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# LETTERS

To the Editor:

The new leave set-up proves to be the most popular happening among the employees in our District for quite some time.

Freese Kimmer

District No. 5

Batesville

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Dear Editor:

I enjoy "Arkansas Highways" fully. My only complaint: I cannot find in either of the last two publications the names of any members of the staff other than the reporters.

Mary Rose Stewart

Construction Office

Fayetteville

(Editors Note: Your magazine editor's name is H. S. Erdmann; assistant, Jean Redwine.)

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To the Editor:

In my opinion it is the duty of the department heads to carry out orders, to maintain a high level of good citizenship and moral character, to pass on to all employees the necessity of all these.

I would like to say to all State Highway employees that courtesy, kindness, and politeness to the general public, which we work for, is one of the best assets to the State Highway Department. A courteous employee, especially a leader, makes other employees more courteous.

Each State Highway employee is being watched by the general public and each step you take is being measured by them. Be a gentleman, work with a gentleman and treat the public as gentlemen.

Mr. J. C. Perkins is very kind and courteous to the employees in District 10 and as a result is well liked by all and is getting a lot of good work done. District 10 is improving fast in maintenance.

I would like to see all the employees know each other better, have a clear understanding and cooperate with others regardless of the department you work in.

As an employee of the State Highway Department I would like to see more good work done better.

I like an employee who comes on the job early with a smile, stays at his work and does it well, one who does a good day's work that everybody is proud of. With this in mind and carried out we can have a better Department and in a few years, much better highways.

C. E. James,

Job Superintendent

District 10, Paragould

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(Editors Note: We are always glad to receive and print letters and opinions from any of our Arkansas Highway Department employees. We reserve only the right to make those changes necessary to conform with the policies and mechanics of the magazine. Send all correspondence to 'The Editor, Arkansas Highways, Arkansas Highway Department, Little Rock, Arkansas.')

# THE HIGHWAY DOLLAR STORY

by David H. Hamilton  
Chief Accountant

The Central Office Accounting Division is responsible for the recording and payment of all commitments from the Highway Department Fund, with monetary control of all inventories.

The funds available for Highway Department use are subjected to budgetary control so construction and maintenance operation allotments can be kept in line with the most pressing needs and within the operating balances.

To eliminate the possibility of overextending expenditures on any one job, numbers are assigned to both the maintenance and construction projects, and the required allotments are made from the corresponding fund. Then all charges against a given project are currently posted to show the cost of each item entering into the work, as well as the total cost upon completion. This system insures the preservation of expenditures within the allotted limit.

A monthly report is submitted of all the accounts financed by the Maintenance Appropriation, and this monthly report is accompanied by an expenditure of AFE's, Districts, Counties, Route and Section, and type of work. This operation is performed on I.B.M. equipment.

An allotment control ledger is maintained, in which may be found detailed information on all allotments to date, liabilities, expenditures to date, as well as the unencumbered balances.

There is an inventories account which shows current balances of receipts, issues, orders outstanding, and inventories on hand.

During the period from the Fiscal Year 1947 through 1954 the following Acts have been passed which have affected the amount of funds that is distributed to the Highway Department.

Act 5 of 1949. This Act provides for an additional \$2 million for Debt Service on Construction Bond issue of \$21 million. Also in this same Act, there is a provision for \$2.5 million to pay Gas Tax refunds to farmers.

Act 525 of 1953. This Act appropriates out of the Gas Tax and License Fees \$347,800 toward the operation of the State Police.

Act 300 of 1953. This Act allocates \$625,000 to municipalities out of the \$2.5 million Gas Tax Fund provided for in Act 5.

Each of these above-mentioned Acts have affected the distribution of revenues to the Highway Department Fund during the 1953-

1954 Fiscal Year. Act 5 of 1949 which provides for \$2 million additional Debt Service will, in all probability, be in effect until 1960. Another provision of Act 5, setting up \$2.5 million to pay Gas Tax refunds to farmers, paid out the amount of \$608,521 as refunds.

From the remaining \$1,891,479, Act 300 of 1953 credited \$625,000 to the Municipal Aid Fund, leaving the balance of \$1,266,479 to the Highway Department Fund. Act 525 of 1953, credited the State Police with \$302,263.

Because of the various distributional allocations which were put into effect under Act 5, Act 525, and Act 300, there was a loss of \$3,525,784 to the Highway

Department Fund during the Fiscal Year to end June 30, 1954. These losses are as follows:


Act 5, Debt Service	\$ 2,500,000
Act 5, Gas Tax Refund	608,521
Act 300, Municipal Aid	625,000
Act 525, State Police	302,263
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,525,784</b>

The drawing which is shown on the following 2 pages depicts, more clearly than words, the amount of distribution of Highway Department Revenues for the Fiscal Year to end June 30, 1954. All of the amounts shown on this drawing are composed entirely of State Highway Funds and do not include matching Federal Aid Funds.


## TABLE OF HIGHWAY REVENUE and the Amount Credited to Highway Fund

FISCAL YEAR	TOTAL REVENUE	TO HIGHWAY FUND
1947-1948	\$ 24,133,285	\$ 11,421,527
1948-1949	26,468,260	13,442,855
1949-1950	29,384,778	12,971,280
1950-1951	32,746,436	16,889,870
1951-1952	35,503,506	19,133,685
1952-1953	37,112,651	20,432,622
1953-1954	39,585,776	21,432,612

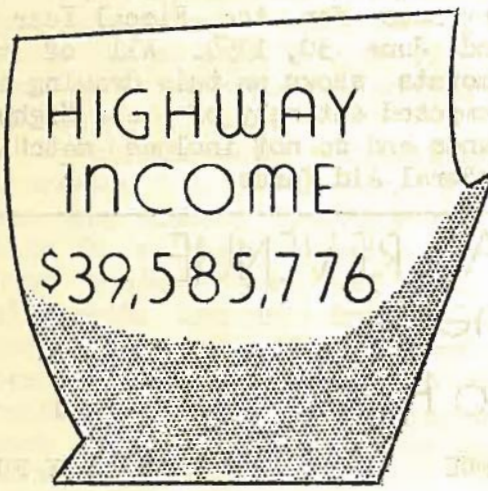
# THE HIGHWAY



Gas Tax  
\$29,787,611




License Fees  
\$9,798,165



HIGHWAY  
INCOME  
\$39,585,776


## DEBT SERVICE



\$9,449,170

23.87%


## COUNTY AID



\$5,708,577

14.41%


## MUNICIPAL AID



\$1,000,000

2.53%


## STATE POLICE



\$302,263

0.75%

## GAS TAX REFUND



\$608,521

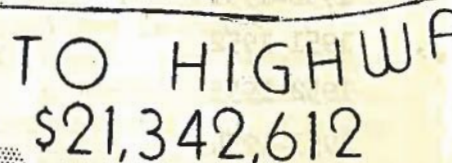
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## COLLECTION COST



