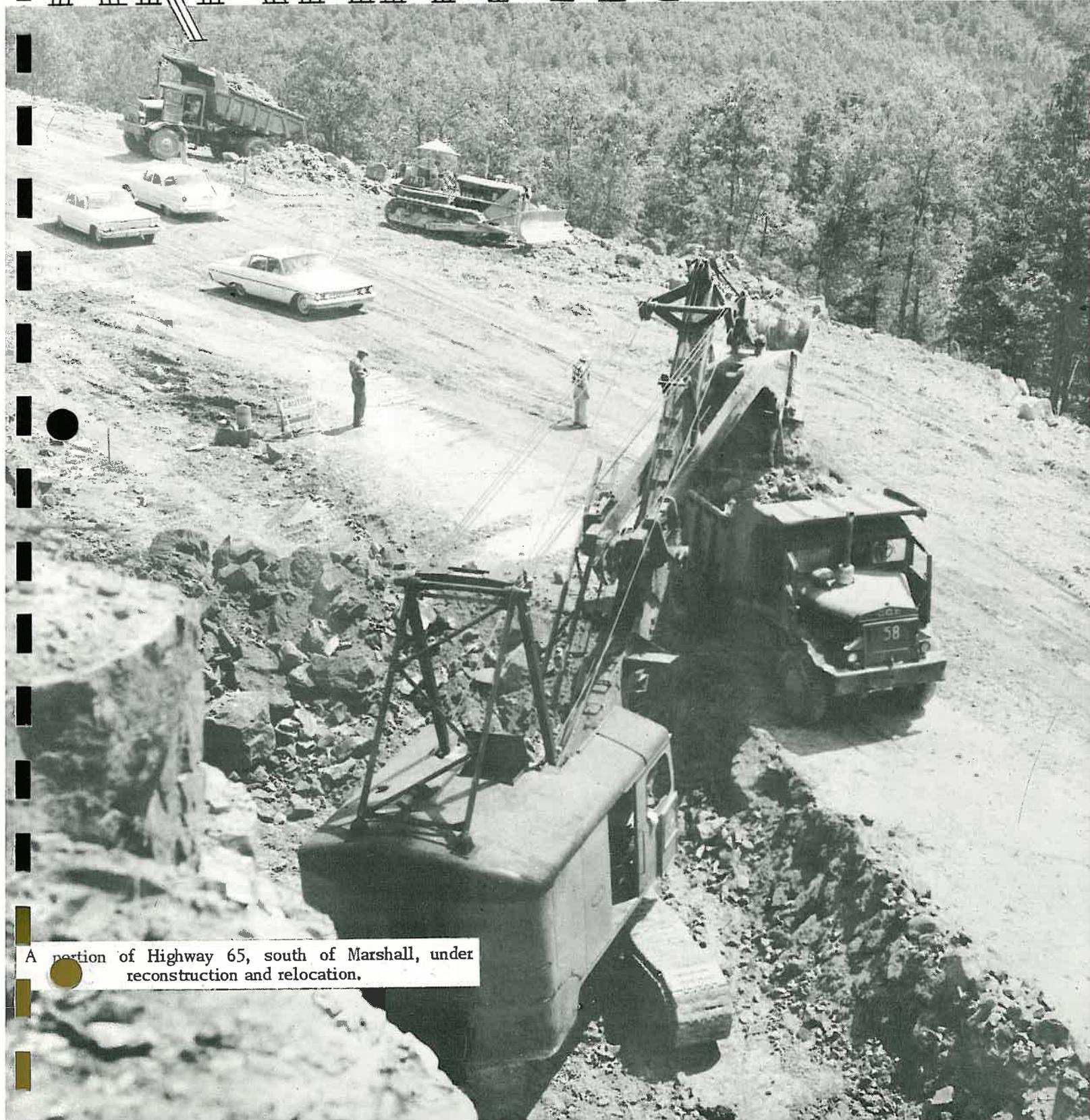


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A portion of Highway 65, south of Marshall, under reconstruction and relocation.

THE GREAT RIVER ROAD



Arkansas



One of Arkansas' most beautiful oxbows is Porter Lake, shown in middle distance of the photo above. The Mississippi River flows in right foreground. Clusters of buildings in picture belong to rich cotton plantations; tenant houses dot the landscape. (Photo courtesy Corps of Engineers, Memphis District, US Army)

Director F. R. Oliver, Chief Engineer Ward Goodman, and Surveys Engineer Bert Rownd attended a meeting of the Mississippi River Parkway Commission of Arkansas June 20 at Hughs, Ark. Rownd is advisor to the commission.

Various reports were made and it was decided that the commission should request, from the Bureau of Public Roads, that funds be made available for an engineering state survey of potentials and needed development of park sites and rest areas for the Great River Road in Arkansas. Rownd and Clovis Copeland, of the Arkansas Publicity and Parks Association, were empowered to prepare and make the formal request.

The over-all budget delineating the needs for the next biennium will be presented to the Arkansas Legislative Council for action prior to the next session of the legislature. The Parkway Commission was created by legislative action.

The 10 members on the commission represent the 10 counties through which the parkway will go. They are: Gordon Love of Hughes (St. Francis), who was named chairman; Joe Steel, Monticello (Drew); C. C. Stuart, Arkansas City (Desha); Porter C. Young, Helena (Phillips); R. W. Dudley, DeWitt (Arkansas); County Judge Milton Beck, West Memphis (Crittenden); Abbott F. Kinney, Dermott (Chicot); A. J. Homer, Blytheville (Mississippi); Paul Benham, Jr., Mariana (Lee) and J. E. Allman, Jr., Clarendon (Monroe).

Love emphasized that Arkansas should benefit tremendously from the foreign tourists. He said that all attractions of the state will be included in literature and the road will bring visitors to the state, and lateral roads will take them to the Ozarks, various dams, lakes, historic spots, and recreational areas.

The Great River Road was conceived as a federal parkway similar to the Blue Ridge and Natchez Trace Parkways. To investigate the possibility of constructing such a parkway, following generally the course of the Mississippi River, Congress, in the Act of August 24, 1949, instructed the Bureau and the National Park Service to make a survey and study the route. This study was made and the findings were presented to Congress in a joint report by the secretary of the interior and the secretary of commerce, entitled, "Parkway for the Mississippi," in 1951.

The survey of 1950-51 disclosed that a federal parkway on the Blue Ridge Parkway pattern, following an entirely new route, would be prohibitive in cost both for right of way and construction, and would in great part duplicate existing highways which are, or could be made adequate for the reasonably foreseeable traffic. Furthermore, such a parkway would miss a great many of the most desirable scenic locations along the Mississippi River, since these were already occupied either by railroads or by the existing highways.

After careful study, it was acknowledged that an all-new route was not feasible, and that long segments of the route would have to follow existing highways. These highways are necessary parts of the highway system in each state, and they should remain, therefore, under the maintenance and police control of the states. This, as the joint report stated, would preclude the establishment of a national or federal parkway along the Mississippi, but it would not rule out federal participation in the cost, since sections of the parkway included in any of the several federal-aid highway systems would be eligible for the usual federal assistance to these systems.

Since the highways are now open to all kinds of traffic, the maintenance of which is vital to many local communities, the joint report also disclosed that one of the principal features of the classic parkway - exclusion of commercial traffic - would not be attainable for the entire length of any practicable Mississippi River Parkway.

The joint report stated "The essence of the parkway concept is to provide a park-like corridor which insulates the motor road from uncontrolled development along the roadsides." National parkways, such as the Natchez Trace and Blue Ridge Parkways, provide this insulation by outright government ownership of a broad band of land through which the motor road is threaded. However, as previously stated, the Survey of 1950-51 disclosed that the outright purchase of such a broad protective band for the Mississippi River Parkway would be prohibitive in cost because of the high value of the land and improvements. Furthermore, possession of so much land would be a maintenance burden on the Highway Department unless it were allowed to grow in timber, which would destroy one of the principal scenic attractions of the parkway - the pastoral views over well-tended farms and pastures.

It was recommended, therefore, that close-in protection be provided by taking a reasonably wide right of way, 220 to 250 feet, in fee simple; but that the remainder of the scenic corridor consist of scenic easement under which the state seeks to preserve the existing rural scene by purchasing the owner's rights to change the use of the land. By acquiring such scenic controls along the existing highways, it was felt that the roadsides could be cleaned and protected and thereafter maintained in parkway atmosphere.

Throughout its entire length in Arkansas, the Great River Road traverses the alluvial plain of the Mississippi, Arkansas, and White Rivers, passing through some of the world's richest agricultural lands. Most of these lands are cropped in cotton, the "white gold" of the Arkansas Delta. Understandably, the main theme of interpretation of the parkway traveler should be the growing, harvesting, and storage of this great staple.

