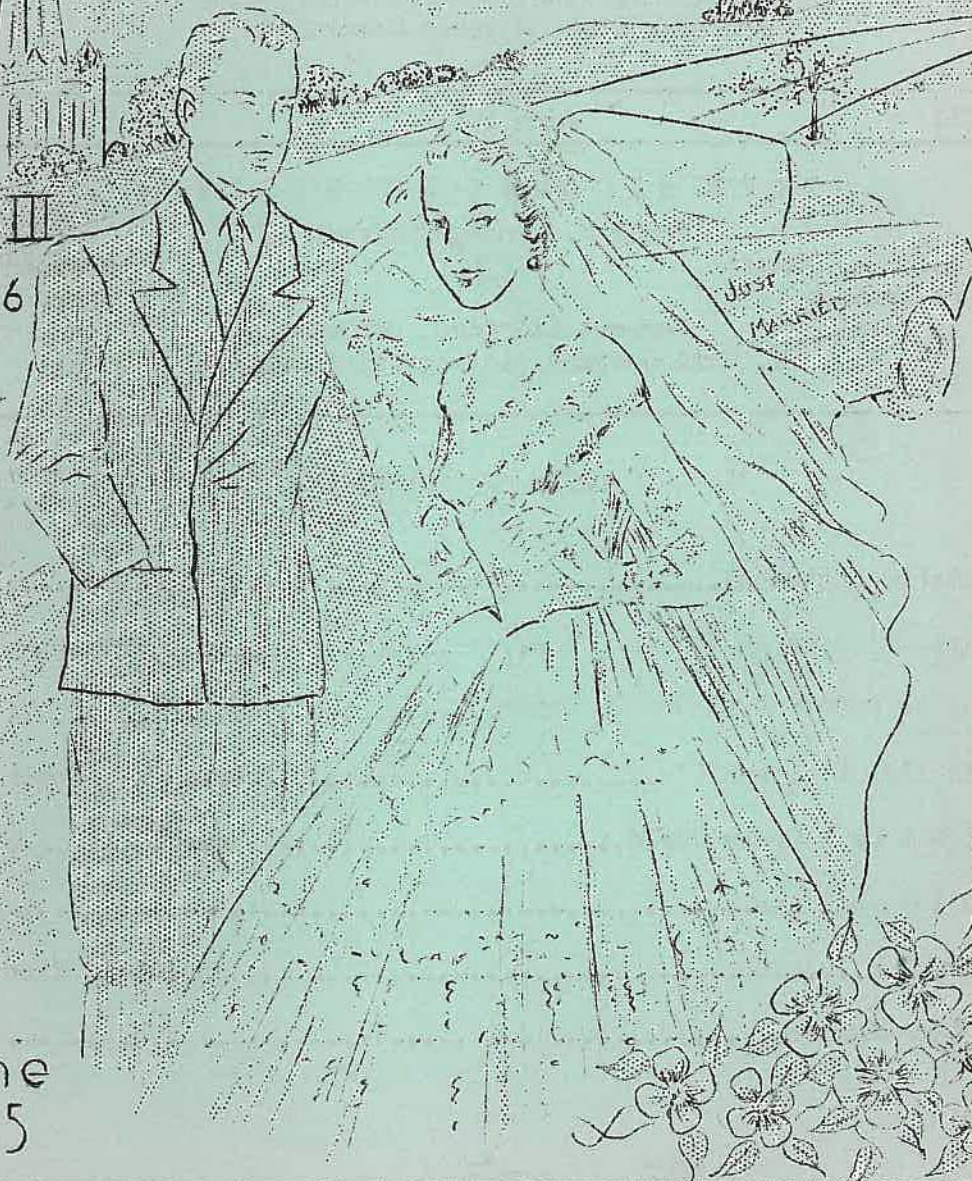


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PREVENTABLE ACCIDENTS

DISTRICT 1 ----- TOTAL 4

- 5/6/55, rock came through glass ventilator while riding from roadway to loading yard, glass got in eye.
- 5/10/55, employee was cleaning battery cable and wind blew battery acid into the left eye.
- 5/16/55, left index finger was mashed between storage house door and wheelbarrow.
- 5/26/55, putting mowing machine blade in, cut right thumb.

DISTRICT 2 ----- NONE

DISTRICT 3 ----- TOTAL 3

- 5/16/55, wrenched back trying to get mower out of mud.
- 5/19/55, car went out of control over embankment. Employee who was driving car was killed.
- 5/23/55, auto accident, our driver not at fault.

DISTRICT 4 ----- TOTAL 4

- 5/4/55, cutting board to be placed and holding board with hand and using hatchet; top side of left thumb cut by hatchet.
- 5/5/55, loading premix on truck, foot slipped and he fell off truck; pain in left side, contusion of ribs.
- 5/6/55, vehicle accident.
- 5/16/55, hooking air compressor to truck while it was backing up and was caught between truck and compressor.

DISTRICT 5 ----- TOTAL 1

- 5/18/55, lifting rotary mower while other employee was adjusting pin in drawbar -- hernia of right side.

DISTRICT 6 ----- TOTAL 4

- 5/2/55, vehicle accident.

- 5/9/55, cut finger when blade slipped.

- 5/9/55, vehicle accident.

- 5/11/55, got foreign object in right eye while welding machinery.

DISTRICT 7 ----- TOTAL 2

- 5/4/55, piece of scale from dragline flew up and hit eye.

- 5/25/55, injured right arm in wheel.

DISTRICT 8 ----- TOTAL 3

- 5/5/55, dumping truck load of rocks, rocks hung in end gate, over-balanced truck, flipping it down 20 foot embankment; worker suffered contusion of left shoulder, left arm and hand, right hip and chest contusions.

- 5/11/55, cranking roller and handle broke off crank, struck worker above left eye.

- 5/23/55, was shifting sweeper out of gear and strained shoulder muscle.

DISTRICT 9 ----- TOTAL 2

- 5/11/55, pulling trees with cable, started to loosen hook and it caught and flew around, hitting him in head.

- 5-16/55, put his foot up to step up on roller, his foot slipped and cut his leg on step of roller.

DISTRICT 10 ----- TOTAL 1

- 5/25/55, mowing right of way, car struck rear of tractor, causing worker to be thrown off and into roadside ditch.

LITTLE ROCK ----- TOTAL 1

- 5/2/55, opened filing cabinet to get papers and was bitten by poisonous insect, evidently a spider.

