



WHERE TWO MEN DIED -- A frozen pond, 11 miles west of Houston on Highway 38, holds the wreckage of a 4-place Mooney Executive which crashed shortly after 9:30 Monday night. Killed instantly were E. E. (Gene) Butler, 42, Springfield architect, and Larry Keith Sexton,

32, his administrative assistant. The two men left the Houston airport at 9:30 after attending a meeting here and were headed for Springfield. The tragedy was discovered at 8:30 Tuesday morning.

2 S'field Men Die in Plane Crash

Shortly after 9:30 p.m. Monday, Mrs. Vera Stottlemire heard what she thought was the noise of a car back-firing. She opened the front door to see if any automobiles were driving along Highway 38, and satisfied that the noise-maker was vanished, she returned to watch a television program.

At the same time, Ted Fronterhouse, who lives a short distance from Mrs. Stottlemire, heard a noise that sounded "a lot like an airplane flying low or taking off like an army aircraft. Then I heard a thud but never dreamed it was an airplane crashing. I got a spotlight and turned it on around my trailer house but saw nothing. I noticed that it was foggy."

At 8:30 Tuesday morning, Mrs. Stottlemire looked through the large picture window at the rear of her home

and saw what appeared to be the wreckage of an airplane. It was on the surface of a frozen pond, in a ravine about 400 yards below the Stottlemire house. With heavy heart, Mrs. Stottlemire walked partway to the pond realizing that she was looking at what made the sound in the night. Also, she wanted to make certain that what she saw from a distance was what she was afraid it might be.

When she had determined that it was the wreckage of a plane, Mrs. Stottlemire notified neighbors and authorities.

When Sheriff Ray Dow Clayton and several highway patrolmen arrived they found Butler in the wreckage of the plane. Sexton had been hurled from the plane, sliding across the frozen pond, halted at the edge.

The men, both residents of Springfield, had flown here Monday to attend a meeting of the local housing authority. Butler headed the architectural, engineering and plan-

ning firm, Butler and Associates, which was employed in connection with Houston's low income housing projects. After the meeting they were taken to the airport, leaving here at 9:30.

While theories were advanced here as to the cause

Two more crash pictures appear on page 4.

of the crash, nobody knew the true answer. Some local pilots were of the opinion that engine failure was the most logical explanation. Butler, believed to be the pilot of the ill-fated plane, was an experienced aviator.

Meanwhile, authorities sealed off the immediate area from the public until investigations are completed. A representative of the National Transportation Safety Board arrived here Tuesday and two employees of the Federal Aviation Administration from St. Louis arrived Wednesday.

Photographs taken by The Houston Newspapers shortly after the crash was discovered illustrate the tragedy. The distance from the pond -- where the wrecked plane came to a stop -- to the area of the trees the craft first touched is about one-fourth of a mile. The plane, according to preliminary investigation, first struck the ground about 60 yards from the pond and then

Injured in Accidents

Treated and released at Texas County Memorial Hospital the past week for accident injuries were:

Jan. 6 - Alva Wood, 54, Cabool, back injury sustained in auto accident; Jonathan Venable, 14, Success, laceration of finger when locker door closed; Noah Ellerman, 25, Salem, laceration of left leg.

Jan. 9 - Chris Murehie, 9, Willow Springs, fracture of right arm sustained in fall from hay.

Jan. 10 - Ronald Barton, 22, Houston, multiple injuries sustained in auto accident.

Treated and released at the Houston Medical Center were:

Jan. 8 - Kenneth Farrow, Hartshorn, eye injury.

Jan. 9 - Mary Kirkman, Raymondville, strained back in fall at home.

Jan. 10 - Ernest Evans, 54, Licking, injured hand and back in truck accident.

Jan. 11 - Fern Wallace, Bucyrus, injured hand in fall at home; Glen Hill, head injury, bruises and lacerations sustained in fall at home.

Super Bowl Appearance For Sowers

A Houstonian will be on the field during halftime activities Sunday, Jan. 17, at the Super Bowl in Miami, Fla. He is Jim Sowers, son of Mrs. Delores Sowers, who performs with Southeast Missouri State College's Golden Eagles Marching Band.

