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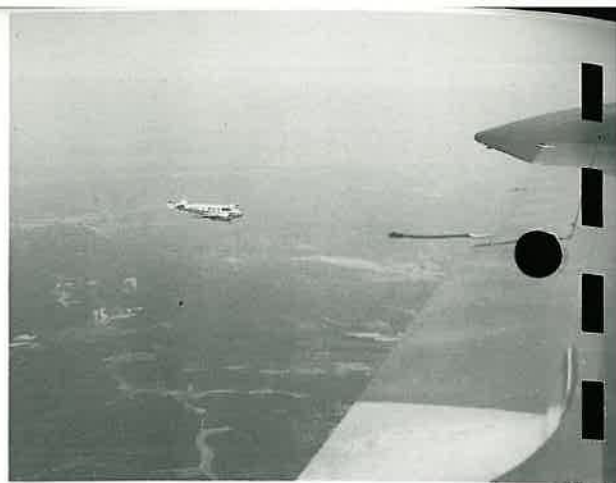
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Air Tour Over State Highlights
"Highway Week in Arkansas"
May 20-26

Air Tour Big Event During "Highway Week"



The observance of "National Highway Week" and "Highway Week in Arkansas" was highlighted by a very successful two-day air tour over a large part of the state's 11,150-mile highway system. Ten twin-engine airplanes took 56 persons, including pilots, on the six-stop, 1,000-mile tour. Participants included Governor Faubus; members of the Arkansas Highway Commission; Bureau of Public Roads officials; legislators; county judges; industry representatives; other supporters of an adequate highway program; and, newspaper, radio and television representatives.

Highway Director F. R. Oliver; Chief Engineer Ward Goodman, R. B. Winfrey, Maintenance Division engineer; C. A. Shumaker, Construction Division engineer; C. Don Hayes, director of Equipment Division; Y. W. Whelchel, Public Information officer; Johnnie Gray, photographer; and Ed Ray, pilot, all from the Department, made the tour. Each of the district engineers attended one or more of the meeting during the stops nearest their offices.



Port of embarkation was the Central Offices of the Highway Department. The men board the bus to take them to the airport.

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Standing beside their plane are: Gordon Wilson, Little Road Machinery; Ray Braselton, pilot; Johnnie Gray; Marion Ward, secretary of the Arkansas Bus and Truck Association; and Bill Kirby, manager of the Associated General Contractors.

(More pictures of tour on pages 12 and 13.)

The stops that were made and scheduled activities were:

El Dorado - a mid-morning coffee break and program at the city's airport, attended by approximately 200 persons.

Hot Springs - a luncheon meeting at the Avanelle Restaurant for over 100.

Ft. Smith - An overnight stop at the Ward Hotel; outside dinner meeting at the E. S. Stevens mountain top ranch. There the group was joined by Oklahoma Highway Director Frank Lyon and Maintenance Engineer Earl Anderson. Approximately 200 enjoyed steaks and attended the meeting.

Harrison - The second-day coffee break stop included a tour of the downtown area and a program at the Seville Hotel.

Blytheville - The Blytheville Air Force Base played host to the touring group and the Blytheville area officials and civic leaders hosted a luncheon. Planes landed at the base. Planning Engineer R. B. Spencer and District Engineer L. J. McLaughlin from the Missouri Highway Department, participated in the meeting.

Jonesboro - A large crowd of approximately 500 persons, complete with band and pretty hostesses, greeted the group at a mid-afternoon stop at the Jonesboro Airport. Keys to the city were presented to Governor Faubus; Highway Commissioners John Crain, Truman Baker, and Wayne Hampton; Mr. Oliver and Ward Goodman.

The excellent programs, enthusiastic receptions, and good coverage by the newspapers, radio, and television attested to the success of the tour.





Roy Shelby, machine supervisor, and Jim Springer, lead operator, running the new system.

IBM 1401. . . New Data Processing System

On May 21, 1962, a new era began for the Data Processing Center in the Highway Department. That was the day the new IBM 1401 System was installed in Data Processing Center in Little Rock. The new system performs work previously done by a combination of other machines: the 610 computer, the collator, accounting machine, calculator and summary punch but at a far greater speed!

Punched cards are read at a rate of 800 per minute by the card reader punch, with output on the printing unit at a rate of up to 600 lines per minute! Housed within its huge console unit are 8000 positions of magnetic core storage, providing facilities for transferring and calculating data in micro-seconds of time.

Before it was possible to install this new equipment, a year and one half of meticulous preparation was necessary. All work procedures performed both in Data Processing Center and the Computer Center, which had previously done all engineering work on an older computer, had to be completely re-written and "programmed" for the 1401 System. Heretofore; wired panels and been utilized to transmit orders to the machine; the 1401 does not have *any* plugboards. All instructions are punched into "program" cards, which precede the data to be processed, all instructions to the system being set up in the 8000 positions of core storage.

Although running time varies with the type of job and the complexity of the operation, it can generally be stated that the more complex and detailed the job is, the greater is the time saving, using the new system. For example, the Budget Status Report, which is prepared monthly for management, required four and one half hours to process on the conventional IBM 407 Accounting Machine. In all fairness to the "407" it must be stated that the budget cards had to be passed through the machine four times because of a limited number of accumulators in the machine. The "1401," with its

By: Art Johnson
Section Head of Data Processing



Dale Hoggard operating the card sorting machine

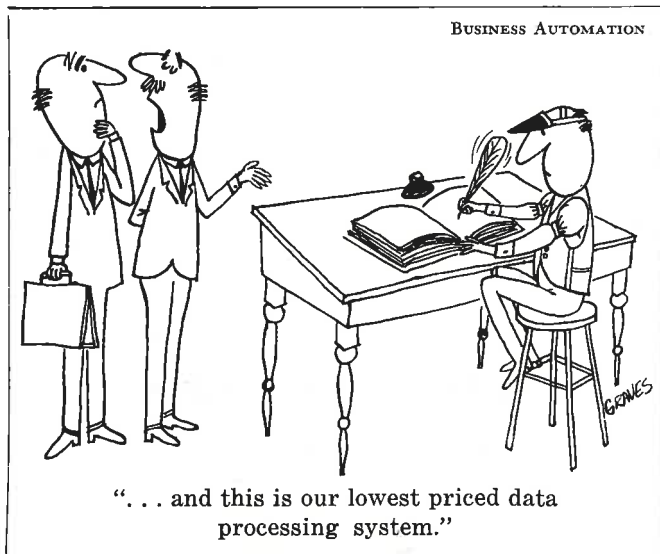
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Chief Engineer Ward Goodman and Director Oliver looking mighty pleased about a report produced by the new DP System.

