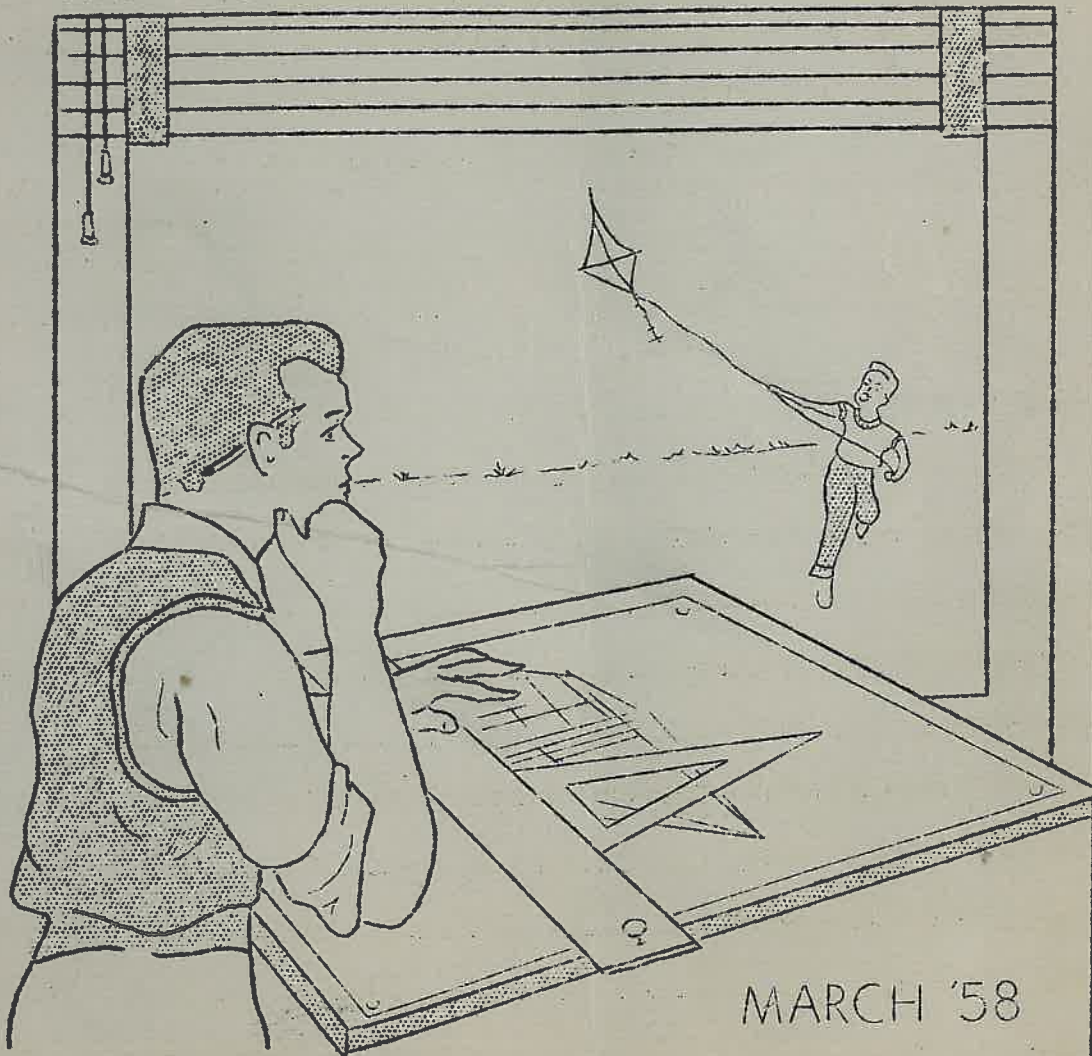


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AROUND THE BUILDING

Mr. Eldridge's date calendar was comparatively light for the month of February. On February 10, a public hearing was held which Mr. Eldridge attended, accompanied by Gene Nelson, Johnny Gray, Kent Brown, A. G. Rives, Walter Hicks, and Mr. Carter of the Bureau of Public Roads. Another hearing on February 12, in Fort Smith, was attended by our Director, Mr. Nelson, Johnny Gray, Webb Turner, Mr. Carter and Mr. Schenke of the Bureau. A Commission meeting also was held in Fort Smith on that date with all the Commissioners present except Mr. Wallace. Hearings this month will be held on March 10, Russellville, and March 13, in Brinkley. Mr. Eldridge, along with many others in the building, attended the Third Annual Highway Short Course in Fayetteville, February 27-28.

At the Commission meeting in January, five employees of the Highway Department received their Service Pins and Certificates of Merit and the fact was overlooked when the last issue of the magazine was made up for printing. It's an event that is important not only to the employees, but also to the Department so we are sorry for the oversight. Those receiving the awards were: Tom Wacaster, Surveys, 25 years; E. E. Hurley, Construction, 30 years; James Tom Shaw, Equipment and Procurement, 35 years; Carlisle Quintes Crews, Division 3, 30 years; and John W. Robinson, Construction, 25 years, who became a Resident Engineer in 1936, and not in 1943 as was erroneously written in the thumbnail sketch on

John. Our congratulations to these men who have devoted many years to AHD, and who have played such important roles in the development of our Highway System.