JACKSONVILLE ---- TOTAL 1

- 5/2/55, while working under a car, small particle fell into left ear, causing infection of ear.

FACTS AND FIGURES--THAT'S S & A

by John R. Hume, Statistician
Statistics and Analyses Division

The Statistics and Analyses Division of the State Highway Department is fundamentally a service group whose primary function is: (1) to collect, analyze, interpret and file factual information that relates to highway and traffic design, construction, maintenance, operation, economic influences, and costs; and, (2) to publish and furnish such information for the use of the other components of the Highway Department, other State agencies, and the people of Arkansas, as well as the agencies and people of other State and Federal agencies.

In late years the duties of the Division have been expanded to include a Traffic Engineering Service to the municipalities and people of the State in order to obtain maximum use, convenience and safety on our overburdened and outdated highways and streets, where the number of vehicles being operated annually have more than doubled since 1939, while annual vehicle miles have roughly tripled in the same period.

When S & A (as it is familiarly known) was set up early in 1936, Fred J. Herring was chosen as Engineer in charge of the new Division, and he has continued to head the group as it has grown from its small beginning to the large and widely varied organization it is today. It was organized to fill a growing need for a repository of collected and digested statistical data in the still new field of highway and traffic

development. The Highway Department had been established as an independent agency in the Department of Lands, Highways and Improvement in 1913, but was not separated from that Department until 1929, seven years before the "Good Roads Movement" had achieved its first real impetus in 1927-28, only nine years earlier, and the State Highway System was only 13 years old when S & A was organized. Of the first small group who comprised the original Statistics and Analyses Division there are only two, other than Fred Herring, who are still members of the Division. They are W. K. Bartleson and M. L. Baird, both of whom have seen continuous service with the Division since its birth.

The Hayden-Cartwright Act (1934--73rd Congress--Public No. 393) recognized this growing need on the national level for accumulating and analyzing factual data on highways and traffic, and provided in Section 11 of the Act for Federal Funds to be used in cooperation with the States for conducting Statewide Highway Planning Surveys to obtain data for use in determining the best application of maintenance and construction funds, future development of the System, and to furnish an accurate record of the roads on the System.

S & A was originally charged with a three-fold responsibility; Road Inventory and County Maps, Traffic Surveys, and Revenues and Expenditures Statistical

Studies. Those charges remain fundamental today, but their scope has increased with the development of the motor age. Others have been added, such as augmented map activities, the Service Map used by tourists and citizens, traffic maps, municipal maps, and many others; special projects, such as highway needs studies, feasibility surveys, parking and congestion studies, school crossing surveys, transportation studies for municipal long range planning, economic studies, traffic engineering analyses of local traffic problems, and others.

There is considerable emphasis on the continuing traffic study today, apart from the Traffic Engineering Services. These routine traffic counts constantly evaluate the traffic flow throughout the State and are of tremendous immediate importance as well as of great value for present and future historical perspective. Just as the red corpuscles in the bloodstream maintain the body's health by proper circulation through the arteries, so does vehicular traffic circulating through the street and highway arteries maintain the socio-economic health of the State. These streets and highways carry the life-blood of communication and commerce to all areas of the State. This constant Statewide study of traffic keeps a finger on the economic pulse of the State. The data developed from the study points out areas of new growth, areas of potential blight and stagnation, underdeveloped areas, areas of need, etc. The data is widely used and seldom a day passes without a request from outside the Department for some particular information developed from this study.

The various services offered and the data compiled and published by this Division are used by many for such widely varied purposes as determining the demand factor in long-range street and highway signals at problem intersections, as the guide to a maximum use of existing facilities or an indication of the probable patronage of commercial establishments at specific highway locations, as a factor in estimating potential labor market commutation patterns for defense or other new industries or as a consideration in expanding the dollar-value of the tourist industry, as an essential link in the planning for major highway networks on the regional or national level or as the justification for provision of all-weather access to a tiny agricultural community; and as an authoritative reference source for the press.

Specific purposes run a gamut of usage. For example, the large-scale County Map Series with detailed culture data is used by State and Federal agencies in laying out routes and itineraries for school buses, field libraries and book-mobles, mobile field units of the Public Health Service and rural mail delivery, in establishing fire-lanes, lookout towers and communications for the forestry services, in analyzing commercial, population and transportation problems; by the County Judges and Quorum Courts in working out county transportation and zoning matters, drainage problems, county road work; and by private persons, business houses, chambers of commerce or other civic groups, and others for a multitude of purposes. The various other map series, State maps, municipal maps,

traffic maps, and special maps are used for similarly varied purposes on other levels of planning, municipal, area, state or regional. The compilation of data on revenues, expenditures, motor vehicle registrations, and motor fuel consumed are distributed widely among governmental as well as private agencies and run a wide range of application from economic research to market analysis; from commercial guide-posts to evaluation of legislative action, while the road inventory, road life, and traffic data are in daily demand through requests ranging from an individual interested in the few feet of street or highway in front of his door, all the way up to the Federal Government interested in the entire road and street systems of the State as a vital part of regional and national systems. The traffic engineering services of the Division are in continual use by local authorities in many ways, from increasing the safety of a school crosswalk to city-wide traffic improvement and the long-range planning programs.

The work of the Statistics and Analyses Division has won wide public respect by its informed, objective approach and the factual, unbiased quality of its performance. Many now depend upon it for unprejudiced, comprehensive statistical and analytical information. Although some thought when it was organized that it was a visionary and theoretical step, it has long since proved its worth by the enormous savings and the economic utilization of resources which the work of this Division has made possible.

TRAFFIC I'S, E'S, and C'S

by Mrs. Pat Denson
Administrative Division

Arkansas made a fairly good record, comparatively speaking, when only 13 lives were lost in accidents during the long Memorial Day week end, with 368 fatalities setting an all time high for the nation.

Is it too much to hope that users of automobiles in Arkansas are becoming safety conscious? Could it be that much of the credit might reflect upon State Highway Department employees?

Employees of the State Highway Department, since they deal with traffic arteries, should also deal in traffic safety, and set an example for all other motorists in the practice of safe driving habits.

The excessive number of traffic fatalities was termed a nationwide epidemic by Ned H. Dearborn, President of the National Safety Council. He said we might call the "highway epidemic" the three I's -- Incompetence, Indifference and Irresponsibility, and gave as the cure for the "epidemic" the three E's -- Enforcement, Engineering, and Education.