\$1,174,633

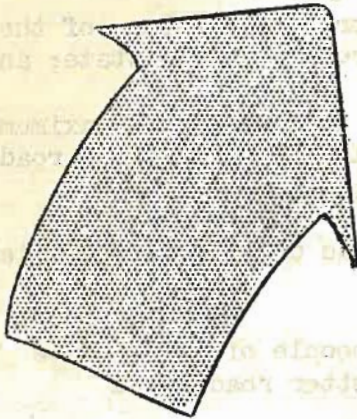
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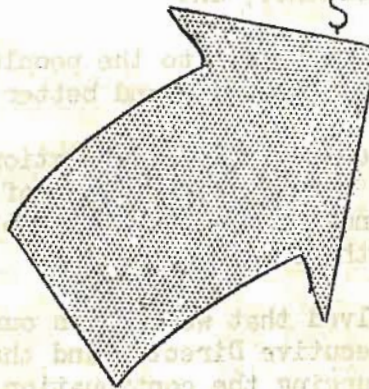
TO HIGHWAY  
\$21,342,612

AY DOLLAR

CONSTRUCTION  
\$12,342,612



MAINTENANCE  
\$ 9,000,000



YS  
53.92%

# AHD ACCOMPLISHMENTS APPRECIATED

We present to you a Resolution of the United Commercial Travelers of America, which was passed May 15 at the 44th Annual Grand Council

Session in Russellville, commending our Highway Commission for the excellent job being done. There are over 4,200 Arkansas U.C.T. members

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the members of the United Commercial Travelers of the State of Arkansas are vitally interested in good roads in this state; and

WHEREAS, at past conventions concern was expressed that maximum benefits were not being obtained from the tax dollars available for road building because of existing political conditions; and

WHEREAS, the present Highway Commission has declared its complete separation from political influence; and

WHEREAS, it is already apparent to the people of this state that this policy is paying dividends in more and better roads; and

WHEREAS, we desire to express our appreciation to the Highway Commission, the Highway Director and the personnel of the Highway Department for these fine results and to encourage them to continue to follow, and to more firmly establish these policies;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that we express our appreciation to the Highway Commission, the Executive Director and the Highway personnel for the results obtained and urging the continuation of the policies which have achieved these results, and that copies of this resolution be sent to the members of the Highway Commission and to the Executive Director.

Signed: Murl T. Downing  
Grand Counselor

Attest: Sam W. Baurland  
Grand Secretary



# ON THE JOB WITH OUR COMMISSION

by Hazel S. Erdmann, Editor  
Arkansas Highways Magazine

Certain dates are set aside for regular meetings of the Arkansas State Highway Commission. These dates are scheduled for several months in advance, and a public announcement is made disclosing these meeting dates, as well as the amount of Highway Funds available for all road and bridge projects which the Commission will seek to put under contract during the specified period.

The general conception of a "regular meeting" seldom entails the full-day itinerary accepted as ordinary procedure by our Highway Commission. This day begins in the Commission Room, promptly at 10:00 a.m., when the meeting is officially called to order for the public opening of bids on all road and bridge projects which have been advertised for contract. This particular session is commonly known as the "Letting." The term meaning, simply, to let or award a contract for a job.

It is with great amazement that a person, witnessing a letting for the first time, discovers the exceptionally large assemblage. The entire Commission Room is usually filled to capacity, and all the available standing room in the hall is utilized.

Sealed bids are publicly opened and announced over a loud-speaker, including the name of the contractor making the bid, the project on which he is bidding, and the amount of the bid. The proceedings are broadcast over the radio, under the sponsorship of a local machinery firm, for the convenience of those who do not wish to attend the letting.

After the bids have been opened and read, the extensions of unit prices to total are checked in the Design Division and the proposal forms and tabulations are returned to the Chief Engineer's Office. The Office Engineer and his staff then check the proposals for any irregularities and determine that the low bid is in proper form as set forth in our Standard Specifications; comparison is made between all the bids and our engineers' estimates. The bids are listed on a Contract Award form, which is submitted to the Commission for their formal action.

Immediately following the Letting, the Commission convenes in the Director's Office for regular business. All actions are taken through the medium of Minute Orders which have been prepared in advance and reviewed and approved by

the Director, who submits them to the Commission for discussion. When complete agreement is reached, the Minute Orders are signed by each Commissioner and become the official record. (The Commission operates on a unit or unanimous rule.) These proceedings, as a rule, run from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., depending upon the volume of work to be done, after which there is a recess for lunch.

At 1:30 p.m. the Commission returns to the Commission Room for public hearings. The purpose of the hearings is to allow interested citizens and groups the opportunity of presenting requests pertaining to Highway affairs. These are conducted according to a pre-arranged docket, on which all delegations have a definite time for their appearance. The delegations are allowed 15 minutes in which to present their case, and enables the proponents to come in direct contact with the Commission.

All factual and service features incident to the project are reviewed, on an informal basis, and the Commission makes probing inquiries to the spokesmen of the delegations to bring to light all of the pertinent information. A detailed report is prepared in advance of the hearings giving the necessary data regarding the request to be made by each delegation, with a marked map showing the exact location of the desired Highway improvement.

The delegations vary in size from 1 to 50 or more people. One spokesman presents the case and, as various questions arise, calls on other delegation members to verify the facts that have been presented. Some of the spokesmen very eloquently express their request and paint a vivid verbal picture of the needs which they wish brought into consideration. There are others who are, perhaps, less eloquent in their address but present their case with the utmost sincerity. However, regardless of the manner in which the case is presented, our Highway Commission gives each request impartial consideration and delves into each aspect of the project in question before giving a decision.

A decision is not made by the Commission on the date it is presented. The Commission desires a minimum of 30 days for consideration of requests before taking any action, and in some cases, favorable action may not be taken for many months, depending upon merit and available finance.

When a decision is reached and the project approved, an offer is made through the medium of a signed Minute Order requesting that free right-of-way be provided and the offer be accepted within a specified time. A photostatic copy of this Minute Order is sent to the County Judge concerned, with a letter requesting that acceptance of the provisions of the Minute Order

be made in writing as soon as possible, in order to start proceedings without undue delay. When the offer has been accepted, an Administrative Order is put out informing all Division Heads and Acting District Engineers of the inclusion of the project in their work schedules. All information and correspondence is then placed in the hands of the Chief Engineer for activation, with instructions to take the necessary action to complete all remaining details for placing the work under contract.

There is time-consuming work involved in the activation of any project. Often the parties concerned lose heart and feel that, even though the Commission approved their project request and the offer accepted, their particular improvement was laid aside and forgotten. Such is not the case.

It requires 8 to 12 months, and often even longer, from the time a request is first presented to the Commission at a hearing until the actual start of construction, depending upon the difficulties encountered. The Commission acts in good faith at all times and is striving to impress better understanding on the part of Arkansas citizens regarding the time element involved in getting a road or bridge project under way.