8000 positions of storage, is able to produce the entire report with ONE pass through the machine of the 10,000 to 12,000 cards in about 18 to 20 minutes! Time-savings such as this are not possible with many jobs, but the example stated is a vivid one.

Another very dramatic example is calculation of "Cut and Fill" for construction work. The "old" IBM 610 computer had been doing these calculations since October 1958 at the rate of about a mile per hour. It is estimated that calculations of the same data manually would require about 80 man-hours, or, two weeks. NOW, the IBM 1401 Data Processing System is able to compute a mile of calculations in approximately ONE MINUTE! This is 180 times faster than the "610" computer and 480 times faster than manually! Obviously, this is an extreme example of the capabilities of the "1401," but it is indicative of the high potential of this machine for the Arkansas Highway Department.



ANNUAL ACCIDENT SUMMAR

During the period from January 1, 1961, to December 31, 1961, the Arkansas State Police investigated 7,176 accidents on our roads and streets. In these 7,176 accidents, 458 persons were killed and 5,725 were injured. This is against 448 killed and 4,990 injured for the same period last year. In other words, 45 percent of these accidents either killed or injured someone, which does not take into account that in some accidents more than one person was killed or injured. The number of persons killed during 1961 is 2 percent higher than for the same period 1960 and the number injured is up by 15 percent.

The most frequently occurring accident is the collision of one motor vehicle with another-which accounted for 69 percent of all accidents and well over half of the total number of persons killed or injured (67%). The second most frequent type of accident was the "ran off roadway" type. The rarest and least fatal accident was between bicycles and motor vehicles.

The type of accident which is more likely to kill or injure someone is the collision of a motor vehicle and a pedestrian. There were 145 of these accidents last year and 157 persons killed or injured. Statistically these are very poor odds of not being killed or injured when stepping into the path of an automobile.

Contrary to popular belief more accidents do not happen during the hours from dusk to dawn; but, the ratio of accidents to the number of vehicles on the road is higher. The following graph, which shows the percent of accidents by hours and the corresponding percent of traffic by hours of the day, reveals that actually more accidents happen during the daylight hours but that there are also more vehicles on the roads during these hours. Between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. there is less chance of having an accident than at any other time. Interestingly enough, both the peak hour for accidents and the peak hour of traffic occur at the same hour, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

To this point only the types of accidents have been discussed. What types of vehicles are involved in these accidents?

Passenger cars make up 70 percent of all motor vehicle registrations* and also comprise 72 percent of all vehicles involved in accidents. Trucks, on the other hand, are 29% of all motor vehicle registrations but contribute only 25 percent to all motor vehicles involved in accidents.

The condition of a vehicle does not appear to contribute significantly to the cause of an accident since only 4 percent of all vehicles involved in accidents listed

* 1961 Motor vehicle registrations

this as a contributing factor. Defective brakes, punctures or blowouts, and lights or reflector defects are some of the more common contributing factors to accidents. Abnormal weather conditions were prevalent when over 6 of all accidents happened. This indicates that driving conditions had more than just a little to do with all accidents. For every five accidents occurring during rain, one occurs during snow - a surprising fact since Arkansas has quite a few more rainy days than it does snowy days. This also indicates that snow conditions are more dangerous and coupled with the inexperience of the average Arkansas driver with driving on snow means that not enough safety precautions are exercised under these conditions.

Adverse road conditions contributed to only 301 accidents during 1961. The largest single fault was foreign material on the surface of the roadway.

Driver violations contributed to 4,082 accidents, 57 percent, and caused 339 fatal accidents. Even though we are continuously bombarded with safety campaigns and their slogans epitomizing the pitfalls of driving too fast and drinking while driving these are still the two dominating violations contribution to accidents.

Analysis of the statistics which have been gathered this last year show that driver violations contributed to at least 339 persons killed and that road and vehicle conditions contributed to another 23. Note also that these are "driver or person controlled" conditions and being such should be up to the individual to correct and eliminate. Now assume that each driver or automobile owner made it a point not to commit any violations and to keep his vehicle in good repair and further to exercise good judgement while driving under abnormal road conditions. You have just assumed away all but the "unavoidable" accidents and no less than 362 persons killed! This is exactly the same line of reasoning that

goes on when you think you can get away with an unobserved violation or put off correcting a defect in your automobile or fail to exercise more caution when road conditions are not at their best.

These are but a few of innumerable facts and figures about the accidents on our roads and streets. What is the Arkansas Highway Department doing to relieve some of the potential for accidents on our Highways?

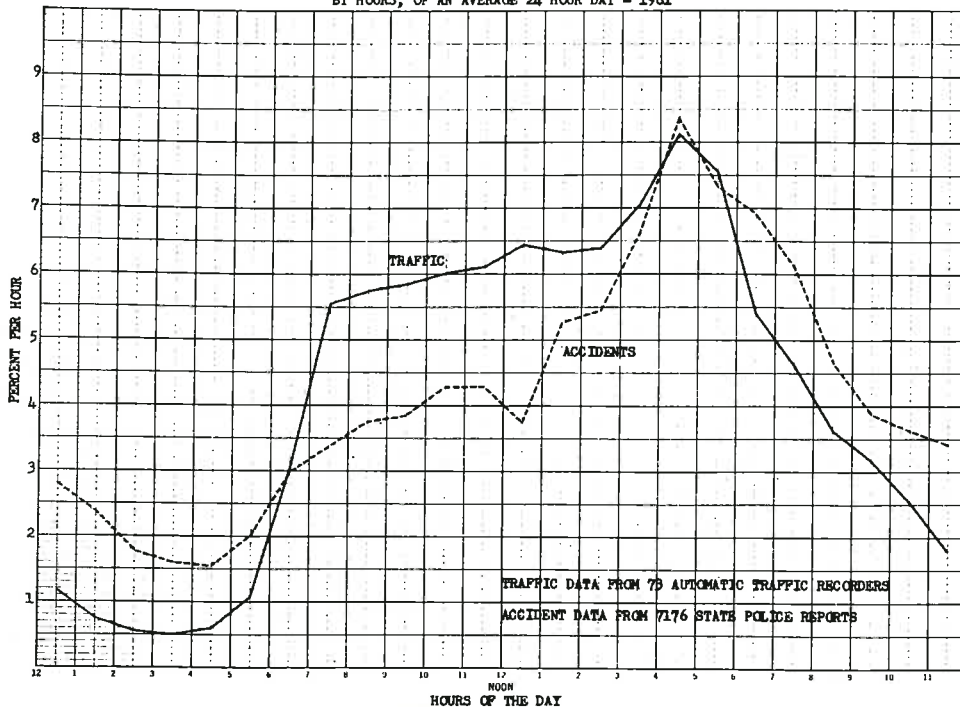
During 1961, and continuing indefinitely, the Arkansas Highway Department in cooperation with the Bureau of Public Roads has been involved in a program of replacement, expansion and modernization of highways and streets that is aimed at providing the motorist and pedestrian with protection against hazards over which they have no control.

