward to this event, as it is about the only opportunity for our entire Division (Little Rock and Jacksonville Offices) to get together. The evening was a great success and we hope that we shall again have the chance to enjoy the companionship of our co-workers from the Equipment Office in the very near future.

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Jon Shaw entertained her sister, Mary Nell Rice, during the Holidays. Mary Nell came all the way from New York where she has been living for some time. Her visit was enjoyed immensely by her entire family.

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Your reporter spent the Christmas Holidays in Houston, Texas, and had a wonderful time visiting with friends. I did quite a lot of sight-seeing in the few days I was there and also had the privilege of attending the wedding of a friend.

Party Line Parade

PERSONNEL DIVISION

Hazel Norman - Reporter

Your reporter took her little boy, "Sonny," to Shriner's Childrens Hospital at Shreveport for what we hope will be the final operation to correct his foot and leg which were left crippled by polio in 1951. "Sonny" didn't mind being left there because of the many activities he will enjoy during his 4-month stay. (We all send him our very best wishes and hope he will be home again real soon.)

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Therese, Joe, and Jenny Peyer enjoyed a recent week end in Pine Bluff with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elkins.

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We of the Personnel had another get-together during the Holidays. Tasty refreshments were served and everyone had a lot of fun. The occasion for our first get-together was when Mr. Yates awarded the Certificates of Merit and Pins to the employees serving 5 years or more. Rhoda Dintliff was our oldest employee, who received a 15-year Pin and Certificate.

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Martha and Harry Adams and son, Jimbo, moved to Park Hill recently and we wish them lots of happiness in their new home.

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Jackie Wallace was one of the lucky few who took in the Cotton Bowl game New Year's Day and had a marvelous time.

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Birdie Wright celebrated her birthday January 18. Many happy returns of the day. Birdie, and may you have many, many more.

CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

Doris Hodge - Reporter

Lucille, Betty, Sue, Gene, and your reporter spent a short, but enjoyable noon hour in the home of Gladys and "Fat" Matthews on December 20. Gladys prepared a Mexican dinner for us that was simply delicious!! It certainly was a wonderful treat for all of us.

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We are happy to have W. A. "Bill" Coker back on the job with us again. Bill is a Resident Engineer with his office in Pine Bluff.

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"Hello" and "Goodbye" again to Jim Milner who returned to work for us in the Final Estimate Section during the Holidays. Jim is a student at the University and we are always happy to have him help us out.

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Your reporter and husband moved into their new home at 18 Theresa Drive, North Little Rock. We extend an invitation to all of you to drop by for a visit sometime. We are real proud of it. (We are all happy for you, Doris, and wish you both the very best of everything.)

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Edwin Rogers and his family visited friends and relatives in Forrest City during the Christmas Holidays and had a most enjoyable time.

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Sue Gipson reported to have spent a wonderful week recently visiting with friends and relatives in Des Arc.

Party Line Parade

IBM SECTION

Irma Jetton - Reporter

We are very happy to report that Grover Smith's mother, Mrs. A. P. Smith, is convalescing in a Camden Hospital after suffering from a recent illness. We send her our best wishes for a complete recovery soon.

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Congratulations are in order for Gladys and Fred Plunkett who are the proud owners of a 1956 Pontiac. It's pale blue and white and really a beauty! We are happy for the Plunkett's and wish them many miles of pleasant motoring.

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Coffee and confetti cake were served January 16 when we celebrated the birthday of H. M. Spillman. We all enjoyed the little party and wish Mr. Spillman many, many more "Happy Birthdays."

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Your reporter's son, A/SC Lane Jetton, enrolled in a Special Weapon School on January 18 for a 22-week training period at Lowery Air Force Base in Denver.

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Art Johnson's wife went to Memphis for a few days, leaving their 3 children in Art's care. He, in turn, had to call his mother for help so he could take a day off. He's recovering.

