

The Bus Drivers' Friend ----- by Keith V. Glover

Daily, a skilled-fingered, medium built man with twinkling blue eyes, a smiling face, a kind voice, and a big heart pays BHS a visit. His smile is so warm; his personality so friendly, that upon meeting him, one feels immediately that he is a life-long friend. He is Earl Randolph Floyd, school bus mechanic. The father of two children--Francis and Tommie--Earl lives with his family near Nashville. As for his career, Earl has been a bus mechanic for four and one-half years, three of which he has been in charge of the Bailey buses. He previously worked as a gas truck driver for the buses.

Having never worked in a regular garage, he thinks it unfair to himself and the garage business to comment on his preference of which place to work.

Earl is in charge of 25 buses from Bailey, South Nashville, Middlesex, Stanhope, and Ferrells schools.

"Girls appear to be better drivers than boys and take better care of their buses," states Earl.

To the question, what are the advantages of being a bus mechanic, he replied, "It is a steady job with a fair salary; and, if you take the job to heart, it is interesting. It is rewarding to work with young boys and girls, who someday we hope will build

a better world to live in.

"The disadvantages are that one is exposed to all types of weather, long hours, and the same daily routine.

"The duties of a bus mechanic during school months are to keep a daily check on the buses with the help of the drivers, and to keep them safe for children to ride on. Checking every bus, replacing parts, and painting are a few of the summer jobs performed by a mechanic."

A family man, Earl looks forward to going home to his family after a day on the road.

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