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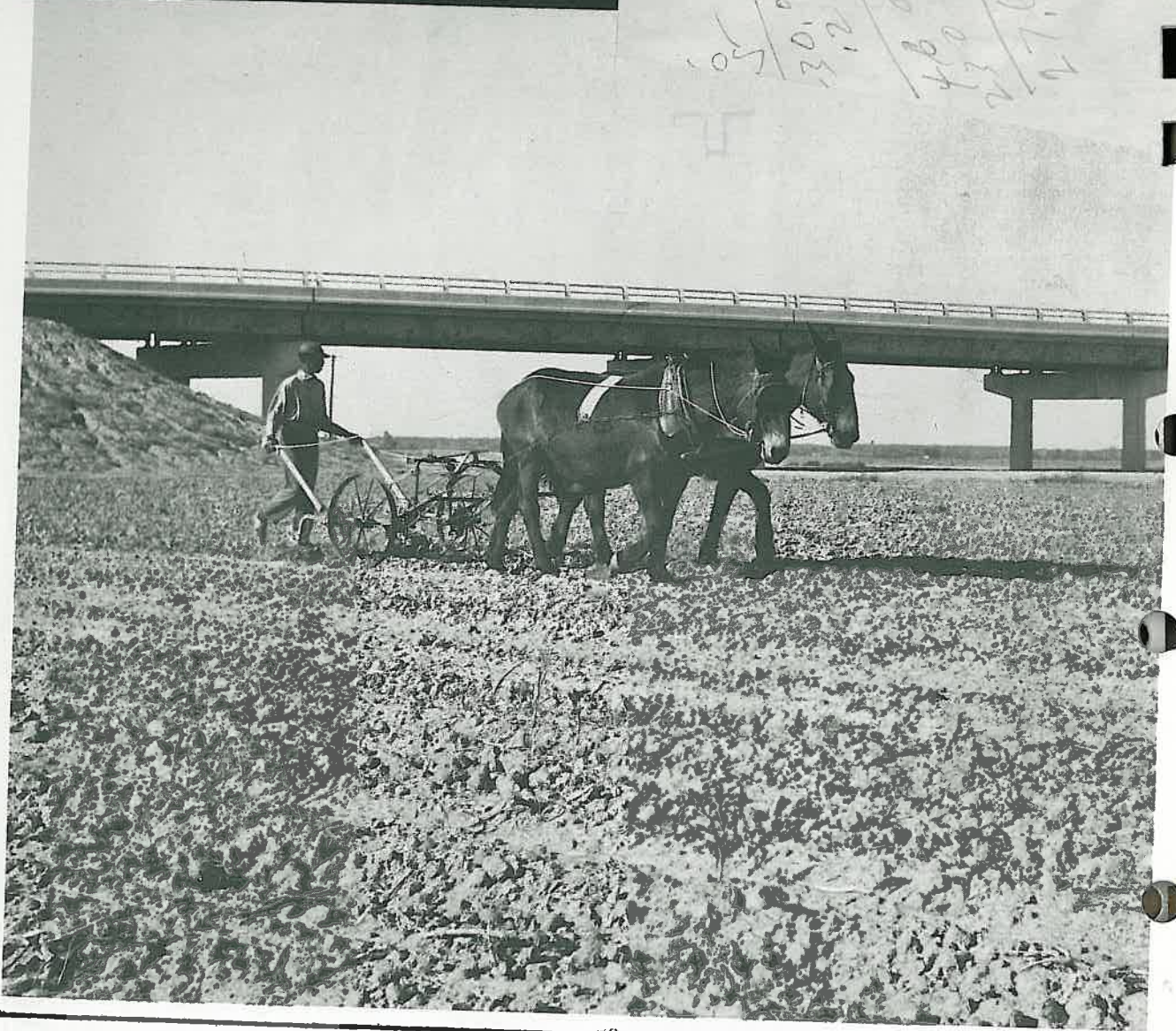
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PICTURE OF THE MONTH

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COVER PICTURE: Construction on the nine piers (two are the land piers) of the third bridge, was completed the latter part of April. Photo was made looking towards North Little Rock. We shall try to show pictures from time to time on the progress of the much-awaited bridge.

PICTURE OF THE MONTH: Reminiscent of the bygone era is the young farmer in the "land 'ob cotton" using mules, in this day of modern machinery, to cultivate his young cotton crop. In striking contrast is the concrete and steel bridge in the background on Highway 61, south of the Lake David Interchange.



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## In Memoriam



E. E. Mashburn, Sr., whose sudden passing on April 23 saddened his many friends, was perhaps one of the most beloved of all men who ever worked for the Highway Department. Not only for the many wonderful qualities which were so admired in him but also for the entire philosophy and concepts by which he lived.

Perennially young in heart at the age of 77, he contradicted the Longfellow quote that "Youth comes but once in a lifetime." For Mr. Mashburn, youth came, but it stayed and it was evidenced in the enthusiasm of a youthful spirit he carried not only into the daily life of his career, but it thrived during the 16 months of his retirement from his position of Engineer of Construction.

A graduate of the University of Arkansas in 1907, he didn't just let it stop there. His interest in the Razorback Football team and his help in developing the program to the big time status, along with his engineering assistance to the building of the present stadium, was known all over the state. This interest was nurtured carefully each fall by his attendance at the games, and rooting his team to victory.

His career with AHD first began in 1923 as resident engineer, a position he held until 1927, when he began a private practice in engineering. He returned in 1933 as resident engineer and in 1936 he was made engineer of the Construction Division, a position he held until 1957, when he reached an age that, by Commission policy, made it mandatory that he retire. This action he accepted graciously, and in spite of the knowledge that he was giving up his life's work of engineering. Mr. Mashburn was one of the opinion that good can come out of all things, so his thoughts were turned to the years when he would have more time to devote to the Razorbacks.

This fall, the Razorback team, and all those who knew and respected him in the Athletic Department at the university, shall find a vacant seat in the stadium. But there will be no vacancy in their hearts for the memory of Mr. Mashburn, just as there is none in the hearts of the Highway Department personnel.

## J. T. BEAVERS, ARKANSAS COMMANDER, DAV

Johnathan (Johnny) Beavers, chief accountant in the Accounting Division, was elected Commander of the Arkansas Post of the Disabled American Veterans at a convention held at Hotel Lafayette May 1-3. Mrs. Beavers (Molly), was elected Commander of the Arkansas Auxiliary to the DAV.

A member since 1947 and a lifetime member since 1951, Johnny has been very active in the organization and has twice held the office of treasurer. The extent of the programs depend upon the State Commander, and Johnny made the statement that he would try to increase membership in this worthwhile organization, the purpose of which is to maintain and equalize the benefits for the disabled veterans.

Johnny has been with the Highway Department since August, 1951 when he started with Statistics and Analyses Division. He attended Arkansas State Teachers College at Conway for a year, and graduated from the University of Arkansas with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Johnny was serving with the infantry during World War II, in Germany, when he was hit by shrapnel, causing a spine injury. Confinement to his wheel chair doesn't confine his activities however. Aside from his D.A.V. work, he takes an active part in many affairs, and drives his car to work every day. The Beavers' have two sons, Charles, a freshman at the University of Arkansas, and Donald, a junior at North Little Rock High School. They live in Lakewood.

The organization couldn't have picked a nicer guy to lead them. We know he shall do credit to the D.A.V. just as he does to the Highway Department. And the Highway Department employees join his hordes of friends all over the state in congratulating him, and Molly.



J. T. (Johnnie) Beavers

## EQUIPMENT AND PROCUREMENT

### LITTLE ROCK-JACKSONVILLE

Sprawled on fifteen acres of land on the western edge of Jacksonville are the offices and shops of Equipment and Procurement, an integral part of our Highway Department, which employs 78 persons and does an annual business that runs between \$12 million and \$15 million. This figure includes the Little Rock Procurement office and the entire operation.