When the hearings have been concluded, the Commission returns to the Director's Office for the completion of all unfinished business.

The contracts are awarded at this time for projects on which bids were received at the day's Letting. The contractor making the lowest and best bid receives the award. On projects where Federal Aid is involved, a conditional award is made pending the approval of the Bureau of Public Roads. Also, during this session, consideration is given to any Minute Orders that have not previously been presented. The Commission usually adjourns around 5:00 p.m. or later.

All hearings of the Arkansas Highway Commission are open to the public, with the press expressly invited. As a means of insuring accurate reporting, all press representatives are furnished with carbon copies of the Minute Orders at the time of their adoption.

The Commission is only too well aware of the fact that many of our Arkansas highways and bridges are inadequate for today's heavy traffic volume. New construction is being programmed where Highway funds will permit. Old highways are being rehabilitated by widening and resurfacing where sight distances are good and new construction cannot be obtained. New equipment is replacing the obsolete, where justifiable, in order that maximum efficiency may be maintained.

The complimentary trend of public opinion marks the approval of accomplishments achieved. That our Commission has done, and is doing, a wonderful job cannot be denied.

# WALTER E. CARTER KNEW AND "WHEN

by Dennison F. Yates  
Personnel Director

June 1, 1954, marked the 35th anniversary of Walter E. Carter's employment with the Arkansas State Highway Department.

In 1913, when Mr. Carter began his career, there was no Highway Department. There were 3 Field Engineers and 3 office employees who worked under the direction of the Commissioner of Lands. The work they performed was mostly location surveys and cost estimates on locally sponsored projects.

It is difficult to visualize the fact that only 40 years ago there were practically no improved highways in Arkansas. Mr. Carter recalls that only two automobiles were driven to the State Capitol by employees in 1913.

He made the original location surveys of U.S. 71, north of Fort Smith through the rugged Boston Mountains, and U.S. 62 from Eureka Springs to Missouri State Line.

The only transportation they had were wagons and in some areas, even horse-drawn wagons could not be used. Mr. Carter recalls many times when, after a day's work, the crew walked 10 miles back to camp. It probably will seem farfetched to Rodmen, Chainmen, and Axmen of our survey crews today, but it was not unusual for those men to come to work day after day without shoes.

Once Mr. Carter spent hours disconnecting the fangs of a Timber Rattler from his heavy boots. Another interesting story is of his encounter with a huge Raccoon that apparently didn't favor building a highway through his habitat. Looking for a location, he and W. C. Ross were making their way around a high cliff on narrow ledge, when they met Mr. Coon in quite close quarters. With no experience in the right approach through regular channels, he proceeded to stop all road construction there and then by attacking so viciously and recklessly disaster was barely avoided.

Mr. Carter states he has walked across each county in the state and has been connected with Construction and Maintenance of all types. His first title, in 1913, was Field Engineer, and since then he has served as Assistant Construction Engineer, Senior Highway Engineer, Principal Highway Engineer, Acting State Maintenance Superintendent and State Maintenance Supervisor.

We pay tribute to our Highway Engineers, who never rest on past accomplishments but go on planning how to keep the ever-increasing traffic load safely moving. To Mr. Carter and all who have served long and faithfully, we newer employees express our appreciation.

# TWENTY-FIRST BIENNIAL REPORT

The Twenty-First Biennial Report of the Arkansas State Highway Commission, covering the 2-year period ending June 30, 1954, will be compiled and edited by the Statistics and Analyses Division for publication this fall. All Division Heads and Acting District Engineers are expected to prepare a resume of the activities and accomplishments of their respective Divisions, including any special achievements or needs.

It is requested that all Divisional reports be prepared in such a manner as to make their contents interesting as well as informative. Serious thought should be given to the preparation of these reports so that continuity of the reading matter may be maintained, errors eliminated, and to assure the inclusion of all pertinent material.

Whenever possible, try to avoid terse, cut-and-dried statements in

order to engage reader attention. Brighten your report by discussing new methods being used, the progress being made, and what you hope to attain through continued effort for improvement. By first preparing an outline of the material you wish to use in the report, there will be less margin for error of omission. A haphazard report will show, only too well, the amount of thought which went into its preparation. You are proud of the work being done in your Division, so why not impart some of your enthusiasm by letting it shine through the reading matter of your report.

The S & A Division will need the cooperation of all contributors, in order to compile the Biennial Report for publication without undue delay. All reports should be sent in by the last of August or the first of September, at the very latest.

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## RETIREMENT SYSTEM TRUSTEE ELECTED

C. Don Hayes, Incumbent, has been elected to serve another 2-year term on the Arkansas State Highway Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees from July 1, 1954, to July 1, 1956, inclusive.

Under date of June 2, a memorandum was sent to all the members of our Highway Retirement System notifying them of the action taken.

The Judges canvassed the nominating ballots for Trustee, as called for in the notice of May 12, with the result that all of the opposing candidates withdrew from the race leaving Mr. Hayes unopposed. Consequently, the Judges found Trustee Hayes to have been duly elected, by acclamation, as provided for in the Retirement Act.

## TOLL HIGHWAY STUDY ANY COMPLAINTS?

On June 1, the Highway Department announced the selection of a firm of Consulting Engineers to make the study and report on the feasibility of a toll highway between Little Rock and West Memphis. This action was taken at the request of the Legislative Council Committee on Roads and was authorized by the Highway Commission on March 11.

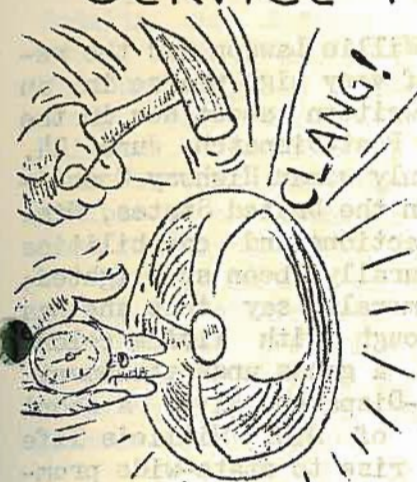
The proposal made and accepted is to be a joint project between the firm of Brown and Blauvelt of New York and Wilbur Smith and Associates of New Haven, Connecticut. The consultants, Brown and Blauvelt, have supervised the construction of more than \$100 million of toll roads and express highways during the past 4 years. Wilbur Smith, head of the associate consulting firm, is the Professor of Traffic Engineering at Yale School of Engineering and is a nationally recognized authority in the field of traffic engineering.

Upon completion of the study, the consultant will present a report in published form, including necessary maps, schedules, charts, and other presentations to make it intelligible to the general public and fully explanatory to interested bond buyers. A lump sum will be paid for all work involved in making the study and publishing the final report.