A LETTER...

The following letter, which was sent to Mr. Eldridge by Miss Willie Lawson, a member of the Highway Commission from January, 1953 to January, 1957, is a great tribute to the Highway Department. And as Mr. Eldridge stated in his reply to Miss Willie, we are indeed fortunate and most pleased to have her on our side.

Dear Herbert, Ward and Mr. Winfrey:

I wish that I could put all of the doubting Thomases in my car and take them over the highways that I traversed last Tuesday and Wednesday. I went from here to Blytheville and back via 70, 147, 64, 61, 18, 77, 136, 40, 14, and 67.

As you may remember, I used to live in Blytheville and drive back and forth to Little Rock many times each year. Only one with that background could so deeply appreciate the marvelous change in the construction and maintenance work on these roads. I am so proud of our present system that I'd like to spend my time looking at it and telling people about it. Congratulations for your leadership.

And I was pleased to find the signs and markings in such excellent shape, too.

With best wishes for much more of the same, I am

Cordially,
Miss Willie Lawson

CONTROLLED ACCESS VERSUS UNCONTROLLED ACCESS ARKANSAS POLICY

Rather than discussion of additional benefits to be derived by the control of access to major arterial roads, this month's space will be given to a brief review of the Commission's new publication, "Regulations for Access Driveways to State Highways," prepared by the Statistics and Analyses Division since it is a great step forward in the access control problem in Arkansas.

Arkansas law has delegated to the State Highway Commission the duty to adopt "reasonable rules and regulations in controlling the use of, and access to, the (State) highways.." (Arkansas Statute 1947, Section 76-201.5 (m)] such rules and regulations to have "...the force and the effect of law..." (ibid. (n) (1).] In the furtherance of that statutory duty the Commission has for the last few years implemented an informal policy regarding access control. That policy was intended to cultivate an environment of educated comprehension of access problems on the part of abutting land-users, thus to induce wherever possible by the land-user himself, an informed understanding of the pertinent hazards and safeguards involved as well as less direct factors, such as physical preservation of the highway structure, the affects upon pedestrian users, the provision of traffic control devices, et cetera. This educational foundation by informal and personal media has been advanced to a point where the Commission has deemed it proper to issue a formally enunciated policy by means of

this publication. The kernel of Commission policy is to permit reasonable access from abutting property as instructed by law and to so interpret "reasonable" that there will be a sufficient latitude and flexibility to meet any situation without causing undue hardship to the safe, convenient and orderly movement of traffic on, entering, or quitting the highway.

This 40-page booklet promulgates the regulations governing reasonable access to all highways, roads and streets under the jurisdiction of State Highway Commission, except designated controlled access facilities. The manual contains: the regulations, typical explanatory layouts and illustrations, procedure for securing and sample permits, along with a directory of District Offices through which permits for access facilities are to be processed.

Briefly the regulations contain the following provisions to govern uniform structures that allow adequate, safe, and reasonable access to the State Highway System.

- a. That the landowner or land-user shall make application to the proper District Engineer for a permit to construct or re-construct an access facility.
- b. That work on the access facility shall not be initiated prior to receipt by the applicant of the approved permit.
- c. That the Highway Department reserves the right to inspect the installation

during construction or reconstruction and at all times thereafter to assure conformance to the approved permit provisions and to require appropriate changes, maintenance, and repairs when necessary.

- e. Defines public, private and commercial driveways, and designates responsibility therefor.
- f. Sets out typical design criteria and requirements for the proper structures.

This manual does not apply to access questions on designated controlled access highways or streets since they are regulated, and access thereto is forbidden, by separate statutory provisions (Ark. Stat. 1947. Sec. 73-2202 et seq.) However, the manual does contain two illustrative layouts to give elementary or basic information on commercial development in relation to Interstate Highway System.

A wide and pertinent dissemination of the published Commission policy was assured by an initial mailing of the booklet, transmitted under cover of an explanatory letter from the Director of Highways, to mayors of all Arkansas municipalities, architects, engineers, and oil companies constructing service stations.

RAYMOND W. HOOKS

Raymond W. Hooks, Division 6 employee, was fatally injured in a shooting accident February 21. He had been employed by AHD since September, 1956.

Our sympathies are extended to his family. Immediate survivors are his wife, Willa Dean, and a young son.

SOUND RETIREMENT SYSTEM

A. G. Gabriel and Henry Knowlton, nationally known consulting actuaries from Detroit, met with the Board of Trustees and staff of our Retirement System on January 27-28, for a complete review of their report on the actuarial survey they had made of the system as of January 1.

Mr. Gabriel stated to the board that the financial condition of our system is in excellent condition and it is actuarially sound. In other words, the system's financial condition is such as to guarantee the reserves to pay all present and future retirements for a period of from fifteen to twenty years without any adjustment in the rate of contributions or in the amounts that the employees and the State are now contributing.