Engineering improvements offer great promise of accident reduction for drivers who ordinarily use reasonable care. Approximately 450 miles annually are reconstructed or replaced by new facilities. This does not include the ever increasing mileage on the Interstate System which is opened to traffic. Design standards have been adopted to provide for access control, grade separations, interchanges, proper lane widths, required sight distance and safe intersection design to mention just a few improvements possible by construction.

Existing facilities, however, require the approach of improved traffic operations through the application of traffic engineering techniques. These improved traffic operations are achieved through planning, channelization, and redesign of intersections, traffic signal studies, parking studies, speed studies, high accident location studies and comprehensive traffic operations studies of local street systems upon request by local authorities.

So it seems that the State Highway Department through the above outlined techniques and many others not mentioned, is doing its part - let's do ours by driving more safely.

COMPARISON OF THE PERCENT OF ACCIDENTS TO THE PERCENT OF TRAFFIC BY HOURS, OF AN AVERAGE 24 HOUR DAY - 1961



(Editor's note: The above information was furnished and compiled by the Planning and Research Division.)

Pete Daggett



"Man of the Month"

"Why don't you follow instructions?" is a question heard down around the Chief Engineer's offices pretty often, and we'll lay odds that most of you Highway Department employees who know him, would know its source even if you hadn't seen his picture and the heading at the top of this page.

And if that caustic query gives an impression that Samuel Horace (Pete) Daggett, Sr., is an irascible perfectionist - well, he is. Pete, who is an assistant engineer in Assistant Chief Engineer J. T. Pendergrass' office, freely admits that people *not* following instructions, is his pet peeve, and that fact is known from Washington, D. C. to the Bureau of Public Roads offices, to the Highway Department.

These characteristics are apparently brought on by his extreme disgust with the shilly-shallying ways of the human race - particularly those whose paper work he has to handle, and, in most cases, correct. To Pete, there is only black and white - no grey.

Pete, a native of West Point, Miss., was born June 5, 1904, to Mrs. Janie Daggett and the late F. H. Daggett. His father had a grocery store but later he accepted a job with a mercantile firm, leaving the store operation to Mrs. Daggett. While employed, Mr. Daggett sustained a broken hip and was an invalid the last eight years of his life. His mother still resides in West Point.

Pete attended schools in West Point and Memphis. He took a special course in dairy chemistry at Oklahoma A&M for two years. Perhaps the selection of this course was motivated by his first job - with a dairy and ice cream firm at West Point, when he was in high school. He says he practically "grew up" in the business, and learned it pretty thoroughly - from wrapping butter to chemistry work. His next job, at Forrest City, was as a manager of another ice cream and dairy firm. He was there three years.

We don't know whether the ice cream business was getting a little sticky or not but Pete abandoned the field, never to return. He got a job with International Harvester at Memphis as salesman, and then was in business for himself in Forrest City for seven years. Pete came to the Highway Department in September 1938 as a chainman on construction jobs at Forrest City. After four years he left for a better-paying position at Bauxite. It was at Bauxite that Pete and others working on a housing job performed quite an engineering feat. There were many who said "It can't be done," but the

men succeeded in setting up a gigantic ready-made water tank with a bulldozer and crawler crane without a hitch. The job took 30 minutes. Pete was project engineer for the job.

Pete returned to AHD in 1949 after the Bauxite stint and has been here since. His job includes the actual doing and supervising the reams of paper work necessary in building roads. He prepared for his engineering work by studying engineering through an ICS Course and in graduate work at the University of Arkansas Graduate Center. He is always up to his ears in detailed work, for which he is the middle man - responsible. If Pete initials it, you forward it, if not, watch out for repercussions below or above, it makes no difference.

Pete and his wife, the former Miss Rebecca Sanders, a pretty Forrest City belle, were married in 1928. They have two children, S. H. Daggett, Jr., 28, a chemical engineer with the Firestone Company, and Jane Ross, 21, who has been a student at Ouachita College. Jane, who is engaged to be married to Carl Vaught in August, will continue her studies next fall at Southern Connecticut State Teachers College, where her fiance has been attending on a Danforth Scholarship for his doctorate. Pete, Jr., travels all over the world for Firestone and just recently returned from Paris, France with his family, who often accompany him on extended trips. The family includes his wife and two youngsters, Becky, 5, and Dave, 3.

Mrs. Daggett, a graduate of Arkansas State Teachers College, has had 19 years' teaching experience. At present she teaches the third grade at the Mablevale Elementary School, but still finds time to work diligently in their church, the Immanuel Baptist. She also does extensive work in the P.T.A., an organization in which she has a life membership.

Pete, also, is a big worker in their church. He teaches in the Training Union, and works in the general secretary's office. He likes to do yard work (when the notion strikes him) but Mrs. Daggett said that he spends some of his free time with his feet propped up, watching television. Other interests are his work in Hi-Noon Toastmasters Club; serving as membership chairman of the Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers; the American Society of Civil Engineers; and he is a Mason. During his long association with the Boy Scouts of America, he has served in various capacities, including president of the Ouachita Area Council. He was awarded

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COMMITTEE FORMED TO GUIDE HIGHWAY RESEARCH

Officials of the Highway Department and the University of Arkansas, and representatives of the Bureau of Public Roads met May 24 in the Commission Room for its initial meeting and organization of the Highway Research Committee.

The purpose of the Committee is to supervise and regulate Highway Department research and review the research of other state highway departments. It will determine who is qualified to do research in the Department and the amount of money to be spent on it.

The Committee's beginning goes back to early 1961 when Director F. R. Oliver authorized the creation and staffing of a research section in the Planning and Research Division. Since that time J. R. Henderson, engineer of P&R, and R. W. Parker, research engineer in P&R, have given careful thought and study to the research needs and the possibilities of conducting research in our Department.

As a result, it was concluded that if the Department were to develop a comprehensive coordinated research program, it would be necessary to involve Highway personnel throughout the Department and to bring in outside agencies such as the University of Arkansas to assist in carrying on many phases of the work.

The findings were discussed with Mr. Oliver and Chief Engineer Ward Goodman and, by an administrative order, the Highway Research Committee was established on March 7, to direct an overall research program for the Highway Department.

At the May 24 meeting, University of Arkansas' Dean Virgil Adkisson, coordinator of University Research, read the following endorsement for the committee from University President David W. Mullins, who was unable to attend: "Personally, and on behalf of the University of Arkansas, I express strong interest and support of research programs in the field of Arkansas highway development.