Should each of our employees, as well as the general public, develop the three C's -- Competence, Caution, and Courtesy -- in motor vehicle operation, and learn the enforcement, engineering and educational features of safe driving, it would ensue that the Arkansas traffic total on future holiday week ends might become a "good" record instead of a "fair" one.

COMMISSION APPLAUDED BY SEARCY PAPER --

Our Commission, Director, and several Staff members went hunting--so to speak in May. Hunting for bad roads and public opinion on efforts of the Commission for the past two years to build Arkansas Highways.

A motor cavalcade left Little Rock May 19 and visited civic groups in Searcy, Batesville, Walnut Ridge, Paragould, and Blytheville and with the District personnel in Batesville, Paragould, and Wynne. The group returned to Little Rock May 20 weary and worn but convinced that public opinion favors the Commission's work and results to date but that there is much to be done before Arkansas can point with pride to its highway system.

The Editor of the Searcy Citizen summed up the Commission's tour in words that bear repeating: "In our opinion, one of the best plans that has ever been adopted by a State Highway Commission is now being used by the Arkansas Highway Commission. Searcy got an example of the method of operation of this plan yesterday when the members of the Commission visited here for approximately two hours talking to civic and business leaders of the area.

The plan to which we are referring is the 'good will' tour plan which the Commission is following in each District of the State. The essentials of the plan are quite simple. Instead of merely sitting in an office in Little Rock, hearing the complaints and suggestions of those who take the time and trouble to visit the agency's offices, the

Highway Commission goes out into various parts of the State as a body.

They meet with a group from the area in which they are meeting and the group makes suggestions as to how existing roads and highways might be improved. The groups also bring up all other problems that the Commission might be able to handle.

The effect of this is, we feel, very beneficial. It, first of all, acquaints the members of the Highway Commission with the condition of roads and highways in every part of the State. Secondly, it gives all of the members a chance to meet and talk to people in various areas...gaining information that should be of considerable service to the Commission. Lastly, it shows the people of the State that the Highway Commission is active and interested.

With all of these things in mind, we feel that the Highway Commission is to be congratulated for this method of obtaining information. It should prove to be very beneficial to all sections of the State."

The Commission has committed itself to the extent that its an even bet that each member would wish for unlimited funds with which to build roads if they should be granted one wish they knew could be fulfilled.

It is not possible to buy loyalty. The man who thinks that he can get anywhere by offering his services to the highest bidder is as mistaken in his conception as the man who makes the bid. --G. Verity

HIGHWAY ACCIDENTS CLAIM THREE AND LIVES --

Our regret is deep over the loss of three faithful and loyal Highway Department employees whose lives were suddenly cut off as a result of highway accidents. They are missed on the job and by their many friends in the Department. We offer our deep and sincere sympathies to the bereaved families of these men. It is always hard to accept the loss of a loved one, even after a long illness, but to lose them suddenly, accidentally, without time to adjust ourselves to such a loss is even more heartbreaking. With the hope that it will help comfort them in their sorrow we suggest the following text from the Holy Bible: "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." (1 Corinthians 2:9) This passage promises comfort and immortality and reunion. Christ died to give man everlasting life "....if it were not so I would have told you." (John 14:2)

ALFORD F. BANKSTON, JR.

Alfred F. "Bud" Bankston, Jr., 35, Instrumentman in the Construction Division, whose home is in Amity, passed away May 19 in the Ouachita General Hospital at Hot Springs following an automobile accident about 9 miles east of Glenwood. Mr. Bankston was driving a Department car, accompanied by Charles V. Gutensohn, Resident Engineer, enroute to the office at Daisy when the car went out of control, plunged down a 20-foot embankment, and rolled over several times. Mr. Gutensohn sustained bruises and three broken ribs.

Mr. Bankston was an excellent instrumentman and he had served the Department with efficient and dependable service since 1946 when he first started with us. He was born in Glenwood, Arkansas, and he served in our Armed Forces during World War II as Master Sergeant with the 65th Engineering Combat Battalion.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Elle Bankston; his young son, Paul Franklin; and his mother, Mrs. A. F. Bankston, Sr.

GROVER C. RUSSELL

Grover C. Russell, 62, Clarksville, Maintenance Foreman in District 8, was fatally injured May 19 when he was struck by a dump truck while checking heavy equipment on Highway 64 near Lamar, and passed away enroute to the hospital.

Mr. Russell was born in Ozone and had served the Highway Department loyally and efficiently for over 13 years. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Margery McCracken Russell; a daughter, Mrs. Mary Lou Brown; and two sons, V. A. and Lee Russell.

ROBERT WHITE

Robert White, 57, maintenance member at Pine Bluff, was killed instantly May 31 when he was struck by a car while cutting weeds on the shoulder of Highway 65 about 15 miles south of Pine Bluff. The driver was charged with negligent homicide.

Mr. White was born in Fayette, Mississippi, and has served the Highway Department since 1942. He was well liked by all and his service record shows excellent performance of his duties. His sole survivor is his brother, Randolph White.

AROUND THE BUILDING

As most of you know, our Editor, Hazel S. Erdmann, underwent major surgery at St. Vincent's Infirmary on June 3. We are very happy to report she will be going home soon. We wish you a speedy recovery, Hazel, and hope you will be back with us real soon. We all miss you.

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We offer our hearty congratulations to Mr. Guy W. Cobb, Drainage Engineer, whose entry took second place honors in the short story contest sponsored this spring by the Arkansas Society of Authors and Composers. During the past year Mr. Cobb has served as Vice President of this organization. Unsung talents in the Highway Department personnel, such as this of Mr. Cobb's, add a delightful and interesting bit of spice to our everyday associations. We are very proud of you, Guy.

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Herbert Eldridge and Ward Goodman addressed the 1955 Arkansas Boys State at Camp Robinson on May 31. These boys meet for one week each year and are appointed to the various state offices. Roger Greenway of McGehee was appointed Director of Highways and was a guest of the Highway Department June 2. Mr. Eldridge gave him a brief outline of the duties of Highway Director and he also visited the other Divisions in the Building.

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Our sincere appreciations go to Dorothy Simmons, junior cartographer in the Statistics and Analyses Division, for sketching the bride and groom on the cover of our June issue. Many, many thanks to you, Dorothy.