Heading this gigantic organization is C. Don Hayes, a veteran of almost 35 years with the Highway Department, all of which have been spent in the field of mechanics and equipment. Mr. Hayes has several assistants, all top-notch men in their field.

When Mr. Hayes started way back in 1922, Central Shops were no more than a couple of small buildings, with only a handful of employees. It was located on the Capitol Grounds where the Fish and Game Commission have now developed a fish pond. In 1933 the department moved to North Little Rock where they remained until 1949, when they moved to Jacksonville.

#### PROCUREMENT

The function of the Purchasing Division is involved in supplying greatly varied needs for maintenance purposes, heavy equipment, and all material and supplies as needed by the Department. In other words, to quote Jim Meredith, assistant director of E&P, "everything from soup to nuts." To enumerate all items specifically would be endless but to name a few of the categories of materials, there are gravels and aggregates, asphalts, liquid and road mixes, concrete, cements, timbers, bridge and structural, culvert pipe, reinforced concrete and metal; and of equipment there are vehicles, on the road and off, including automobiles, trucks, station wagons, pickups, graders, tractors, mowing machines, and even tugboats, barges, and other marine equipment required by all of the ferry operations of the Department. Of no minor significance, the procurement of administrative equipment and supplies, which includes office machines and supplies, engineering equipment, lab equipment, and a multitude of various services as may be required.

The Procurement offices are located at Jacksonville and Little Rock. Mr. Meredith is in charge of the Little Rock office which is responsible for the handling of purchases requiring formally advertised bids, and some informal bids. Most of these are for maintenance purchases, although all major equipment purchases are made and other department needs served. John Plegge is the "right arm" in Mr. Meredith's office.

The current bidding procedures are governed by Act 313 of 1955 which provides briefly the following: Formal Bidding, (legally advertised) is for purchases exceeding \$500; Informal Bidding, for purchases ranging from \$250 and under \$500; Quotation

Bidding; bids made verbally or by telephone for purchases from \$100 and under \$250; Open Market, purchases of less than \$100.

Bernie Cox, assistant director of Procurement for equipment, has offices at Jacksonville. His work involves processing all requisitions pertaining to gas, oil, grease, tires and batteries, and equipment parts, when formal bidding is not required. Lem Kirkpatrick buys auto parts and Bob Landfair is parts buyer for heavy equipment. They work in connection with Mr. Cox at Jacksonville.

Activities in both Procurement offices during the biennium, which ends June 30, will include the processing of approximately 1,099 formal bids; 821 informal bids; and approximately 50,000 purchase orders. The number of purchase orders represent purchases under both formal and informal bids as listed, as well as those under 36 term supply contracts as awarded by the Highway Department, and 17 term supply contracts as awarded by the State Purchasing Department under quotation and open market procedure. Both Mr. Meredith and Mr. Cox have several employees to help handle the heavy load of detail work involved to consummate the transactions.

The Highway Commission has set up a Purchasing Committee composed of the Highway Director, Chief Engineer, Director of Equipment and Procurement, Engineer of Maintenance, and the General Counsel or staff attorney. This committee formally meets and acts on all formal bids invited by the Highway Department. The actions are documented in official minutes, and confirmed and ratified by the Highway Commission each month.



Since 1953, when a law went into effect requiring competitive bidding, the Highway Department has saved upward of \$887,580 on major equipment purchases alone. It is the Commission's policy that the people of our State of Arkansas get a full dollar's worth of work and material for each dollar spent. To this end, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Meredith and Mr. Cox see to it that the purchasing of any item, whether large or small, is always above board; that everyone has the opportunity to bid; and that purchases are made only on a basis of the low bid meeting specifications.

#### EQUIPMENT

The equipment it takes to maintain and construct our highways is fantastic in volume, only until you

alize the logic and necessity of it to operate our Highway Department efficiency, both in road maintenance and construction, and in the administration. One year \$1,600,000 was spent on major equipment alone, however, in the last two years, this figure was cut to \$800,000 in order to match federal funds.

Some of the large items of maintenance material that have been purchased through Equipment and Procurement include: (for one year, mind you) some 250,000 feet of treated bridge timbers; upward of 10,000 linear feet of treated timber piling; 800,000 feet of untreated oak; 125,000 feet of miscellaneous building lumber; 15,000 treated posts, and 600,000 surveyor's stakes. Since 1953 the equipment that has been replaced includes 168 automobiles, 50 sedans, 136 station wagons; 499 dump trucks and bodies out of 540, 106 motor graders, 278 tractor-type mowers, 92 front-end loaders, 23 road sweepers, and 5 crawlers, not to mention the millions of gallons of liquid asphalt, thousands of tons of mixes, gravels and aggregates, which are used annually. These statistics are shown to give some idea of the enormity of this phase of the operation.

modern conveniences (they even have a steam heated wash rack) and latest machinery.) The shops include the equipment repair shops, both light and heavy; machine and motor rebuilding; automotive and electrician; carpenter's shop, where desks, chairs, and other items are refinished or mended; blacksmith and welding; paint and body shops, plus warehouses for storages. The offices are all neat and attractive - and air conditioned. There is a concession stand for the convenience of the employees.



John Plegge



Kavanaugh Heard



Frank Fleming



Jim Meredith - Maurice Head

Aside from Mr. Cox and Mr. Meredith, Mr. Hayes has Maurice Head, who is an assistant of E&P at Jacksonville. Mr. Head's job, among many other responsibilities, is preparing specifications for all major equipment needed; and Frank Caple, auditor, who has charge of a huge record file on all equipment, parts, etc. His system is set up so as to be able to pinpoint any piece of equipment or the operator, any place in the state. Carl Hosack, whose office is in the Little Rock building, is Motor Pool superintendent. His duties are to furnish State Highway Department cars when needed for business purposes.

The shops, seven in number, are all supervised and run with efficiency. Some of the men who are in charge of them are L. M. Wade, assistant shop superintendent, M. L. Price, Frank Pratt, and Frank Fleming who are shop foremen. Each building is 603 feet long and 40 feet wide, with all the

In spite of the many different phases, some pretty complicated, and also in spite of the vastness of this branch of the Highway Department, involving the expenditure of several million dollars, it is run with smoothness and precision. Mr. Hayes is highly respected "boss" but he is also a stickler for efficiency. And while he has the utmost confidence in his assistants, and relies on them for their ability to see that the work is carried out, he is by no means an "armchair" dictator. He takes a personal interest in each section and is abreast of the over-all operation. He has a remarkable memory for knowing where each piece (out of almost 3,000) of heavy equipment is located and its number at all times. It's easy for him to rapidly and correctly supply this information when queried, without consulting any record.

The group at Jacksonville seem to be a closely-knit one and the atmosphere is pleasant and friendly. This is created by all the employees, from Mr. Hayes and his "girl Friday," Mary M. Hill, and the other clerks and stenos, to all the shop men. This writer's visit out there was delightful. I'm looking forward to another trip soon. -M.A.



Bernie Cox - Frank Caple



# CONTROLLED ACCESS

## THE ORIGIN AND NATURE OF THE RIGHT OF ACCESS

The birth or inception of that valuable and currently controversial intangible, "the right of access" is uncertain. Rather generally, the right is considered to have been spelled out in judicial decisions, such as the noted "New York Elevated Railway Cases" (Story V. New York Elevated RR, 90 NY 1.22, 1882) and similar litigation in the closing decades of the last century; with, however, the courts shedding little light on its origin - usually saying as did the California Supreme Court in 1943 "the precise origin of that property right is somewhat obscure, but it may be said generally to have arisen by court decision declaring that such right existed and recognizing it" (Bacich v. Board of Control, 23 Cal. 2nd. 343, 350, 144 P. 2nd. 818, 823, 1943), a frank and opportune statement but not historically informative.