The Great River Road enters Arkansas from the boot heel of Missouri via Interstate Highway 55, passing along the eastern edge of Blytheville. The consultants recommend establishment of a small day-use area under the western limits of Blytheville to preserve the Chickasawba Indian Mound. This would also be a suitable place to re-erect the historic Huffman Cabin, oldest structure in Mississippi County, which already has been moved once from its original riverbank site to save it from the hungry Mississippi. Twelve miles west of Blytheville is the Big Lake National Wildlife Refuge, an important conservation area.

Continuing southward passes through miles and miles of level fields interspersed with occasional clusters of plantation buildings. At West Memphis, the main Great River Road turns west on Interstate 40 for 6 miles, then south on U. S. 79 and follows it to Marianna. In all of this distance, the traveler is seldom out of sight of cottonfields, and nearly every village along the way supports one or more cotton gins.

An interesting side trip is to Horseshoe Lake, where there are facilities for boating, fishing, and water sports.

Horseshoe Lake was originally a part of the main channel of the Mississippi. Cutting across the base of a bend, the great River shortened its channel, leaving the old bend as an "oxbow" lake. Horseshoe Lake is lined with summer homes, some of them very handsome.

At Marianna, the traveler encounters Crowley's Ridge, the narrow ridge of windblown loess soil that extends like a long finger from northern Arkansas to Helena. Although scarcely 100 feet higher, the Ridge looms prominently above the level flat lands on either side, a mere remnant of what must have been an immense deposit in post-glacial times.

From Marianna, the route continues due south to Walnut Comer, where the traveler may wish to leave the main route and follow State Route 20 to West Helena and Helena. Helena has been a place of importance since colonial days.

Returning to the Great Road, the traveler will follow state Route 1 to the White River bottoms. Entering the White River National Wildlife Refuge about 3 miles northeast of the White River, he will pass through a splendid bottom-land forest, a welcome relief from the open cotton lands further north. Crossing the White River by state-operated ferry, the tourist will find himself in St. Charles, an old river town founded by Colonel Charles Belknap in the early 1840's. The ruins of the old Belknap House was built in the "briquee entre post-eaux" fashion, popular during colonial times in Louisiana. It burned to the ground only a few months ago.

Between the White River and the Arkansas River lies a fringe of the great Arkansas rice bowl. At harvest time, fields of waving golden grain greet the traveler. Here, rice farming is no tedious hand-labor process, but is almost completely mechanized. Irrigation water is pumped from wells by large electric centrifugal pumps during the growing season.

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Photo courtesy U.S. Corps of Engineers

In right background is Helena, with harbor and train ferry slip at extreme upper right of picture.

John Lawrence Heads District 8

Bob Crafton Takes Over as Acting Head of Freeway

Effective June 16, John Hardy Lawrence, Little Rock Freeway engineer, assumed the duties and responsibilities of District 8 engineer with headquarters at Russellville. Lawrence replaces Webster F. Turner who died June 6 after serving with the Highway Department for 30 years.

Bob Hugh Crafton, resident engineer on the North Terminal Interchange, will take over as acting engineer on the Freeway, in addition to his duties as resident engineer.



John Lawrence

Lawrence, 34, is a native of Little Rock. He attended Little Rock elementary schools and Columbia Military Academy for his high school diploma. He received his civil engineering degree at the University of Arkansas in 1953. He is a registered professional engineer and a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers. As Freeway engineer Lawrence's duties included responsible charge of approximately \$30 million worth of construction on the one project.

Married to the former Miss Jo Annette Wolff of Hugo, Okla., the Lawrences have three children; two sons, 10 and 7 years of age, and a daughter, 4. He served in Korea with the U.S. Army of Combat Engineers as second lieutenant.

Crafton is a native of Coming, Ark., where he completed his secondary education. He obtained an associate science degree at Arkansas Tech in 1953, before continuing his education at the University of Arkansas where he received his degree in civil engineering in June 1955. Later that month he joined the Highway Department. Since that time he has worked as instrumentman, engineer's assistant, and resident engineer.



Bob Crafton

Bob is married to the former Miss Bonnie Williams of Coming. They have two daughters, 1 and 4 years old. The Craftons reside at 103 Galway, North Little Rock.

FREWAY ENGINEER'S OFFICE HAVE SECOND ANNUAL PICNIC

Good times were the order of the day on June 2, when the second Freeway Engineers' Picnic was held at Bums Park in North Little Rock. Everyone enjoyed an "old-fashioned" get-together under the pavilion where the major entertainment was the "picking and singing" headed by Jim Little and ably assisted by Mr. Deacon and Mr. Logan. Occasionally were heard vocal renditions by John Lawrence, Ralph Jones et al. John Tallant's sore throat (?) saddened us all because we're told his version of "Mule Train" is 'way out.

A softball game was planned and was begun between showers. The game was halted though because of rain, and the North was ahead of the South by a score of 4-3. The South quotes the score as 3-1, South side. Much controversy was stirred up over this and to date has not been settled.

A fine assortment of well-prepared foods were served, assembled by the ladies of Freeway. Everyone had plenty to eat and many were served a second time.

After dark we had the pleasure of watching the latest Highway Department film by Johnnie Gray, staff photographer.

An estimated 120 persons attended, including families from Crafton's, Perkins's, Peevy's, and Jones' residences; John Lawrence and family, The Clyde Mayhans (Patsy). Guests included the C. A. Shumaker family, The John Tallants, the Lester McCains, the E. E. Hurleys, the J. C. Perkinses, the P. E. Schenke family, and Johnnie Gray and family. Contractor personnel from Foster Creighton and McGeorge Construction were also present.

H. H. Perkins was chairman of the event and should be commended for his excellent planning for the picnic.

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HIGHWAY WIVES ORGANIZE CLUB

Wives of AHD employees, not to be outdone by the men with their various clubs, such as engineering organizations, bowling leagues, toastmasters clubs, etc., have formed a club of their own and have come up with a clever name for it.

The "ARKANSAS HIGHWAY DAMES" (AHD) held its initial meeting May 24 when a picnic was held at Boyle Park. A large crowd of 92 enthusiastic wives turned out for the inauguration of their auxiliary with the purpose of getting to know one another better, to make tentative plans for monthly meetings, and to discuss the club's objectives: recreation, both mental and physical, and some service projects.

The following officers were elected at the May meeting: Mrs. Baldy Vinson, president; Mrs. L. A. McCain, vice president; and Mrs. Don Martin, secretary-treasurer. The meetings were scheduled for the fourth Thursday of each month, generally to be held at noon, with some evening meetings whenever feasible for the benefit of working wives and those with children.

At the second meeting on June 28 in the evening, further plans were discussed and committees were announced. (Names of the committee women are listed at the end of this article.) The entertainment spot was filled by the showing of Johnnie Gray's film, "Arkansas Highways - Routes of Progress and Beauty."

The third meeting of "AHDames" on July 26, will be held in the Meeting Room of the Arkansas Power and Light Company at Ninth and Louisiana from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Floyd W. Parsons, superintendent of the Little Rock Public Schools, will be guest speaker. His subject will be: "The Greeks Had a Word For It." Members are asked to bring a couple of sandwiches, and drinks will be served by the Food Committee. Everyone is urged to attend.

Watch for announcements of meetings through the pages of this magazine. A reminder though, when attending the meetings: PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME BADGES.

So all of you gals who haven't joined up, hurry, hurry, hurry. Join up and have fun making history for the new club.

Remember the words from the song: "There is NOTHING like a DAME." A HIGHWAY DAME, that is.

"Arkansas Highway Dames" Committee Members

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. F. R. Oliver, Mrs. Ward Goodman, Mrs. Baldy Vinson, Jr., Mrs. Lester McCain, and Mrs. Don Martin.

BOARD COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN: Mrs. Dick Winfrey, Mrs. Mack Hurley, Mrs. C. A. Shumaker, Mrs. Bert Rownd, Mrs. Y. W. Whelchel, Mrs. Harry Wright, and Mrs. George Fry.



Officers of the new club are: Mrs. L. A. McCain, vice president; Mrs. B. Vinson, president; and Mrs. Don Martin, secretary-treasurer.

TELEPHONE AND TRANSPORTATION: Mrs. Dick Winfrey and Mrs. Mack Hurley, co-chairmen, Mrs. Harold Bastian, Mrs. Ed Williams, and Mrs. Kent Brown.

HOSTESS AND ENTERTAINMENT: Mrs. C. A. Shumaker, chairman, Mrs. Dale Davison, Mrs. John Pendergrass, Mrs. Jim Meredith, and Mrs. Frank Caple.