An invitation for the Cape Girardeau college to send its famous band to entertain at the professional football championship game was extended by the Orange Bowl Committee in charge of the event.

Sowers also is a member of the band's select choir. Previous television appearances this fall by the Golden Eagles were in St. Louis and Kansas City at professional football games.

Resignations Accepted By Sho-Me Board

The board of directors of the Sho-Me State Heritage Association has accepted resignations submitted by three officers in late December. Ed Green, resigning chairman of the landowner group, appeared before the board in a public meeting held Friday night at the courthouse in Houston.

Expressing his appreciation for the time contributed by state delegates during his term in office, Green reaffirmed his confidence in the work of the association.

In closed session, the board later appointed Arlie N. Bramwell of Bennett Springs as temporary chairman, pending the election of permanent officers in February.

Several amendments to association by-laws also were adopted in preparation for a possible battle over newly-proposed scenic rivers legislation.

Several state legislators from the scenic rivers area attended the meeting. Representative Richard B. Smallwood of St. James, a member of the governor's interim committee of river preservation, was on hand as was Texas County Representative Earl Sponsler.

The Sho-Me Heritage group is comprised of several Missouri landowner organizations formed several months ago in opposition to proposed legislation governing scenic rivers, which includes the Big Piney River from Simmons to Pulaski County.

Late Tiger Rally Tops West Plains

Poise, a pressing defense and hot shooting. That's what Houston used here Tuesday night to pull a game out of the fire against West Plains. The score was 68-63.

Trailing by 15 points with five minutes remaining, the Bengals came back to post their third consecutive South Central Association win to remain unbeaten in conference competition.

Next outing for the Tigers is Tuesday night here against Cabool. The Bulldogs downed Houston earlier in the season.

Forcing West Plains to turn the ball over frequently in the late going Tuesday night, the Bengals stayed with the defensive press.

Hitting 43 per cent from the

field, Houston lost out in rebounding statistics 40-27.

Brad Haney led his team with 14 rebounds and David Beasley topped all scorers, hitting 58 per cent.

Team scoring: Lonnie Elmore 14, L. C. Smith 6, Beasley 15, Haney 18, David Adams 15.

Houston Wins Own Tourney

Houston won top honors here Saturday night in the finals of its invitational eighth grade tournament, downing Rolla 57-35.

The team is undefeated this season in five outings.

Salem stopped Licking 34-26 to win third place and Waynesville was a 30-18 winner over Cabool in the consolation bracket finals held prior to the championship pairing.

In gaining the finals, Houston beat Cabool 38-21 in a tournament opener and stopped Licking 55-22 in a semifinal match.

Squad personnel: Larry Walker, Daren Barnes, Kirby Rust, Frank Rowles, Curtis Biram, Bruce Hayes, Terry Edington, Joe Slayton, Brian Millman, Bob Skyles, Dean Hutsell, Karl Joern, Don Willson, Steve Hart, Lyle Mason, Gary Dzurick.

The team is coached by Ron Cummins.

