

Forrest Cooper's extra gang was hijacked and dropped off at Tygh Valley. Ole man White River gouged a chunk out of the highway. Lithgow and crew came to the rescue.

Ernie Johnston and crew had a busy time New Year's day sanding icy pavement. All other fronts seem to be under control.

—E. H. Woodley

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Between hunting and flu, many crews were almost depleted this fall. From reports, most of the highway personnel were very successful with the big game, especially elk, but, while we don't want to cast reflections upon the devotees of the scatter gun, it would seem that in the reincarnation it would be quite safe to return as a China pheasant.

V. H. Coffey, District Maintenance Superintendent, has been suffering from an eye infection for some time, but we are glad to report that he is able to resume his duties.

Frank C. Frey, Jr., for several years section foreman at Austin station, resigned December 15, 1946, to take a position with Oregon Lumber company

at Bates. He started work for the Highway department in the spring of 1930, as mechanic for the Baker district. He spent two summers as oiling crew mechanic, coming to Austin in the fall of 1931 as tractor operator. This job he held until ill health caused Charles Powell to relinquish the foremanship to him in 1934. He served in this capacity until severing his connection with the Highway department.

Frank was an untiring worker for OSEA and was always soliciting new members. He served a year as president and was sent to Salem as a delegate for the John Day chapter. Mr. and Mrs. Frey have three daughters, two of whom are married. At last reports the young husbands, both ex-service men, and one a former Highway department employee, were with Oregon Lumber company.

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