Cecil Lynch, our Commission Chairman, participated in a ceremony at Lepanto on May 9 -- the dedication of a new 20-mile gravel stretch on Highway 135. Mr. Lynch said that the increased efficiency, brought about by offering job security to its workers saved the State more than 2 million dollars in the past 2 years.

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On May 26 at 9 p.m. our Director made an appearance with the Searcy Business and Professional Women's Club on the Arkansas Maid TV Party, Station KATV. Mr. Eldridge answered pertinent questions regarding the Highways in Arkansas and the long range program planned by the Highway Commission and the tremendous task being accomplished this year by our Highway Department forces. The questions directed to Mr. Eldridge by this group of business women were those which are of interest to every citizen in Arkansas; and his thorough explanation of Highway activities was greeted with much enthusiasm. Such enlightening talks are doing much to bring about a better understanding on the part of the people of Arkansas which, in turn, will create cooperation from the people that is vitally needed to accomplish our goal. This program was sponsored by the Little Rock Packing Company.

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On June 10 a letter and card was mailed to all employees who are members of the Retirement System to cast their ballot for their choice of Trustee for the term July 1, 1955 to July 1, 1957. Our July issue will announce the outcome.

LET IT NOT BE A DREAM WORLD

I stood upon the threshold
Of a world we've dreamed about,
Free of hatred, war and pestilence,
A world clean, within -- without.
Nestled along its many highways
Were simple cottages painted white,
Surrounded by beautiful gardens
With fertile fields, to left and right.

I heard the laughter of many children,
The sweetest music that one can hear.
The product of a world of cleanliness,
Of a people that do not fear.
I heard the soft tone of a church bell
From out the distant hills somewhere,
Intense silence reigned for a moment
As if all creatures bowed in prayer.

I passed through countless cities,
Where no distressing signs remain,
Where debauchery, filth and ignorance,
No longer leaves a vicious stain.
Churches, schools, parks and playgrounds,
Marks of progress, everywhere,
With thousands, moving to and fro,
Relieved from the terror of want and care.

The happiness of all the people,
The handshake and the smile,
That greeted me where'er I strayed,
Left no fear for the after-a-while.
Let this world that I have seen,
Be not a dream world in the air
Let it become a world of reality,
Dear God -- this is our prayer.
From "Ideals" --by R. H. Sotherland

REPORTERS: Deadline will be July 6.

JEST FOR FUN —

by Jimmy Zinn

YEP, LIFE IS SOMETIME HARD
"Hey, Sambo, how come you all is in jail?"
"Jes for throwin' rocks outa de neighbor's
yard into mine."
"Yah but, what's wrong with that?"
"Happens dese was Plymouth Rocks."

POSTED

Last season a farmer in Chicot County put up
a sign at the entrance of his pasture:
"Hunters, please don't shoot anything on my
place that isn't moving. It just might be
my new hired man."

VACANCY

A wise guy said to the bus driver the other
morning. "Well, well, Noah, you got here at
last — is the Ark full?"
The bus driver replied, "No, no, come on in,
we need one more baboon."

REPRESENTATION?

If Patrick Henry thought taxation without
representation was so rough, he should see
it these days with representation.

WORD GATHERING

Two english professors were traveling
along at a merry clip of 85 miles per
hour. The driver turned to his rather
timid companion.

"Isn't it absolutely wonderful to
speed along the lovely countryside as
we're doing now -- aren't you simply glad
to be alive?"

"Glad isn't exactly the word for it,
Bill. I'm amazed!"

WANTED

"I hear you advertised for a wife. Any
replies?"

"Oh yes, hundreds of them."

"What did they say?"

"Most of them said, you can have mine."

Party Line Parade

HEADQUARTERS

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

Betty Lane - Reporter

Ferol Jones' young daughter, Judy, was promoted on May 25 from Fair Park Elementary School to Forest Heights Junior High School. Jerry, her son, is in the Pony League this year. The League opened recently for summer play and Jerry is playing center field for Wright's Service Station.

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Joyce Spencer's handsome little son, Billy Roe, graduated on May 20 from the Lutheran Kindergarten. The ceremony was most impressive, as the diminutive graduates wore white caps and gowns.

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Pat Denson has recently returned from Clearwater, Florida, where she spent a week "funnin' and sunnin'."

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We were all very sorry to lose Ferol Jones who was transferred to the Chief Engineer's office from Mr. Scott's office on June 4. Although we will miss her very much we wish her all the success in the world and know that she will be happy on her new job.

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Seems as if the weather refuses to cooperate with our fishermen in this Division -- hence no fishing stories. But just wait, perhaps Mr. Scott will make use of the new "lures" he purchased a few weeks ago. Good luck, fishermen.

PURCHASING OFFICE

Mildred Sanderson - Reporter

Willene Gray's oldest son, Haywood, will be working at the Sign Shop during the summer months under the supervision of Charlie Wright. Haywood really likes his work and should prove to be a fine young Highway employee.

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John and Sue Plegge are enjoying a wonderful vacation and we will be able to give more details in the next issue.

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If anyone thought an Indian or a lobster had taken over your reporter's job the past few days, don't be alarmed, it was only me with a lovely deep red skin which slowly turned to a more delicate shade of pink. This was due to a severe sunburn which was acquired at the War Memorial Pool. Well, anyway I've learned my lesson and in case anyone needs a few good sunburn remedies, feel free to ask me because I have learned several good ones. I have decided the mountains are healthier and motored with friends to Pettit Jean June 4. It's beautiful up there this time of year and the view is out of this world.

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The "moving bug" is still buzzing around our office. It recently bit Willene Gray, who moved to 117 Summit Street. We hope you will have lots of luck and happiness in your new home, Willene.

Party Line Parade

IBM SECTION

Sue Culver - Reporter

A Hearty Welcome to Erma Jetton who came back to work on June 6. We've all missed you, Erma, and it is wonderful having you with us again.

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"Mr. Sandman, please go away." Nadine and Fred Trantham and Carmen Sue took Nadine's sister, Mrs. Dick Jarrell and her daughter, back to Oklahoma City and spent Memorial Day week end there. The Trantham's are quite familiar with Oklahoma and love it but the sand persuaded them that Arkansas is really a wonderful place in which to live.

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It seems everyone took advantage of our recent Holiday. Laverne and Bruce Henderson went to Rosebud and brought little daughter, Carroll Lee, home after a 2-week visit with Grandma Holloman. The Hendersons are also planning a trip to Oklahoma to see his grandmother who is in the hospital suffering from a broken hip. We send her our best get well wishes.