FOOD COMMITTEE: Mrs. Bert Rownd, chairman, Mrs. Jim Matthews, Mrs. Robert Mattox, and Mrs. Hurley Perkins.

FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE: Mrs. George Fry, chairman, Mrs. Stuart Pattilo, and Mrs. Bill Johnston.

PROJECT COMMITTEE: Mrs. Y. W. Whelchel, chairman, Mrs. John Tallant, Mrs. Cecil Rider, Mrs. Sam Smith, and Mrs. Joe Schamer.

PROGRAM AND PUBLICITY: Mrs. Harry Wright, chairman, Mrs. A. G. Rives, and Mrs. J. R. Henderson.



Miss Kristie Hicks (she's a doll if we ever saw one) is the year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Hicks of Birmingham, Ala. Doting grandmother of Kristie is Adele Fiedler of Surveys, and her great-uncle, John S. Harris, thinks she's a bit of all right too.

Man of the Month . . .

In answer to a question on how it felt to be back in his old department, William Carleton (Bill) Johnston, top banana in Roadway Design, said: "It feels as if I've taken 'one huge bit' all of a sudden." This remark was not prompted by any trepidation of running the large division. Rather, it was made because it's been since 1943 that Bill last worked - as draftsman - in Roadway, and, during that time, there have been quite a few changes in office procedures and methods of work. With somewhat of a smile, Bill said that he finds himself having to ask even one of the 'younger' employees about something.

However, no one is concerned, nor doubts, that he won't, in due time, become completely familiar with all aspects of his 'new' job. He has 41 years' experience in engineering to back up that faith. The variety of work that Bill's done during those years would fill up a good size book.

Bill's philosophy regarding work has always been that a person should strive in working for the good of the community. Becoming a doctor would have fit in with that thought, but Bill couldn't stand to see suffering so he chose engineering. Ironically, he sometimes wonders now, rather sadly, if "we're not building something which, instead of helping, will really harm." The remark was in no way derogatory towards the engineering profession. It was, perhaps, an allusion to man himself and the era in which he lives. And, the theory that today's cars, with their high-speed capability, and the modern highways which ultimately must follow, may tend to create slaughter, despite the efforts to design and build safer highways.

In appearance Bill would not typify an engineer. His sophisticated good looks suggest the suave Englishman, which he is - mixed in with a good portion of Scotch. His paternal grandparents came over from Scotland. His maternal grandparents, the Dawsons, were from Virginia and Maryland. Bill was born in Alton, Ill., to the late James Frederick Johnston and Mae Dawson Johnston. His father owned warehouse and storage facilities, and before settling in Oklahoma, they lived in St. Louis, and Columbus, O.

He began preparing for his engineering career while in high school at Muskogee. He went on to obtain his civil engineering degree from the University of Oklahoma, where he was active in many campus organizations, among which was Tau Beta Pi, engineering fraternity. He later took a special course at the University of Michigan in traffic engineering.

Bill worked on city engineering in the boom towns of Oklahoma during the 20's. He worked in Bristow, Tulsa, Oklahoma City, and then went to work for the Oklahoma Highway Department. A co-worker told Bill that he heard Arkansas needed men to help build roads, so Bill came to Arkansas. He's never regretted it a minute, he said.



W. C. Johnston

His first job was with W. W. Mitchell, and the year was 1927. He was field engineer and resident engineer working in Marshall, locating and helping to build Highway 65. The job lasted only a few months when there was a reduction in forces and Bill was transferred to the Little Rock offices in what was then Plans and Surveys. In July 1932 the state went broke and he was laid off, but not for long. He was called back in October and went to Harrison as assistant engineer and resident engineer. After two years he returned to Little Rock again in Plans, and then went to Construction Division. In 1936 Bill returned once more to Plans, became chief draftsman, and stayed until 1941.

World War II came and for two years (1941-43) Bill was with a private engineering firm, MacCrea-Bair-LeFever. He worked at Camp Robinson, Jones Mill, the prison camp at Monticello, and others, during this period. Later he served in the Navy as Lt. Commander, and was stationed at the Naval Ammunitions Depot at Fallbrook, Calif. The Johnstons lived there three years. Bill considers that phase of his life a most rewarding one because so many different engineering skills were required. After the war, he did some private engineering in West Texas and Arkansas, and then returned to the Department for a few months, then the Navy called him for their multi-million dollar expansion program at the Ammunition Depot at Shumaker, near Camden. He returned to the Department for the third and last time in August 1957 as assistant to the office engineer, and in April 1959 he was made head of the office of Office Engineer. On April 16 past, he was promoted to his present position as boss of Roadway Design.

While Bill was working on his first AHD job in Marshall, he was introduced to the wonderful girl he married, Miss Capitola Treece, a Marshall girl. Capitola and Bill were married in 1928. A warm and friendly person, she attended the University of Arkansas and Little Rock Junior College (now Little Rock University). Her father, the late Hugh Treece, was a former member of the Marshall School Board, later serving for two terms as

county judge. Bill said that being sheriff in Searcy County runs in her family, and nearly everybody who serves in that capacity is related to her. They are the parents of one son, James, 26, who attends the University of Oklahoma working on his masters degree in government. James served three years in the Navy as Lt. (j.g.) but recently was promoted to full lieutenant. The Johnstons are happy these days because James is to be married sometime this summer to a lovely girl from California, whom James met while in the Navy.

The Johnstons have many friends and entertain occasionally with small dinner parties, but usually they live quietly. Capitola admits to liking housekeeping only if it's the easy kind. Both avid readers, he on history and paleontology, and she on state and federal government, they shun t.v. except for news and more cultural programs. Bill gets his most pleasure by working on their home in Marshall, which he bought before 1930. At least one, and sometimes two week ends are spent there each month, often with friends as guests. His love for the old place is manifested by his time spent fixing it up. It is furnished with many interesting antiques the Johnstons love to collect. One cherished possession in particular, is a Scottish "kist," or chest, which his grandmother brought over from Scotland. Another popular item is the old player piano, owned by Capitola's grandmother. Their guests spend hours playing the rolls, some of which James picked up in Australia. James is interested in the background of the Johnston Clan of Scotland, even to acquiring the kilts of tarleton plaid that represent the Clan, and learning the bagpipes.

Boy Scout work was, for years, one of his chief occupations away from engineering, and one that has given him a deep personal satisfaction. Shortly after he got out of college he began working in scout activities and was scoutmaster at Muskogee, later organizing troops at Marshall. At Camden he was chairman of the Boy Scout Committee for four or five years.

Bill, despite his quiet, intellectual exterior, delights in a joke but his humor is whimsical rather than raucous. And while he does have his moments of recreation, no recreation can really compete for his attention against the activity he likes best: engineering. However, a quiet 'hankering' to teach has been with him a long time. After the war that desire was fulfilled for awhile when he taught vocational school at Marshall. It's not surprising that he would want to teach since that profession seems to be a Johnston specialty. His mother, a regent of the D.A.R., taught math in Alton and Oklahoma City for many years. A cousin is a chemistry professor at the University of Michigan; another cousin, with a Ph.D., teaches anatomy at the University of Iowa; another teaches journalism at Illinois University; and an aunt taught 40 years in the St. Louis schools.

When in Little Rock on Sundays, they attend the Presbyterian Church, but when they are in Marshall they attend the First Christian Church. Other organizations with which Bill is affiliated are: The American Legion; D at 8; The American society of Civil Engineers; The American Society of Military Engineers; is an Eagle Scout; and he belongs to the Sons of the American Revolution. He tries to live by the Scout Oath; in effect,

"To do the best you can in everything, and ham no one. Be Loyal."

Bill has tried to live by that last sentence above. He most certainly has been loyal to his friends and profession. After 41 years in the engineering field, he still has his enthusiasm for it. But if the edge is not quite as keen as it was - well, 41 years *is* a long time. Long enough for a man to be able to speak up, and even look to the future when he can retire. He admits that it's been grueling at times - he said he'd never had a vacation until after the war - but he has no regrets. He does prefer to construct. He said: "I like to see things actually being built, and to take a part in it. Take ideas, people, and equipment, and you come up with a completed project. It takes all these ingredients to come up with a building, road, bridge, or what have you. But, you have to know how 'much' people, how much machinery, materials, and ideas, to combine in the right proportion for a successful recipe." And there lies the challenge for Bill. He thinks that "there must be some philosophy mixed up in engineering - what, I don't know. Years ago, we knew the people appreciated the roads as a means of getting from one place to another. Now, I'm not at all sure."

One thing most people will agree on: His ability and accomplishments, plus his dedication to his work, have all been of great value to the Department. It feels lucky to have a man of such calibre.

Ferol Jones Elected Pres of ABWA... Dot Switzer to Serve as Recording Sec



Ferol is at left, and Dot, above.