"Efforts to meet expanding transportation needs are vitally essential to the economic progress of the state and to the safety and convenience of motorists using the highways.

"The University conceives as one of its primary functions the development of research projects which

strengthen and enhance the institution's educational programs. At the same time, the University recognizes the great importance of utilizing its research capabilities in service of direct benefit to the state.

"The University therefore appreciates the invitation to participate in the cooperative approach to highway construction problems proposed within the framework of the Highway Research Advisory Committee. I express every good wish to the Committee in achieving its highly important objectives."

Others who spoke at the meeting were Mr. Oliver; John W. Courter, division engineer, Bureau of Public Roads; Dean Adkisson, and Mr. Henderson.

The Committee decided to start with three research projects: 1. A study of research already being carried on by the Highway Department; 2. Finding a system of permanent markings for the state's bridges to make them more easily identifiable; and 3. A study of the calibration of nuclear density and moisture-testing devices.

Officers elected for the Committee were: Henry Schneider, engineer of Materials and Tests, chairman; Dean Adkisson, vice chairman; and R. W. Parker, secretary.

Members of the Committee from the Highway Department are: J. R. Henderson; J. T. Pendergrass, assistant chief engineer; R. B. Winfrey, maintenance engineer; E. E. Hurley, District 6 engineer; George Fry, assistant to the chief engineer; and L. P. Carlson, Bridge Design engineer.

University of Arkansas Committee members are: G. F. Branigan, dean of the College of Engineering; Paul Milam, dean of the College of Business Administration; and Professor Loren R. Heiple, head of the Civil Engineering Department.

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Members and officers of the Highway Research Committee are; left to right, (seated) W. W. Finley, B. Vinson, Y. W. Welchel, Pat Huddleston, George Fry, L. P. Carlson, E. E. Hurley, and R. B. Winfrey, Standing, Gerald Smith, Dan Watt, Barton Westerlund, Paul Milam, George Branigan, Virgil Adkisson, H. H. Hicks, B. K. Cooper, A. E. Harvey, Henry Schneider, Robert Mattox, Bob Bissett, Robbie Parker, and J. R. Henderson.



Mr. Courter nominated the following named as ex-officio members to represent the Bureau of Public Roads: Dan Watt, programming and planning engineer, and Paul E. Schenke, district engineer.

Alternate Committee members are: Y. W. Whelchel, R. H. Mattox, Pat Huddleston, B. K. Cooper, B. Vinson, H. H. Hicks, Jr., Barton Westerlund, H. E. Harvey, J. R. Bissett, and Bureau of Public Roads ex-officio alternates, Gerald L. Smith, and W. W. Finley.

The opening session of the meeting was open to the public and press for the purpose of advising Department staff and others the aims and proposed work of the Committee.

The guests present were: Mr. Oliver, Mr. Courter, W. C. Johnston, Raif Smith, W. P. Nelson, J. R. Hume, Eugene Nelson, J. T. Beavers, B. C. Lewis, Dan Stephens, Dowell Anders, five members of the Press and M. Adams.

(Editor's Note: A more detailed report on the Research Committee will be printed in a future issue.)

AASHO Establishes Research Program

AASHO (the American Association of State Highway Officials) after considering and studying the problem of research needs for several years, has established a "Long Range Continuing Cooperative AASHO Highway Research Program." The Program was adopted after an affirmative vote by the majority of the member state highway departments. It will undertake only projects of mutual interest among these departments and only those which can best be done through joint effort. AASHO does not want this Program to in any way cause the slightest deterioration in the individual research programs of the member departments, but intends the new Program to supplement these individual programs by undertaking only those projects which are beyond the scope and ability of the individual departments. Member departments are encouraged to continue and enlarge their individual research programs.

The new Program will be administered through the Highway Research Board of the National Academy of Sciences, with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of AASHO.

Six research problem areas were selected and approved by the member departments to constitute the first year program. Six monitoring Committees have been assigned by AASHO to oversee the six research problem areas and keep in close touch with the conduct of each project, its progress, budget, and objectives.

J. Russell Henderson, engineer of Planning and Research, AHD, and a member of the AASHO Committee on Factual Surveys, has been appointed to the AASHO Monitoring Committee covering Research Problem Area No. 2, User and Non-User Benefits. This Monitoring Committee is drawn from the AASHO Committees on Factual Surveys and Right of Way.

The other five Research Problem Areas are:

- Research Problem Area No. 1 - Road Test Satellite Research; monitoring committee drawn from AASHO Committees on Construction, Materials and Design.
- Research Problem Area No. 3 - Increasing Traffic Capacity and Safety, Including Electronic Techniques; monitoring committee drawn from AASHO Committees on Electronics and on Traffic.
- Research Problem Area No. 4 - Beneficiation of Aggregates; monitoring committee drawn from AASHO Committee on Materials.
- Research Problem Area No. 5 - Freeway Lighting Warrants; monitoring committee drawn from AASHO Committee on Traffic.
- Research Problem Area No. 6 - Highway Structure Protection and de-icing; monitoring committee drawn from AASHO Committees on Bridges and Structures and on Materials.

The Monitoring Committees will report directly to the AASHO Executive Committee; but it is probable that the Highway Research Board in administering the Program will appoint an Advisory Committee for each of the Research Problem Areas. These will undoubtedly have a considerably overlapping membership. The Advisory Committees will probably serve in a capacity of program analysis, liaison and communication.

It is expected that this Long Range Continuing Cooperative Plan will provide a great reservoir of information on the many complex problems in the highway transportation field today. The activities of the Program will get underway around July 1 of this year and will extend into the fields of physical research, electronic traffic control techniques, economic impact, and others.



Nebraska Droughter, our mail messenger, received his 10-year service awards June 1. It doesn't seem that long since we've been seeing his smiling face. On hand for the award presentations were Raif Smith, Jim Meredith, Verna Daes, Sarah Neel, Janet Kail, Larry Hardy, and Helen McCook.

Raif Smith's Resignation Results in Personnel Changes



Raif M. Smith, administrative assistant and head of General Services Division, resigned effective June 15 to return to the Bureau of Public Roads at Washington, D. C. His resignation created some changes in several key positions.

Raif came to the Department from Washington on January 1, 1960. His long career with the Bureau included serving in such capacities as chief of the Internal Audit, and executive officer in the Washington offices; acting chief of Administration in the Analyses Branch; and administrative officer of the Office of Research. Raif will report to his new job on June 18. We wish the Smiths much good luck.

Assuming the position of administrative assistant is Y. W. Whelchel, who will also keep his title and duties of public information officer. J. G. (Jim) Meredith, Jr., who has been officer of Procurement for several years, will become head of the General Services Division. This Division is comprised of the sections of Procurement, Personnel, Data Processing Center, Reproduction, Buildings and Grounds, and Records and Supplies.