"Does any public agency have more complaints to deal with than a highway department? Almost the first thing a highway official has to learn, if he expects to stay on the job, is how to handle complaints. Beyond the proverbial soft answer, there are 3 inflexible rules... First, acknowledge receipt of a complaint at once if it comes by letter. Second, make arrangements for some member of the highway staff to review the problem in person with the complainant at the site involved. This offers convincing evidence of the department's interest, and the trouble can often be cleared up on the spot. Third, where further remedial action is required, give the person who made the complaint a full explanation of what has been done and why. Well-founded complaints are useful to a highway administrator. They afford a measure of the Department's operating efficiency, and they make it possible to correct small troubles while they are still small. Many complaints are unjustified, of course. One engineer estimates that only 60 per cent of the complaints he receives are with real foundation. But it is a good thing to dispose of fancied grievances, which may otherwise remain as a cause of permanently strained relations."

---Better Roads, February 1954

# SERVICE PIN DESIGN CONTEST CLOSES JULY 15



Positively **NO** Entries  
Accepted  
after the deadline date

\$25<sup>00</sup> CASH  
\$15<sup>00</sup> CASH

PLUS

The HONOR  
of  
designing  
the AHD pins



## REGULATIONS

Contest entries will be judged by the Arkansas State Highway Commissioners.

All entries will be judged by number in order to avoid any discrimination.

## CONTEST RULES

1. Only Arkansas Highway Department employees will be eligible to enter the contest.
2. Contestants may submit designs for either lapel pins, certificates of merit or both.
3. Designs must show lapel pins with 5 to 45 years' service in increments of 5 years.
4. Full description, size, and color scheme for the various pins and/or certificates of merit must accompany design sketches.
5. Ideas for lapel pins will be acceptable without a sketch, providing the directions are clearly and comprehensively described.
6. Full name, Department, and address must be attached to entry for easy removal.
7. All designs must be submitted by letter to the Editor, 'Arkansas Highways' Magazine.
8. All contest entries must be submitted or mailed before midnight, July 15, 1954.

## AROUND THE BUILDING

A conference with the Acting District Engineers was held in the Director's office June 15 to discuss recommendations and program formulation for inclusion in the 1955-56 Construction Program. Mr. Eldridge notified the Acting District Engineers several weeks in advance so that a priority listing could be made of the road and the bridge sections in their respective Districts. It was requested that the listing be for primary and secondary road projects by county, highway number, limits and lengths, with special emphasis placed on substandard bridges.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Johnson and the boys spent the week of June 7-11 in Washington, D. C., where Mr. Johnson attended the Summer Meeting of the Executive Committee of the AASHO. On Monday Mr. Johnson met with the Numbering Committee; Tuesday and Wednesday with the Executive Committee; Thursday he served on a 3-man committee to select some member of the Road Builders, Highway Research Board, or Highway Departments to receive the National Bartlett Award for outstanding work in the field; and then, Thursday afternoon and night he met with the Test Road Section Committee. We'd say that was quite a week....but wait! what happened to ALL the leisure time?

Miss Willie Lawson was the recipient of very high praise in an article written about her in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch June 14. As the only woman Highway Commissioner in the United States, Miss Willie's actions and capabilities have naturally been spotlighted; and to merely say that she has come through with flying colors would be a gross understatement. The Post-Dispatch gives a short biography of Miss Willie's life and her rise to state-wide prominence. It lauds her accomplishments and her knowledge of the highways in Arkansas. "Just mention a road - any road - and Miss Willie has traveled over it." "...Looking like she would be more at home baking biscuits....she has managed in her year in office to add the home touch in Arkansas Highway affairs. Citizens who are reluctant to call on one of the male Commissioners with a request do not hesitate to call on Miss Willie. She serves without pay but ...spends on the average of 2 days a week handling highway matters. Her phone rings constantly, and she answers about 10 letters a day relating to Arkansas highways."

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Through the grapevine, we hear that V. E. Scott and a group of friends have plans for a fishing jaunt at Bull Shoals this month.



Fred Herring, Otha Hewitt, C. Don Hayes, and Adrian Webb were in Sedalia and Jefferson City, Missouri, June 14 and 15 to visit the Missouri Highway Department and study their permanent State Fair building. Preparations are being made for our Department to have an exhibit at the Arkansas Livestock Show in Little Rock this fall. Mr. Herring informs us that a number of volunteers from our beautiful feminine personnel is needed, as they plan to have three pretty girls on duty at all times to add glamour to the exhibit.

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All employees of the Central Office were invited to attend a meeting conducted by V. E. Scott, Administrative Assistant, in the Commission Room June 4. Mr. Scott discussed in detail the various provisions of the State Highway Employees Retirement System, using a blackboard to illustrate and help clarify the provisions of the Retirement Act. An informal question and answer period followed the main talk which afforded an ever greater opportunity for the employees to gain a better understanding of the Retirement System and the benefits to be derived therefrom. July 1 is the deadline for filing all prior service earnings. Anyone failing to file his service record by that date will automatically lose his claim to all creditable service prior to July 1, 1949.

Zelda Riggs, County Roads Division, and Katherine Jones, Drainage Consultant's office, attended the National Secretaries Association banquet at the Hotel Marion May 27. Zelda and Katherine were both most enthusiastic about the NSA and its objective and report that in addition to a wonderful dinner they gleaned much valuable information.

A panel of 4 outstanding executives were on the program to discuss ways and means of becoming a successful secretary. Some of the questions directed to the panel members pertained to the qualifications of a top-flight secretary, how to develop abilities to become more effective, the responsibilities to be assumed, effective speaking, appearance and manner, personality traits, and analytical listening. A skit was portrayed to compare the ideal secretary to that of the undesirable. The objective of the NSA is to ...."elevate the standards of the secretarial profession ...." with the belief that "better secretaries mean better business."

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Luther Squires, our carpenter, is a very good "fix-it-up'er" and the new paint job throughout the interior of our Central Office building certainly proves that he also wields a wicked paint brush. Luther is doing night shift these days, with a crew of painters, and the walls are really getting that bright "new" look.

# Party Line Parade

## — HEADQUARTERS —

### ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

Joyce Spencer - Reporter

We are glad to report that Betty Lane, secretary to our General Counsel and Administrative Reporter for "Arkansas Highways," is recuperating beautifully after undergoing surgery at the Arkansas Baptist Hospital June 12. Betty sends word that the flowers she received from various friends in the building were greatly appreciated and did much to cheer her.

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Ferol Jones' young daughter, Judy, who celebrated her 11th birthday June 13, will fly to New York June 19 for a 3-month summer vacation with Ferol's sisters. Judy will divide her time between her two aunts, Mrs. Charles E. Pattison and Mrs. J. Fred Kenny, and is very excited over the prospective trip. By traveling by plane, Judy will be enroute only 5 hours and the only delay will be a short stop at Memphis.

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The Spencers, Joyce, Gick and 4-year-old Billy Roe, are planning on "just having a lotta fun" while vacationing in New Orleans. Joyce informs us that they will leave June 20 to be gone a week.

### CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

Lucille Schmidt - Reporter

The Field Office at Searcy has been somewhat contaminated with cigar smoke lately. First of all the landlord proudly passed out cigars, followed by William B. Roach, instrumentman from Mt. Ida, who became the proud father of a son, William B., Jr., on April 29. Then, not to be outdone, Thomas A. Fiser, Jr., instrumentman from Morrilton, also announced the birth of his daughter on May 3 — and of course, the usual cigars again. Congratulations to both Mr. and Mrs. Roach and Mr. and Mrs. Fiser.

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The news has reached us that more congratulations are in order, this time to Mr. and Mrs. Kellie Pilgreen, who are the proud parents of a 11-pound 13- $\frac{1}{2}$  ounce baby girl born on May 27. The new Daddy is instrumentman at Fayetteville.

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We extend our sincere sympathies to Doris Parks and her family in the loss of her grandfather, Jim J. Arnold, Prescott, who passed away May 18. Mr. Arnold was a retired farmer and a native of Prescott. Funeral services were held in the Cornish Funeral Home.

# Party Line Parade

## CHIEF ENGINEER'S OFFICE

Nancy Snapp - Reporter

Wayne Friday reports that the ground has been broken for his new home in the 2200 block on South Harrison.

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S. H. "Pete" Daggett enjoyed a week's vacation recently. Pete and his family visited relatives in Mississippi and Arkansas.

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Julia Ann Bumpass will leave June 17 for a visit with friends in Louisville, Kentucky.

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We are happy to report that Mrs. Gilbert Smith is now convalescing at her home on Park Hill after being confined in St. Joseph's Hospital in Hot Springs. We all send Mrs. Smith our best wishes.

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Nancy and Joe Snapp are back home after a week's vacation which they spent in Dallas and Amarillo.

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Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Shumaker spent a week end in Prescott recently.

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Jim Lowder was in Hot Springs recently to see his brother, Tommy, who has been ill. We offer our very best "get well quick" wishes to Tommy.

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Right habit is great economy.

## STATISTICS AND ANALYSES

Bill Headrick - Reporter

Congratulations to Gloria Jean and Harold Dunn, proud parents of a new daughter, Terria Lee, who arrived at 8:06 p.m. May 17 at St. Vincents Hospital.

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Margaret Wohrman is the distinguished owner of a new sandstone white 2-door deluxe Mercury with blue upholstery. It is a honey!

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We offer our congratulations to Ann Hardcastle, John Hume's niece, who graduated third in the honor group of her senior class at Mount Saint Mary's Academy May 26. She composed and delivered the Class Essay and her school activities included: Editor of the school paper; associate editor of the year-book; a basketball letter; member of the National Honor Society, the Quill and Scroll Society, as well as many other organizations.

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Bill Looney reports that he and his family had a very enjoyable week end May 22-23 when they drove to Mena for a visit with Bill's brother and his wife.

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Jane Huff is visiting her son and his family in El Paso, Texas. We'll have more information about Jane's trip when she returns.

# Party Line Parade

## RIGHT-OF-WAY DIVISION

Nancy Sipe - Reporter

Bill Terry, our Right-of-Way Attorney, and his wife, Betty, were in Hot Springs May 13 and 14. Bill attended the Arkansas Bar Association Convention at the Arlington Hotel and reports he and Betty enjoyed the trip very much.

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We all miss Right-of-Way Agent Bill Rainwater, who is (taking it easy?) on military leave. Bill holds a lieutenant's commission in the United States Army Reserve and will be in Summer Camp at North Fort Hood, Texas, for 2 weeks. We expect to see Bill very tanned and equally as amiable on June 21.

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Sue and Eugene Nelson, Jr., of Aberdeen, Maryland, brought their 3-month-old son, Eugene III, to Little Rock for a visit with his grandparents June 5. Too, Renny Bill has returned home from Castle Heights Military Academy for the summer. We've a hunch the theme around the Nelson's home will be "never a dull moment" for quite a while. Our Right-of-Way Engineer is building a new home on North Ash, and from all indications it will be the latest word in modern architectural design, with its disappearing doors, portable built-ins, and hanging patio.

Norman McLeod and his family are in Anderson, California, attending his son, Robbie, whose hand was severed in an accident. We understand there is a very good chance that Robbie's hand can be saved, and everything possible is being done to that end. We all send him our best wishes. Robbie and his wife, Ginger, are the parents of the twin-grandsons of which Norman speaks so proudly.

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We are happy to welcome Beverlye Anne Hart to our Highway family. Beverlye became a member of our office force May 25. We are also glad to welcome Gip Robertson, Jr., assistant Right-of-Way Agent, to our Division. Gip has worked for the Highway Department during the summer months for the past 3 years in the Personnel Division and in Fuel and Inventory.

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Champ Clark decided a week was too long to be away from June and his two sons, Bob and Allen, so he has moved his family to Little Rock from Corning. The Clarks will be at home to their friends at 4908 West Markham.

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In case you haven't noticed! Nancy and Kenny Sipe are the proud owners of a new 54 sandstone white customline 4-door Ford with blue upholstery. It drives like a dream.

# Party Line Parade

## ACCOUNTING DIVISION

Jimmy Zinn - Reporter

Dr. John C. Hamilton, practicing Pediatrician of Brooklyn, New York, has been in Little Rock visiting the home town. He spent a week with his brother, David H. Hamilton.

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Margaret Schamer is in Little Rock visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe J. Schamer. She is with Foley's Department Store in Houston, Texas, where she has been since last September. She expects to be in Little Rock until the first of June.

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Jimmy Zinn was a delegate to the Arkansas Grand Council of the United Commercial Travelers of America convention which was held in Russellville May 14-15. The annual reports had some very favorable words of praise for the splendid manner in which the Arkansas Highway System is presently being handled.

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June 9, 1954, as an anniversary is a far cry from that of a year ago -- to mention a couple of big events: for one, the extreme hot weather Maxine Weaver brought with her to a new job and for the other, the splendid cooling system we have installed and operating now. Comfortable? Yea, man!

Margaret Allen visited friends in Fayetteville while attending the graduation exercises at the University. Her son, John, received an Air Force Commission as well as a sheepskin. Our Congratulations, John, and the best of luck to you.

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We are happy to report that Mrs. Oscar Martin has recovered from an injury she received in a fall and is able to be up and about again.

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Stanford Wyatt, half-brother of Gus Powell, passed away since the last publication of our magazine. We offer our sincere sympathies.

## COUNTY PROGRAM

Zelda M. Riggs - Reporter

Mary and Jack Teasdale had a wonderful time entertaining Pat and Tom Allen, their daughter and son-in-law of Houston, Texas, who were with them for a fortnight's visit recently.

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We offer our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mitchell who celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary on June 1.