Going beyond the cases, the evolution of the right of access seems to be rooted in judicial recognition of: (1) the purpose of a road, and (2) the legal obligation of the public to preserve the road for that purpose.

Roads, streets, highways, traces, paths, or any public ways whatever they are called from earliest times of the present, were built and were used, once the land was settled, primarily for the purpose of giving access to farms, homes and businesses. Thus, for the "purpose" of a good road this concept of the "land service road" is ancient and respected. Under this concept the landowner usually dedicated (eagerly) a portion of his land for the roadway and helped build it through direct labor, assessment, or contribution. In this situation all of the abutting landowners were accorded a right of access to this road which had been built to give each of them access, or perhaps from their viewpoint to give them egress rather than ingress. Any denial of this access would obviously be at variance with the purpose of the road. This land service idea or theory in the "purpose" of a road is promulgated in court cases which find damages when streets are improved in such a way as to be inconsistent with their use as thoroughfares for abutting landowners and again in those cases which find no damages when access has not been impaired by improvement.

Consequent to the purpose of the road, the courts have given varying recognition to the legal obligation to protect this land service function. Some have held that access derives from the "natural rights" theory as a just one accruing to the ownership and enjoyment of land while others hold, particularly for streets, on the basis of the transaction by which the facility was established, such as subdivision and plotting or condemnation for that purpose. Thus the establishment of roads and streets came to be regarded as a

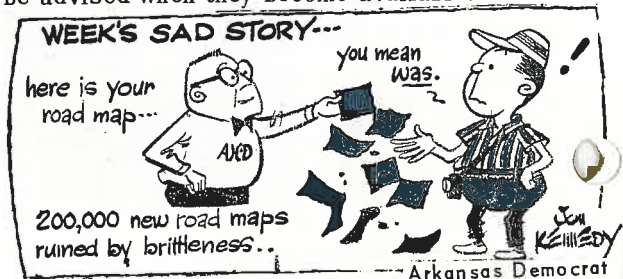
trust, but not alone for the abutting landowner. Such a trust was created for the benefit of the public at large as well as the abutting landowner. The two benefits are neither independent nor coincidental but are so mutually self supporting as to be inter-dependent. As an easement appurtenant to the abutting land, it included not merely the right of the abutting owner to enter and leave his premises, but also the right to have the premises accessible to patrons, clients and customers. So an exclusion of the public and a conversion of the street to private use is considered a breach of trust which deprives abutting owners of their rights in part, a violation warranting damages for the breach of trust.

With growing population, and increasing complexity in transportation patterns, a further refinement evolved in right of access when the United States Supreme Court ruled in the very early years of the automobile age that the abutters' rights are subordinate to any reasonable use of the street to facilitate general travel. From this early refinement stems the modern concept of "planned access" or high speed arterial facilities for motor vehicles.

But, regardless of the origin, the nature of right of access is rather clearly defined today when the principle, as now evolved in judicial opinion, declares that the easement of access is subject to the fullest exercise of the primary right of public travel, from which it sprang, and that any change in the road or street for the benefit of the public travel is a matter of public right.

The Attorney General of the State of Iowa has summarized the extent of the right of access as: "An abutter has only the right to get into the street in front of his property and thence, in a reasonable manner, to the general system of streets."

The first edition of the Arkansas State Highway tourist maps, numbering approximately two hundred thousand, were made of an inferior grade of paper as you readers probably know either from handling them or from the press reports in the Little Rock papers. The paper on which they were printed will not stand handling without coming apart at the fold. This, the manufacturer stated, is caused by too much of a certain chemical during the processing of the paper. Mr. Henderson, director of the S & A division, requests that all employees who receive complaints from those to whom they were issued, assure them that a reprint on a proper grade of paper is being made and will be available in the near future. The district and division offices will be advised when they become available.



# This and That

Acting Director R. B. Winfrey attended a barbeque at Sparkman, Arkansas May 21, as a guest of the Arkadelphia Chamber of Commerce Highway Committee.

Milestones were reached in the careers of six key employees in Highway Department personnel when they were awarded their Service Pins and Certificates of Merit for long years of service, by the Highway Commission at its meeting on Wednesday, May 13.

The Commission Room was literally packed with well-wishers for: W. E. Hicks, District 3 engineer, 35 years; Harold Bastian, assistant engineer in Bridge Design Division, 30 years; L. A. McCain, assistant engineer in Construction Division, 30 years; Ward Goodman, chief engineer of AHD, 25 years; Eugene Nelson, director of Right of Way, 25 years; and James Millard Smith, bridge foreman in Heavy Bridge Maintenance Division, 25 years.

After the presentations were made Mr. Goodman set a precedent by addressing the Commission and Mr. Winfrey. In the speech he outlined briefly the history of the Highway Commissions through the years and mentioned the fact that Mr. Hicks had worked under sixteen Commissions since he began working 35 years ago. On behalf of himself, those present who received the awards, and those who received awards by the Commission in previous years, he expressed appreciation for their tremendous role in the Highway Department and their indefatigable efforts to bring about a successful highway program.

Each of the individuals who received the awards has, in his own field dedicated many years to helping maintain this program, and through this publication we, the other employees of the Department, congratulate them.



The six who received awards are front row: Harold Bastian, L. A. McCain, Eugene Nelson, W. E. Hicks, James M. Smith and Ward Goodman. Back row: Commissioners James Crain, Glenn F. Wallace, Acting Director R. B. Winfrey, Commissioners Lawrence Blackwell, Arnil Taylor and Harry Parkin.

Ward Goodman, chief engineer, was in Point Clear, Alabama from May 16-23, for a course in

training and management practices for top level officials of the Arkansas Highway Department. The course, sponsored by AASHO and the Highway User's Council, held meetings daily from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and again from 7:30 to 10:00 P.M.

Statistics and Analyses have come out with a booklet, "Arkansas Highway Sufficiency Report," which is extremely attractive from the cover design (incidentally, the dots on it were all done by hand.) to the attractive layout of charts, text, etc. The report is a summary of the findings, conducted during the latter part of 1958, of conditions and serviceability of each of the routes included in the rural State Highway system. The sufficiency study will be continued this year to develop ratings for the large mileage of highways recently added to the system, according to J. R. Henderson, engineer of S & A.

Mary Lou Hosack, daughter of Carl Hosack, Motor Pool supervisor, has a penchant for winning honors and recognitions, as they seem to come with amazing regularity.

A senior at Little Rock University, she recently was bestowed one of the highest honors there - the presentation of a bouquet of roses in honor of the late Mrs. George W. Donaghey, for "the traits Mrs. Donaghey admired in women students." The presentation was at the University's "Donaghey Day" celebration April 27, for future leaders of the United States. The celebration is held annually to commemorate the late Governor and Mrs. Donaghey who endowed the Donaghey Trust Fund in 1929 with the bulk of their holdings to enlarge and improve the university. On April 13 she was the recipient of the Little Rock Altrusa Club Memorial Award for this year, at the club's birthday dinner. The award carried a \$100 stipend. She also received on May 5, a trophy for having the most points in girl's athletics.

An outstanding student, she was elected May Day Queen to reign on the campus of the university where she will graduate this June after completing a four-year course in three years, another of her accomplishments. She is vice president of the LRU Young Democrat's Club; president of the Girl's Athletic League, former president of Zeta Phi sorority, and is a member of the Psychology Club. She studies social service work.