Frank D. Caple, who has been assistant Procurement officer, was promoted to Procurement officer.



Frank Caple



Top: J. G. Meredith Jr., and Y. W. Whelchel

"Man of the Month"

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the Silver Beaver Award for Distinguished Service to Boyhood, an award held by one other person in the Department, Ward Goodman, deputy director and chief engineer.

The Daggetts, who reside at 5101 West Twenty-Ninth Street, entertain church friends and others at informal gatherings occasionally, and their backyard watermelon parties are well known. They are the usual doting grandparents and look forward to visits with little Becky and Dave. He considers himself a devoted husband and father, as well as grandfather. The Daggetts are planning a large wedding for their daughter in the Immanuel Baptist Church.

About his job, Pete says that he wants to stay at the same desk he's had since 1949, until his retirement. He loves his job in spite of the problems he encounters due to his "pet peeve."

This about sums him up except for this: He's hard to really know; he's the hardest-boiled, yet at the same time one of the nicest and most lovable characters in the Department. If you need help, Pete is on tap; if you don't know "how," Pete will tell you, *but don't* ask him the same question twice.

We doubt if the Department would run without Pete for a balance wheel. We know it wouldn't run as well.

This 'N That

Director F. R. Oliver receives many invitations to guest-speak at various organizations. He can't accept them all but he does accept all his schedule will permit. On June 8 he was guest speaker at the luncheon meeting of the Arkansas Bus and Truck Association at Pine Bluff...On June 13 he participated with other state officials in a panel discussion on state government for the benefit of the young ladies at Girls State. This is one of Mr. Oliver's annual duties and one he enjoys performing...On June 14 Mr. Oliver and Chief Ward Goodman attended the noon meeting of the Malvern Rotary Club, where Mr. Oliver was guest speaker...and, of course, he and Mr. Goodman made many speeches at stops during the air tour made over the state during "Highway Week in Arkansas" in conjunction with "National Highway Week." Mr. Oliver made a talk on that subject at the May 25 meeting of Hi-Noon Toastmasters Club.

F. R. Oliver, Ward Goodman, W. C. Johnston, L. P. Carlson, George Fry, and Henry Schneider flew to St. Louis to attend a meeting of the Highway Research Board May 16 through May 18. The trip was made to find out the results of the Test Road Research Project recently concluded after two years' operation. The purpose of the \$27 million project was to determine relative merits of different road designs as well as the effect on loads on pavements. On June 13, Mr. Fry and Mr. Goodman each spoke at the National Highway Users Conference at Hotel LaFayette. Mr. Fry explained what was learned about the Test Road Project at St. Louis.

ATTENTION, HIGHWAY WIVES!

On June 28, at 7:30 p.m., in the Commission Room, a meeting will be held to organize and make plans for the "Arkansas Highway Dames," a club for wives of AHD personnel. Interested parties are urged to attend.



C. Don Hayes, left, and Johnnie Gray, right, took in the Indianapolis "500" speed races on Memorial Day, May 30. Shown in the center is Johnnie's son, Kermit, who accompanied them.

Associate Justice Neill Bohlinger of the Arkansas Supreme Court, and our former general counsel in the Highway Department, spoke June 7 at Boys State for the ninth consecutive year. Mr. Bohlinger's brilliant speeches to the young men are truly inspirational and have always been received with wild applause and foot-stomping. This year the boys re-acted in the same manner.

"Mama" Riggs, Sec in County Roads, Retires June 30



After a business career that spanned 43 years, 12 of which were with the Highway Department, Zelda Maye Riggs, secretary in the County Roads Program, will retire June 31 in accordance with the Department's mandatory retirement age.

A native of Polk County, Zelda's career began at Mena working as a steno for a wholesale grocery and investment company. After a year there she went to work in the Polk County assistant circuit clerk's office. This job led to the most important one of her life - that of wife and mother, because on June 25, 1916 she married the boss. He was the late Circuit Clerk Freeman L. Johnson. Mr. Johnson died in 1932. They had four children: Freeman L. Johnson of Texarkana; Eunice M. Johnson and Clarence E. Johnson of Little Rock; and the late Gladys K. Johnson.

Zelda has always been interested in civic affairs and has taken an active part in many worthwhile causes. She is active in the Eastern Star; music and literary clubs and the Methodist Church. These interest are shared by her husband, Richard L. Riggs, whom she married in 1942. "Daddy" Riggs's main hobby is flower gardening and he and Zelda ("Mama" Riggs) have been supplying the Highway offices with beautiful cut flowers for years. ▽

Zelda can now spend more of her time with her mother, "Mother" Allen, a young 87 now, and her three grandchildren.

Zelda will be missed. Her pleasing personality and gracious manner in greeting the county judges made her a valuable asset to County Roads' offices and the entire Department.



Birdie Wright, chief PBX operator in AHD and outgoing president of the Greater Little Rock PBX Club, is shown with Governor Faubus after he had signed the proclamation for "PBX Week in Arkansas" June 3-9. Birdie presided over the annual "Installation of Officers and Bosses' Banquet" June 4 at Coachmen's Inn. She was presented a beautiful white orchid by the club members. Guests from the Department were the Ward Goodmans and the Jim Merediths.

As a token of appreciation from the Highway Department, a Certificate of Service will be awarded to employees retiring from the Department after ten years' service or more.

This will apply to those who are retiring voluntarily, and before the mandatory age, as well as those who retire at the mandatory age, if they have the required number of years. When the employees retire voluntarily, it is requested that the supervisory personnel furnish the names of those leaving. The names should be submitted to the Personnel Office at least one month prior to the employee's retirement date. The Personnel Office has a list of those who will retire due to the mandatory age, therefore, it will not be necessary to furnish those.

The Certificate will be forwarded to the employee's respective division or district for signature and should be presented by the division head or district engineer at any ceremony appropriate for the occasion.

AWARDS PRESENTED AT COMMISSION MEETING

In recognition of faithful and loyal service to the Highway Department, Elmer W. Smith, Jr., and Joe C. Webb were presented longevity awards at the Highway Commission Meeting May 23 in the Commission Room. Smith received a 25-year award and Webb a 35-year award. Mr. Oliver gave a brief resume on the two men before presenting them their certificates of Merit and Service Pins. A large gathering was on hand to watch the ceremonies. Afterwards, Mr. Goodman presented four young men certificates for having completed the Civil Engineering Training Program in the Highway Department. The young graduates who completed the course were: James D. Baird, Materials and Tests Division; John W. Kizer, Assistant Chief Engineer's Office; Ruben C. McConnell, Construction, District 8; and Bobby Joe Parker, Construction, District 6.