The Diamond Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association elected Ferol Jones, secretary to Ward Goodman, to serve as president for the club year. Dorothy Switzer, secretary to Y. W. Whelchel, was elected recording secretary.

Several other Highway Department women, who are members of the club, were appointed to serve on committees: Marjarine Turner of Planning and Research, education project; Daisy Conley, Office Engineer, courtesy; Joyce Spencer, Director's Office, bulletin; Marie Blankenship, Director's Office, yearbook; and Birdie Wright, parliamentarian.

News and News Makers

THREE RECEIVE SERVICE AWARDS



George Lewis, Lewis Garlington, and Jack Teasdale

Three employees with a combined total of 85 years' service, received longevity awards in recognition of their faithful and loyal service in the Highway Department, at the Highway Commission Meeting June 27, in the Commission Room.

Those receiving the awards were: Jack Teasdale, assistant engineer of the County Roads Division, 35 years; Lewis C. Garlington, mower operator in District 6, 25 years; and George H. Lewis, engineering technician in Right of Way, 25 years.

Chief Engineer Ward Goodman made the presentations and gave a brief resume on each of the recipients before a large audience of friends and co-workers. Mrs. Teasdale and Mrs. Garlington were also present and were introduced by Mr. Goodman.

For Mr. Garlington it was also 'goodbye' to the Department and the end of his long career, as he voluntarily retired July 1.

On June 28 Mr. Oliver spoke at the Magnolia Rotary Club. He discussed the progress that's been made in the Department during the past fiscal year, from July 1, 1961 through June 30, 1962. During this period contracts were let for construction of 569 miles of roads and 4 miles of bridges, at a cost of \$61 million, making it the largest construction year during the history of the Department.

Mr. Oliver and Y. W. Whelchel, administrative assistant, were in the Bayou Meto community in southwest Arkansas on July 2. They showed the Highway Department film, "Arkansas Highways - Routes of Progress and Beauty," and Mr. Oliver made a brief talk. Captain Jack Rahea, head of the Arkansas Safety Education Division of the Arkansas State Police, spoke on highway safety and also showed a film.

On July 17, Mr. Oliver will attend an Appreciation Dinner for Highway Commissioner Glenn Wallace, at Umpire, Ark. The dinner is being held by the citizens of the community to show their appreciation for improvements made on Highway 4. The improvements begin on U.S. 70 and extend north of Umpire.

JOHN LAWRENCE FETED AT PARTY

On Friday afternoon, June 15, a farewell coffee was held in the Freeway Engineer's Office at 904 East Third, honoring John Lawrence. John was transferred to Russellville as District 8 engineer, being promoted from "Unit 11" to "Unit 801" and this was his "Code 7" to the Freeway.

Coffee and a large cake in colors of black and Omaha orange and decorated with "Big John" were served. Honored guests included John's wife, Ann Lawrence, Ward Goodman, C. A. Shumaker, Eugene Nelson, John Tallant, E. E. Hurley, Lucille Dishongh, Leontee Connolly, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Hoot, and Johnnie Gray, who took pictures.

Those attending from the Freeway were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Crafton, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Perkins, George Peevy, and members of their residencies. John was presented with a gift from the Freeway employees. Our thanks to the ladies of the Freeway for providing the refreshments.

It was a warm, friendly gathering, and all Freeway employees expressed regret to see John leave us. However, we are proud that he was chosen to be promoted and we all wish him continued success with the Department.



Resident Engineer H. H. Perkins is presenting John a gift certificate from his employees. Looking on is Mrs. Lawrence.



Patsy Mayhan, left, presents her 'old' boss with a going-away gift.

L. P. CARLSON APPOINTED BY AASHO CHAIRMAN TO HEAD AASHO SUBCOMMITTEE

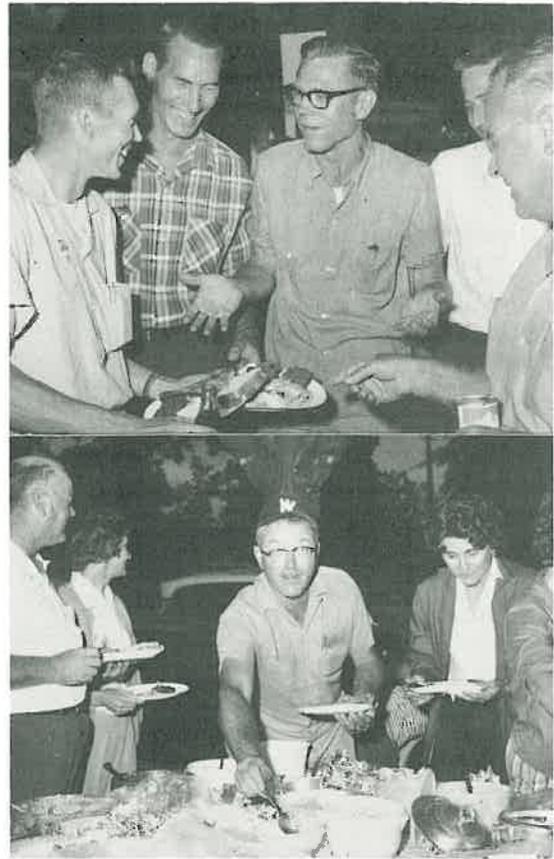
L. P. Carlson, Bridge Design engineer for AHD, and retiring chairman of the Southeast Association of State Highway Officials Bridge Committee, has been appointed by Eugene M. Johnson, chairman of the AASHO Committee on Bridges and Structures, to head a subcommittee of five assigned to study and report on Casting and Finishing of Concrete Slabs with a possible revision of the present AASHO Specifications as the ultimate result. Mr. Carlson has also been asked by Mr. Johnson to serve as a member of another AASHO subcommittee which will prepare a commentary on general background data for specifications such as would be helpful to college students and new engineers. These appointments are an indication of the high regard this Association holds for Mr. Carlson and the Arkansas State Highway Department.

A District Engineers' Meeting was held July 19 in the Commission Room of the Central Offices. The meeting was called to discuss Highway Department business, including budgets, and safety in the Department.

In recent weeks Y. W. Whelchel has been attending various civic organizations, schools, and church meetings to show the new Highway Department film by Johnnie Gray, and making speeches. The purpose of his activities is to promote good relations between the Department and the citizens of Arkansas, keeping them informed on the Highway business. On May 31 he spoke on "Freeway Driving" and showed the film at the meeting of the Arkansas Peace Officers Association at Hotel Marion...On June 20, he showed the film and spoke at a Highway Appreciation Dinner at West Point, Ark...and July 3, he ran the film and spoke to approximately 120 persons at the Central Consolidated School, north of Searcy.

Residents along Highway 267, running southwest out of Searcy, held an Appreciation Dinner June 29 for Highway Commissioner Truman Baker. The dinner was held in the recreation room of the Texas Illinois Pumping Station on Highway 267.

The "Industrial Photography," a national magazine, will run a series of feature stories on 12 photographers in the United States, and one of the 12 is our own Johnnie Gray, staff photographer. The features will include picture layouts - the individuals working in the field, their labs, and other familiar surroundings, and will run over a period of a year. Johnnie, who won honorable mention the 1960 Film Awards for his highway movie, will probably be featured in February, 1963. We're all looking forward to it, John boy, and we're proud of you.



Picnics are for having fun and when Freeway personnel had theirs at Burns Park there was plenty of it from the looks of (top) George Peevy, Paul Schenke (BPR), Ralph Jones, and two unidentified gentlemen. Below, John Lawrence is 'diggin' in, with Mrs. Lawrence starting to follow suit. The H. H. Perkinses are at left.

BOYS STATE COMES TO AHD

"Boys Staters" swarmed all over the State Capitol grounds on Friday, June 8, visiting most of the state agencies, including the Highway Department.

Many of the young men visited various offices in the Highway building, and those who were elected to the Highway Commission and other top positions, met in the Commission Room to hold a mock Commission "meeting." They learned how the meetings are conducted, and what procedures are used to contract for the construction of roads and bridges. Speaking to the young men were Mr. Oliver, Chief Ward Goodman, and Y. W. Whelchel. Dot Switzer, secretary, took 'notes' during the meeting.



Dot Switzer, Jerry Webb, Doyle King, Bruce L. Sage, Ivan McKinney, Jerry White, and Randy Lee.

AROUND THE DEPARTMENTS

ACCOUNTING DIVISION

Pat Koonce

Vacationers in June included: Irene Hawkins, who visited relatives in Arkansas and Tennessee, and Lee Wagner, who, with his family, visited his parents in Iowa, a trip that Cindy and Mark, the Wagners' children, look forward to each year.

Margaret Allen and husband John, had their son and his family from Houston, as visitors last month.