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Our deep and sincere sympathies go to Roy Shelby and his family in the loss of his uncle, E. O. Shelby, who passed away January 23 at the Baptist Hospital. Mr. Shelby was 53 years of age.

We are very glad to report that Johnny Beavers' wife, Mollie, is doing fine after undergoing major surgery at the Baptist Hospital January 31. We all send Mollie our very best wishes for her continued improvement with the hope that she will be back with her family real soon.

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Becky Browning's third finger, left hand is adorned with an engagement ring. The lucky boy is Wayne Townsend who is stationed with the Air Force at Amarillo. The happy occasion will take place some time in March. We offer our hearty congratulations and best wishes to both.

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Dorothy Leslie and her Dentist husband, Bill, with their daughter, Linda, motored to Dallas, Texas, and spent the week end of January 6. Dorothy and Linda came back but Bill stayed a few days longer and attended a Dental Convention held at the Statler Hotel.

ACCOUNTING

W. Blackstone and M. Allen - Reporter

We are sorry to lose Paula Masters who resigned effective January 31. Paula is expecting an addition to her family soon and we all wish her lots of happiness. Virginia Jones will be taking her place as bookkeeping machine operator and we wish her the best of luck on her new job.

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Lola and A. B. Buck were glad to have his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Hugon, as Holiday guests. The Hugon's are from Frankston, Texas.

Party Line Parade

POEM CORNER

MEASURE OF MAN

Margaret and John Allen became proud grandparents of twin girls December 12, courtesy of their son and daughter-in-law John and Caroline. The twins were born in Munich, Germany, where John is stationed with the U. S. Air Force. The twins are doing fine and Margaret reports they are looking forward to seeing them. We send our best wishes to the little girls and their happy parents and grandparents.

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We are very happy to report that Irene Hawkins' son, Jimmy, has fully recovered from his recent tonsillectomy. Irene says his appetite is back to normal again.

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Russell Henderson made a recent trip to the Division offices at Fort Smith and Harrison, and the new area Headquarters at Springdale. He was making arrangements for the annual inventory.

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We are very happy to welcome Fannie Ketcher to our forces. Fannie is also helping with the inventory.

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Speaking of inventory is to remember our Field Auditors, G. W. Stanford, Bill Hayes, Lee Wagner, and Ed Orsini who are busy as bees. Good luck, fellows.

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We are glad to have Sam Foster back (especially the Coding Section) after a short illness recently. Welcome back, Sam.

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Wally and W. B. Blackstone have had a double treat recently. They visited relatives in Oklahoma; and their son and his wife, Jim and Ann, are here from Texas A&M

The man's no bigger than the way
He treats his fellow man!
This standard has his measure been
Since time itself began.
He's measured not by race or creed,
High-sounding though they be;
Nor by the gold that's put aside;
Nor by his sanctity.

He's measured not by social rank,
When character's the test;
Nor by his earthly pomp or show,
Displaying wealth possessed.
He's measured by his justice, right:
His fairness at his play,
His squareness in all dealings made:
His honest upright way..

These are his measures, ever near
To serve him when they can;
For man's no bigger than the way
He treats his fellow man!

TODAY

With every rising of the Sun
Think of your life as just begun.
The past has cancelled and buried deep
All yesterdays. There let them sleep.
Concern yourself with but today.
Grasp it, and teach it to obey
Your will and plan. Since time began
Today has been the friend of man.
You and today! A soul sublime
And the great heritage of time—
With God Himself to bind the twain,
Go forth, brave heart! Attain! Attain!

—Authors Unknown

Party Line Parade

EQUIPMENT AND PROCUREMENT

Mary M. Hill - Reporter

We are all back in the swing of things after spending a very happy Christmas vacation. The Equipment and Procurement offices had parties with all the traditional things that go with them. Gifts were exchanged and the food was simply delicious. Everyone had a lot of fun.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lem Kirkpatrick and their daughter, Kitty, visited Lem's brother in Hot Springs during the Holidays and reported to have had a marvelous visit.