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Zelda M. Riggs and her mother, Mrs. Martha Ann Allen, were happy to have Zelda's sister, Mrs. Ella B. Hurst of Fayetteville, with them for a visit recently.

# Party Line Parade

## MATERIALS AND TESTS

Julia Mae Halliburton - Reporter

Evadna and Granville Roark were in Missouri for a week's vacation recently. Their son, Price, and his wife, Ella, accompanied them.

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Frances Roller has returned to work from a 2-week vacation at Lake Norfolk. She and her husband, Erwin, spent quite a bit of their time fishing, with very good results. Frances reports having a wonderful time.

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Our very best "Happy Birthday" wishes to Robert Donham, G. W. Roark, and Billie Wood, who are celebrating birthdays during June.

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Julia Halliburton is enjoying a visit with her sister and her husband, Zelma and John Rose, and their daughter, Darlene, from Winslow, Arizona, who are vacationing here.

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We are glad to report Thornton Rowe's mother, who recently suffered a heart attack, is recuperating nicely. We offer our best wishes for continued improvement.

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We are happy to spread the welcome mat for 3 new employees in our Division: John Davidson from Conway; Johnnie Hays, Parks; and James Darwin, North Little Rock.

## PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

Hazel Norman - Reporter

Something new has been added to the Personnel Department. We are glad to welcome Frieda Moore to our office. She's that cute little redhead with the tiny waist line.

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Hazel Norman plans to take her children, Nancy and Sonny, to St. Louis for a visit with relatives. They've never seen her offsprings and are in for a surprise. Cute!

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Mickey Stout was hospitalized for an appendectomy 2 days after terminating from the Department. We are glad to report she is doing fine. We all send her good cheer.

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W. E. Stephens, building custodian, visited his farm recently and reports that they had so many laying hens it took a calculating machine to keep up with the eggs.

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Birdie Wright, P.B.X. operator was called to Oklahoma recently because of the death of her brother, W. J. Cox. We extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

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Nebraska Droughter, messenger boy, was called away from work because of the death of a relative. Jack Roland was the pinch hitter for him during his absence.

# Party Line Parade

## MAINTENANCE DIVISION

Dorothy Jean Lowrey - Reporter

Helen "Cookie" McCook, Fuel and Inventory, and her daughter, Helen Louise, Purchasing, drove to St. Louis for a week's vacation with Cookies' parents the first of June. All reports indicate that they had most enjoyable trip.

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John and Mabel Strom are beaming with pride these days and for very good reason -- two new granddaughters within the past 3 months. Julie Anne was born on April 1 to "Russ" and Mary Strom Breihens of Redlands, California; and Margaret Anne was born June 8 to Mary and John Strom, Jr., of Fresno, California. We offer our congratulations to both couples. The Stroms now have 3 grandsons and 3 granddaughters, all living in California -- so there is no question as to where John and Mabel will spend their vacation this year!

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While Jean Lowery was in Alabama for a visit with her parents she acquired a beige 53 Mainliner Ford. Jean says she simply couldn't wipe the "grin" off her face as she drove back to Little Rock reveling in pride of ownership. Then she qualified, "Did I say ownership? Oh well, me and the Finance Company sorta divide ownership!"

We all missed Jessie Lee Perry while she was ill with an injured shoulder. We are glad to report, however, that she is getting along fine now although her shoulder still gives her a little discomfort once in a while. Jessie Lee took a few days off the latter part of April for a short vacation in Tennessee and Kentucky, her former home, where she visited friends of long standing. She reports having a wonderful time with all her old friends, as well as thoroughly enjoying the trip itself.

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Jake E. Clements, maintenance inspector, was in Fayetteville for 3 days attending the commencement exercises at the University of Arkansas when his son, Jake, Jr., received his Bachelor of Science Degree. Jake, Jr., a geology major, has been offered several exceptionally good jobs, one of which he would particularly like to accept -- However! there is a strong possibility Uncle Sam will appear on the horizon with his "Greetings" and a sojourn with our Armed Forces take priority.

**REPORTERS** Due to circumstances beyond our control, the June Magazine was delayed. July 10 is the DEADLINE for the next issue. All news received after this date will be held over for our August issue.

# Party Line Parade

## IBM SECTION

Irma Jetton - Reporter

We are very glad to report that Nadine Trantham, who was stricken with polio May 6, is gradually improving. We join her many friends in offering our best wishes for a complete recovery soon.

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We are happy to welcome Hazel Brooks and Billie Ratliff, new key punch operators, who have joined our office force.

## MRS. BETTY JEAN HUFFSTUTLAR PEERY

Mrs. Betty Jean Peery, 22, wife of William T. Peery and daughter of Roy and Lucille Huffstutlar, passed away in a Little Rock hospital June 15. Mrs. Peery was ill with rheumatic fever when complications occurred and the physicians were unable to save her.

Other survivors include a young daughter, Frances Peery, a sister, Irene Huffstutlar, and a brother, William Huffstutlar. Funeral services were performed by Rev. Carrol Shukers II at Geyer Springs Methodist Church June 17, with burial at Morgan Cemetery on Highway 10.

We offer our deep and sincere sympathies to the bereaved family. May it comfort them to know that many hearts go out to them in sympathetic understanding.

## DISTRICT I

WYNNE

Mildred Stacy - Reporter

We spread the welcome mat to Marion Curtner, new clerk stenographer, with our office force.

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We are happy to report that the gravel base on the parking lot for our District office has been completed. We plan to blacktop it sometime in the future.

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First Aid courses throughout the District have been started with Charles H. Kelly as instructor. The course has just been completed at the District shop and all the men feel like it is going to be a big help to them.

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We are glad to welcome Donald Elmo Bridges back to work after a painful injury and recuperation. Donald was severely burned during the process of burning brush on right-of-way April 21.

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We are happy to report that G.B. Waldrep, who was injured in an automobile accident recently, is back on the job.

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We announce with great pleasure that fluorescent lights have been added to our offices. This badly needed feature is certainly appreciated by the entire office force.



# Party Line Parade

DISTRICT 2 PINE BLUFF  
Inez Royston - Reporter

John H. Sanders, who is a certified first aid instructor, has been holding classes in Hamburg. All employees of the Department in Ashley County are taking the instruction course, also the Chicot County employees, and 3 Portland bus drivers. Each Tuesday night 3-hour classes are conducted and these will continue for 7 weeks.

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We offer our best wishes for a speedy recovery to W. C. Yearian's father, who underwent a major operation in a Little Rock hospital recently. We understand that he is getting along very well. W. C. is a Chicot County employee.

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Charles A. Morgan, son of Elmer (Red) Morgan, graduates from Pine Bluff High School this month and has received a \$50 scholarship from Arkansas Tech. Charles took the aptitude test with 1,300 other seniors, as this is a state-wide contest, so we feel he is really to be congratulated on this honor, and wish him success in his future ventures. He has made an enviable record all through high school and was one of 12 boys selected to attend Boys State last year, however, could not see his way clear to accept. More power to you, Charles.