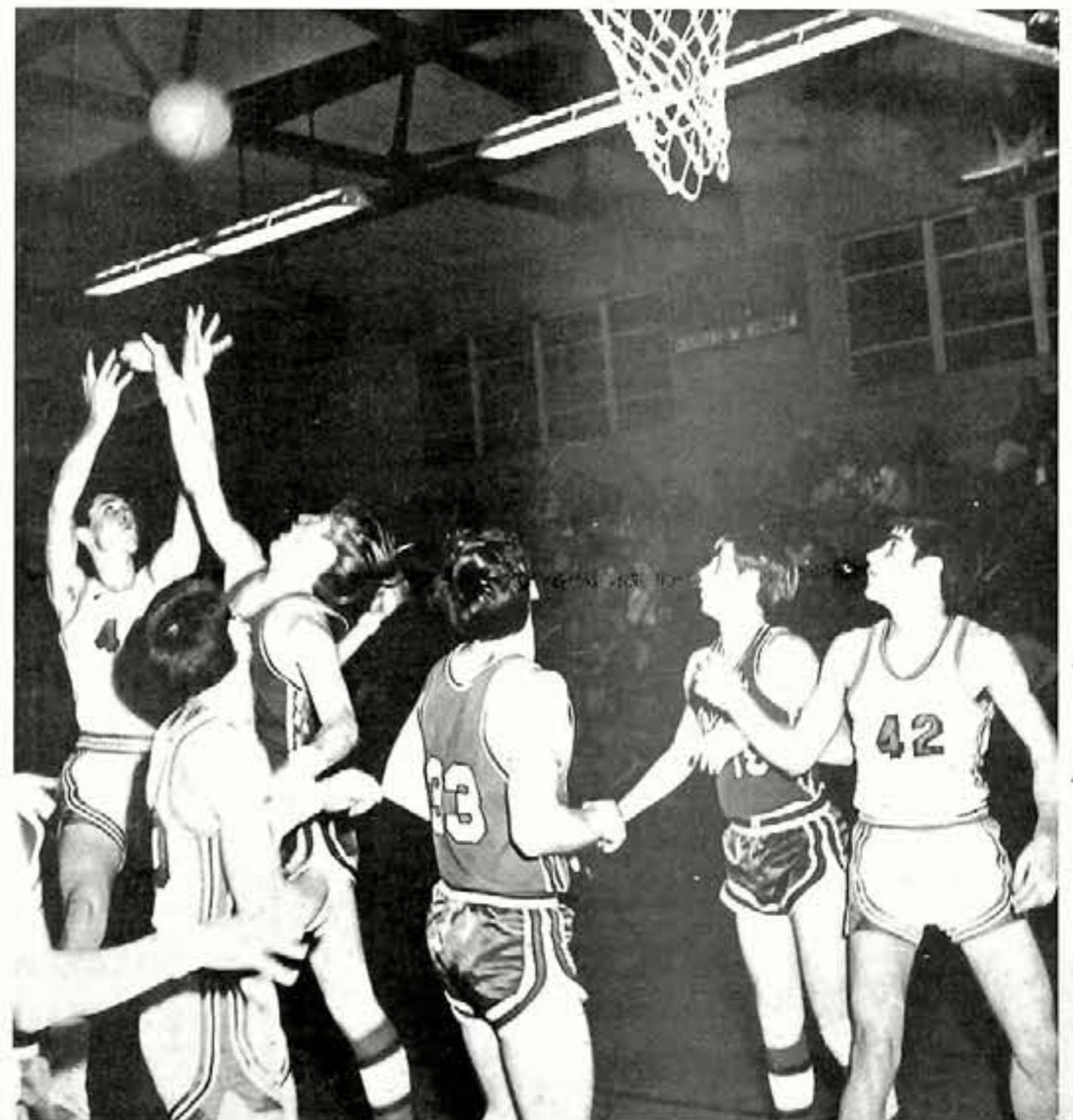
Next outing for the eighth graders is tonight (Thursday) here against Salem.

31 Register For Classes

Thirty-one persons enrolled Monday night for second semester college study through the University Extension Education Center at Houston.

Classes are scheduled to begin the night of January 25. Program officials said interested persons still can register without paying a penalty fee.

More information may be obtained by contacting the Houston Schools or the Texas County Extension Office in the courthouse.



BRAD HANEY connects on this jump shot here Friday night to help his team post a 70-57 South Central Association win over Thayer.

Positioning for the rebound are David Beasley, left, and L. C. Smith.

City Sells Property

Residential property on North Street, two blocks north of East Highway 17, has been purchased by Sherrill Campbell from the City of Houston.

The parcel measures 343 feet along North Street with a depth of 165 feet.

Originally acquired by the City as the site for construction of an electrical substation, the land was not utilized after a decision to locate the electrical facility near West Highway 17.

Campbell, a contractor-builder, said he plans to construct four new homes on the land.

The transaction is expected to be finalized within the next few days.

Toy Project Big Success For Jaycees

Scores of underprivileged youngsters benefited from a project known as Toys for Tots, conducted here prior to Christmas by the Houston Jaycees.

Response to an appeal for repairable toys was overwhelming, according to Glenn Romines, Jr., project chairman, who reported at a Jaycee meeting Monday night held at the Big Piney Sportsman Club.

Romines said toys were distributed through assistance from the Texas County Welfare Office and the Office of Economic Opportunity.