Records of the system indicate as of January 1, that 2,367 active members are enrolled. Sixty-five former employees are on the retirement rolls and are being paid a total of \$52,267.80 a year. On February 20, the Board purchased \$200,000 principal amount 3 1/2 per cent, U. S. Treasury Bonds at a price of 103 and 2/32 per cent, plus accrued interest for \$206,318.05, or a yield of 3.35 per cent. This brings the system's holdings to a total of \$2,851,000, the interest earnings on which are \$75,020.00 per year.

It is most gratifying to the employees of AHD to know that our Retirement System is in such excellent condition and our thanks to V. E. Scott, Chairman of the Board, and all the members for their un-failing efforts in making it one of the very best in the nation.

MINUTE ORDER 2574-PREGNANCY LEAVE

The following policy pertaining to Pregnancy Leave for women employees of Arkansas State Highway Department is hereby adopted.

Time Limit. To minimize any risks of accidents, or employee's health, the time limit of employment for employees who become pregnant is hereby limited to six months.

Doctor's Certificate. It shall be necessary for the employee who becomes pregnant to obtain a doctor's certificate stating the approximate date of delivery, as soon as the pregnancy is confirmed. The certificate is to be presented to the Division Head who shall then forward it to the Personnel Office for the employee's file.

Maximum Leave. The employee may be placed on leave without pay at the end of the six months pregnancy, for a period of six months only.

Eligibility for Reemployment. Not later than six months period of leave without pay, the employee may report for reemployment if she so desires, in order to have first preference for the next job opening and to retain employee benefits.

Any employee failing to comply with the provisions of this Order shall be subject to termination.

Note: This Minute Order was effective on February 26, 1958, the day the Highway Commission met. The maximum and minimum leave without pay period is six months. No employee shall return before the six month's leave is up.

OUR 1957 REPORT CARD

Looks as though Americans have learned to drive - and to walk - BETTER.

In both roles her citizens showed some improvement in 1957 over past years in the safety aspects of their performance.

Nationally the 1957 highway death toll is down 3 per cent below 1956, yet motor vehicle travel is up 4 per cent over 1956 so that the death rate on the highways throughout the nation has dropped 6.4 per cent below the 1956 rate.

Of the 48 states, 30 had lower traffic death tolls in 1957 than in the preceding year.

Arkansas unfortunately, was not among the 30 states with a lower number of the traffic deaths since her traffic death toll increased by 1.8 per cent in 1957 over 1956. Her death rate, which runs tragically above the nation-wide average rate, also jumped 1.8 per cent since. Fatal travel in the state did not change between the two years. (The death rate, deaths per 100,000,000 vehicle miles of travel, for the nation as a whole was 5.3 in 1956, 5.9 in 1957 - an all-time low. In Arkansas, the death rate was 7.6 and 7.8, respectively for the two years.

Greater Little Rock and Pulaski County present a much more optimistic picture of progress in street and highway safety. The traffic death toll in Little Rock dropped 41 per cent in 1957, North Little Rock, 43 per cent, and all Pulaski County, 50 per cent. Of the 625 cities reporting their traffic deaths, 248 had fewer (Little Rock was one of these), 248 had more and 129 had the same number in 1957.

The thought this data should leave in our memory is not the tabulation of figures, but the realization that we in Arkansas have our work cut out for us if we are to shift to the black side of the street and highway safety ledger, and that we should make every effort to effect that shift.

Among the continuing Departmental efforts in that direction, a recent Administrative Circular, No. 58-17, outlined procedure for remedial traffic safety measures at highway locations with high accident potential. The circular instructed that traffic operational problems requiring engineering study be referred to the Traffic Engineering Section, Statistics and Analyses Division, and that, when thorough study indicates the need for remedial treatment, the planning of such measures shall be done by the S & A forces subject to review and comment by the District Engineers.

Mr. Herring, Engineer of Statistics and Analyses Division, has pushed an informal program along these lines for several years, which has undoubtedly saved a number of lives in various accident-prone situations about the State. However, the institution of a formalized program should initiate much more rapid progress in the elimination of these high accident history locations.

Indeed, it is to be hoped that it will prove an important step in the reduction of Arkansas' much too high death rate.

Don't punch a man on the nose when he calls you a fool. Just quietly take an inventory of yourself...you will find he may be right.

C. M. MATTHEWS

Here is a man who has dedicated close to thirty-four years to his career in engineering, and from all accounts he has enjoyed every minute of it.

The son of C. M. and Jodie Matthews, Charlie first saw the light of day in Portland, Ashley County, Arkansas, on January 30, 1902. He attended grade and senior high school at the Lakeside School in Lake Village. In 1924 he graduated from the University of Arkansas with a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering.

His first job in engineering was as a Surveyman with the U. S. Engineers at Vicksburg, Mississippi. Next came a job as Rodman with the Cotton Belt Railroad in Pine Bluff; Chief-of-Party with an engineering firm in Peoria, Illinois, and he was an engineer with Pioneer Construction Company in Dyersburg, Tennessee. His career with AHD began June 20, 1927, where he has remained with the exception of two brief intervals, and most of his work has been in construction.