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We are very glad to report that Carey M. Potter is much improved after having suffered a slight stroke on January 5.

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Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Howell who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on December 31. It's really very heart warming to have such a report as this to pass on to others. We sincerely wish the Howell's many more years of happiness in their successful marriage.

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We miss Sue Fuller who resigned on January 4 to make her home in California where her husband is stationed with the Navy. We wish the Fullers lots of luck and happiness in their new surroundings.

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Virginia Warren joined our Equipment office force on December 16. We are happy to have you with us, Virginia, and hope your stay will be pleasant.

We are sorry to report that Gregory S. Imbery is in the Veteran's Hospital on Roosevelt Road in Little Rock. We all send you our very best wishes, Gregory, with the hope that you will soon be well and back on the job with us. Gregory is in the Heavy Equipment Shop.

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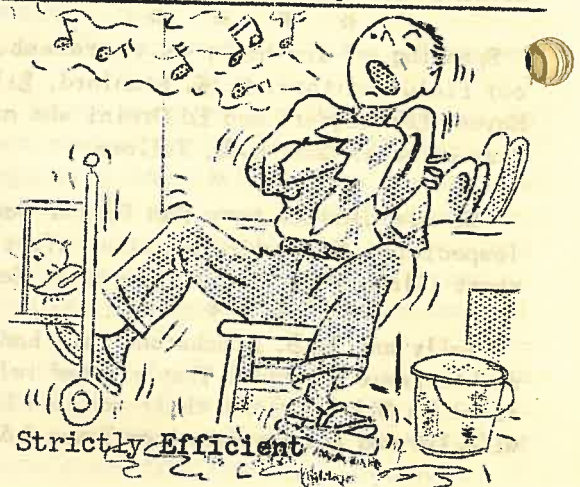
Congratulations are in order for Mr. and Mrs. Ralph D. Henson who are the proud parents of James Davis, who made his appearance on December 24 at St. Vincents Infirmary. Little James Davis weighed 6 pounds and 2 ounces and we wish him a long, healthy, and very happy life.

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Bonnie Collins spent the week end of January 7 visiting at State Teachers College in Conway.

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Kay Bonnell was happy to have her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Brewer, of Wichita, Kansas, as visitors over the Christmas Holidays.



Party Line Parade

DISTRICT 1

Headquarters Kathryn Booher Jonesboro

The Holidays are over, but the memories linger on, as the old saying goes. We all enjoyed the grand vacation which gave us all a good rest, plus helping us to have a wonderful Christmas.

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J. C. Perkins presented Certificates of Merit and Service Pins to the employees in Division 10, Paragould, with 5 years or more service, on December 14. And on December 15 he presented them to Division 1, Wynne. G. E. Nunnally assisted in the presentation ceremonies and also received his 10-year Pin and Certificate. Before presenting the awards, Mr. Perkins gave an inspiring talk on the opportunities of a Highway career. Delicious refreshments of coffee and cake were served.

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These pleasurable activities were reported by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Perkins who spent the Holidays at their former home in Harrison with relatives and friends; Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Nunnally and daughter, Anne, who spent their Christmas with Mr. Nunnally's parents in Strong; and Mr. and Mrs. L. A. McCain and son, who spent an enjoyable Christmas in their new home in Jonesboro.

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We are sorry to report that C. H. Kelly was on the sick list in January. He spent some time in St. Vincents Infirmary in Little Rock. We all missed him and we hope his recovery is complete and that he will be back with us real soon.

Mr. Perkins attended the District Engineers meeting in Texarkana, December 29. He reported the meeting was a success and brought back many new suggestions and ideas for use in our own District office.

DISTRICT 2

Division 2 Ouida Grimes Pine Bluff

Our Christmas party in the Division Office on December 23 was a huge success and Santa was good to us all. Brewster Shalmy received a wrist watch and a gift certificate for \$15.00. There were also a lot of smaller gifts received during the happy get-together. We were pleased to have as our special guests: Robert C. Warren, H. R. Lucas, Inez Royston, and John Harris from the District 2 Office; Cecil Lynch, Chairman of the Highway Commission, and Mrs. Brewster Shalmy. Mr. Lucas received a billfold and a Ronson cigarette lighter.