Mr. Oliver presents awards to Elmer Smith, right, and J. C. Webb, below.



James Baird, Ruben McConnell, Bobby J. Parker, and John Kizer (first row), who received certificates for completing the Engineers Training Program. In the back are Truman Baker, Mr. Goodman and Mr. Oliver.



**JOHNNIE BEAVERS CANDIDATE FOR
"DAV OF THE YEAR"**

A fitting follow-up to the "Man of the Month" article, featuring Jonathan T. (Johnnie) Beavers, in the May issue of "Arkansas Highways," is that his name was submitted to the DAV National Services Headquarters at Washington, D.C., to represent Arkansas in the selection of the "National Disabled Veteran of the Year."

The selection of Johnnie came about after each of the 31 DAV chapters in Arkansas submitted its winning nominee's name as candidate for the state level competition. Johnnie won an award as nominee from the Little Rock Chapter of DAV, to which he belongs. When the state competition 'poll' was taken, Johnnie had won out over the other 30 entries and became eligible to enter the national competition. Each of the 50 states is represented by a DAV.

After Johnnie had won the Arkansas title, a brochure on him was sent to Washington by the offices of George Richardson, Department adjutant of the DAV Department of Arkansas.

The search for the DAV of the Year is being sponsored in the hope that more employers will hire the disabled veterans. The DAV organization stresses the fact that more often than not, the disabled veteran or handicapped worker is an asset rather than a liability; that he is conscientious and eager to apply his talents and abilities to his job.

The Highway Department considers Johnnie to be a definite asset. We further believe that few, if any, deserve to win the national title of "DAV of the Year" as much as Johnnie. Maybe we're prejudiced, but we don't think so. GOOD LUCK, Johnnie!

J. F. Price, District 10 engineer, and J. H. Sanders, maintenance superintendent, attended a meeting at Holcomb, Mo. on May 23, to boost the proposed new bridge across the St. Frances River on State Highway No. 1. The meeting was sponsored by the Holcomb Chamber of Commerce. Guest speaker was L. B. McLaughlin, district engineer of the Missouri Highway Department at Sikeston. Mr. Price made a brief talk during the program.

CORRECTION

In the very excellent article, "Our Highways...America's Lifelines," by John W. Courter, division engineer in Little Rock, Bureau of Public Roads, we goofed, on one line. In fact, part of a sentence was left out. We hurry to rectify this, lest our readers get the wrong impression. Our apologies to Mr. Courter.

The error is in the second column of the article on page 4, in the third sentence of the paragraph under the Fiscal Year 1963 table. The part omitted is underlined and should read thusly:

Every mile of road added to the system adds to the amount of state funds required for maintenance with a corresponding decrease in the funds available for new construction.

Pretty Girls,

Keys to the City of Jonesboro

Refreshments, Speeches...

All Part of the Air Tour



Keys to Jonesboro were presented to (top to bottom): Ward Goodman, F. R. Oliver, Governor Faubus, A. C. Taylor, and Highway Commissioners Wayne Hampton, Truman Baker, and John Crain, Sr.

TOUR IS SUCCESS AT ALL STOPS



1. A huge welcoming crowd awaited the tourists at Jonesboro.

2. Left to right: Earl Anderson, maintenance engineer, Oklahoma Highway Department; Goodman; Hampton; Baker; Taylor, regional engineer, Bureau of Public Roads, Ft. Worth; Frank Lyon, highway director, Oklahoma; Oliver; John Courter, division engineer, Bureau; and J. C. Sears, Bureau.

3. The group landed at Harrison and were driven in a caravan of cars into the city for a coffee break and a tour.

4. One of the cars in the caravan at Harrison. 5. Gene Thompson, editor of Construction News; Gordon Wilson, Bill Kirby, and C. Don Hayes. 6. At the El Dorado Airport are R. W. Newell, Wheeling Pipe Line; Governor Faubus, and Marion Ward, secretary of the Ark. Bus and Truck Assoc. 7. The Mayor of Harrison, Dene O. Hester, and Jake Jacobsen. 8. C. A. Shumaker, surrounded by luggage at Ft. Smith, catches up on the news. 9. Governor Faubus in the chow line at the Stevens ranch in Ft. Smith, smiles in anticipation of a sizzling steak and the trimmings. 10. Two officers at the Blytheville Air Force Base welcome Highway Commissioners, Crain, Hampton, and Baker, and Governor Faubus. 11. Chefs charcoaling steaks at Ft. Smith. 12. C. A. Shumaker, Merritt Wentz, Ft. Smith Sash and Door Co.; and J. P. Clayton.

AROUND THE DEPARTMENTS

ACCOUNTING DIVISION

Joy Marshall

Irene Hawkins' son, Jimmy, was married to Miss Annette Jackson last January 27. The young couple plan to attend summer school at the University of Arkansas.

Carl Morris and wife Alene, enjoyed a two weeks' vacation in Florida. While there he sent a cute "basket" of oranges - two inches by four inches, to the 'pencil pushers' in Accounting. Unfortunately, they missed the orbital flight of Commander Carpenter by a few days.

The second floor was all agog over the birthday cake presented to Jack Keilch by Daisy Conley. It was decorated with palm trees and hula girls on a little island in the ocean, and it was really something.

Brian Morrison, son of Betsy, is scheduled for a tonsillectomy the week end of June 1.

Lola Buck and Peggy Keedy are each sporting a pretty blue Oldsmobile.

Betty Boysen, daughter of Aleene, graduated from Hall High School during graduation week. And Bobby Koonce graduated from elementary school and Gerald Koonce from junior high. They are offspring of Pat Koonce.

Our boss, J. E. McCarthy, has been up in the air quite a bit lately...airplane, that is. He made three trips last month: Kentucky, Ft. Worth, and Boyne Falls, Mich.

Charles Beavers, son of Johnnie Beavers, graduated from the University of Arkansas Saturday, June 2, with a BS in business administration. Charlie is due to enter the Air Force in August.

BRIDGE DESIGN DIVISION

Virginia Tackett

There's no question about it, summer's here. Jim Matthews has a powerhouse of a baseball team going in the Geyer Springs Little League; the air conditioning in the building is going full blast; and we've had our first fish fry.

At the organizational meeting of the Highway Department wives, Anne Vinson, Bridge Design wife, was elected president of the new group which is to be called the Arkansas Highway Dames. Anne will do a beautiful job as president and as there was much interest indicated, we'll be expecting to hear a lot from the group in the future.

Helen Battisto is home and recuperating from major surgery in Baptist Hospital. Frank says she is doing fine, but that he is having a time keeping her under control. She's anxious to get her hand in again running that nice new house they've just moved into.