Carl displays his pride in Mary Lou in a typically modest way but the gleam he gets in his eye when her name is mentioned is not hard to detect by a long shot. As for Mary Lou, she seems to be taking it all in stride. The thought that bothers her some is the possibility that some people may think she will let these things go to her head. One of her sorority sisters stated that "nothing could be farther from her mind than that. She's much too sensible."

## DISTRICT 4 ENGINEER...

# W. F. Turner

On two previous occasions when Webb Turner was adamant in his refusal to permit a write-up on him we had just about given up when, on the last try, he acquiesced. When he did, after such obduracy, the thought immediately came to mind, "what do we do now?" The reason for this line of thought was due to the several remarks dropped here and there which assured me that to get any information, especially from him (or few other people as far as that goes) would indeed be a coup. They were right on that score. His reticence and modesty where he is concerned are exceeded only by his broad sense of humor and loyalty (the latter word cropped up during every conversation with those whom I contacted.)

But there were some sources whereby information was obtained so it wasn't too much of a problem to find out about Webb Turner - seemingly a "damn nice guy" by everyone's standards. I kinda got the impression that if what he sees here he doesn't like, he will let me know in no uncertain terms.

One of four children, he was born May 20, 1899 at Atkins, Arkansas, to the late Mr. and Mrs. William F. Turner. A sister, Marjarine Turner, is a statistician in Statistics and Analyses Division; another sister, Mrs. W. A. Strickland, lives at Plainview, Arkansas; and a brother Lyle B. Turner, resides at Johnson City, Tennessee.

He attended grade schools and high school at Atkins, and was graduated from Central High school at Muskogee, Oklahoma. He attended Henderson-Brown College at Arkadelphia for two years, and took a three-year correspondence course in civil engineering.

His long (almost 30 years) tenure with the Highway Department began on October 1, 1923, as resident engineer in the Construction Division. Subsequently, he became district maintenance superintendent, acting district engineer, and his present position as District 4 engineer. He has worked all over the state on construction projects and has six years of "outside" work with a contracting firm as Engineer and General Superintendent. He served in the Infantry Division of World War 1 as a 2nd. Lieutenant.

It's pretty obvious that he shuns publicity, and he detests over-use of the pronoun "I." In his own unobtrusive way he does his job well and is held in high regard by his employees even though they may, to a degree, stand in awe of him. This is probably caused by a certain firmness in his countenance and manner, but this is only part of his makeup. In reality, his "bark is worse than his bite" as he is a "softie" at heart and will stand behind his employees and other friends 100 per cent. His biggest problem, according to an associate, is his difficulty in getting his assistants and others to make their own decisions as re-

gards work or problems that arise. He is the executive type and as such, he expects his men to handle the work which is designated to them. He dislikes any job that is only half-done.

His sense of humor is not displayed with any brashness but rather with "tongue in cheek" and it does not actually come forth unless he is with those he knows fairly well. Then he is apt to come out with anything that comes to mind - sometimes something quite startling.



Years ago, when Mr. Turner was Resident Engineer on a project just out of Little Rock, the department quarters were only a small frame building. It was his wont after returning from lunch to park his feet on the desk, lean back in his chair under the only cooling system in the place - a ceiling fan, and catch forty winks. One day he was unable to follow this routine and one of the "lesser lights" on the job was found in Webb's chair with his feet propped up, enjoying the cool breezes. When asked what he thought he was doing he replied, "I'm learning to be a resident engineer." Later, when Webb was told of the incident he jocularly remarked, "All I have to say is that he is making a good start," which is typical of his reactions.

In April, 1922, he and the former Miss Mary Lucile Smith were married at Russellville, Arkansas. They have one son, Robert Smith Turner, who is with the electronics division of the Fairchild Corporation in Los Angeles, where he resides with his wife and two children - Jan, seven years old, and Matt, eighteen months old. The Turners are looking forward to June when Robert and his family will fly in for a vacation, giving Webb and Mrs. Turner a chance to spoil their grandchildren. Last year when the AASHO held its meeting in San Francisco they stopped by Los Angeles to see young Matt for the first time. Robert also served his country - in the Marine Corps for three years in the Pacific.

Mrs. Turner's personality is the ideal complement to Webb's, as they both enjoy and share the same

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## BRIDGE DESIGN

## Through The Grapevine

Virginia Tackett

The meanest thief in the world has been operating again...this time with Jake Knott as victim. Jake and his son, John, were spending the night at Lake Hamilton after working all day clearing up their newly purchased lot, and had left two rods and reels, an ice box, and a tackle box holding close to 100 plugs, lures, etc., in the boat on the lake about 75 feet from where they slept. The thieves left a motor and a rifle, possibly on the theory that they could be traced.

Carolyn and Hardy Winburn are parents for a second time. Hardy V, who is two, became the brother on May 6, of a 7 pound, 15 ounce girl who has been named Mary Carolyn. Our warmest congratulations to the whole family. We are sorry to have to say goodbye to Hardy who is transferring into the Construction Division, and will work on the Expressway with Bill Moore.

Another Designer recently transferred to Construction is Frank Neighbors, Jr. who is currently working with John Tallant on the South Bypass as Assistant Resident Engineer. We miss having these two around, but sympathize with their desire to gain as much diversified experience as possible.

Ben Hogan will be back from his short hitch with the Army in three months. He is stationed at Fort Knox, but doesn't expect to come in contact with any great amount of money. He has promised to keep a diary of sorts so all the old veterans among his co-workers can see what the new army is like.

Bob Oberle and Leonard Kerr of this division, and Forrest Marlar of S & A, have joined forces and taken an apartment at 2012 Newton Street. They are very pleased with it and are looking forward to a great life, cooking, cleaning, and housekeeping in general.

The Veral Pinkertons who were married April 19 are settled into their new apartment at 3018 West 13th Street and say they have been busy ever since they moved in, visiting and being visited. They went home to New Hope for Mothers' Day and besides seeing the folks, Veral worked in a little fishing.

Jim Hillis enjoyed having his mother, Mrs. C. L. Hillis, and his sister and brother in law, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Gwinner, all of Kansas City, as his Mother's Day guests. They spent a strenuous Saturday sight-seeing in Hot Springs, and had planned a trip to Petit Jean on Sunday, but decided it would have to wait for the next visit.

## STATISTICS AND ANALYSES

Mary Ann Crow

Gordon Huchingson, who has worked as a clerk in the Road Inventory section since 1948, retired this month. Before coming to the Department, he had worked in Benton, his life-long home, as a

teacher and newspaper dealer. Gordon shall be missed by all in the division, and good luck and happiness in the future.

Stepping into Gordon's job is Arthur D. Lovett of Booneville. Arthur has attended Southern State College at Magnolia and the University of Arkansas, and served in the army for two years. Arthur is married to Margaret Ann Lovett and has a 19-month-old son. Other new employees with us are Aline Daniel and Bill Phelps. Aline, who is a transfer from the Division 6 office in North Little Rock, is a statistical clerk in the Traffic Section. She and husband Joseph, reside in North Little Rock with their son, Steve. Phelps worked for the Department for one summer as a traffic checker while attending Henderson State Teachers College where he majored in physical education. S&A welcomes these three new members of the "staff."

The Bill Smiths left for a week in Florida May 23. Enroute to their destination, St. Petersburg, with another couple, they stopped at Mobile to visit friends, former Little Rockians. They stayed at Morgan Cottages.

The Bill Looneys left for their vacation the day the Smiths returned so they probably passed each other on the highway. The Looney's destination? St. Petersburg, Florida. Where did they stay? The Morgan Cottages.

Glen Roberson, brother of Claude Roberson of our division, died in an automobile accident last month in Los Angeles. We extend our deepest sympathies to Claude and his family.