A letter from the local welfare office, proclaiming the Jaycee effort as a worthwhile project, was read by Romines. Romines said a number of persons outside the Jaycee organization assisted and he gave particular praise to Mrs. D. P. Patterson, who devoted many hours to sewing new clothes for dolls.

Jaycee President Don Kruse announced his resignation from that post at Monday night's meeting.

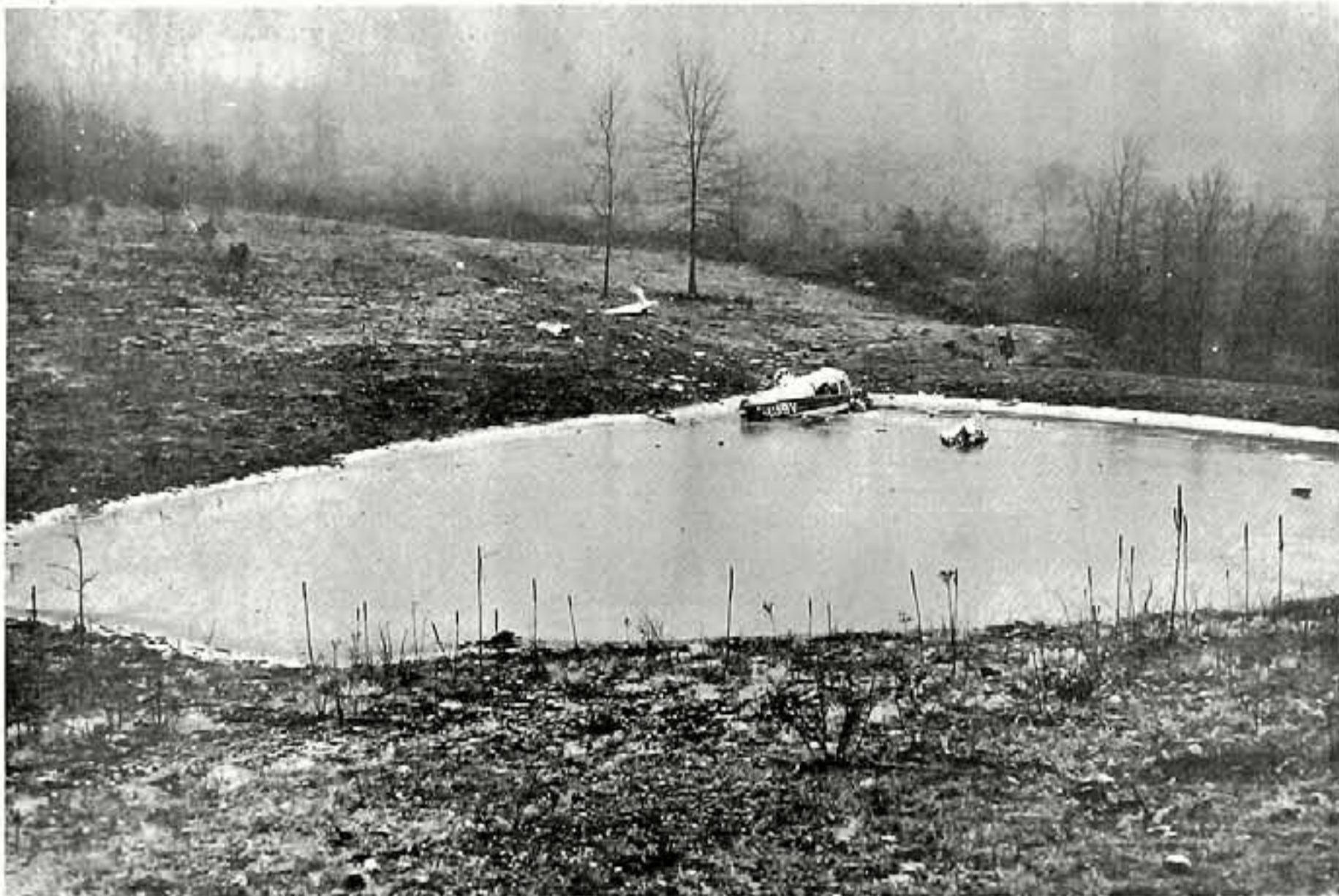
His resignation is effective February 1.