Reid and Sally Beckel, along with the Bob Daughertys, attended the Grand Prairie Grand Prix at Stuttgart May 27. Reid had responsibilities to take care of but they didn't prevent his seeing and

enjoying the races immensely. He says there were some great cars and drivers to be seen and that it was a very successful affair.

Alice and Don Dong packed up, took Tunney and went off to St. Louis to attend the wedding of Alice's youngest sister. She says they had a wonderful time, but were very glad to be home again. Particularly Tunney.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Hazel McKim

This is the time of the year when we all think of vacations. Robert Arnold is taking his as of this time and his plans were to stay in Arkansas, visiting all the interesting places.

Mr. Comean is back at work after having been in the hospital for surgery. While there his wife gave birth to a baby girl. All three are doing fine.

Charles Thirion received word that his son stationed in Germany, was hurt in an accident while on duty. His ring caught on the door of a truck and almost tore off a finger; his eye was hurt, and he sustained a broken wrist. One of Mr. Thirion's little girls suffered first and second degree burns on her face and arms when the stove oven blew up while she was trying to light it. She's doing fine though.

We have two new employees in our outfit. Lovie Allen took Ann Tully's place and W. C. Wilkins is a new member of the maintenance night crew.

Ralph Post has been telling us about his fishing...he's been catching bream and catfish almost every time he goes. He lives within 'spittin' distance, almost, of Lake Maumelle.

Elsie McKim went fishing with her daughter and son-in-law to Little Red River not long ago. They caught several nice ones and a lot of bullfrogs. They cooked their catch right on the bank of the river. Sounds like great fun, and wish I'd been along, Elsie.

COUNTY PROGRAM

Zelda Riggs

Gene Davis and Charles Rain, Jr., both of Little Rock, are new junior draftsmen in our department. Charles and his wife, the former Paula Henson, reside at 1415 Spring Street. Charles withdrew from college to accept the position and to await the arrival of their first baby due this month. He will return to college later on to study towards an engineering degree.

Marvin and Eva Griffin have become parents for the first time. Robert Louis, born at Baptist Hospital on May 2, weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces. The Griffins reside at 1508 West Eighth Street. Eva was formerly employed as a technician at the Baptist and took leave from her duties

to await the young one's arrival. Both mother and baby are doing great.

Your reporter had quite a surprise when her niece and nephew, the George Pottor of Tucson, Ariz., arrived for a visit. They spent a fortnight in Hot Springs, taking the thermal baths, and visiting other members of the family and friends there and in Mena.

Mrs. John Allen (Pat), daughter of Jack and Mary Teasdale, is visiting her parents at 2924 No. Grant. Pat resides in Houston, Tex.



New employees in the County Roads Gene Davis and Charles Rain, Jr.

DATA PROCESSING CENTER

Elsie King

Theron Price left us to accept a position with the Farm Bureau Insurance Company.

Erma Jetton entertained friends at her Lake Conway cottage the week of May 27.

Gladys Plunkett's son, Freddie, graduated from Joe T. Robinson High School on May 25.

Billie Ratliff enjoyed vacationing May 7-21, although she didn't go anywhere... just stayed at home.

The new 1401 IBM machine arrived as expected on May 21.

EQUIPMENT DIVISION

Doris Healy

C. Don Hayes, Lem Kirkpatrick, Frank Pitts, Earl Bowman, and several other fellows (a total of 21), were guests of Delta Air-Ways and Accurate Parts Manufacturing Company for the week end of May 27 in Atlanta, Ga. They went through a couple of factories and then returned by jet on May 28. It was Lem's first trip in the air and he said he was glad to feel his feet on good old terra firma once again.

We have Brents Carter as a replacement for Billy Joe Tanneberger in the Central Warehouse. Billy Joe resigned May 2 to accept a position in Little Rock.

Bernie L. Cox, assistant director of Procurement, received his 10-year service awards from Maurice D. Head May 28. Martha Pearle in the Equipment Office received her 5-year awards from Mr. Hayes on May 28, also. Martha has a new 1962 blue Viking Ford.

The Equipment Office extends a big "Thanks" to Frank Pratt for bringing the lovely birthday cake that he received from his mother on his birthday recently, and sharing it with us. The cake was delicious and Many More Happy Birthdays, Frank.

Delbert Pearl, of the Equipment Office, went on an outing to Petit Jean Mountain not long ago and had a great time... Rayma Fisher and her husband went down to New Orleans on their vacation... Max Nailling also went on vacation, but spent all his time working on their kitchen and said that he still didn't get it completed.

Fishermen of the Month: Frank Boyett, who went fishing at Maumelle and caught 25 fish, 11 of which were catfish; Avalee Padgett, her family, and some friends, who went fishing at DesArc and caught several nice ones, but the mosquitoes were biting even better and she brought back evidence to prove it plus a bottle of Caladryl. They all had fun nevertheless.

FREEWAY

Pat Mayhan

Bill Price has been handing out cigars. He and wife Peggy, are proud parents of a daughter, Marcie June. This is the third child for the Prices, but first daughter.

Lowell Hardaway has transferred to District 7. Lowell will be missed by all of us. Everett Rowland, upon release from active duty with the Air National Guard, returned to the Highway Department and transferred from 510 Survey to H. H. Perkins' office. John Richardson of LaFayette, La., is also a new employee in Mr. Perkins' office. He attended the University of Southwest Louisiana, LSU, and the University of Mexico as an exchange studying architectural design. He plans to attend Little Rock University at night.

Joe Reese is a new employee in George Peevy's office. Joe is a former football player with Arkansas Tech and the Green Bay Packers... Fred Atchinson is a new employee in Ralph Jones's office.

Woodrow Crabtree was a recent patient in the VA Hospital. John Youngman spent most of his annual leave in the hospital but is back at work now and driving a new Ford.

Mrs. Mendal Lambert spent two weeks in the hospital, and we are all wishing her better health as she has been sick since last December.

Ralph Jones is sporting a new car, too. It's an Impala, and a beauty; white, with blue interior. He said all he needs is to get a license.

John Helgen, his wife, and daughter and son-in-law, spent the week end of

May 5 in Baton Rouge and New Orleans. They visited many interesting places and had a wonderful time.

This reporter and husband Clyde, with Jerry Larch and Sharon Womack, had a nice time boating and fishing at Clarendon Beach the week end of May 27.

The Freeway is planning their second picnic June 2. Much activity is planned and we're all looking forward to it.

MATERIALS AND TESTS

Julia Halliburton

Those receiving service awards in May were: Harry L. Doyle, 10 years; and Carter Howard and Harmon Tullos, 15 years. Congratulations, fellas.

Betty Edwards resigned from Materials Tests to accept other employment.

This reporter's sister and her family from Winslow, Ariz. spent a few days visiting her mother and other relatives.