Mrs. Opal Rider, wife of Cecil Rider of the Traffic Section, passed away on April 24, after a lengthy illness. Mrs. Rider had been employed by the State Revenue Department for many years. She is also survived by a son, Edwin Rider.

We were all saddened at her passing and extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathies to the family.

## EQUIPMENT AND PROCUREMENT

Avalée Padgett

The Procurement Office entertained Bonnie Hill with a birthday party on April 28. Cake was served and a gift presented. April 30 was Bonnie's last day with the Department, as she resigned to join her husband who was transferred to Missouri. We all miss her and wish her lots of luck. She was presented with a going-away gift.

New employees in Jacksonville since our last writing are Dovie Rubie and Bob Schenke in Central Shop, and Shirley Healey in Equipment and Procurement. We welcome each of them.

Bob Landfair is the proud co-owner of a new Razorback boat, trailer and 40 hp. motor. The boat is solid white with yellow upholstery, complete with all accessories such as radio, cigarette lighter, ect. W. K. Heard is driving a beautiful

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new 1959 Chevrolet. Congratulations to both.

P. L. Harris is now at home after several days in Baptist Hospital where he underwent surgery.

Jerry Price, who is in the army and has been stationed at Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey, spent several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Price. Jerry left May 1, for Ft. Dix, to await orders to be shipped overseas.

We hear lots of reports of fishing trips over the past week end. L. E. Harper went to DeValls Bluff; O. E. Wagner to Faulkner Lake and Clyde Thomas to Lake Conway. Clyde reported catching his limit but we didn't hear any bragging from the others.

Kay and Joel Bonnell drove over to Lake Maumelle Sunday, May 3, to see about the boating possibilities. They have been hunting all over for good spots for their new boat and motor they have ordered.

## MATERIALS AND TESTS

*Frances Roller*

Some of our people who took vacations recently were E. L. and Hilda Wales, who motored to Houston and Corpus Christi, Texas for a few days. G. W. and Evanda Roark had a nice trip to Florida; Bill Woods is back from a fishing trip - with the same fish stories; H. F. Uhrman had to try out his new boat and motor; Carter Howard took a week off; and Roy Rosin spent his vacation in Texas. Grady Troute has returned to work after spending a week in Murfreesboro with his grandmother who has been ill.

Joe Magness is the proud owner of a new 1959 Nash Rambler station wagon so he decided to take his vacation early also.

Doyle, Mildred and Linda Havens spent a recent week end with Doyle's brother stationed in Memphis.

Happy Birthday to F. Griffin, H. T. Hollensworth, H. W. Schneider, R. M. Newsom, and H. Medlock.

C. F. Clark has returned to work after being hospitalized at Baptist Hospital. H. A. Dreher's wife, Jayme, has returned to her job after having surgery.

Maureen Rodgers returned to work in the lab on April 16, and we are glad to have her back with us.

Your reporter is taking her vacation the latter part of this month. We will spend several days at Lake Ouachita.

## PERSONNEL

*Sue Barnes*

Sibble Cox really has a bright face these days. Her son and family, who have been residing in Amsterdam, N. Y., for the past seven months, have returned to Little Rock to stay.

Billie Ruth and Bubba Hatcher had a very pleasant week end with three other couples April 25, in Gulfport, Mississippi. They are going back this summer for a week; Bubba out of necessity,

with the National Guard, and Billie is going along. Jim Zinn was delegate to the Grand Council of the United Commercial Travelers of America May 14-16 in Hot Springs.

Birdie Wright had as visitors this month her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Cox, from Dallas, Texas. He helped Birdie do some redecorating in her house and as a result she "overdid" and was off several days with aches and pains.

Our boss, Fred Tanner, celebrated his birthday May 12. We had a "time out" for cake and coffee that afternoon.

Welcome to Carma Frances Dunn, a new employee with us. Carma will be helping Verna Daes in the vault for a while. We hope she will be happy with us.

Verna and Ivan Daes have been doing a lot of building and painting around their home in Meadowcliff. They have added a sun deck which will give them a lot of pleasure this summer, even though it was and is (still painting) a lot of work.

The week of May 4 in the Barnes' household (this writer) resembled a hospital...brother, daddy, and your reporter all ailing, and my mother in St. Vincent's Hospital for surgery. It was some week. (We're all glad everyone is in good health now, Sue.)

## RIGHT OF WAY

*Nancy Conrad*

On April 16, Eugene F. Nelson, former office engineer, became our new boss in Right of Way. Mr. Nelson brought Nancy Sipe along with him to continue as his secretary. Mr. Thrasher was appointed chief of the Legal Division and his secretary, Carolyn James, will continue in that capacity.

Bill Weger has decided to continue his education. He will begin the summer semester at the University of Arkansas, majoring in electrical engineering. We are sorry to see Bill go but wish him much success as he goes back to college.

For those who are interested in the heated Snooker Tournament between Legal and Right of Way, the standings thus far: 45 of the 60 proposed games have been played. Right of Way has won 22 and Legal has won 22, with one game tied. Now that the bitter end is near with only 15 more games to go, the outcome is soon to be decided. (To be continued.)

Mary Hodge, Legal Division, is leaving June 1, to await the arrival of the Stork in September. This will be the third for Mary and husband, John.

## ROADWAY DESIGN

*Hicks, Lee*

Smith's Squad: Bud and Ruth Smith recently spent a week end with Ruth's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jenkins in their new summer cottage at Lake Norfolk. They report

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few catches, but good fish.

Pat and Jane Witherspoon are entertaining a brand-new 8 pound, 4 ounce daughter, Kim Renee, born May 8, at the Baptist Hospital. Mother and baby are doing fine.

Peggy Hicks, (Mrs. J. C.) is recuperating from an operation which she recently underwent at St. Vincent's Hospital. Your scribe is brushing up on his cooking and housekeeping.

We understand that George Fry entered Baptist Hospital May 10, for a check-up.

J. A. Bratton of Leslie, spent the weekend of May 10, with John and Peggy Hicks.

J. C. Lowe and family motored to Reelfoot, Lake recently for an outing of fun.

## ACCOUNTING

*Margaret Wallace*

Congratulations to John and Margaret Allen, who recently bought a new home at 124 Sheridan Road in Park Hill.

Margaret Schamer, daughter of Joe and Evelyn Schamer, has moved back to Little Rock to accept a position as buyer for Pfeifer's Department Store. Margaret is in the hosiery, gloves and lingerie department.

Your reporter and husband enjoyed a fish fry at Boyle Park with her family and Sarah and Walter Neel on May 9. All of the fish were caught by mother, daddy and husband.

Our sincere sympathies to Sam Foster on the loss of his wife, Ethel, who passed away May 9, after a long illness.

## PURCHASING

*Jon Shaw*

Jim Meredith was guest speaker for the Shriners Luncheon Club on May 1 at the Marion Hotel. His subject, of course, was "Highway Department Purchasing."

The Office Force treated John Plegge to a birthday luncheon at Granoff's on April 30.

## DATA PROCESSING CENTER

*reporter nam*

Erma Jetton entered St. Vincent's Hospital May 11, for surgery. We all wish her well, and a speedy recovery so that she'll be back with us soon.

James and Millie Willard are the very proud parents of James A. Willard, Jr., who was born on March 21. The Willards have bought and moved into a new home in North Little Rock. James also bowls on the IBM Bowling Team and on May 7, had the highest average on the team. Congratulations on all counts, to the Willard family.

Joyce Red became the bride of Jack Fryer on May 1. Congratulations and our very best wishes to the newlyweds.

Robert Tucker flew to Washington, D. C. with

the Arkansas National Guard to march in the big parade they had to dedicate the new National Guard Building. Every state was represented in the parade. Robert took a tour of all the sights and really did enjoy it. He was most impressed with the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Late Bulletin: Erma Jetton was only in the hospital for two days and required no surgery. All her friends are very happy about it.