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Woodrow Wilson's men gave him a pair of shoes for Christmas which were too small, so he had to return the Size 12's for a larger pair. That's okay, Woody, it takes a mighty big man to fill that size.

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How about this. Elbert Martin, who has been with the Highway Department for a number of years, will celebrate his thirteenth birthday soon! Get it? His big day falls on February 29 this year. Multiply 13 by 4 and you come up with 52 years, really. We wish him a Happy Birthday any way you look at it, whether 13 or 52, and many, many more of them.

Party Line Parade

Horace Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Morgan, left in January to receive his training at Camp Chaffee, preparatory to serving his time with the Army. Horace was in the National Guard Reserve for 2 years. His wife is the former Martha Sue Faulk. Good Luck, Horace.

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We are very sorry to report that Ben Jackson is on the sick list. We all send our best get-well wishes and hope that he will be back with us soon.

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The girls in this office want to thank the Foremen and their wives for all the delicious candies and cookies they were showered with during the Holidays.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Brooks who are the proud parents of a baby girl, Lanette, born December 5 and weighed in at 8 pounds.

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We offer our deep and heartfelt sympathies to Mrs. Cleve Pamplin and her family in the loss of her husband who passed away on January 8. Mr. Pamplin had worked for the Department 18 of his 47 years, during which time he gained many, many friends. He was loved and respected by all who knew him and will be sadly missed.

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We also offer our deepest sympathies to Edward Ratteree and his family in the loss of his father, Robert Ratteree, who passed away December 17, and to Robert C. Warren and family whose wife and mother, Mrs. Alice Warren, died on January 12.

DISTRICT 3

Headquarters Sheila Williams Camden

We enjoyed having Bill Baugh, Champ Clark, Jake Clements, and W. P. Grantham as visitors and hope they will all come back to see us again soon.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hicks were happy to have their daughter, Virginia, home during the Christmas Holidays.

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We in District 3 Office combined our Christmas party with that of the Maintenance Division 7 Office. We were glad to have the opportunity of meeting the families of our co-workers and the food was simply luscious. We had a beautiful tree and everyone received lovely gifts. You have to hand it to Sula and Jeanne, they are two wonderful gals. We also give credit to all the others who helped to make our party a success.

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Our thanks go to J. C. Webb, Resident Engineer, who treated us to a delicious barbecue lunch. We were celebrating the completion of one of Jelly's county jobs. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Reporters

DEADLINE IS

MARCH 15

Party Line Parade

DISTRICT 3

Division 3 Olive Jackson Hope

Nellie and Ardell Clark and Lula and Loyd Haynie entertained with a buffet supper for the office personnel in the home of the latter on December 19. Those attending were W. T. Jeter, Leonice and Dexter Bailey, Edna Lewellen, and Olive Jackson. We all had a wonderful time.

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Doyle E. Whitten, son of Louise and Newburn Whitten, has enrolled in the St. Louis School of Engineering where he will be a Sophomore. Good luck, Doyle.

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Pauline and George Stroud were very happy to have their son, A 3/C George R. Stroud, home for the Holidays. George is stationed at Remote Site, Alaska.

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Yours Truly spent the Holidays with my sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Petty of Marianna.

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Sue Clark spent the Holidays with her parents, Nellie and Ardell Clark. Sue is a Junior at the University of Arkansas.

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Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Lewis were happy to have her son and his family, M/Sgt. John T. Tinsley, Ethelyn, and Linda Kay, home during the Holidays. Sgt. Tinsley is stationed at Andrew's Air Force Base in Washington, D. C.

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Harvey McCorkle spent an enjoyable 2-week vacation recently with his son, Lemual, of Carmie, Illinois.

