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Attached clipping shows me at work when I am allowed to work. Doctor Robertson is in Tucson. (Wouldn't the headline be different from the story?)

If anyone thinks getting this kind of publicity for service awards, whether government or industry, is duck soup, he just does not know the newspaper business. It was reassuring to me that my contacts at Oklahoman are still sound, for at the rate we are going, all my good work will have gone down the drain.

Am hereby asking you to handle the "Information~~s~~ Services Directory" I sent you with extreme care. It is to be one of the exhibits of insubordination despite the fact it was never distributed. I merely put it on Robertson's desk with ~~memo~~ for his signature, allowing him to share it with Office Chiefs, Branch Chiefs and Service Unit Directors. *

Extremest example of this type reaction was to an attachment to a news release concerning Service Unit Director conference. He had reluctantly cleared two paragraphs of a story, cutting out the parts about people on the program. As is my usual custom, to the news release was attached a list of participants, by town, for convenience of publisher to tie in the local names, precious commodity to a newspaper. This attachment Robertson considers "transmitting material not cleared by supervisor." One of his aides had supplied me the list and I had rechecked it with Robertson's secretary for cancellations.

If we don't get me out of here soon I shall be as "awkward, disorganized and confused" as he describes me in his notification. /

I hope you are keeping your health and peace of mind. I feel so presumptuous having to ask for help in this mess. I should have quit during the first week Robertson was here, when I first realized that he did not have the correct dope on me.

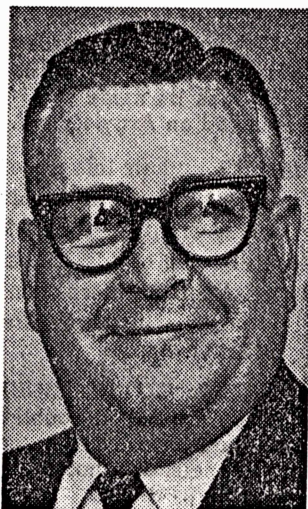
I wrote you then that it ^{was} ~~would~~ not a change for the better from where I was sitting.

Sula

* Doctor Huggins kept a dozen of these stuff
ready to share with headquarters staff
headings for field. He always thanked me
for making the item available for travelers.



James L. Gordon



Thomas F. Gilmore

Indian Health Unit Honors 5 Employees

Four officials of the Indian Health division of the U. S. public Health Service received service awards in Oklahoma City Monday.

Receiving 30-year service awards from Dr. Robert Brutsche, deputy Indian Health area director, were James Gordon, chief of the area financial management branch, and Thomas F. Gilmore, chief of office administration.

Awards for 10 years service went to Mrs. Adeline Matlock, secretary, contract medical care branch; and Mrs. Louise White, purchasing agent, procurement section.

Gordon, a Cherokee, was graduated from Stilwell High School in 1934. Before joining the Public Health Service two year ago, he was civilian budget officer, office of the comptroller, U. S. Air Force, Washington, D. C.

He has been elected to the American Society of Military Controllers.

Gilmore, a Quapah, came to the PHS from the Indian Bureau area office at Anadarko. He is a Haskell Institute graduate and in 1961 was elected a member of the American Academy of Medical Administrators.