## CONSTRUCTION

*Lucille Dishongh*

An abundance of White River catfish, fried by experts Raymond Jones and Eugene Ashcraft, was enjoyed by our office in Burns Park, April 23. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Winfrey, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Mashburn and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Carter.

A surprise luncheon honoring our own Lester A. McCain, was held in the Boss' office at noon on May 13, giving special recognition to Mr. McCain for 30 years with the Highway Department. Guests included Mrs. McCain.

Edwin Rogers, Jr., the talented son of "Dub" Rogers, ran away with many honors recently at the State Band Meet at Hot Springs on April 23. Eddie, a seventh-grader at Pulaski Heights Junior High, received a superior rating at the meet. Most of the members play either a solo or with an ensemble, or both, and ratings are given to the ones who are rated first and second. Eddie received two first place medals - one for his clarinet solo and one as the lead clarinetist in an ensemble. His proud parents traveled to the spa city as chaperones. Congratulations to parents as well as Eddie.



Edwin Rogers Jr.

One businessman to another: "I wanted my son to share in the business, but the government beat him to it."

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## DIVISION 3 - HOPE

*Olive Jackson*

Jimmy Bush, an employee since January, 1958, has accepted a position with the Theokol Chemical Corporation in Marshal, Texas. We shall all miss Jimmy very much, and wish him the best of luck in his new job.

Arvin and Geneive Jones are the proud parents of a little girl, who arrived May 5. She has been named Mary Gen. Congratulations.

The following employees received their Service Pins and Certificates of Merit for the month of April: Charles Monroe Carter, 15 years; John Lawrence Burke, 10 years; Charles Raymond Carlton, Noel Dillard Jester and Buford Cleburn Johnson, 5 years.

Earl Thompson is back on the job after being in an automobile accident in Oklahoma City recently. Earl and Mrs. Thompson sustained cuts and bruises and they were hospitalized. They were on their way to the funeral of a relative when the accident occurred, which demolished the car.

Congratulations and best wishes to Lula and Loyd Haynie who celebrated their thirty-sixth wedding anniversary on May 5.

Mrs. Liza Clark, grandmother of A. B. Clark, and Lewisville's oldest resident, passed away April 26. Mrs. Clark was 101 years old and had 50 great, great grandchildren.

Our division offices are gradually looking much better - thanks to Sam Huckabee and W. C. Beck who have been coming out on Saturdays and using the paint brush. Also we have some new light fixtures of which we are proud.

## DIVISION 5

*A. L. Moser*

Service Pins and Certificates of Merit were awarded in April to: Bernard Bice, division maintenance superintendent, and J. W. Davidson, 10 years; Dean Bolin and Jack Clayton, 5 years. Congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Nast announce the marriage of their daughter, Peggy, to Vaughn Riley, also of Batesville, on April 11. The young couple will make their home in California.

Tillman Williams, who has been with the Highway Department for 20 years, retired on April 30. We shall all miss "Screwdriver" around here but we extend our very best wishes to him.

Woodrow Griffin, mechanic in Division 5 Shop, returned to work on May 4 after a two-weeks illness. We send get-well wishes to Ernest Cuzzard, heavy equipment operator, and Mrs. Ludie Massey, wife of our mechanic in Division 5 shop.

Visitors to our division in April were J. T. Shaw, Frank Flemming, R. M. Newsom, Bill Baugh, W. H. Cook, G. W. Stanford, C. A. Shumaker, J. E. Lowder, Ralph Wyatt, Ronald Keene, and L. A.

McCain. We enjoyed having them, and hurry back, won't you?

A. L. Jones, mechanic in our shop, moved into his new home recently, which is located south of the river on Salado Road.

Your reporter enjoyed a nice birthday dinner on April 5, although my birthday was April 3. Helping me to celebrate were my son and his family from Little Rock.

We extend our sympathies to Howard McDoniel in the loss of his sister, Mrs. Medrith Nesbitt, on April 14.

## DIVISION 6 - NORTH LITTLE ROCK

*Edith Greene*

A Division 6 picnic and supper was held by the employees and their families on the evening of April 24, at our Little Rock warehouse. The menu consisted of barbecue, fish and all the trimmings, and a variety of delicious cakes and pies were provided by the wives for the dessert. Entertainment consisted of music made up by the following: W. A. (Woody) Hardin, Humnoke, L. D. Holt, Hazen, Sam McGraw, Austin, Oliver Howell, Little Rock.

After supper was served Johnny Gray, our Highway Department photographer ran a Highway motion picture. Special guests for the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. Jim (Pappy) McCook, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Sisk, Mr and Mrs. H. R. Lucus, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Tinsley, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Gray and family, Cecil Byrns and Marie Rossing. A good time was had by all and we are looking forward to another get-together in the very near future. (Sure sorry I couldn't make it and thanks for the invitation.-Ed.)

## DIVISION 9 - HARRISON

*Edris Hulsey*

Overheard: Many complimentary remarks from employees about the "New Look" on the magazine. Congratulations to the editor and staff on a big improvement. (Many thanks to all of you. We also like it better. Ed.)

John Burlsworth, Paul Byrom and Dwight Cantrell are going fishing quite often. We hear the usual fish stories, but so far, do not have proof. How about some pictures, fellas? (Yes, send us some. We're from Missouri.)

We hear that C. G. Williams is about ready to quit fishing...seems that Mrs. Williams is "out-catching" him about five to one.

Forrest Williams is driving a new '59 Chevy... Congratulations, Forrest. He and Viv tried it out on Mother's Day, with a trip to Magnolia.

Shirley Morton, District 5 clerk, and yours truly enjoyed a recent late afternoon visit with Bill Hawkins...Went "polk hunting"...sure was good eating to. We'll be back, "Uncle."

Joe Burleson and Clell Deakins were hospitalized recently but we're happy to report both are back with us.

Welcome to Buster Parker and John Knight. Hope you enjoy working for AHD. Buster is with the bridge crew and John with Baxter County crew.

J. C. and Ruth Perkins were surprised by a visit from long-time friends, Mr. and Mrs. Logan Anderson of Tulsa, Oklahoma over the week end of April 25.

Price Williams retired on April 30, after a long career with AHD. We know Price will enjoy the leisurely life of a "Gentleman Farmer."

Jack Holtby is remodeling his home and adding a couple more rooms.

We extend a big "Thanks and Well Done" to Ottie Pillow for keeping the offices clean and neat. Ottie also keeps the lawn and shrubbery trimmed at all times.

Curtis Gardner has drafted Russell Burleson to help paint the building. They looked like a pair of speckled pups after a recent session with the brushes.

We enjoyed a visit from Ronald Keene from Little Rock recently.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Paul Whitley and family in the loss of his daughter-in-law, Melba. 19 years old, who passed away.

Of interest to many in the Department is the selection of Jamie Bigham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bigham, Jr., and granddaughter of the late Cecil S. Lynch, former chairman and member of the Highway Commission, to attend the Senior Girl Scout Roundup to be held in Colorado Springs on July 3-12.

Jamie, 16, has been a Girl Scout for nine years and will earn her own money for transportation to the Roundup by working on a cake sale. Her patrol of eight girls from the Arkansas Post of the Girl Scout Council will give a demonstration of archery for the 8,500 teenagers and 1,500 adults who will attend this, the largest national event to be sponsored by the Girl Scouts of America.

This information was sent us by the Director of Magazine Services of the National Headquarters of the Girl Scouts of America at New York.

## INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER SCHOOL HELD

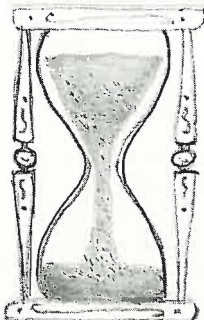
The International Harvester Company at the request of C. Don Hayes, director of Equipment and Procurement, held an Operator's and Preventive Maintenance School April 21 at Central Shops, Jacksonville to familiarize Highway Department personnel with the International Model 340 Tractor Mowers recently purchased by this department. The school was conducted by Elmer Clardy, assistant service supervisor; Ray Elmore, commercial representative; and M. L. Pettus Jr., sales promotion, all from International's district office in Little Rock. Wilson Smith, International Harvester's district manager, and M. O. Stevenson, assistant district manager, were also present at the meeting.

The emphasis at the meeting was on "Preventive Maintenance," and the many ideas and suggestions discussed were not only applicable to the International Tractor but in general could well apply to other types of equipment.

Those attending the school from Central Shops were: Buddy D. Davis, Asa Duncan, Cecil Elliot, M. L. Price, L. M. Wade, M. D. Head, and C. Don Hayes. Those attending from the Maintenance Divisions were: Division 1, Wynne, J. E. Smith and Erby Melton; Division 2, Pine Bluff, J. L. Goins, Barney Doss, and Leroy Lunsford; Division 3, Hope, Floyd Pharris and J. E. Collum; Division 4, Fort Smith, Fred McLaughlin, S. R. Cope, and Loyde Dukes; Division 5, Batesville, O. H. Stanbrough, Jr., C. E. Pectol, Ray McKinney, and A. L. Jones; Division 6, North Little Rock, O. G. Duffee and J. E. Heapford; Division 7, Camden, Hugh Anderson, Charles Gossett, and Hubert McMahan; Division No. 8, Russellville, Nymph Jones, Lester Owens, Sherman Moore, and James W. Phillips; Division 9, Harrison, W. H. Porter and Neal Taylor; Division 9S, Springdale, Otis Vaughn and Boyce Wallace; Division 10, Paragould, William O'Guinn and Hamp Fletcher.

International served those attending the school a delicious lunch prepared by Hank's Catering Service.

## NEWS DEADLINE



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W. F. Turner (continued from page 7)

interests. She attended Arkansas Tech College at Russellville and the Old Central College at Conway, studying music (piano) and art. She does oil paintings and had her own kiln for china painting. The lovely needlepoint and other handwork she does is evidenced throughout their home. Her primary interests now are her grandchildren and playing bridge. We get it straight from the horse's mouth that she cooks everything to a king's taste, but her specialty is cakes, which she bakes for many folks in Russellville. And speaking of horses, she loves to watch them run when the races are held at Hot Springs. She never met a stranger. During the years that Webb was working all over the state she was "practically a widow" but she and young Robert used that time to travel - all over the United States, the Canadian provinces,

Mexico and Cuba. She will still go anyplace at the drop of a hat and if Webb should call and tell her to be ready in two hours for a trip to New York, she'll be ready.

Webb's hobbies are watching "shoot-em-ups" on television and reading, as they don't do much entertaining. He used to hunt and fish a lot but his job takes up most of his thoughts and time. He is a keen enthusiast where all sports are concerned and is an avid Razorback fan, probably more so since he played football himself while in college. He and Mrs. Turner are members of the First Methodist Church, and Webb is a Registered Professional Engineer and a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

The whole sum and total of Webb Turner is that he is liked. He is what you could call an "engineers engineer" and as one of the "brass" put it, "you're lucky if you have him in your corner." --MA.

## Drew County Has Fifth Annual Picnic

Drew County's new Area Headquarters Building was properly and thoroughly "christened" on May 14, by approximately 300 persons when the fifth annual barbecue was held at Monticello.

The get-togethers are getting bigger and better each year, if that's possible, and are eagerly anticipated by everyone who attends. As usual the barbecue and all the accompaniments were delicious and plentiful, but more than that even, is the spirit in which the affairs are given. All the employees are sincere in their efforts to better the relations within the Department and they are succeeding. As Woodrow Wilson, Drew County maintenance superintendent, and master of ceremonies put it, "those who have been attending regularly are all getting downright friendly," which is the way they should be.

Mr. Wilson, after everyone got their fill, introduced the following guests who each spoke briefly: Fred C. Tanner, C. Don Hayes, Gerald Sisk, A. G. Rives, H. R. Lucus, Brewster Shalmy, John

S. Harris, and Ott Tinsley, all with AHD, the Mayor of Monticello, Henry Lee Ross, and Lee Reaves, vice-president of Arkansas A&M College at Monticello. Johnnie Gray showed his film, Progress In Our State," to a very responsive audience.

A lot of work and planning go into this event and to the following persons, who are responsible for their success, and to the wives who prepare the food, we heartily thank you: Woodrow Wilson, N. M. Mitchell, Horace Handley, E. F. Myhand, Neal Peacock, Guy Daughtery, Dewey Dew, John Hughes, Thomas Guthrie, Roy O'Briant, Edgar Meek, Emmett Halley, Fred Mousehardt, B. C. Reynolds, Wayne Burch, Robert Jarboe, Robert Kirkland, Albert Jackson, Garland Vick, Virgil Green, John Hollis, Joe Hayes, Calvin Rawls, Tommie Lunsford, Lee Cox, Elbert Martin, Roth Rabb, W. P. Johnson, Hollis Lisenby, Will Rabb, Jack Ashcraft, Rob Holderfield, Floyd Fulbright, J. E. Cockrell, E. J. Rabb, Farrell Burks, Walter Perry, Johnny Fox, Billie Johns.

Herbert Burks, Earl Arnold, Muriel Cater, Wlater Griffin, John Murray, Huey Murphy, Lester Rabb, Ralph Daugherty, James Gober, Pat Collins, Bernard Hart, Olin Clark, Havis Laminak, Charles Bland, Russell Gaddy, James Pierce, Selma Chavis, Ouida Grimes, Mr. Wheeler, Violet Tatum, J. L. Goins, Joe Tice, Charlie Emrick, Genevieve Piper and Dorothy Tucker.

Purchase of the lot and allocation of money for the new headquarters building was approved by Minute Order 2283, August 13, 1958, and the contracts awarded February

Our congratulations to the employees in the area - for their nice new building and for their graciousness. Hope to see them all again next year. --MA.





# THIS'LL KILL YA

by Jimmy Zinn

Having been married 20 years, a couple decided to celebrate by taking a little trip. While talking over their plans one evening, the husband now and then glanced into the next room where a little old lady sat knitting.

"The only thing," he finally said in a hushed voice, "is that for once I'd like to be by ourselves. I'd like to take this trip without your mother."

"MY mother!" exclaimed the wife. "I thought she was YOUR mother!"

"Say, Bud, what makes you so jumpy? I've noticed that every time you hear an auto horn you cringe and look terrified. Are you afraid of being hit?"

"Heck, no! It's just that last week a man ran off with my wife in an automobile and every time I hear a horn toot, I'm afraid he's bringing her back."

A woman wrote to a lonely hearts club from a very rural spot. "My sister and I aren't exactly lonely out here. We have each other to talk to, but we need another woman to talk about."

Three small boys were bragging about their fathers. The first boy said: "My dad writes a few lines on paper, calls it a poem, sends it away in the mail, and gets ten dollars for it."

"My dad," spoke up the second, "makes some dots on a piece of paper, calls it a song, sends it away and gets 25 dollars for it."

"That's nothing," declared the third lad. "My father makes a few scribbles, gets up in the pulpit and reads them...and it takes four men to bring in the money."

Mama Mosquito: "If you kids are good I'll take you to the nudist camp tonight."