Ed Bonds reported to have had a most enjoyable visit with his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Merchant of Fort Scott, Kansas, during the Holidays.

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We extend our deepest sympathies to Jodie Waddle and his family in the loss of his father, J. H. Waddle, who passed away January 8 at his home in Laneburg.

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It has been brought to the attention of this office that one of our employees, Rowland F. Greeson, deserves a lot of praise and credit due not only to his quick thinking but also his quick acting on the morning of January 5. Several accidents had occurred on Highway 67 about 10 miles west of Texarkana, due to a heavy fog in the river bottoms blocking the highway. On his way to Miller County Rowland came upon the scene of the accidents and immediately stopped and took charge of directing the traffic both ways. Visibility was very poor and a lot of praise has been given Rowland with the reports that he averted several more accidents and possibly saved the lives of several people on account of his quick thinking and the manner in which he supervised and directed traffic. (The above information was given this office by T. Edwin Arnold, of Texarkana, one of the Legislative Auditors in the Division Office, who was among those passing the scene of emergency. He highly complimented Rowland on his handling of the situation.) We add our congratulations to you, Rowland, for a good job well done. We are very proud of you.

Party Line Parade

DISTRICT 4

Division 4 Faye Carter Fort Smith

Congratulations to Damon and Bea Ragon on the birth of their daughter, Dama Ruth, who arrived at St. Edwards Hospital on January 25, weighing in at 7 pounds and 7 ounces. The past month was trying for Damon. Everytime the phone rang he jumped up and started putting his coat on. The baby, mother, and FATHER are doing fine.

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Harvey Young started the New Year off by getting a new green Chevrolet Pick-Up truck. Congratulations to the Youngs.

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We offer our deepest sympathies to Bob and Joe Daggs and their families in the loss of their beloved brother and son, Donald Daggs. And to Jack Dunn and his family in the loss of his mother, Mrs. James Dunn, who passed away December 29.

DISTRICT 5

Shirley Morton Harrison

Recent visitors to our Division were: G. W. Stanford, Ed Orsini, and Lee Wagner from the Auditing Department; Luther Bearden and Norman McLeod from Right-of-Way; Harry Wright from Construction; and "Bill" Baugh from Maintenance. We hope they come back soon. We really do.

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We extend our belated Birthday Wishes to W. H. Cook whose birthday was celebrated on December 15. Even though we are late, we do wish you many, many more happy birthdays, Mr. Cook.

The employees at Springdale Area Headquarters have moved into their new buildings, and from what we hear, they are delighted with them. We are especially glad for Louise and Effie, who have a nice spacious office. Don't get lost, girls!

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John Burlsworth, Division mechanic, was very happy to have his son, Leon, home during December. Leon is a former employee in our Division and we wish him the best of luck during his Navy "hitch."

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W. H. Cook and J. C. Perkins, Jr., were hosts in Division 9 during December, when they honored a great number of employees by presenting them with Service Pins and Certificates of Merit. We are very proud to have so many employees in our Division who have had from 20 to 5 years of service with the Highway Department, and we know they are wearing their Pins with great pride. Another Award presentation was also held in December at the District Office. C. M. Matthews, our District Engineer, presented each Resident Engineer in District 5, and several of their personnel with a Certificate of Merit and Service Pin for their years of service. After the presentations there was an informal discussion with the Resident Engineers and an enjoyable time was had by all. Coffee and cokes were served.

For when the One Great Scorer comes
To write against your name,
He writes: not that you won or lost
But how you played the game.

--Grantland Rice

JEST FOR FUN... by Jimmy Zinn

FLUSTERED

FROM SOUTHERN MISSOURI COMES A STORY OF A VERY BASHFUL MOUNTAINEER WHO TOOK HIS LADY-LOVE TO WED. THE CEREMONY PROCEEDED SMOOTHLY AND AT THE CUSTOMARY PLACE THE MINISTER SAID TO THE GROOM:

"NOW JOHN, THIS WOMAN IS YOUR LAWFULLY WEDDED WIFE."