Squeezed in somewhere between his various jobs he had time to lay out a town-site in Florida, near Lake Okeechobee. This took place in 1925, and the exact name of the town is not known and the very fact itself was given little fanfare since few people know about it. But being quiet conservative, and rather modest, that is very typical of Charlie. He is the nephew of the late Justin Matthews who was a Highway Commissioner from 1927-1931, and quite prominent in the Greater Little Rock area as a shrewd businessman in real estate. But very few people ever have known the connection.

Charlie has never used a "pull" for advancement and his true abilities were not recognized actually until 1954, when he was made Assistant Construction Engineer and thereafter he was promoted to District Engineer.

In 1934, when Charlie was Resident Engineer on a concrete paving job in Woodruff County, called Augusta - East and West, he had a rather heavy share of misfortune. He had a severe case of malaria, his wife became ill, and his daughter was bitten by a mad dog...all in July when the weather was good and Charlie was needed on the job. But he handled his troubles - and the job - without calling for help.

In 1929, he married Miss Hazel Russell at Fordyce. They have three children, all girls. Nancy Jo is married to Tom Walbert and they reside in Hot Springs with their two children, Dale and Suzanne. Martha Nell, graduated from the University of Arkansas and is now teaching school in Memphis at the Charjean Elementary School. Charlotte Ann, the baby, is now in the eighth grade in Harrison Junior High.

Charlie is a registered professional engineer and a member of the Methodist Church in Harrison. He is an ardent sports fan, an interest which is shared enthusiastically by Mrs. Matthews. And when time permits, Charlie also likes to fish and hunt squirrels. (We also heard that he plays a "mean" game of poker.) He and Mrs. Matthews take a great deal of pride in their two grandchildren.

In summing up Charlie in the final analysis, it can be stated that he is an all-right guy and well liked by everyone.

THIRD HIGHWAY SHORT COURSE

Between 125 and 150 engineers from Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Tennessee participated in the third annual Highway Short Course, February 27-28 at the University of Arkansas.

Dr. John T. Caldwell, university president, welcomed the group on opening day, and our Director, Herbert Eldridge, presided at the opening session.

The two-day event included many discussions and lectures on highway department functions. William S. Pollard, Jr., discussed urban area highway and major street planning techniques on the first day. Others were: L. R. Heiple, head of the university's civil engineering department; Joe Magness, one of our own men who is in Materials and Tests discussed the use of aerial photography in highway engineering; Gene Bepalow, vice president of Choctaw, Incorporated, Memphis; John W. Courter, Bureau of Public Roads; W. D. Vanderslice, Missouri State Highway Commission; J. W. Yarbrough, former employee of AHD and now with the civil engineering department at the university; Russell E. Barnard; L. W. Mahone of the civil engineering department; Walter Baker of Mid-South Concrete Pipe Company, and H. H. Shafer who is with the Dow Chemical Company.

The short course is sponsored by the College of Engineering, the Experiment Station, the Highway Department and the University's Division of General Extension.

While in Fayetteville, Fred C. Tanner, Personnel Director, interviewed June graduate engineers.

NEW HIGHWAY FILM

An excellent new Highway Department movie titled, "Along Arkansas Highways," has been produced and filmed by our Staff Photographer, Johnny Gray.

The film was previewed for the Commissioners and other Highway Department personnel February 26, and it was unanimously received with approval.

The first part of the film, which runs for 27 minutes, shows some of our employees actually on their jobs in the various phases of maintenance and construction. The orange trucks used by the Department creates a striking contrast to the subtle colors of the background. In the last part of the film many beautiful pastoral and mountainous scenes of Arkansas are seen and some of our employees in the Little Rock office and Jacksonville are cast in some of the sequences. Glimpsed in the picnic and boating scenes are Lucille Dishongh and her husband, and Johnny Gray's children, Barbara, Harold, Kermit and Amy. Leta Leslie shows her prowess as a water skier and C. Don Hayes looks a little perturbed over the "one that got away" while fishing. Others in the film are: Ben Pearson, famous marksman and owner of the Ben Pearson Bow and Arrow Company in Pine Bluff; Mark Block, Will Van Sickle, Dwayne Holloway, Don Nesbitt, Kaki Wallis, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Reed, who portray "Aunt Millie" and "Uncle Bob" in the lovely and remote Lost Valley Canyon sequence.

It took Johnny over a period of a year to shoot the movie and he used 6,000 feet of film.

ENGINEERS WEEK CELEBRATED

Since 1951 it has been a tradition with engineers in the United States to designate one week each year as Engineers' Week. The week selected is the one which includes Washington's birthday, since the first president was one of the outstanding engineers of his time.

The eighth Annual National Engineers Week is sponsored by the National Society of Professional Engineers and in Arkansas by the Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers. Nationally there are more than half a million engineers both registered and non-registered and their work affects either directly or indirectly every facet of our modern civilization.

The purpose of National Engineers Week is to acquaint the general public with the magnitude of the contributions that science and engineering have made to our way of life. The President of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower, in a letter to Garvin H. Dyer, President of the National Society of Professional Engineers says, "National Engineers' Week calls attention to the work of our engineers, especially their vital role in the success of the National Geophysical Year. By this great cooperative effort to extend man's horizons and to increase his knowledge of the world, our young people are inspired to choose the discipline of the engineering profession and render important service to our nation and the building of peace."