Tyronza Bradford was married June 30 at the Immanuel Baptist Church of Warren, to Henry (Sonny) Hines. The newlyweds will live in Little Rock.

A surprise potluck luncheon was given for Tyronza June 28 in the office, and she was presented a gift.



proud parents of a baby girl, who made her appearance June 18 at St. Vincent's Hospital. Paula and baby Alice Ann are at home now at 1415 Spring St., and doing fine.

EQUIPMENT DIVISION

Doris Healy

Thurman Payne received his 15-year service awards from Equipment director C. Don Hayes on June 4. Good going, Thurman.

Congratulations are in order also to Jim and Shirley Johnson who are parents of an 8 pound, 10 ounce girl, Karen Janelle born June 12, at Rebsamen Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville.

Patsy Navens became an aunt on June 19 when the stork brought baby Shannon Hill to Patsy's sister and brother-in-law, the Farley Hills. The little one weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

Summer employees with us are Barbara Little, Jim Lea, and Ronnie Harness.

During the first week of June, Carol and Charles Hilton and Ming Toy, their Siamese cat, returned home to Colchester, Ill., to visit with parents, other relatives, and many friends. They had fun.

Birthdays celebrated during June in the Equipment Office were Maurice Head, Martha Pearle, and Mrs. Clyde D. Holmes.

Those sporting new cars are: Patsy Navens, 1962 Ford Galaxie, in Corinthian white; Bonnie Hill, a 1960 red Chevrolet Impala; and P. L. Harris, a 1962 beige Ford. They're sure pretty.

Our boss, C. Don Hayes, received 620 of the 701 ballots cast in the election of a board member of the Highway Employees Retirement System. We're proud to be working for a man who is held in such high esteem by his fellow-workers and we congratulate him.

Mr. Hayes was one of a group that flew to Kenora, Canada on June 13. They went fishing at Ball Lake, and had a "ball."

Our sympathies are extended to T. C. Ellis on the death of his mother June 25.

FREEWAY NEWS

Patsy Mayhan

Engineering students employed for the summer include Victor Schumacher, Albert Lawrence, Robert Green, and Henry Mac Core, all from the University of Arkansas, and Alexander Higgins from L.R.U. Other summer employees are Andy Waldo, Leslie McKnelly, and John Stiles.

We regret seeing Linn Holland resigning after several years with the Department. James Tucker of Newport, will replace Linn.

Janie Longing resigned from Bob Crafton's residency recently. Pat Guaiardo replaces Jane. Pat and Juan just bought a home in Sherwood, North Little Rock.

A. W. Hardy, Jr. is being transferred to El Dorado as acting resident engineer. A. W. will surely be missed by all of us in Freeway.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Little Joe

While Hazel McKim, our Buildings and Grounds reporter, is on a two-weeks' vacation this writer is substituting. Hazel didn't plan to go anyplace, just stay at home and relax. (Little Joe is Joe Hohnbach, the night supervisor for B&G...Ed.)

Norman Smith and family went fishing at Maumelle Lake one day last month and his little daughter, Linda, 5 years old, caught a 3½ pound bass. Her dad and mother had to help her get it into the boat...They had a lot of fun.

John Ball and Charlie Thirion received their 5-year service pins at a small presentation gathering last month in the Commission Room. After Norman presented the pins he was very much surprised to be presented one himself by Jim Meredith. Congratulations to all three.

This writer had a lot of activity at his home the week of June 25. He had visitors from Washington, D. C. and Wichita, Kan.

Jack Wist took a week's vacation in June. He visited relatives and friends in the northern part of the state.

COUNTY ROADS

Barbara Ann Gray

Your reporter is the new secretary in County Program, replacing Zelda M. Riggs, who retired June 30. (We welcome Barbara, who is the daughter of Johnnie Gray, photographer for AHD. Hope you continue to send in news, Babs. Ed.)

Raymond Sansing resigned to move to Dallas, where he will be married August 17 to Peggy Jo Wilson of Dallas. Raymond will enroll as a junior at Southern Methodist University to study toward his engineering degree. His fiancee, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wilson of Dallas, is a teacher in the Dallas public schools. In September Ray will be employed with Sampson and Mitchell, Inc., while he isn't in school.

Max and Mary Hall vacationed in Atlanta, Ga. June 16-23, visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Don Banks. On the way home side trips were made to the Cathedral Caverns in North Alabama, Wheeler Dam and Shiloh National Military Park in Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rain, Jr. are the



Three of the men who help maintain our buildings and grounds are here with their 5-year service awards they received last month. They are: Charles Thirion, Norman Smith, and John Ball.

Tony, Paulette, and Tonette Rogers will be vacationing in Ingram, Texas the week of July 4. Tony is George Peevy's field clerk.

The Freeway employees extend sincere sympathies to Ralph Jones, resident engineer, and to Mrs. Jones and her family on the death of her father, Mr. George H. Tschiemer, June 29 at Missouri-Pacific Hospital. Mr. Tschiemer had been hospitalized for two weeks.

MATERIALS AND TESTS

Julia Halliburton

We have several new employees to add to our list since our last report. Margaret Ann Smith, whose husband is being transferred to Europe for a two-year stay, has replaced Betty Edwards. Others are Allen D. Monroe, J. M. Gillespie, J. B. Shelton, D. A. Orsini, Ralph Davis, Ansel Condray, Robert Dickey, and James Baird, who has completed his engineering training. Welcome, all.

James and Eleanor Baird welcomed a little 5 pound, 13 ounce bundle of heaven on Wednesday, June 6, at St. Vincent's Hospital. The new son is named Jay Scott, and our congratulations to the happy Bairds.

Frances Roller spent a week of her vacation at Lake Ouachita.

Jack R. Wofford is another new face around M&T. Jack's primary duties will be as nuclear density research project director.

James E. Garner received his 15-year service awards this month.

W. Williams is taking his military leave at Ft. Smith. He started the two-week stint June 29. He will return July 15.

OFFICES OF CHIEF ENGINEER

Leontee Connelly

Guess What! Feryl Jones is a *grandmother* for the first time! And a very proud one, of course. A baby girl, Lisa Kay, was born to her son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Shellah Jones, June 27 at St. Vincent's Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces. We hear it was really a race with the stork, too.

Another important note about Feryl is that in June she was elected president of the Little Rock Diamond Charter of the American Business Women's Association. There are 12 women in the Department who belong to ABWA. Congratulations to Feryl, and to the Joneses on the new arrival.

Bob Andrews and his family spent a week's vacation at "Bob's Summer Hide-out" on a lake near Texarkana.

Larry Deal, student of Jonesboro College, is summer help in Mrs. "C's" department. We all welcome him.

Another new employee is Martha Pendergrass (Mrs.), who started working June 15 in the office of Office Engineer. Martha is a North Little Rock girl.

Jim Boen and family spent a week's vacation on Lake Nixon at his summer cottage. Mrs. Boen's mother and sister are planning to visit them this month.

Bill Rainwater left for a month's training in the Army. Gee, we sure do miss Bill.

Jo Ann Almond was chosen by the Little Rock Business Men's Association to represent them in the "Miss Little Rock" contest. Jo Ann wasn't a winner in one way, but she says wedding bells will be ringing before long. (Who's the guy, Jo Ann?..Ed.)

Dan Morgan came by the offices not long ago, while on leave from Lowry Field in Denver, Colo. We were all happy to see him and sure will be glad when November comes and Dan returns to his same station in Office Engineer.



The Ward Goodman's son, Ward Goodman, Jr. (Bill) was married to Miss Mary Virginia Schultz June 9 in St. Patrick's Church of North Little Rock. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Schultz of that city. The ceremony was performed by Msgr. James P. Gaffney of Hot Springs. Nuptial music was provided by John G. Metcalf, organist, and Marion Parker, soloist. A reception was held in the Parish Hall after the ceremony. The newlyweds honeymooned in Hot Springs. They are at home at 1813 Princeton Drive, Little Rock. Bill is a senior at Little Rock University.

PERSONNEL OFFICES

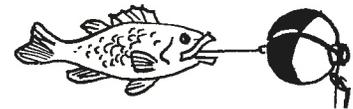
M.A.

Trips and vacations headline the news in our office this month. Nothing real spectacular has been mentioned. However, just "getting away from it all" for a few days is pretty darned spectacular.

The Dale Davisons, who drove up to Annapolis, Md., for the wedding of their daughter (as reported last month), returned with reports that the nuptials went off beautifully and the trip pleasant. A week or so later the newlyweds came through Little Rock for a short visit enroute to California and eventually to Hawaii where the Navy bridegroom will be stationed.