Excerpts from the diary of a female voyager:

Monday: "Was flattered to be placed at the captain's table."

Tuesday: Spent the morning on the bridge. The captain seems to like me.

Wednesday: The captain's proposals are unbecoming to an officer and a gentleman.

Thursday: The captain threatens to sink the ship if I do not agree to his proposal.

Friday: I have saved 600 lives.

With her hand on the light switch, the little woman interrupted her chatter to inquire: "Is everything shut up for the night, dear?"

"Yes, sweetheart, everything else."

"We are now passing the most famous brewery in Berlin," explained the guide.

"WE are not," replied the visiting American as he hopped off of the sight-seeing bus.

Young Miss Brown had just been prepared for the operating room and placed on the stretcher to wait her turn outside the operating room. While she was left alone a man in a white smock approached, lifted the sheet, peeked under and left. Still another approached and looked under the sheet.

That was entirely too much so she asked the young man: "What am I here for Doc, observation or operation?"

He replied: "You'll have to ask the Doc...I'm the painter down the hall."

The visiting preacher had just finished a chicken dinner. While he was looking out the window he saw a rooster strutting about the yard.

"That's a mighty proud looking rooster," he said.

"Yep," said the host, "One of his sons just entered the ministry."

Voyager: "Captain, what shall I do if I get sea-sickness?"

Captain: "Don't worry you'll do it."

Two friends were motoring home from a fishing trip when they encountered engine trouble on a lonely road at dusk. Of course, they knocked at the door of the farm house down the road and the farmer's beautiful daughter answered their knock.

She gave them supper and let them stay overnight. Six months later one of the friends received an ominous looking legal document. A frown disappeared as he read it, and then he phoned his fishing partner: "I say, Tom," he said, "did you by any chance spend a little time with that beautiful farm girl the night our car broke down?"

"Why...ah...yes," answered Tom, sheepishly.

"And by any chance, did you give her my name and address?"

"Now don't get sore about that," broke in Tom.

"Where's your sense of humor?"

"Oh, I'm not a bit sore," his friend assured him. "I just thought you'd like to know I've heard from her lawyer. She died last week and left me the farm and \$12,000 in cash."

Overheard at a draft center office: "I can't say so much for Santa Claus. Fifteen years ago I wrote him asking for a soldier suit...and NOW I get it."

The lady of the house was entertaining her bridge club when the pattering of little feet was heard on the stairs. She raised her hand for silence.

"Hush," she said softly, "the children are going to deliver their goodnight message. It always gives me such a feeling of reverence to hear them...listen!"

There was a moment of silence...then shyly, "Mama, Willie found a bedbug."

A Hollywood child was asked if she had a mamma and a papa. "I should say I have," came the reply. "I have three papas by my first mama and two mamas by my second papa."

A Scotch farmer back from the county fair with a new horse found that the animal refused to eat or drink. The farmer's eyes gleamed hopefully: "By golly, I've got a real bargain if he's a good worker."

An eager pedestrian advanced on the traffic policeman in the busy intersection wanting to know how to get to the hospital. The patrolman patiently replied: "Just stand right where you are."

Overheard over hundreds of voices at a party: "Hi, Joe. How's your wife?"

"Oh...better than nothing, I guess."

A little girl was sent to the drug store for something to stop palpitation. Since it was a long walk to the store, and the little girl had a short memory, here's what she said to the druggist: "Mother said she wanted something to stop population."

"Have any of your childhood wishes been fulfilled?"

"Yep. When Mom used to jerk me around by the hair, I wished that I didn't have any."

Father: "Now, children, tell me who has been the most obedient during the last month and done everything mother asked him to?"

Children (in unison): "You, daddy."

"Daughter, I hope that's a nice book you're reading."

"It is mother, except it's so sad at the end. The girl dies and he has to go back to his wife."

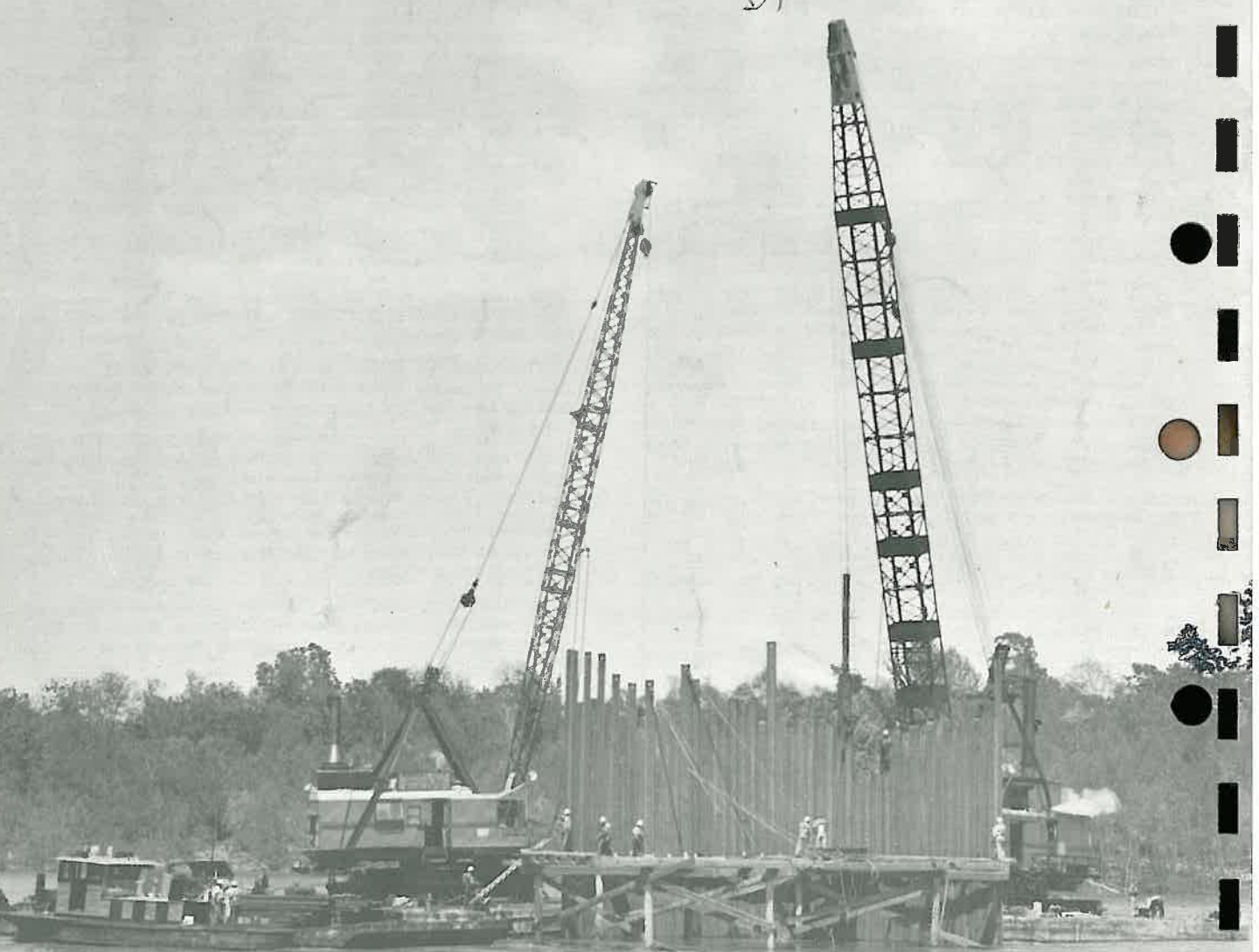
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Construction on another major bridge in Arkansas - the Helena Bridge, is shown in the embryo stage with workers building cofferdam piles for Pier 14, on the Mississippi side of the future super-structure.