The engineering profession has played a very essential part in progress through both military and civil fields. In transportation, for example, they have met the

challenge of water, rail, highway, air, and now they stand on the threshold of a space era. Thus this 1958 National Engineers' Week is being observed at what might be called a turning point in America's awakening to the need for scientific and technological superiority.

Although the number of engineering students has increased during the past several years there is still a considerable shortage in some fields and, of course, the constantly changing pattern requires new talent in new and still undeveloped fields.

It is therefore the sincere desire of engineers in Arkansas as well as in the United States, not only to admonish young men and women to enter the fields of science and engineering, but to assist and guide them in every way possible. However, there is an area of great concern to our engineering educational institutions because of the necessity for expanding and improving the faculties and facilities both for graduate and undergraduate study. The enrollments in our secondary and elementary schools indicate that extensive increases in demands for higher education will exist in the next few years. Unfortunately, there is no immediate adequate answer as to how sufficient qualified teachers can be secured for this demand.

Gene Nelson, Office Engineer, appeared on newscaster Bill Neel's noonday program over Channel 11, February 17, in conjunction with the celebrating of Engineers Week. Mr. Nelson pointed out the advantages to be had in the engineering field and other information pertaining to it.

WHAT OF AMBITION?

by Jimmy Zinn
Personnel

Do you enjoy an ambition? Does your ambition tie into your employment? In the event you are so concerned with the success of the department and you realize something should be done by somebody to sustain that success then you may be one with that personal insight which may be helpful toward surmounting the hurdle. When a person is able to perceive clearly how his attitude and conduct affects others, it would behoove him to appraise his own performance and take the action necessary to improve his share of the work. The chain reaction in concerted effort brings about the goal for which we may be striving.

MARION S. JONES

A tragic accident which took the life of a Highway Department employee, and injured five others, occurred February 12, near Plumerville while the employees were on their jobs.

Killed in the accident was Marion S. Jones, 34, who was a mowing machine operator in Division 8, Russellville. Those who suffered injuries were Olen Williams, Center Ridge, who was critically injured; Ulyess Scroggin, Formosa; A. A. Driver, Jerusalem; Claude Flowers, Morrilton; and Ernie Brents, Cleveland.

Our sincere and heartfelt sympathies are extended to the family of Mr. Jones. His survivors are his wife, Claudia, and eight children, all of Opello. He will be missed by his co-workers.

COMPUTER SEMINAR HELD

J. L. Morris and B. R. Jones of the IBM Corporation, conducted a seminar in computing February 11-14 in the Commission Hearing Room.

Representatives from Roadway Design, Bridge Design, Surveys, Right-of-Way, and Statistics and Analyses attended the four-day session.

REMEMBER THIS....

Be good, but not too good - a little naughty, but not too naughty. Say a prayer if you feel that way, say damn if it gives you consolation.

Be kind to the world always, if possible -- yet if you must be unkind, smash right and left, get it over and forget it.

Smile, always smile, have a smile ready even though sometimes it hurts. Grab all the happiness you can - wherever and whenever you can - don't let even a wee bit slip past you. Live. Above all things live. Don't simply exist.

If you are blessed enough to know what real love is - love with all your heart, soul, and body.

Live your life so that at any hour you will be able to shake hands with yourself and try to accomplish at least one thing worthwhile each day. Then when your nights come you will be able to pull up the covers and say to yourself - "I have done my best."

-F. Collis Wildman



IBM DIVISION

LaVerne Henderson - Reporter

Velma Pennington and her sister, Opal, are sporting a new, blue Chevrolet, and are enjoying it very much. Congrats!

Gladys Plunkett, Frances Jones, and your reporter had the same problems our mothers had. During the recent cold wave which hit with a wallop, it was very difficult to keep our own "cold-stuffed" children out of the snow.

Roy Shelby's father, Gus, is ill in the Veteran's Hospital in Dallas. Hope he has a speedy recovery. Roy's two little girls, Barbara Ann and Vicky Lynn are recovering from tonsilectomy operations, and are doing fine.

James Willard is getting all set for summer as he has a new run-about boat with a 35-HP motor.

We were all happy to have a visit recently from a former employee in IBM, Dorothy Leslie. Hope she returns soon.

Our deepest and most heartfelt sympathies are extended to Billie Ratliff whose husband, Jack, passed away February 19. There is little else to say at a time of bereavement but our thoughts are with you Billie, and we hope your sorrow will be lessened with the passage of time.

The party line



PERSONNEL DIVISION

Hazel Hicks - Reporter

Many happy returns of the day were wished for Therese Peyer and Sibble Cox who had birthdays in February. Gifts were given to both the girls from the office force. We wish you many, many more.

We're happy to have O. L. Tull of our building maintenance crew, back at work again after a siege of illness. Charlie Thirion has returned to work following an accident while working. Charlie stayed in the hospital for a week. We're glad also that Charlie is back with us.