Jim Higgins had a carefree week the last of June. He took his three young sons fishing a couple of days, and one day Jim and the boys took wife and mother Maxine along on an all-day fishing and picnic outing.

Jane Greenlee and family took off for a week in Tennessee (her home state) for a visit with mother, brother, grandmother, and other relatives. Janie always enjoys getting back to the old home place. Janie had a birthday June 26 and she said she was "22"! (Jane, that's my material you're stealing.)



Sibble Cox and family got up real early one Friday morning last month and drove down to Corpus Christi for an extended week end. They got on a huge deep-sea fishing boat (with about 68 other persons) and took out to sea. Sibble caught a 14-inch "hard-head," (what 'dat?) but threw it back, since she didn't relish the idea of driving home in the heat with a dead fish. Aw, shucks, Sib, why not?

Ruth Foll vacationed a week beginning July 2 at her home in Mountain View. Prior to that she and her family drove up to Illinois one week end for a Foll family re-union, and Ruth said she never met so many cousins in all her life.

Jackie Wallace has been sunning quite a bit lately. Sometimes on a lake with friends, or either in her back yard. She's beginning to develop a pretty tan.

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Mignon Besancon

Recent transfers within the division are: Mayo White from Traffic Survey and Analyses to the Road Inventory Section; Ralph Pack from the front office to Road Inventory Section.

Glen Murtha, who graduated from Arkansas Tech in May, is a new employee in the Traffic Survey and Analyses Section.

Bill Mitchell from Havana, Arkansas, is a new employee in the front office.

Summer employees include Bonnie K. Bartleson, Jim Lilly, Tom Johnson, and Bud Garrison.

The girls of the division celebrated two birthdays in June: Jo Ann Johnson, and Marjarine Turner.

Bonnie and Earl Thomas are the proud parents of a new daughter, Rhonda Karyl.

Nona Boudra has returned after spending two weeks at a church camp in North Carolina.

We enjoyed having Jerry Smith, from the Bureau of Public Roads, with us for two weeks.

Our sincere sympathy goes to Jane Huff on the death of her mother.

PROCUREMENT

Amy Tedford

Congratulations are in order this month, as everyone knows, to Jim Meredith, but we'd like to say how proud of him on his promotion from Procurement officer to General Services Division head. We all want him to know that we're going to miss him. He will, however, still be situated here in this office until arrangements for office space can be made. We don't want to miss the chance to give our congratulations to Frank Caple, who is replacing Jim as Procurement officer.

Linda Schmidt, who had been with us for more than three years, resigned June 25 to move to Hawaii. Linda's husband Fred, who is in the Air Force, was transferred to Hickham Air Force Base in Hawaii for three years. It sounds like great fun to get to go to a place like that, but we'll miss Linda terribly.

On June 15, a surprise party for Jim Meredith was given in the home of the Frank Caples' (and when we say surprise, we mean it). The expression on Jim's face when the office personnel, husbands and wives, stormed in a short time after the Merediths' arrival, was something to see. At the time the party was planned, we were unaware of the fact that Linda was leaving too, so we had a two-in-one. They each were presented a gift. Everyone had a wonderful time and Mrs. Caple served a most delicious meal of barbecue and the trimmings. We all wish Jim a world of success and happiness in his new work, and we wish Linda the same in her "new world." (Incidentally, if you've never played the game of "Goose the Moose!" DON'T!!)

David Wade, son of Lewis and Leta Wade, was struck by a truck as he and a friend were riding bicycles on Fair Park Blvd. June 27. David suffered multiple scratches and bruises and several of his front teeth were broken. David feels he is very lucky to be alive and with no broken bones. Hurry and get well quick, David.

Mike Tedford, this writer's son, has been having the time of his life the last several weeks. Our beagle, "Cricket," has four little puppies which are darlings. The only thing bothering Mike is the idea of parting with them.

Frank Caple's father-in-law, Mr. William Cain, is in serious condition at the Missouri-Pacific Hospital.

Our new employee, Gail Mikoleit (Mrs.), came to work July 2, and we take this opportunity to welcome her.

Willene Gray's mother, Mrs. John Rogers of Star City, spent a few days with Willene recently. Mrs. Rogers wasn't feeling too good at the time and we hope she will be feeling better soon.

Juniata Morgan's young son Robert, has been feeling "all out of sorts" lately. An ear infection has not helped matters any. Juniata has been promising to bring him and Susan by to see us but so far hasn't. We're looking forward to seeing them.

RIGHT OF WAY

Ann Sniff

You know Heinz brags about having 57 varieties which includes pickles. Well, we can say we now have a "Dill" of our own, in the form of Sue Ellen. We are most happy to welcome her to Right of Way for the summer. Come September she will head back to the University of Arkansas where she will be a sophomore.

Brenda Larch has joined the Utilities Section. She is the sister of Patsy Mayhan,

secretary to Bob Crafton, acting Freeway engineer.

Jack Hamilton made it back from the hospital in fine shape and is now an addition in the Utilities Section, also.

Appraisals welcomes Betty Miller from North Little Rock, who graduated from Mount St. Mary's this year. The cute redhead is Barbara (Lollypop) McLeroy, our second summer college girl. We extend to each a most cordial welcome and hope they enjoy working with all of us.

Our congratulations to George Lewis who received his 25-year service awards at the Commission Meeting June 27. Real proud of you, George.

News Girls in Right of Way



Barbara (Lollypop) McLeroy



Brenda Larch



Sue Ellen Dill



Betty Miller

ROADWAY DESIGN

June Dillon

Pat Thompson really took a vacation this year. He visited Ft. Walton Beach and Panama City, Fla., Gulfport, Miss., and that fascinating city with the fascinating rhythm, old New Orleans.

Marvin Bunch and wife Thelma, entertained his sister and her husband from International Falls, Minn., during the week of June 11. They all visited Hot Springs.

Delbert Vanlandingham is building a lovely brick home in the West Heights Addition. The new place was started in June and it should be completed by mid-August - so the Vanlandinghams hope.

Duane Reel vacationed in Texas and it was just fine except for extremely hot weather. On his return trip, he ran into car trouble.

Summer employees in Roadway Design are Charles Ross, who has worked in

Roadway since 1959; Paul O. Orton, who returned for the second summer; and first summer starters Fletcher Blaine Clement and Ronald Mack Tribell.

We had several visitors from Girls State when it was in session in June. The men were willing to stop working for a spell to explain some of their duties.

Our sympathies are extended to Frederic Eison on the death of his brother in South Carolina. Frederic is a teacher in the engineering department at Little Rock University and has been working during the summer in Roadway since 1951.

DISTRICT 2

Ouida Grimes

Charles Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Morgan, graduated from the University of Texas recently. He received a BS degree in architectural engineering, and had the highest grades in his class. He was named to an honorary fraternity for architectural and civil engineering students. Charles is now working on his master's at the University of Texas. He worked for the Highway Department several summers, and he is married to the former Eva Degges of Hamburg. Mrs. Morgan was on hand to see Charles graduate. Mr. Morgan is the retired Jefferson County area foreman.

We hear that Dickie Jarboe, son of the Bob Jarboes of Lake Village, is a good baseball pitcher for the Dermott American Legion Team. Recently he fanned 21 batters in a 9-2 ninth inning win over McGehee.

Mike Shalmy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brewster Shalmy, is home from Rome, N.Y. on a three weeks' furlough from the Air Force. Becky Wentworth of Rome, flew in June 24 for a week's visit with the Shalmys.

Two birthdays were celebrated in District 2 in June: This writer's and our District Engineer, John Harris.

We have a new face around the district office. Edward Nissblatt is working in the stockroom, replacing David Leggett who moved to Houston, Tex.

The Woodrow K. Wilsons are grandparents for the first time. Their son Kelvin and his wife presented them with a little granddaughter on June 14. They are happy grandparents but they won't be able to spoil the little one since Kelvin is teaching school at Fayetteville and they reside in Monticello.

DISTRICT 3

Olive Jackson

Gene and Carolyn Pendergraft had as overnight guests last month Gene's brother Bob, and his wife Ann, and their children. Bob, who is engineering professor at Eastern New Mexico University, and his family were enroute to their home after visit with another brother in Little Rock.

Buford C. Johnson is much better after being seriously ill due to surgery several weeks ago. We have all been pulling for

him. As of this writing he still is in Memorial Hospital.

Schley and Sybil Carter went to Tulsa to visit their daughter and husband, The Ted Lemsers and two little grandchildren, Teddy and Billy. They were accompanied home by the children for a visit. Also, Schley and Sybil went to Pensacola, Fla., recently to bring their daughter Carolyn, home. Carolyn teaches school at Milton, just out of Pensacola.