Kruse said because of increased business commitments he felt it necessary to step down from the presidency.

The board of directors will appoint a replacement.

Jaycee meeting dates have been changed, at least temporarily. Meetings will be held the second and fourth Monday nights at the Bank Community Room.

Scene at Dykes Where Airplane Crashed



This is what Mrs. Vera Stottlemire saw from her back window at 8:30 Tuesday morning. The plane clipped the big trees in the fog-shrouded background and then appar-

ently landed at the left of the two trees in the center of the photo. The big section of the plane, in front of the tree at left, is the tail and a propeller was nearby.



This closeup photograph is of the area where the plane first struck the ground after clipping trees in the back-

ground. The arrow points to a spot approximately where a propeller was found. That's part of the tail at left.

Nursing Degree To Sue Casterline

Mrs. Sue Casterline has completed academic and professional training at the University of Missouri and is eligible for a bachelor of science degree in nursing. The former Sue Beeler, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Beeler. Mrs. Casterline was on the dean's honor list for earning exceptional grades.

Local Enrollees At Evangel College

Two Texas Counties are among the 1,120 enrollees at Evangel College, Springfield. They are Donald W. Walker, son of Mrs. Mable Walker of Houston and Pamela Susan Gambill, daughter of Mrs. Jo Poolson, Route 2, Licking. Walker is a senior majoring in elementary education. Miss Gambill is a freshman who plans to major in elementary education.

Card Of Thanks

Words are not adequate to say thank you, dear friends, for your many acts of kindness bestowed upon us with the passing of our loved one, May God's richest blessings be bestowed upon each of you. The Family of John Holder

I would like to thank everyone for the flowers, prayers, cards, gifts and a special thanks to my softball team mates for their gifts at Christmas and while I was in the hospital and during my recovery.

Patricia Booker
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Booker

Social Security

William R. Dickson, Manager of the West Plains Social Security Office, announced today that a representative of that office will be at Room 4, Court House, Houston, January 20, from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

The representative will answer questions about Social Security and help those who wish to apply for Social Security benefits.

Tyrone

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Blooms, daughter Sharon and husband are here visiting her folks.

Mrs. Bessie Wiley of Macon, Mo., is visiting her son and family, the Steve Hubbells of Cabool and her sisters and families, Ada Shriver and Thelma Harmon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCart of Cabool and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cole and family of St. Louis were visiting with the Richard Geislers recently. Clarence Palstring had supper with them one night last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Frame of Peoria, Ill., and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Middleton and Valinda of Mtn. Grove were visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Frame, over the weekend. Clarence Palstring had supper with them Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Miller of Blue Springs and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Harmon of Kansas City visited Mr. and Mrs. Phil Harmon over the weekend.

Bob Ezeles' father is back from Kansas City. He plans to stay with Bob and Mildred until after the new arrival. Charles Williams, Gary and Tom Shriver attended the youth rally at Willow Springs Monday evening.

Mrs. Mae Martin is spending a few days with Mrs. Tassie Branstetter of Houston.

Mrs. Carol Leonard and daughter are leaving for Germany January 13 to join her husband, Kenneth.

The Tyrone community extends congratulations to Rosa's Beauty Shop. The shop is now open for business and the operator will be Mrs. Rosa Shriver.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Curnett, Jr. and children and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Shriver and Steve called on Mr. and Mrs. Chester Shriver and family Friday evening.

Those having Sunday dinner with the Elmer Bradfords were Mr. and Mrs. Chester Shriver, Tina, Gary and Tom, Mrs. Lillie Pitts, Mike and Kathy, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Shriver and Angela, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Young and Ronald Shriver.

Chamber Briefed On Road Proposal

U. S. Highway 63 through Houston ultimately could become a four-lane route under a 12-year road improvement plan proposed by the Missouri State Highway Commission.

The highway department's number two man, Assistant Director Lyle McLaughlin, and District Engineer Garth McKinney, Willow Springs, were in Houston last week to outline the program Wednesday noon at a Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Announcement of the plan was made November 18 by the commission and legislation which would give Missourians the final say, through a constitutional amendment, will be introduced before the state legislature now convened in Jefferson City.