IN THE TERRIFIC EXCITEMENT OF THE MOMENT ACQUIRING A BRIDE, JOHN TURNED TO HER AND STAMMERED: "PLEASE TO MEETCHA."

WRONG DIAGNOSIS

THE DOCTOR WAS ADDRESSING A FEW WORDS OF WISE COUNSEL TO HIS DAUGHTER ABOUT HER BOY FRIEND.

"DID YOU TELL THAT YOUNG MAN THAT I THINK HE'S NO GOOD?"

"YES I DID DADDY, BUT IT DIDN'T FAZE HIM A BIT. HE JUST GRINNED AND SAID IT WASN'T THE FIRST TIME THAT YOUV'E MADE A WRONG DIAGNOSIS."

DOMESTIC DRAMA

MAID: "QUICK, MRS JONES! MR. JONES IS LYING UNCONSCIOUS IN THE HALL WITH A PIECE OF PAPER IN HIS HAND AND A CARDBOARD BOX BESIDE HIM."

MRS. JONES: "OH GOODIE! MY NEW HAT'S HERE."

IMPULSE

"I FEEL LIKE SOCKING THAT BIG SO-AND-SO IN THE JAW AGAIN!" ANGRILY DECLARED THE SMALL FRY.

"AGAIN?" ASKED HIS LITTLE CHUM.

"YEAH. THAT'S THE SECOND TIME I'VE FELT THAT WAY."

THE HOME BODY

HAD YOU HEARD ABOUT THE YOUNG MATRON WHO HAD WORRIED FOR MONTHS WHERE HER HUSBAND SPENT HIS EVENINGS? THEN ONE NIGHT SHE WENT HOME AND THERE HE WAS.

SHARP

"SO YOU ACCEPTED BOB'S PROPOSAL. TELL ME MY DEAR, DID HE MENTION THAT HE ONCE PROPOSED TO ME?"

"NOT EXACTLY. HOWEVER, HE DID SAY THAT HE HAD DONE SOME VERY FOOLISH THINGS BEFORE HE MET ME."

OVERHEARD AT THE GAME

AS THE GIRL CHEERLEADERS MET THE WINNING TEAM WHEN THE LEADER RUSHED IN- "EVERY MAN FOR HERSELF."

RIGHT? RIGHT.

AN OLD FRIEND SAYS THERE IS ONLY ONE THING WRONG WITH THE YOUNGER GENERATION. A LOT OF US DON'T BELONG TO IT.

A MIRACLE

AFTER GIVING HIS PATIENT A COMPLETE EXAMINATION, THE DOCTOR STEPPED BACK AND CALMLY EYED THE TALL, VERY THIN MAN.

"WELL, HOW DO I STAND?" ASKED PATIENT.

"TO BE TRUTHFUL," SAID THE DOCTOR. "I DON'T KNOW, BUT I THINK IT'S A MIRACLE."

CHECK ME

"YOU CERTAINLY ARE A DISAGREEABLE PERSON," SAID A CERTAIN WOMAN TO A DEAR FRIEND.

"EVERY TIME I BEGIN TO TALK ABOUT SOME FRIEND, YOU ALWAYS STICK UP FOR HER."

WHAT BECOMES OF S-D DAY

A MAN USUALLY DOESN'T GET TOO BADLY HURT RUNNING AFTER A WOMAN. BUT LOOK OUT WHEN HE CATCHES HER.

SILLY BOY

A BOOK SALESMAN KNOCKED AT THE SCREEN DOOR OF THE HOUSE. JUST INSIDE HE COULD SEE A 10-YEAR-OLD BOY PRACTICING HIS EXERCISES ON THE PIANO.

"HELLO SONNY! MOTHER HOME?"

THE BOY GAVE HIM A DIRTY LOOK. "WHATTA YOU THINK, MISTER."