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Your reporter went to Hot Springs to try her luck as a fisher-woman and got a terrific sunburn. Well, at least I can enjoy talking about the one that got away.

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Dorothy and Roy Shelby, with the little Shelby's, motored to Dallas to visit his mother and father over the Holiday week end. We're disappointed because he didn't bring back a Texas-built rattlesnake, but glad they had fun.

Smitty took his family to Pine Bluff recently to attend the graduation exercises of his nephew, Jerry Westbrook, who graduated with honors. The young man has chosen the ministry as his career and we wish him the best of everything in the noblest of professions.

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Art Johnson left the night of June 2 for Moline, Illinois, to bring his family back with him. Mrs. Johnson and the children remained in Moline until the end of the school term. We welcome the Johnsons to Arkansas and hope they will be very happy here.

CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

Betty Allen & Sue Gipson - Reporters

Congratulations and best wishes to Lucille Schmidt and Louis Evans Dishough who were married May 31 in a quiet ceremony in Greenville, Mississippi. We wish them many years of happiness together.

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We were sorry to lose Doris Hodge who was transferred to Mr. Scott's office June 7. Although we will miss her, we wish her the best of luck on her new job.

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Our HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS to Joyce and Eugene Ashcraft who are the proud parents of a baby girl, Deborah Ann, born June 6 at the Baptist Hospital.

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We are sorry to report that Lewis C. "Lou" Greer is suffering from a broken collar bone incurred recently in his backyard. We wish you a speedy recovery, Lou.

Party Line Parade

FEDERAL AID SECTION

Jack Keilch - Reporter

We are happy to welcome Gilbert Smith to our Section. Gilbert is a registered professional engineer and has been with the Department approximately 16 years. Effective July 1 he will be in charge of the Federal Aid Section. We all wish you much happiness in your new job, Gilbert.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Boen left May 27 for a 2-week vacation in Panama City, Florida. We hope the weather is better than when they were there last year and that they have a wonderful time.

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J. W. Marshall was on vacation recently and attended the spring reunion of the Supreme Scottish Rite Masons. He has been a member for 35 years and is a 32 KCOH. Mr. Marshall has been with the Highway Department 28 years and for the record, has been married 28 years. Mrs. Marshall informs us that between his work for the Department and his activities as a Mason, he is also an excellent husband. We here in the office are proud of Mr. Marshall, and agree that he is "tops."

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Virginia Jones attended the graduation exercises of her brother, H. B. Keating in Lockesburg. Wilma was also there from Atlanta, where she is working as Control Agent for Delta Airlines.

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Lola Buck spent an enjoyable week at home recently relaxing and resting. She also had some work done on her house.

BRIDGE DESIGN DIVISION

Norma Monroe - Reporter

Our hearty congratulations to Lois and Glen Buchanan who celebrated their wedding anniversary June 2, AND to Adell and Bob Mattox who celebrated theirs on June 14. May you all have many more happily married years together.

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We spread the welcome mat to Keith Curtis and Billy Hart who will work with us during the summer months. Billy worked with us last summer and we are glad to have him back with us.

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We are glad to report that Richard Flemming is back with us after suffering from a broken leg and ankle.

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Jake and Lillian Knott spent a most enjoyable holiday week end at Lake Hamilton with their two sons and the grandchildren. We understand the fishing wasn't too good because of the high water and wind but they did enjoy trying out the new Mercury 6 motor.

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We also had other fishermen among us during the Holiday. The Bonners went to Lake Conway and reported pretty good luck; Frank Battisto and Harold Bastian went to Lake Ouachita and their catch was fair; and Eddie Rownd did his fishing at a small canal near Humphrey. Eddie is 3 years old and did he have luck!! He caught his share but he fell in. No damage was done except of course little Eddie's cloths got wet.

Party Line Parade

MATERIALS AND TESTS

Julia Halliburton - Reporter

We are happy to welcome to our Division Joe D. Magness, civil engineer, from Russellville. Joe is a graduate of the University and he and his wife Bonnie, and 3-month-old son, Larry, are living in Little Rock on North Elm. We hope they will be very happy here.

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Congratulations to Lois and Neil Roach who recently purchased a new green Ford AND to Georgette and R. C. Turney who bought a new black and white Studebaker. They are really pretty and we are happy for both couples.

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We were all very glad to have Billie Whittington, a former employee, visit with us recently. Billie and his family have moved back to the State from Anchorage, Alaska, where he has been employed by their Highway Department.

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We are happy to spread the welcome mat to James Harper and Robbie Parker who joined our Highway family in June. James is a laboratory technician and Robbie is materials inspector. We hope they will be very happy on their new jobs.

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Congratulations and best wishes to the following who celebrated birthdays recently: Hays Medlock, Russell Newsom, Odis Sneed, Willard Harrison, Bob Donham, and Billie Wood. Many happy returns of the day and may you all have many, many more "Happy Birthdays."

We are happy to report that Elaine and J. L. Owens' little girl has been released from the hospital and is improving.

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Your reporter attended the Eagle's Convention at Hot Springs May 7 and had a wonderful time.

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Frances and Erwin Roller spent several days at Nimrod Dam recently fishing and reported to have enjoyed it very much.

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We extend our deep and heartfelt sympathies to Willard Harrison and his family in the loss of his uncle, Z. L. Sams, and to R. C. Turney and his family in the loss of his grandmother of Plummerville.

COUNTY PROGRAM

Zelda M. Riggs - Reporter

Jack and Mary Teasdale were happy to have their daughter, Patricia Allen, of Houston, Texas, home for several weeks recently. The Teasdale's accompanied "Pat" home over the Holiday week end and visited with she and her husband, Tom.

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Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mitchell who celebrated their thirtieth wedding anniversary June 1. Their many friends extend best wishes and hope they have many more happy years together.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Pendergraft have recently returned from a visit with his mother, Mrs. G. W. Pendergraft of Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

Party Line Parade

ACCOUNTING DIVISION

Lucy Yeary & Norma Miller - Reporters

We are very happy to welcome Johnnie Beavers to our office force. He was transferred from the S & A Division on June 1 and will be our Senior Accountant in charge of the Revenue and Expenditures Section. We all wish you success on your new job, Johnnie.

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Eleanor and "Pat" Pattillo spent a wonderful vacation in St. Louis recently. They did some fishing and reported the catch wasn't too good but they saw the Cardinals play which was quite a thrill and made up for all the bad luck on the fishing trip.