Seems as if most of our news this month has been about accidents or illness. Harry Adams, husband of Marty Adams, magazine editor, suffered rather severe injuries in an accident on Valentine's Day. The accident happened on the Pine Bluff highway and their station wagon was almost demolished in the front end. Harry is in Baptist Hospital and we're very happy to report that he is doing better. (Thanks to everyone who has shown so much interest and concern for Harry since his crack-up, and for the many cards he has received. I appreciate it much..Ed.)

Therese and Joe Peyer with their two daughters, Jenny and Cathy Jo, drove to Pine Bluff recently to spend the week end with Therese's parents.

The Partyline

MATERIALS AND TESTS

Julia Mae Steele - Reporter

Carter Howard's mother, who lives in Nashville, has been seriously ill, the result of food poisoning, and was hospitalized there. We are glad to know that she is recovering.

Joe Magness will be one of the lecturers at the annual Highway Short Course at the University February 27-28. His subject will be "Photogrammetry and Aerial Surveys as Applied to Highway Engineering." Others who will attend are: E. L. Wales, Henry Schneider, Russell Newsom, Henry Dreher, and Roy Rosin.

Rickey and Douglass Donham, sons of Bob and Georgia Donham, had their tonsils removed at the Baptist Hospital recently. Both are recuperating nicely at home.

C. H. Tullos got a piece of steel in his eye while working at home and it was necessary to go to the hospital for its removal. His vision was not marred we're happy to report and he has returned to his job.

Regel Cotton, who was injured in a wreck at Benton January 10, seems to be recuperating rather slowly. We hope you get mended soon, Regel.

A speedy recovery wish to Odell Ballard, one of our inspectors, who is ill at his home in Benton.

Our deep and heartfelt sympathies are extended to L. G. "Red" Willcockson, who lost his father February 17. He was 90 years old and resided in Paragould.

EQUIPMENT AND PROCUREMENT

Mary M. Hill - Reporter

The Equipment Office had a cake and coffee party on Valentine's Day, to celebrate the birthday of C. Don Hayes, whose birthday was February 16. Congratulations to you Mr. Hayes on your "fortieth", and we hope you will have many more for us to help you celebrate.

We extend a welcome to the following new employees in the Equipment Office: Bob Landfair, Carole Alexander, and Avalee Padgett. We are very happy to have you with us.

J. W. Berryman is looking forward to some fox hunting and says he has just been presented with his fourth fox hound, which he calls "Rock." Sounds like you are well equipped for that hunting Mr. Berryman.

We are missing Carey M. Potter who is out of the office because of illness. Hope he returns soon.

Not much news to report this time and this reporter would like to remind all employees in the Equipment and Procurement Division and Central Shops to report their activities. Anything that will be news, please. (Thanks Mary..Ed.)

The Party Line

ACCOUNTING

Leta Leslie - Reporter

DISTRICT 3
Division 7 Sula Burnham

Camden

We're all happy to have all our employees who have been absent because of illness, back with us again. Aleene Boysen, David Hamilton and Johnny Beavers were sick several days, and Frank Phillips has returned to work after an operation.

Irene Hawkins had a bit of bad luck on February 11. Another car collided with the Hawkins' car and both Irene and Jim were bruised up a bit. Irene was back at work within a couple of days however.

Howard Johnson has a new son, born on February 12. Charles Bradley weighed a little over 9 pounds. Congratulations!

We want to welcome Peggy Elred to the Accounting Division. Peggy is from Memphis. Hope she will be happy here.

We certainly do miss Rose Bivens since she transferred to Right-of-Way. We all wish her lots of luck on her new job.

Margaret and John Allen enjoyed visiting with their son and family in Houston, Texas, from February 13 to February 16.

Ann Porter had a big time at the races in Hot Springs February 22. She didn't mention the results of her betting.

The Accounting Division enjoyed a chili dinner February 21. There were about 21 present for the potluck.

The warm, spring-like weather we have been having recently has lured the fishermen to the lakes. In the case of Hamp Wilson and Johnny Jones however, it did no good. They went fishing a recent Saturday and fished hard for about four hours without getting a bite, and that is unusual as they are both good fishermen.

Frank Mulligan reports the Fleet trucks graveled seven miles of road on Highway 15 from Hilt to Moro Bay in approximately 10 days. Frank extends an invitation to all fishermen to travel the new road for plenty good fishing. Hamp and Johnny, maybe you went to the wrong spot.

Jeanette Lee, sister of David Lee, paid us a visit while home on vacation. Jeanette had to report back to Houston on February 25. Hurry back, Jeanette.

Hugh Anderson was in the County Hospital and at his home for about three weeks recuperating from the Asian flu. We are very happy to have him back at his job now.

Sybil Woodson, wife of Hal B., was discharged from the County Hospital recently. Hope you a speedy recovery, Sib.

To be courteous (and careful)
Of avoiding all mistakes)
When a woman driver signals
Men should give her all the brakes.

The party line

DISTRICT 1

Headquarters Kathryn Booher Jonesboro

We were pleased to have the following men of the Little Rock Office visit us recently: C. A. Shumaker, Harry Wright, R. B. Winfrey, Jake Clements, J. J. Schamer, Fred Herring and Billy Kay Cooper. Come back soon, gentlemen.