Anticipated to cost \$1.4 billion, the long-range improvements would be financed by a two-cent increase in motor fuel tax and "moderate" increases in other fees such as driver licenses, car and truck registration and title fees.

The latter source of revenue would amount to the equivalent of another one-cent hike in fuel tax, the highway commission says. Missouri motorists currently pay a five-cent tax at the fuel pumps.

Passage of another two cents tax on gasoline would be a boon to cities and counties, the department says, since 20 per cent of all motor fuel tax is returned to those governmental units for road construction and maintenance.

To get the program rolling, the constitutional amendment brought before voters would authorize the state to issue \$475 million in bonds. McLaughlin told his audience.

It is anticipated the proposition at the earliest could not be placed on a ballot for approximately one year, the assistant director stated.

Known as the Intercity-Interregional Highway System, the proposed road system is expected to carry more than 60 per cent of all state travel by 1990, the commission predicts.

Due to spiraling construction and maintenance costs, under the present pace of revenue collections there is no way the commission can stay abreast with construction needs, McLaughlin said.

"The department will experience an estimated increase of 54 per cent in state funds available for construction during the next 10-year period. It is very probable that with these funds we will be able to construct less than

two-thirds as many miles of new highways as during the previous 10 years," McLaughlin said.

"More than one-third of the state's primary system of highway will be deficient in the level of operating speeds by 1980. More than 50 per cent of the same system is now deficient in available passing sight distance and shoulder widths," he continued.

An inspection of the Interregional Highway System map shows only two-lane traffic between Rolla and Cabool on U. S. 63, but while any improvement was under construction, right-of-way for another two lanes would be acquired.

McLaughlin attached one contingency on a four-lane status for that stretch of highway.

If a bridge is constructed across the Mississippi River in the Bootheel area on Interstate 155, McLaughlin said the possibility exists the new structure could funnel more traffic onto Routes 72 and 21, connecting Rolla with Poplar Bluff.

Should the Route 72-21 traffic count then exceed that of U. S. 63 between Rolla and Cabool, funds under the proposed Interregional System would be diverted and four-lane priority would go to the Rolla-Poplar Bluff route, McLaughlin said.

Three other state highway department employees who live in Houston also attended the Chamber session -- Kenneth Ross, Emmett Frost and Gene Gentry.

Weather

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Taxpayers Ask IRS

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Q) Can a child born before the end of the year be claimed as a dependent for the whole year?

A) Yes, as long as the dependency tests are met for the balance of the tax year in which the child was born.

Q) I didn't have a job when I moved here. Does that mean I won't be able to deduct my moving costs?

A) You may be able to deduct your moving expenses if you meet certain requirements. In fact, anyone moving to accept a new job as well as someone transferred to a new location by his present employer may qualify. The first requirement is that your new place of em-

ployment be at least 50 miles farther from your old home than your previous job was.

The second requirement is that you be a full-time employee on your new job for at least 39 weeks during the 12 months following the move.

For details, send a postcard to your IRS district office and ask for a copy of Publication 521, Tax Information on Moving Expenses.

Q) I didn't pay any estimated tax this year and now I find I'm way underwithheld. What should I do?

A) File an estimated tax declaration, Form 1040ES, as soon as possible and pay whatever should have been paid by this date. This will reduce the penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Form 1040ES and instructions may be obtained from any IRS office.

Q) What's the deadline for reporting the social security tax I withheld for my cleaning woman?

A) February 1 is the due date for the Employer's Quarterly Tax Return for Household Employees for October, November and December.

Q) If someone dies during the year, does an income tax return have to be filed if there was any income or earnings?

A) Yes, the same general tax filing requirements apply to taxpayers who are deceased. There are special provisions, however. For details, send a post card to your local IRS office and ask for a copy of Publication 559, Federal Tax Guide for Survivors, Executors and Administrators. It's free.

Q) What's the filing date for farmers next year?

A) April 15. However, farmers who do not file estimated tax declarations by January 15 should file their 1970 returns and pay the tax due by March 1, to avoid possible penalties for underpayment of estimated income

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