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Now that summer is here and school is out, all the kids are going on trips and to camp. Among them is Allene Boysen's little daughter, Betty, who is visiting relatives in Hamburg. We hope you have a wonderful time, Betty.

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We are happy to welcome "Randy" Randall and Wally Blackstone who joined our office force recently.

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Margaret and John Allen were happy to to have their son and daughter-in-law, Sonny and Carolyn, visit them recently. They were on their way to Germany where Sonny will be stationed with the Army.

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We are glad to report Ellen Sink's husband, George, who has been seriously ill, is feeling much better now.

We were sorry to lose Jimmy Zinn who was transferred to the Personnel Division as Interviewer. We all miss you, Jimmy, and wish you success on your new job.

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Joe and Evelyn Schamer were glad to have their daughter, Margaret, home for a short time recently. Margaret is with Foley's Department Store in Houston.

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Congratulations to Paula and Rubin Masters who are sporting a new '55 Bel-Air Chevrolet. It's turquoise and ivory and really a beauty. We are all awaiting our turn to see how it rides.

PERSONNEL DIVISION

Hazel Norman - Reporter

We spread the welcome mat for Jimmie Zinn who was transferred to our office as Interviewer from the Accounting Division. We hope you will be very happy on your new job, Jimmy.

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Sarah and Walter Neel motored to Forest City recently and Sarah saw for the first time the house where Walter was born. Even though it has been repaired several times, it still brought back pleasant memories to Walter.

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Your reporter and children, Nancy and Sonny, made a recent trip to Chattanooga, to visit an aunt and also to see some cousins whom we had never met. We all had a wonderful time and Sonny and Nancy remained for an extended visit and it is really lonesome without them.

Party Line Parade

STATISTICS AND ANALYSES DIVISION

Headrick and Hume - Reporters

Among the University graduates to come to work for the Highway Department this month, we of the S & A Division are happy to welcome Billy Cooper. Billy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Cooper of Melbourne. He is not entirely new with the Department since he worked 3 months last summer in District 5. Billy's degree is in Civil Engineering and he plans to specialize in traffic engineering. It's good to have you on the team, Billy.

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As of June 1 we lost our old standby, Johnnie Beavers, who transferred to the Accounting Division as Senior Accountant in charge of the Revenue and Expenditures Section. It surely leaves a gap in our ranks, but since Accounting was Johnnie's major at the University, and his first love, we wish him the best in his new job.

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An odd coincidence in Traffic Section laid Asa McCord, Cecil Rider, Graham Noble, Lukie Atkinson, and John Hume up with lame backs within the past few weeks. An interesting variety of causes was given out by the sufferers -- and if not given out in a tongue-in-cheek manner were certainly received that way. Ruth Cantley, who is always an courant with the latest, embellished her lame back with a few broken ribs.

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Congratulations to Marlin and Nancy Powell who are the proud owners of a new Nash Rambler. Happy motoring folks.

Daisy Connelly has returned from a wonderful vacation in Washington, D. C., where she has been visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Louise and Jesse Foster. Jesse is employed by the Southern Bell Telephone Company.

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Freddie McCabe is the bouncing father of a baby boy and the proud mother is Janelle. Little Fred Anthony (Tony) was born at 5:51 p.m. on June 1 at St. Vincent's Hospital and weighed 7 pounds and 6 ounces. Our hearty congratulations to the happy McCabes.

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Brains are running rampant in this Division nowadays. Jess B. "Duffy" Thomas turned in straight A's for the spring semester at Little Rock Junior College and Jim Yarbrough is making plans to go to the Yale graduate school of traffic engineering. Good luck, boys.

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We are happy to welcome two engineering school juniors from the University, Jim McKinney and Kendall Hunter, who will work in our Division for the summer. Jim is a Little Rock boy and has worked in our Division the past 2 summers. Kendall is from Arkadelphia and this will be his first summer with the Department. Both boys will return to Fayetteville in September to finish working toward their engineering degrees.

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We are sorry to report that Bea Davis sprained her ankle in a fall recently. We offer Bea our very best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Party Line Parade

Dorothy and Fred Simmons and son, Freddie, enjoyed a recent vacation visiting her parents in Pensacola and also her brother in Mobile, Alabama.

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The S & A employees received a very nice letter from Mr. Schmieding who retired recently from the Department. Mr. Schmieding is enjoying a much deserved vacation in Portales, New Mexico, where he plans to assist his son in his engineering firm AND he is also polishing up his fishing tackle.

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Jack Harris of Road Inventory Section has entered the night classes for the summer at Little Rock Junior College, and is planning to enter the University in the fall headed toward a degree in mechanical engineering. Jack graduated from the Jacksonville High in 1949. We think you and your wife have made a grand decision and are all plugging for you, Jackie.

MAINTENANCE DIVISION

Dorothy Jean Britton - Reporter

Cecil Byrns attended the graduation exercises of her nephew, James W. Moore, at the Lonoke High School on May 27.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Strom who became grandparents of their seventh grandchild on May 24. Jeni, who weighed 7 pounds and 9 ounces, was born to Betty Lou and Paul Spaulding of Ocean-side, California. Mr. Strom quoted Betty Lou as saying, "The sun shines both day and night but we are extremely happy."

EQUIPMENT AND PROCUREMENT

L. O. "Jack" Brown - Reporter

Billie Bullington spent a recent week end with friends in Biloxi, Mississippi, and reported to have had a wonderful time.

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Mae and Red Shaw spent a few days recently in Austin, Texas, where they visited with Mae's sister. They had a most enjoyable visit.

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We are sorry to report that R. A. Short suffered an injury May 6 when the drill he was using cut his hand. The injury was not serious but painful. Be careful, R. A.

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Charlie Stewart returned to work May 16 after 2 weeks of illness. We are glad to have you back, Charlie.

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We are also happy to have O. S. "Doc" Marrett back on the job with us after undergoing major surgery at the Baptist Hospital early in May.

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Kay and Joel Bonnell were happy to have her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Brewer of Wichita, Kansas, visit them recently. While they were here they all went on a fishing trip but because of the heavy rain didn't have too much luck. More news from the Bonnell household is a recent litter of 5 Beagle hounds bringing the sum total to 8.

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We extend our sincere sympathies to Bernie Cox and his family in the loss of his uncle who died in Mt. Ida recently.