We are very happy to report that the new construction payroll procedure is working out fine in this District. Very few errors have occurred. Congratulations to our Resident Engineers and persannel.

Belated birthday greetings to L. A. McCain who celebrated his "29th" birthday last month. May you have many, many more, Mr. McCain.

The flu bug hit this office during the month of February and all of us felt pretty rough for awhile, but we're all back to normal now.

We had a big, beautiful snow here and it stayed on the ground for almost a week but we were glad to see it melt as we were all tired of slipping and sliding.

There hasn't been much activity in District 1 due to the cold and freezing weather. Practically all construction work was at a stand still. The Maintenance forces were pretty busy placing sand and sawdust on icy bridges and highways to keep traffic moving. Snow and ice go away, come again some summer day!

DISTRICT 2

Division 2 Ouida Grimes Pine Bluff

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Rawls who are the proud parents of a baby daughter, Lisa Gail, who made her arrival February 12, at the Rison Hospital. She weighed 10 pounds, 3 ounces.

Hurshel Harwell is taking six weeks of basic training at Fort Chaffee in preparation for a stint in the army. Our best wishes for good luck, Hurshel.

Woodrow Wilson went to Little Rock on February 17 to take the First Aid Revised Course.

Mrs. Barney Doss has been in the Davis Hospital twice in less than a month. We wish her a speedy recovery. Also our best get well wishes to J. L. "Blondie" Goins, Will Rabb and R. B. Waller.

We enjoyed very much meeting Fred Leebrick and Fred Tanner of the Little Rock Office recently. We hope they will visit us again soon.

We are all very happy to have John Strom, Heavy Bridge Engineer, back at his desk after a serious illness. The last call for blood donors for Mr. Strom before he was released from the hospital was met with the same response as on the first one. Those donating were W. T. Jones and E. L. Yeager, of the Central Shops at Jacksonville.

The partyline

DISTRICT 3

Division 3 Olive Jackson Hope

Carlisle Crews, our Foreman in Sevier County, received his 30-year Service Pin and Certificate of Merit, January 22, at the meeting of the Commission. Our heartiest congratulations.

Charles Ray Tittle, son of Clovis and Nettie Tittle, transferred from Texas A & M at College Station, Texas, the last semester, to Ouachita Baptist College at Arkadelphia, where he has taken up the study of the ministry.

Bob and Dot Bonds have returned from Hot Springs where they made the acquaintance of their new twin grandchildren, Deborah Ann, and Keith Allen. The new granddaughter and grandson made their arrival on January 26. Proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Hoyett Newsom, and we offer our congratulations.

We enjoyed having Bill Hoggard and Leo Causey with us recently for a week while they were taking inventory. We hope they come back.

We are very glad to report that our boss, Ardell Clark, who entered the hospital in Prescott February 19, is much improved and will be released soon.

We are very glad that Rowland Greeson has been dismissed from the hospital in Texarkana. Rowland had double pneumonia and is now recuperating at his home.

DISTRICT 5

Headquarters Shirley Morton Harrison

We are happy to report that Gladys Shaddox, Division 9-Springdale employee, is able to be back at work after a recent illness.

W. B. Hawkins who celebrated his birthday February 20, was given a small party at the Division Office by his fellow employees and presented with a gift. His assistant, Curtis Gardner, baked some very tasty cupcakes; which were served with coffee. We hope you have many, many more. Bill!

Recent visitors in the District and Division Offices were: R. B. Winfrey, C. Don Hayes, and Bert Rownd. We enjoyed having them for the short time they were here and hope they will be back soon. Bernard Bice, Division 5 Maintenance Superintendent, visited the District Office recently also.

B. L. Ryan, Resident Engineer at Fayetteville for several years, has transferred to District 1 with headquarters in West Memphis. We wish B. L. lots of good luck on his new assignment. V. O. Selby has taken over the duties of Resident Engineer in Fayetteville.

Three things are to be looked to in a building; that it stand on the right spot; that it be securely founded; that it be successfully executed.

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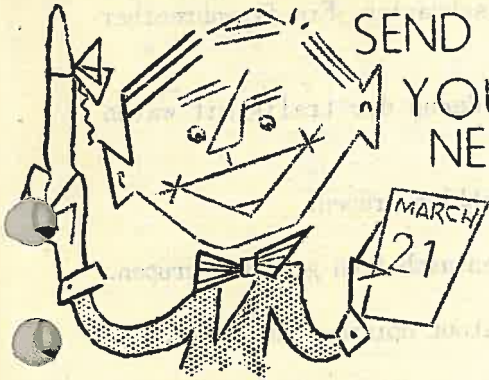
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We are happy to welcome back Everett Looper and Marvin McElroy who had worked for the Department for several years and have recently been reemployed.