Service awards for June were received by the following: Floyd E. McCorkle and Charlie L. McPherson, 10 years. In July the following: Floyd L. Pharris, Sr., 15 years; Roy Marvin Bullard, and Earl Craig Thompson, 10 years; William Clarence Crane, Imon Ellis Hamric, Otis Kensworthy Walden, and Kenneth Dale Kidd, 5 years.

C. O. and Vernetia Adams and two little girls, Sherrell Joy and Nita Kay, and Clyde and Juanita Tullis and daughter Clydell Dolan and two children, Jerry Dean and Randel of Hattisburg, Miss., have recently returned from a trip to points in Arizona and California. In Superior, Ariz., they visited the Don Tonners; in Tulare, Calif., the Ray and Otis Arnolds; and in Fremont, Calif., the Jimmy Hills. Points of interest on their trip were the Sequoia National Park and Morro Bay on the coast. They were gone two weeks.

We welcome three new employees in our district; Paul Stanley, Texarkana; Donald Crane, Prescott; and Lester Mullins, Emmet.

Other vacationers recently were Virgil and Grace Cleveland who went to New Orleans to visit their daughter and son-in-law, Maribeth and Dixon Beasley, Jr., and family. Some of the places of interest were the French Quarters, St. Louis Cathedral, and Lake Ponchartrain Beach.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Ivan Black on the death of his son-in-law, the Reverend Ronald Kennedy of Garden Grove, Calif. Mr. Kennedy, 29, drowned in the Pacific Ocean at Long Beach while swimming June 2.

DISTRICT 5

Carl Davis

A. L. (Dugan) Jones, mechanic in the district shop, was in Gray's Hospital the week of June 10. He is much improved and has returned to work.

Delores Rust, secretary to District Engineer C. G. Caviness, underwent major surgery in Gray's Hospital June 24. Delores is convalescing and we hope she will be in good health in short order. We welcome our new employees in the division shop. They are Chester King and L. D. Hopper.

Edgar McClure, job superintendent, is holding the monstrous rattler he killed when his heavy equipment crew was working on Highway 36 between West Point and Georgetown in White County. Let's hope these are not too plentiful. (And we also hope it won't scare off all the crewmen.)



Edgar McClure and friend

DISTRICT 6

John Trawick

We have two new employees in District 6: Georgia Russenberger, payroll clerk, and Sam Acheson, engineer trainee.

This office celebrated the birthdays of E. E. Hurley and Bill Jeter during June. Congrats.

Best wishes to Bill's daughter Gloria, who recently graduated from Arkansas State Teachers College, and Nancy, who graduated from Hall High. Margie Johnson's daughter, Suzanna, also graduated from Hall.

L. C. Garlington retired after 28 years of service with the Highway Department. Good luck to him, from all of us in District 6.

Our sympathies are extended to Coy Pruitt, whose mother passed away recently; to Henry Laws, whose father died; Les Baker in the loss of his father; and to Calvin Webb, whose son was injured fatally in an automobile accident in Indiana.

DISTRICT 7

Sula Burnham

Althea Campbell, district steno, is taking maternity leave and is replaced in the office by Margie Lewis (Mrs.).

Director Oliver spoke at the Magnolia Rotary Club June 28.

J. C. Webb, resident engineer, and W. E. Hicks, district engineer, attended a barbecue near Stephens June 18.

Southeast Construction Co. completed a project from Highway 8 near Fordyce to Tri-County Lake in June.

B. L. Ryan, resident engineer at El Dorado, has been seriously ill but is considerably improved.

Construction of the new maintenance yard at Magnolia is almost complete. The only remaining yard to be built in District 7 is at El Dorado, and plans are in progress for the construction of it.

J. C. (Jelly) Webb invites all his friends to a house-warming at his new home, 655 Maple St., S.W. Guess this is to be the big feed he has promised all year. Jelly, you forgot to give us the date.

Carolyn Millner is driving a pretty new grey and red 1962 Chevrolet. She says it rides good but she hasn't asked any of us to find out first-hand. We are patiently waiting, tho.



District 7 Engineer W. E. Hicks sent the above picture showing heater planing treatment along a section of corrugated asphalt pavement on Highway No. 67 through Burdon. The clippings will be used for patching other rough pavements.

DISTRICT 9

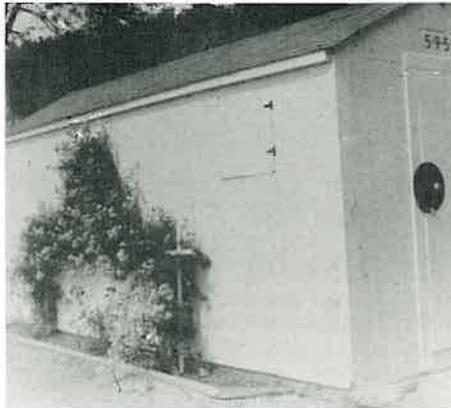
Morton and Hulsey

Service awards were received by the following: J. B. McFerrin, 20 years; Dennis Fouts and Robert Pinson, 15 years; Charlie Fullerton, Paul Jennings, George Dickey, B. I. Wade, Ervin Widner, and Raymond Cantrell, 10 years; and Eugene Rogers, Charlie Wootan, Calvin Rushing, and Dempsey M. (Bud) Tomlinson, 5 years.

W. L. (Bill) Moore, District 9 engineer, and a couple of friends, floated Buffalo River and reported a catch of 35 bass... J. M. Tate, Marion County foreman, topped his all-time fishing thrills when he caught a German Brown trout weighing 11 pounds, 5 ounces! He caught the huge fish on White River. Marion Downs and his party caught 65 white bass and crappie, and Wright Horton and party from Searcy County reported a catch of 90 white bass and crappie on recent fishing trips to Bull Shoals. Say, fellas, when are we going to get pictures to

back up these fish stories? (Yes, when? Ed.)

John Parker, asphalt plant super, is really proud of his roses growing up the side of his office at the Bear Creek plant (see pic.). They are really beautiful, John, and you are to be commended for the good job of maintaining and keeping things looking neat around your building.



Minnie Shinn, fuel clerk, recently winged to Des Moines to spend a week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Boos... Gary Godfrey, resident engineer, and his family spent a delightful week in their trailer on Bull Shoals. Hillman Watkins is entertaining his Uncle Clarence and Aunt Emma Miller, who are visiting from California. Hillman is planning a fishing trip for them. We'll have more on this later.

Carl "Peck" Trammell is spending quite a bit of time coaching a team in the local "PeeWee League" and is really enjoying it.

Gilbert Jenks is driving a brand-new 1962 Ford Fairlane 500, white, and beautiful.

Walter Kirk and Fayette Robinson from Harrison and Isaac Caudle and Herman Phelan from Springdale are recent retirees from out of the district. Good luck to all four of them.

New arrivals are baby daughters to the Don Livelys of Bass, and the Emanuel Delongs of Harrison.

Paul Byrom is one fellow who has it made! When he wants to be sure to get some fish he goes fishing with John Burlsworth and when he wants to catch a coon he gets Dwight Cantrell to take him hunting. Sure nice to have such buddies, eh, Paul?

B. I. Wade is back on the job after spending some time in the Boone County Hospital.

DISTRICT 10

Junior Wycoff

Henry Coe, retiring assistant maintenance superintendent, was honored June 21 with a surprise party given in the district offices. Henry was presented with a new electric shaver as a token of

our esteem and appreciation for the splendid job he has done while in District 10. He was also presented a service award for 17 years of loyal and efficient service with AHD. We're all going to miss him greatly and we wish him continued years of health and happiness, and we certainly hope that he will drop by to see us at every chance he gets.

We have another new baby in our district and another proud granddaddy. "Hamp" Fletcher, district mechanic, has a new granddaughter, Terry Kennemore, who was born June 16 at Community Methodist Hospital, weighing 9 pounds, 10 ounces. Terry's parents are the D. W. Kennemores of Paragould.

We are happy to have Mr. and Mrs. Bill Vickers and family in Paragould. Bill is our new assistant maintenance superintendent, replacing Henry Coe. Bill came to Paragould from District 1 at Wynne.

Those who received service awards recently were: Raymond Davis, 10 years; William L. Crump, Norris Wayne Helms, and Junior Lee Wycoff, 5 years.

Our apologies to the J. A. Lunsfords for mis-spelling the name of their new daughter last month. Her name is BEVERLY ROXENA Lunsford.

Our sincere sympathies to the family of Virgil Harrison, who passed away June 5, while a patient at St. Bernard's Hospital in Jonesboro. Mr. Harrison was a crew leader in the Craighead County area.

CONSTRUCTION OFFICE - District 10

Isabelle Psalmonds

Summertime has made vacations the order of the day. Those who haven't already gone are planning to go and those who plan to wait awhile are managing to get in a week end or two of activities.