Party Line Parade

Congratulations to Billie Bullington and Charles Schmitt of Jacksonville who were married May 28 at 8 p.m. The couple will be at home in Jacksonville where Charles is in the grocery business. Billie plans to return to work around June 6. We offer then our very best wishes for a happy marriage together.

DISTRICT 1 WYNNE
Mildred Stacy - Reporter

The Commission, accompanied by Mr. Eldridge and members of the Executive Staff, honored us with a visit May 20. The meeting was informative and enjoyed by the entire personnel.

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Bill Vickers and family have recently moved to Wynne. We hope they will be very happy in their new home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rodgers were happy to have their sons, Ronald and Eugene and their families visit them recently. Roland is stationed in Seattle, Washington, with the Navy and this was his first trip home in several years. Eugene is in the Air Force stationed in Wichita Falls, Texas.

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We are proud of our office and stock room which looks good since they have new floor coverings and new steel bins for the stock room.

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We extend our heartfelt sympathies to Jess Gaynor and his family in the loss of his brother, John Gaynor, who was killed in an automobile accident in California.

DISTRICT 2 PINE BLUFF
Inez Royston - Reporter

The First Aid Classes and their families of Desha and Drew Counties invited the Office Personnel, Job Superintendents, District Equipment Supervisors and their families, as well as other employees of our District to a barbecue in Monticello on May 20, with John Marter and two of his buddies furnishing the music. And what a banquet! The barbecue was excellent, not to mention the delicious homemade pies, cakes, and salads. Just to taste of the food was proof enough of what wonderful cooks the wives of our Highway employees are. It was held in the hall of the City Park, so the downpour of rain didn't make the least bit of difference to the 175 people who were there. John Sanders, capable instructor of these classes, was master of ceremonies and goes without saying that we are proud of him, as well as the graduates of those classes. They gave demonstrations of some of the many helpful things learned. Our special guests were Horace Thompson, President of A & M College; B. B. McCloy, Mayor of Pine Bluff; and our own H. R. Lucas, Acting District Engineer, who gave interesting and informative talks. We were also glad to have Gerald Sisk from Little Rock as our guest, and were indeed sorry Charlie Holderbaum and the rest of the invited guests were unable to attend. It was a pleasure to meet our guests and the wives and children of the men whom we have worked with and those who have recently joined our Highway family.

Party Line Parade

Congratulations to Anne Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Johnson, who has been selected by the Auxiliary of the American Legion in St. Charles as their representative to Girl's State. Anne is a very attractive girl and we are sure she will be a splendid representative

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Russell Gaddy is really proud of the new metal bins for his stock room and plans to put them up and get his stock rearranged just as soon as possible.

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We are very glad to have Joe Houseman back with us after a toe amputation in April. Joe came back to work on June 1.

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Garland Vick and his wife have recently returned from a vacation trip to Mid West City, Oklahoma, where they visited their daughter-in-law and four grandchildren.

To make their trip more enjoyable they purchased a new Bel-Air Chevrolet before leaving Star City. They had a wonderful visit and their grandsons, Michael and Roger, came home with them for the summer. Fortunately, they missed the dreadful storm occurring in Oklahoma about that time by at least 100 miles.

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Jessie and Sue Goins and their two sons recently returned from a vacation spent in Crocketts Bluff, McGehee, and Little Rock. Since their return, "Bubba," their older son, became critically ill and was rushed to the hospital and placed under an oxygen tent. We are happy to report "Bubba" has greatly improved and send him best wishes for a very speedy recovery.

R. C. "Bob" Warren spent a recent weekend visiting his brother in Ft. Smith and had a wonderful time.

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Mr. and Mrs. John H. Sanders and children enjoyed a recent vacation visiting friends and relatives in the state.

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On May 21 the employees of the St. Charles Ferry invited us to a fish fry. H. B. Woolery and R. C. Hudson cooked them in large iron pots and did a beautiful job. The amount of those delicious golden brown fish was enormous and we ate until we couldn't hold another bit. The capable wives did a swell job of looking after the other details. We crossed on the Ferry and Selma Chavis and Ouida Grimes went for a motor boat ride and we all had a lot of fun. Ben Jackson, ferry superintendent, has a fine organization and we enjoyed the association with them and their families very much.



Party Line Parade

DISTRICT 3

HOPE

Olive Jackson - Reporter

Edna Lewallen's daughter, Carolyn, was one of three local girls selected to attend Girls State at Camp Robinson in Little Rock from June 4 to 11, under the sponsorship of the American Legion Auxiliary. Congratulations, Carolyn.

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We are glad to report that Sam Huckabee is back on the job with us after having been in the hospital for about a week with pneumonia.

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Carlisle and Maude Crews of De Queen are happy to have their son and his wife, Don and Dorinda of Wilson, and their daughter and her husband, Carlene and F. A. Parker of San Antonio, visiting with them. Don is leaving this month for Memphis State where he will be working on his master's degree during the summer months. Beginning this fall he will teach and coach at the Marion High School.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Noel D. Jester of Gillham who are the proud parents of an 8-pound daughter, born on June 1.

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Congratulations to Bobby Thornton who was awarded a medal for placing third on the 30-calibre rifle team of Camp Chaffee Fifth Armored Division. He received his discharge from the Army recently after serving 15 months in the far East and is now working with our maintenance crew. We are happy to have you with us, Bobby.

We spread the welcome mat to the following new employees: Houston Kitchens, Bobby Thornton, Oren White, and William Barham. Houston was recently discharged from the Army after serving 15 years.

DISTRICT

FT. SMITH

Faye Carter - Reporter

We are happy to welcome the following new employees into our Highway family: Jim Pierce, Earl Clem, Harold Lovell, Helton Stovall, O. V. Johnson, Don Grisby, Fred Cravens, S. C. Haller, Johnnie Allen, Billy Abernathy, Alvis Wheeler, Andrew Valliquette, Jesse McBride, and Raymond Nichols. Also, Paul Anderson, who is a re-employee.

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Bill Mitchell is vacationing in Missouri but he failed to give us any information as to what he was going to do. We will try to have the details for the next issue of our magazine.

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Violet and Locke Williams spent a wonderful week end recently in Coffeeville, Kansas, visiting Violet's brother and his family.

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We are happy to report Elmo Mathews, a member of the 875th AVN, BN., National Guard, was promoted to Sgt. on May 9. Elmo goes on an 18-day summer encampment beginning July 31.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Danner spent a recent week end in Little Rock visiting their son, John Jr., and his family.