Good luck to Elmer Morgan, new maintenance foreman in Jefferson County. Elmer has been employed with the Highway Department in District 2 for a number of years.

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John H. Sanders' children of North Little Rock recently made their debut on Television. Lynda Faye was Maid in the Coronation Services of the Girl's Auxiliary Organization of the First Baptist Church in Little Rock April 26. Services were shown on T. V. Channel 7, Wednesday night, April 28. Richard Sanders was Commissioned Ambassador in the Royal Ambassador Organization of the same church, April 30, and this service was shown on T. V. May 1.

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W. H. Kyle, maintenance patrol operator in Chicot County, reports that he took 18 fish off one trotline recently. This is a GOOD fish story and as no one else was present, guess we will have to accept it as HONEST INJUN TRUTH.



**AN ORCHID** and our thanks to District 2 for their wholehearted cooperation in helping Reporter Inez Royston gather news. For 8 months now, we have not only had lots of District 2 news, but we have received it on time.

# Party Line Parade

DISTRICT 3 HOPE  
Olive Jackson - Reporter

W. T. Jeter, Jr., who is stationed at Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida, is expected home the week end of May 30 for a visit with his wife, daughter, and parents.

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We are glad to report Gerald Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Jones of Prescott, who is in St. Michael's Hospital in Texarkana, is much improved. Gerald was seriously injured, May 6, when the ambulance he was driving in Texarkana was hit by a car traveling at a fast rate of speed.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Barham Cox, Prescott, proud parents of a son born April 29.

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We offer our deepest sympathies to Carol Burnett and his family in the loss of his mother, who passed away on May 17.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fay Allen Parker of Fort Hood, Texas, will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Crews, of De Queen, the week end of May 28.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Gene Saunders, Magnolia, who are the proud parents of a son born April 20. Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Copeland of Nashville are the grandparents.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Haynie who celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary on May 5. Loyd is a Job Superintendent.

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Donald Crews, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Crews, DeQueen, and former Department employee, will return home from Korea May 20. Donald has served 2 years with our Armed forces and will be discharged State-side.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bill Imus of North Little Rock are the proud parents of a son born April 23. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Purtle of Prescott are the grandparents. Lester is maintenance foreman.

DISTRICT 4 FT. SMITH  
Faye Carter - Reporter

We are happy to welcome 4 new employees: Howard Bass, Sebastian County; Paul D. Anderson, Montgomery County; Earshel Singleton, Montgomery County; and Tom E. Miller, in the Stock Room. We also welcome the following re-employees back into our Highway family: Edward Jeter, with the Sign Crew; Jess Williams and Ramey Medlock, in Franklin County.

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E. M. Andrews from Logan County, spent 2 weeks in California visiting his grandson who has been ill.

# Party Line Parade

A wonderful time was had by all this month when Margarette Parnell entertained the office force at her home with a fish fry. By-the-way, the fish for this "fry" were furnished by Mrs. Homer Hill. We take this opportunity to thank her again, for we must admit that they were delicious. "Why don't we do this more often....."

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We offer our congratulations to Tony J. Nummy, welder, who received his Scottish Rites Degree during the 53rd Scottish Rites Reunion of Western Arkansas which was held in Fort Smith.

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Thomas "Bud" Leakey was promoted recently from mechanics' helper to heavy truck driver. Good luck to you, Bud, and our congratulations.

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Clarence Lafleur was happy to have his family from Lake Charles, Louisiana, with him for a week-end visit recently.

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We are glad to welcome Glen A. Deramus to our Highway Department family. Glen is a new employee from Polk County.

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Our very best wishes go with Sgt. R. L. Mitchell, who recently arrived in Okinawa. Sgt. Mitchell is the son of W.E. "Bill" Mitchell who is with our sign crew.

The First Aid courses have been started in our District and are being conducted by our First Aid Instructor Emerson Hammell. The classes will continue for approximately 5 weeks, for full completion of the courses, Emerson reports.

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Our very best "get well quick" wishes to John Smith, who injured his back a few months ago and is still unable to come back to work. John is improving, even though it is a slow process, so we hope that his shut-in days will soon be over and he will be back with us again.

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A few months back Mrs. W. C. (Bill) Wood won a Television Set. Well, last month she won a 21 jewel Bulova wrist watch. That's really lucky. Congratulations, Mrs. Wood.

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We are happy to announce that on June 16 Homer Hill celebrated his First Anniversary as District Maintenance Superintendent in District No. 4. Oh, I almost forgot to say, that the big celebration was the Yearly Inventory.

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We take pride in announcing that the relocation of the road between Mt. Ida and the Garland County Line has been completed. The relocation was made so that this road will always be above water level when Lake Ouachita is filled.

# Party Line Parade

DISTRICT 6 NORTH LITTLE ROCK  
Edith Greene - Reporter

Several members of our field crew are enjoying their first vacation with pay after a number of years with the Department. Instead of taking their full vacation leave, most of the men are taking only a few days off at a time in order to ensure an adequate crew for full operations. The new personnel policy allowing the accrual of sick and vacation leave has been an inspiration to all the employees, and one which is also deeply appreciated.

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Our office force is deeply grieved over the death of our Fuel Clerk, Robert D. Ward. We were all very fond of Mr. Ward and offer his family our deepest sympathies.

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We are all very proud of our new offices in District 6 and are happy to announce that the parts room is now being remodeled. There will be new parts bins installed, and asphalt tile flooring laid, after which the room will be painted.

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We are sorry to report that C.P. Screeton, shovel operator, is ill. We offer C. P. our best wishes for a complete recovery soon.

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Agreeable advice is seldom useful.

DISTRICT 9-S SPRINGDALE  
Louise Day - Reporter

Effie Gutenshon joined our force April 1, as stock clerk and is now a full-fledged member of our AHD family. Though belated, we offer you our warmest welcome, Effie.

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We offer our best wishes for speedy recovery to Mrs. Henry Coe who underwent surgery recently at Newport.

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We are sorry to report Doss Graham, bridge carpenter, is confined to the Springdale Memorial Hospital. Our very best "get well quick" wishes, Doss, we are all thinking of you.

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Many happy returns to Effie Gutenshon, who celebrated her birthday May 14. Effie and her husband also celebrated their wedding anniversary May 25. We offer our congratulations and best wishes for many more "happily married" years together.

LOTTIE BROWN, our Reporter from District 10, submitted this advice to fast drivers. "Don't turn the curve on 69, for in the ditch your body we may find." "Don't cross the street 'till the light turns green, somewhere out of sight by a cop you may be seen."

# Party Line Parade

DISTRICT 9 HARRISON  
Shirley Morton - Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Cook were in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, recently when their nephew graduated from medical school. Afterwards they motored to New Orleans for a visit with relatives.