Cliff Martin, resident engineer at Paragould, took a motor trip to Indio and Fresno, Calif., to visit relatives. He said it was an enjoyable trip and it (Calif.) is fine for a visit but he was glad to get back. According to Cliff, Arkansas is the best place there is to live - we agree with him.

J. F. Price, district engineer, made a week end trip to Nashville, Ark., to visit some of his family.

Elmer Smith, resident engineer at Joiner, received his 25-year pin last month from the Highway Commission.

Welcome to the college and university students who are supplying much needed help on some of our projects during the heavy work season this summer.

James H. Ferguson has been transferred to District 1. Good luck in your new location, James.

Norris W. Helms of Lepanto, recently received his 5-year service awards.

L. A. McCain visited our office and we were glad to have him. Hope he comes back soon.



The ideal exercise is rolling in money.

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Great River Road (cont. from p. 3)

At Mile 187, the traveler should interrupt his journey long enough to visit Arkansas Post State River Park which lies 2 miles east on the north bank of the Arkansas River. This is the oldest white settlement in Arkansas and was founded in 1686 by Henri de Tonti, and since that time has had a checkered history. Once a thriving town of 3500 people, no vestige now remains above ground except an old squared long cabin.

From Arkansas Post, the Road continues southward on State Route 1, crossing the Arkansas River by ferry at Pendleton and continuing via Route 54 to Dumas, thence via U.S. 65 to McGehee and Lake Village. Cotton again dominates the countryside, but rice growing and cattle ranching are becoming increasingly important in the agricultural economy.

Towards the end of the Arkansas route the traveler goes near Arkansas City, seat of Desha County, which lies 10 miles east of McGehee on Route 4. This interesting river town was founded in 1893 after the Mississippi River destroyed the previous county seat at Napoleon. Lake Village, the seat of Chicot County, enjoys a fine view of Lake Chicot from its commanding site on the west bank of the largest and most perfect of Arkansas' oxbow lakes. At the extreme northeast tip of the lake is Chicot State Park, a rather small area now in process of development for day use, water sports and trailer parking.

Creating a Great River Road in Arkansas is primarily a problem of obtaining and preserving scenic control over a wide enough area on each side of the parkway to keep unsightly objects at a distance. Without this "scenic corridor" the parkway simply doesn't exist, and all that remains is an ordinary highway.

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"Driving in today's traffic is a real battle of wits," said the boasting husband.

"How brave of you to go unarmed," retorted the wife.

Ad in Lonely Hearts magazine: "Well-to-do man who drinks and smokes, wishes to meet charming lady who drinks and smokes. Object: To drink and smoke."

Science has made it possible for us to sail under the north pole and to fly over the moon, but you are still on your own when it comes to crossing the street.

Inflation: A state of affairs when you never had it so good or parted with it so fast.

They tell the story of the boy who took his cap pistol to church and fired it in the middle of a boring sermon. His father grabbed him by the arm and started to lead him out of the church. An elderly woman whispered to the father, "I hope you aren't going to whip that boy. He scared the devil out of more people than the preacher has in 10 years."

Drunk gazing up at steeplejack washing face of town hall clock, turns to passerby and exclaims: "Boy, is he nearsighted."

Dieting is the penalty for exceeding the feed limit.

If it weren't for modern teenagers, a heap of parents might very well be boring each other on the phone.

It was a middle-aged couple and the man's wife had been badgering him for months to take some "youth" pills she had been reading about. Finally he relented one night before going to bed and took several from a box she had bought him. The next morning his wife kept shaking him to get up.

"Get up," she stormed, "it's time you were out of bed."

"All right, all right," he said defiantly, squinting one eye open, "I'll get up, but I won't go to school."

Few things in life seem to please more than parking on what is left of the other fellow's nickel.

When Nero complained because the amphitheatre in Rome didn't make any money, he was told it was because the lions ate up all the prophets.

Money doesn't always bring happiness. A man with 10 million dollars is no happier than a man with nine million.

Definition of a diary: Penned up emotions.

A New Yorker, proudly showing the Empire State Building to a visiting Texan, had his pride shaken momentarily when the Texan bragged, "Shucks, we've got bigger shakouses back home." Said the New Yorker acidly, "And you'd need them, too."

Lecturer: "In Africa some native tribes have a strange ritual of beating the ground with clubs. Anthropologists call it self-expression."

Man in audience, to friend: "In America we call it golf."

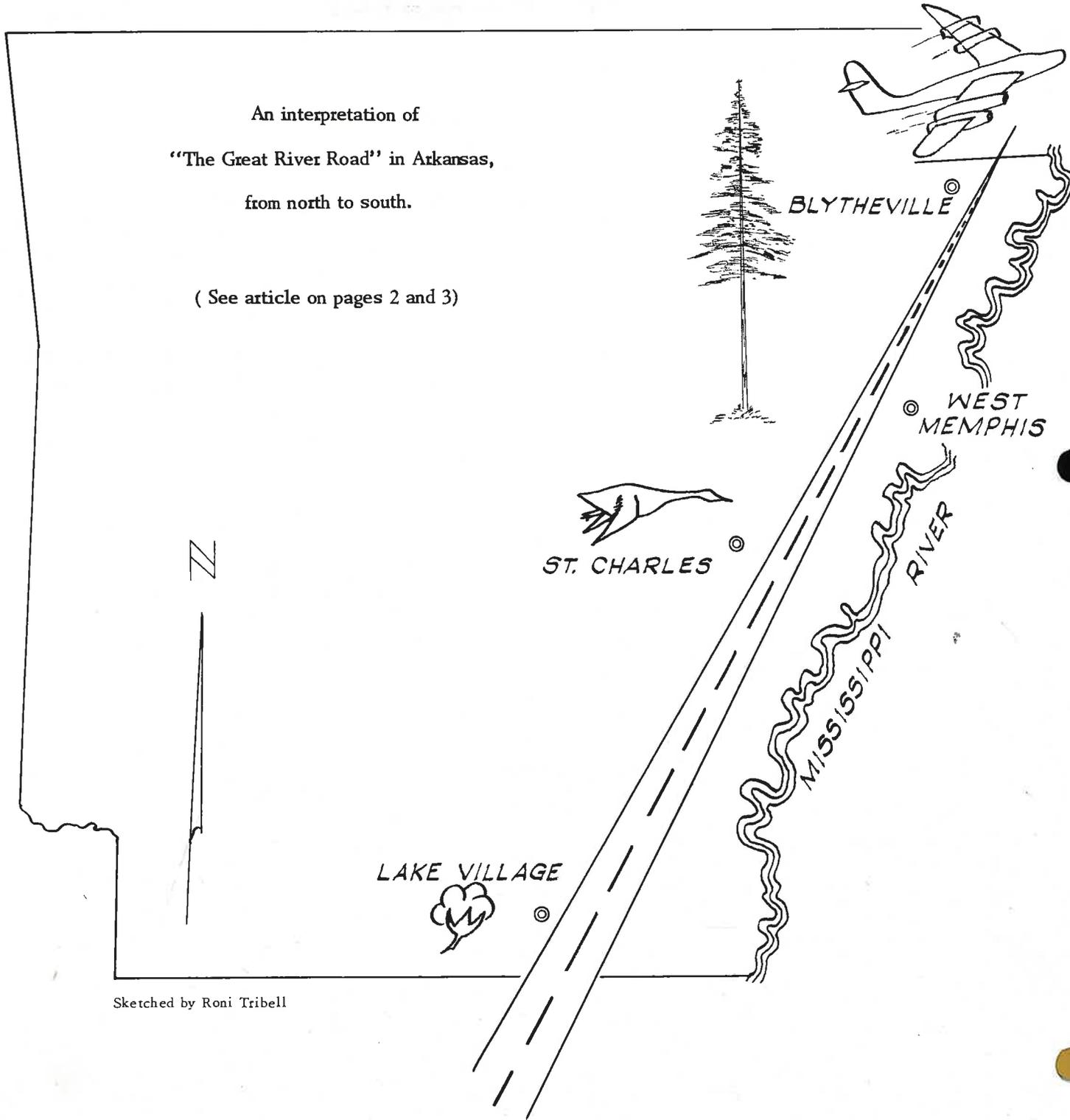
Golf Club secretary, eyeing member addressing ball some 10 feet in front of the tee: "You're disqualified from the tournament. You can't drive off in front of the marker."

Member: "So tend to your knitting. I'm playing my third shot."

They were standing on the ninth tee, in the shade of a tree waiting for the foursome in front to get a bit farther down the fairway. One of them produced a flask. "Have a little drink?" he asked. "No, thanks," replied the other. "I'm driving."

An interpretation of
"The Great River Road" in Arkansas,
from north to south.

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