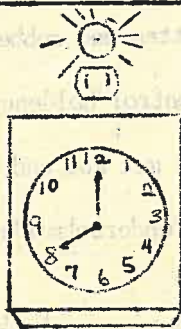
C. M. Matthews, W. H. Cook, and John W. Crouse attended the Arkansas Engineers' and Associates Club banquet at the Marion Hotel in Little Rock, February 21. Mr. Matthews and family went on to Hot Springs for a week end visit with their daughter, Nancy, and family.

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STATISTICS AND ANALYSES

Mary Ann Brummett - Reporter

Bernard Lewis recently joined the Statistics and Analyses staff as Research Analyst. He formerly taught science and math at Jefferson Davis Junior High in North Little Rock. Bernard worked on a traffic survey for AHD last summer. Since joining the staff he has celebrated the arrival of his third child, a boy. We're very glad to have him with us and our congratulations on the new addition.

Congratulations are in order also for Ed Johnson, who became the father of a new boy in February.

The new accousti-tile ceiling which was installed throughout the office a few weeks ago has added much to the lightness and appearance of the rooms and has the same quieting effect that carpeting would give. The new lighting fixtures have also helped to cut down the glare. Everyone is glad to have working conditions improved.

Several men in the division attended the Third Annual Highway Short Course at the University February 27-28.

Don Mount has been ill with Bronchial pneumonia. Hope he soon recovers.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to M. L. Baird who recently lost both his daughter, Mrs. Geraldine Storm, and his sister, Ida Baird of Antoine.

ERZATZ GERMAN-AMERICAN HIGHWAY TERMS

Editor's note: Many of you readers enjoyed the "Engineer's Vocabulary" we printed in the December, 1957 issue. Below is something similar, except, to your editor, funnier. Hope you like it, and no offense intended.

Accounting - Der dedukshunaden, fingergekouten und alles keepen time mistaken mitout schmilten grupe.

Administration - Das is der schnooty uppercrusten alles der answer knowen grupe.

Cashier - Das ein mint furen checkgecashen und koin kollektin schweinhunds.

Chief Accountant - Ein fingerkounter mit twisten debits and kredit. Ein eargeschlitten laudenholler mit schappen and schnarlen. Ein firenbreather mit hornsenjammer.

Construction - Das dirtenmoven und alles holdenup der trafik mit waven flagen grupen.

Highway Patrol - Das sirenskreechen ticket schribblen grupen.

Laboratory - Das mudenpie gebaken und evilschmelen asphalten getesten grupen.

Legal - Das laudentalken und wordgeschlitten mitout opinion komiten grupe.

Maintenance - Das weedkutzen und holefillen pickenup det beerkans grupen.

Purchasing - Das bid prokuren pencil geschlitten und rubbenout grupen.

Right-of-Way - Das landenhagglers mit acceskontrol holdenup der roadwerken.

Road Design - Das wisen kiddes gedrawen grupen mit kut und fillin.

Traffic and Planning - Der sctopund-go mit fenderschmashen schtripen krew und paint allen ober derasphalt.

Bridge Design - Das schmarten numberskirbblen pipen schmoken mitout jokenkrakken grupe.



JEST FOR FUN

by Jimmy Zimm



This "do it yourself" craze is nothing new to the gals. They have always preferred men who make things - especially such things as greenbacks, simoleons, dollars, bucks, fivers, tenners, fifties, shekels, and filthy lucre.

You may think that you are one of the town's fine upstanding citizens, but just remember this - that never makes a bit of difference to an icy sidewalk.

A hillbilly was called as witness in a lawsuit.

"Can you write?" asked the lawyer.

"Nope."

"Can you read?"

"Wal, I kin read figgers pretty good, but I don't do so good with writin'. Like the signs along the road - I kin tell how furto but not whurto."

"Dear Teacher:" wrote the mother of the second-grader, "Please do not give my boy any of those aptitude tests. He's apt to do most anything."

The army chaplain had just finished an earnest sermon on the topic, "What you are is determined by your thought."

"What's the matter?" asked a friend.

"I can't figure out," answered the G. I. "Am I a pin-up, or a Cadillac?"

The saddest word of tongue or pen: We just sold Junior's buggy, then....

The horn of plenty is the one the guy behind you has on his car.

Manager: "You say you've been trying to see me all week? Make a date with my secretary."

Salesman: "I did, we had a grand time, but I still want to see you."

Traveling Wolf: "Honey, I'd like to take you on some of my business trips around the country. How's about it?"

Public Steno: "I'm a typewriter, mister, but I'm not portable."

Because the large lady lacked foresight

Her hindsight astounds people's eyes;

Her slacks are so tight that it's

evident, quite,

She never did try 'em for thighs.

Nice store saleslady (showing lingerie to much frustrated gentleman customer): This is the only place you can touch these for anything near the price.

Two women met on the street after a long absence. Said the first: "Gracious, Susie, I haven't seen you for seven years. You certainly look a lot older."

"You, too, Faye, I would never have recognized you, dear, if it hadn't been for the dress and hat."

The man entered a taproom, ordered a double Scotch, downed it, then walked straight up the wall, across the ceiling, down the opposite wall and out the door. "That's very strange," remarked one of the men standing at the bar. "Yes, it is," replied the bartender. "He usually orders bourbon instead of Scotch."