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W. H. and Mrs. Porter have returned from a vacation with their children in Baton Rouge, Houston, and Dallas. "Slim" went deep sea fishing and caught a big shark! That must have been an exciting fishing experience. The Porters tell us that they had a truly delightful trip in every respect and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

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We offer our congratulations to Bertha Wagley who celebrated the completion of 12 years' service with the Highway Department June 1. Bertha also celebrated her birthday June 5 and so we happily sing in loud, if not harmonious, voices: "Happy Birthday to You."

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We are sorry to report that Rue Madle has been ill for several weeks now. We offer our very best wishes for your rapid improvement, Rue, and we hope that you will be able to be back on the job again soon and feeling every bit as "fit as a fiddle."

Our deepest sympathies go to Marion Richardson in the loss of his father a few weeks ago.

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We also extend our heartfelt sympathies to John Wise whose wife passed away recently.

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Belated welcome greetings to Edris Mae Hulsey, who joined our office force May 1. We are happy to have you with us, Edris.

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R. A. Milum's son, Connie Mack, has been hospitalized at Pensacola, Florida. Our very best "get well quick" wishes to Connie Mack.

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Leon Burlsworth, former AHD employee and the son of our John Burlsworth, was at home with his family for a visit recently. Leon is serving in the Navy and is now stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station in Chicago. All reports indicate that it was great to have him home, even for such a short duration.

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Uncle Dudley says that even if coffee goes up to \$5 a pound he'll serve it in the "Greasy Spoon."

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We wish everyone could see our "new?" trucks. They certainly look good, which proves our contention that Paul Byron is really a handy fellow with a paint brush!

# Party Line Parade

DISTRICT 10 PARAGOULD

Lottie Brown - Reporter

Letha Ramsey, our fuel clerk in District 10, is the proudest one! Letha has a beautiful brand-new Plymouth - and who can blame her?

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John Killingsworth is the proud engineer of a new bridge which has almost been completed on Highway 25 north of Strawberry.

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Our congratulations to Jess Rush for the fine work he is doing on Highway 141 north of Jonesboro. Oh yes, since Jess has started his First Aid instruction classes, he is becoming known as Dr. Rush.

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The boys working with the fleet are very proud of their new trucks, and believe you me, they really keep 'em shining.

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The motto of C. E. James is, "Don't take life too seriously, you will never get out of it alive any way."

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Margie Bramlett spent a week end in Little Rock recently visiting with her husband.

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We are happy to welcome Carolyn Rush to our fold. Carolyn graduated from high school this year and we wish her every success.

ROBERT DANIEL WARD

Robert Daniel "Bob" Ward, 73, District 6 Fuel Clerk, died of a heart attack June 13 in his home at Little Rock.

Mr. Ward had been employed 8½ years by the Arkansas Highway Department, and had held the same position in the District 6 Office throughout his entire service. He was a gracious, friendly person, inherently kind, who possessed that wonderful quality of making everyone around him feel at ease, and he was beloved by all who knew him.

Born at Bluff Springs, Alabama, Mr. Ward moved to Arkansas when he was quite young. He was employed with the Voss-Hutton Manufacturing Company a number of years, and he served for 6 years as the Clark County Treasurer at Arkadelphia.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Gertrude Collier Ward; two daughters, Mrs. Sue Gwynn and Mrs. William B. Murry; two brothers, L. M. Ward and John Ward; one sister, Mrs. F. E. Teague; and three grandchildren.

The funeral services were held June 15 at the Murry Funeral Home at Arkadelphia.

We extend our most sincere and heartfelt sympathies to his wife and family. May God in His own loving way bring comfort to their hearts and minds.

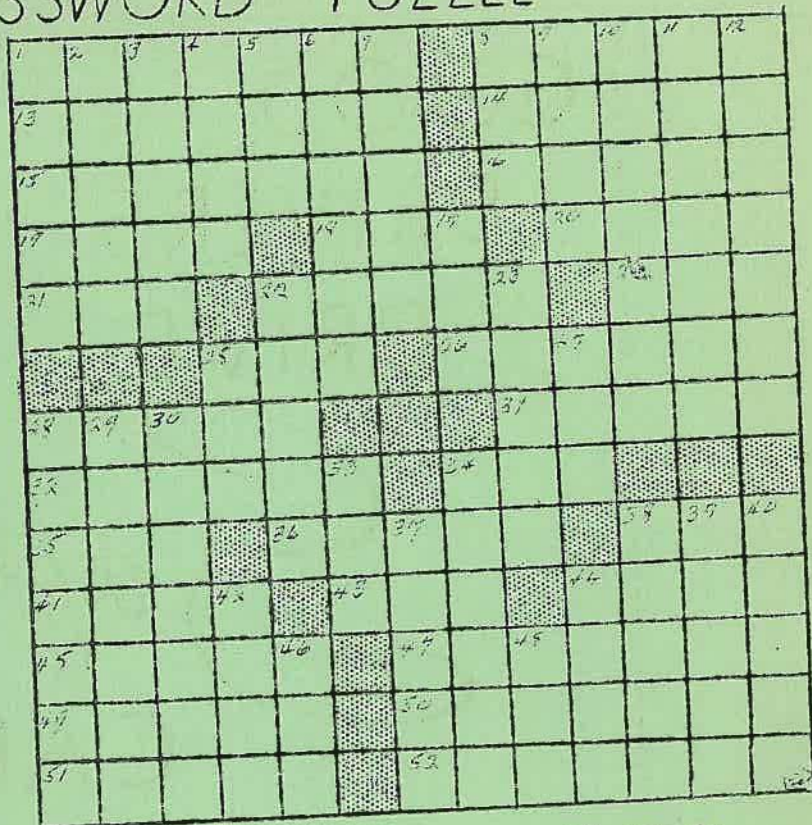
# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

## ACROSS

1. Put back
8. Place of worship
13. Dies
14. Norwegian
15. Intense
16. Path
17. Jewish month
18. Child's game
20. Girl (Span.)
21. Permit
22. Savage
24. Small bird
25. Vehicle
26. Village in N. Y.
28. Perfume
31. Fatigues
32. Noble
34. Guided
35. Kitten
36. Anesthetic
38. Hindu pottery
40. Large birds
43. Rat chaser
44. Cut
45. More adept
47. War zone
49. Animal
50. In advance
51. European finch
52. Roof workers

## DOWN

1. Celebrate
2. Banish
3. Jet
4. Throw out



5. Bronze coin
6. Tenant
7. Chemical Compound
8. Insect
9. Forsaken
10. Renegade
11. Silly
12. Narrate
19. Herd of Whales
22. To stuff
23. Subsequently
25. Tin
27. Top

28. Pleads
29. Shiver
30. In name only
33. And others
34. Deadly
37. Detests
38. Undo
39. More dismal
40. Copies
42. Half
44. Season
46. Races
48. Age

(Solution in July magazine.)

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DRIVERS  
DRIVE

*Safe*  
CARS

WISE UP!

CHECK UP!

FIX UP!