Party Line Parade

DISTRICT 7

CAMDEN

Sula Burnham - Reporter

We are happy to welcome back as re-employees Homer Garrett and George Butler.

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Congratulations to Linda and Brooks Nichols who are the proud parents of a beautiful baby daughter, De Anna Lynn, born May 9. In last month's issue we were helping Linda wish for a girl and now we are all happy her wish came true.

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We were happy to have G. W. Stanford with us recently and while he was here we helped him celebrate his birthday by presenting him a birthday cake with candles and singing "Happy Birthday." May you have many more happy ones, G. W.

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Jeane and Raymond Hecker flew to Kansas City to celebrate Memorial Day. Their plane was grounded in Springfield, and they spent the night of May 27 there as guests of Delta C & S.

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Blossom and Walter Hicks' daughter, Virginia, had better luck with her air travels. She arrived home from Tulsa on May 27 for a 2-week vacation.

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Your reporter and family spent the long Memorial Day week end in El Dorado with my sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Anthony.

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Powell O. Greening resigned May 14 to enlist in the U. S. Navy. We will miss you, Powell, and wish you good luck.

We were happy to have the following visitors from Little Rock with us recently: Frank Phillips, Don Hayes, and Jake Clemons. We were also glad to have Professor Higgins from the University and Auditor Fred Ruth.

DISTRICT 8

RUSSELLVILLE

Margaret Hamm - Reporter

On the night of May 26 several of our men were called out of Perry County to clear Highway 9-6A after trees and heavy limbs had blown across it. The names we have listed are: Luther Doughty, Frank Ussery, Billy Doughty, and Bill Wade. These fellows worked until late that night in a downpour of rain. We are all proud of them and express our appreciation for their untiring efforts.

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We spread the welcome mat to Netha Brown, our new stenographer, who joined our office force recently. We hope you will be happy on your new job, Netha.

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Virgil Eggleston is very proud of his stock room since all the stock has been rearranged and made very compact. It looks good, Virgil.

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Congratulations to Marguriete Turner, Tom Turner's daughter, who has finished her new book, "Petit Jean." It is now on the market and we understand it is both interesting and historical and indeed a credit to Marguriete. Tom is very proud of his daughter and her new book and we feel he has every reason to be.

Party Line Parade

DISTRICT 9

HARRISON

Shirley Morton - Reporter

Paul Byrom and his family enjoyed vacationing recently in Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, and Tennessee. That was better than sleeping all week wasn't it, Paul??

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Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Porter attended the graduation exercises of their son who graduated from Louisiana State University recently. After leaving there they went on a tour of Florida, accompanied by two other sons. They reported to have had a most enjoyable vacation.

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John Burlsworth spent 5 days fishing in the various lakes and rivers recently. His luck wasn't too good but he reported to have had a wonderful time. Better luck next time, John.

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We have enjoyed working with Marvin Leibach, who is auditor for Peat Marwick and Mitchell of St. Louis. Marvin spent 2 days at Springdale and Henderson Ferry, giving him the opportunity to see the Ozarks. We hope he can come back and spend his vacation here.

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We are sorry to report James Hawkins and Dennis Founts are on our sick list. We send our best get-well-quick wishes and hope they will be back with us soon.

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Congratulations to Louise Day of Springdale who is sporting a new Ford. It sure is a beauty, Louise, and we are all happy for you.

Twofold congratulations are in order for Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. "Peck" Trammell, who are the proud parents of baby boys. The father's can't decide which baby weighs the most, but at any rate both father's pulled through o.k.

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Bertha Wagley spent 5 days at home recently resting and having some work done on her house. She had her front porch screened getting ready for summer.

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Your reporter was also home for a week taking care of a sick child, which proves that annual leave is a wonderful thing and I am sure we all appreciate it so very much.

Due to the illness of our Editor, the solution to May's Crossword Puzzle will not appear in this month's issue. I will, however, be in the July issue.

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Try to put well in practice what you already know; and in so doing, you will in good time, discover the hidden things you now inquire about. Practice what you know, and it will help to make clear what now you do not know. --Rembrandt

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When you make a mistake, don't look back at it long. Take the reason of the thing into your mind, and then look forward. Mistakes are the lessons of wisdom. The past cannot be changed. The future is yet in your power. --Hugh White

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An idle rumor is never idle.

DISTRICT 10

PARAGOULD

Tennie Proctor - Reporter

We in District 10 enjoyed very much the meeting with the Highway Commission, Director Herbert Eldridge, W. Ward Goodman, C. A. Shumaker, V. E. Scott, and C. Kent Brown, when they stopped by our office May 20 on their recent tour. Much was accomplished by this meeting and we also enjoyed getting to know this fine group of people better.

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Have you noticed how happy J. C. Perkins is lately? The reason? His lovely wife has moved back to Paragould after finishing her school term in Harrison. We all welcome Mrs. Perkins to our city.

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Congratulations to Tommy Talley, Sue's husband, who graduated from the University of Arkansas as an Engineer. Sue is very proud of Tommy and we don't blame her a bit and we are happy for them.

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Raymond Hamilton, our mechanic, is on two-week vacation and we hope he will have a wonderful time.

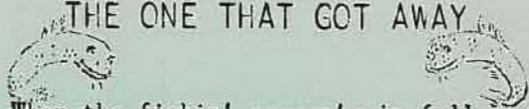
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Congratulations to Martha Ann, our fuel clerk, who celebrated her birthday May 23. Our office force surprised Martha with a little birthday party and cake and ice cream was served to all. We wish her many more Happy Birthdays.

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We are all proud of our beautiful new wrecker received a few days ago and express our appreciation to Mr. Hayes.

THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY



When the fishin' season's in full sway,
All the boys have tales to tell;
Some that oft a smile will bring,
An' some that sound quite well.
Jes' so long as tales are told,
'Twill be human, so they say,
For man to brag in manner bold
'Bout the fish that got away.

These are fish that bite a hook
An' to dangers give no thought--
Fish that stop to take a look
An' are not so easily caught.
Some of them are mighty wise,
For with worms they never play;
Won't bite at flies in disguise,
But will wisely swim away.

A fish that's held in the hand
Is worth two in a stream,
For few are ever brought to land
Like those of which we dream.
Mos' fishermen will growl and fret
With lots of temper to display,
For never was a fish caught yet,
Big as the one that got away.
From "Ideals" --P. F. Freeman





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