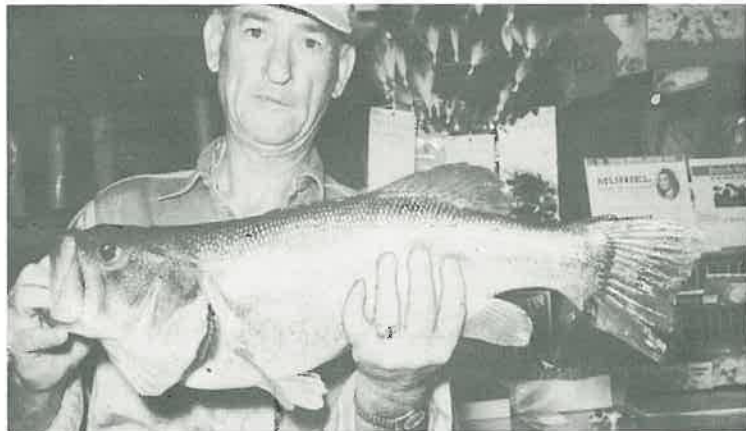
Ruben McConnell has transferred from our department to the Construction Division and will be working in Dardanelle. Alton Beard vacationed in May.

Carter G. Howard of our division and Mrs. Ollie Stolz of Jct. City, Ark. were married Friday May 25, in the presence of both the bride and groom and a few friends. They will continue to reside in Jct. City for the time being.

OFFICE ENGINEER

Leontee Connelly

The city of Hayannis Port, Mass., which has been in the news in recent weeks, and which has gained some new residents, got still another one last month. John T. Pendergrass, assistant chief engineer, left our fair city to spend some time there, but it wasn't as a "you-know-what," looking for a job. Mr. Pendergrass, who holds the rank of captain in the U. S. Navy, was up there on Navy duty.



Henry Dreher, assistant engineer in the M&T Division, caught this whopper, with a plastic "redworm" at Lake Ouachita. The huge bass weighed over 7 pounds!

Ralph Stiefvater, of the Chief Engineer's office, returned to work May 27 from the Great Smokey Mountains where he and his bride of a week, the former Miss Marilyn Mattingly, spent their honeymoon. Ralph said it was one of the best honeymoons he ever spent.

And, speaking of honeymoons, William Ward Goodman, Jr., son of Deputy Director and Chief Engineer Ward Goodman and Mrs. Goodman, is to be married June 9 to Miss Mary Virginia Schultz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Adolph Schultz of North Little Rock. The ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. in St. Patrick's Church of North Little Rock. Young Goodman is an engineering student at Little Rock University.

Welcome back, Mr. Nelson! All the employees in the Office Engineer are happy to have you back home again.

Pat Houston, husband of Millie Houston, is in St. Vincent's Hospital, but is doing nicely.

PERSONNEL OFFICE

M.A.

Jackie Wallace, our attractive bachelor girl, went on a fishing trip with friends to Norfolk Dam the week end of May 25. She said they had quite a time fishing, boating, picnicking, etc. Jackie returned with a sunburn, but no fish. She said they were biting - biting their minnows in two that is, without letting anyone catch them. But the nice outing was worth the sunburn and returning home fish-less, she said.

Shirley Bain took five days of her vacation the week of May 27. Part of her time and husband Hollis' was to be spent in Memphis, taking in the Memphis Zoo, for the benefit of their little daughter, Angela, 5 years old.

Paul Wroten, who received his bachelors degree in business administration last January, donned cap and gown May 20, when he formally graduated from Arkansas Tech at Russellville, His mother, Mrs. Ray Wroten of Perryville, was on hand

to see her son receive his diploma. Congratulations, Paul. Paul came to work with us in Personnel February 19... We're all fond of him too, we might add.

Dale Davison and family drove up to Annapolis, Md. June 3 to be on hand for the marriage of their daughter, Brenda Joyce, and Ensign Jack A. Herriott. The military ceremonies were performed June 6 in the Naval Academy Chapel. The reception was held in Annapolis Alumni Hall.

Mrs. Lou Sanders of St. Louis, visited her sisters, Marty Adams and Mrs. Blanche Reed, the week of May 27.

Hoyt Thomas will finish all requirements in July to receive his BA degree from Little Rock University. However, he said he probably won't receive his diploma until next January. Hoyt majored in psychology. Hoyt's turned gentleman farmer on us. His wife's family reside up near Conway, and Hoyt's been going up quite a bit to plant things. He said he is going to get a sweet potato patch going real soon, along with his corn, peas, beans, and what have you.

PLANNING AND RESEARCH

Mignon Besancon

JoAnn Johnson is a new employee in Planning and Research. JoAnn was transferred from David Moore's office and will be working in the front office. JoAnn is also a bride; she has been married only one month. We are glad to have her with us.

Florence Routh's sister graduated from Augusta High School in May. She was valedictorian of her class.

The girls of the Division celebrated two birthdays in May, Nona and Helen.

Ralph Pack is back with us after being off from work for 10 days due to an automobile accident.

Two employees received their service awards in May: Marjarine Turner for 20 years service and J. C. Longcoy for 10 years service.

Bonnie Thomas is on leave of absence awaiting the arrival of the stork.

PROCUREMENT

Amy Tedford

Congratulations to David Wade, son of Lewis and Leta Wade. David graduated from Central High last month.

Lewis' father, J. B. Wade of Hamilton, Alabama, and a retired AHD employee, recently underwent surgery at Arkansas Baptist Hospital. He was released from the hospital a few days ago and is doing fine. He and Mrs. Wade are spending a few days with Lewis while he is recuperating. They were also around for grandson David's graduation.

Linda and Fred Schmidt and Norma and Woody Keeley recently spent a day at Lake Sylvia swimming and picnicking.

The fish were really biting a few week ends ago down on White River when Willene Gray and friends reported a big catch.

RIGHT OF WAY

Ann Sniff

The Bill Bradleys announce the launching of Eben Lee into this world at 2 a.m. on May 11, weighing in at 9 pounds. Mrs. Bradley is the former Rose Bivens who worked in the Accounting Division. Eben is the Bradley's second child.

Doris Middlebrooks became the bride of Robert Burtner on Jan. 2, in the Forty-Seventh Street Baptist Church. Doris will be leaving us to go "Army" with her lieutenant husband in Fort Knox, Ky. We wish the best in every way to these two in their new career as Mr. and Mrs.

In the Appraisal Section, Evalena Squires left June 6 to await the arrival of the long-legged bird due September 6. Mary Beth Brown will join her Navy husband, Bob, at Millington Base, at Memphis, Tenn., June 15. What with the girls departing and all, we did gain Barbara McElroy, a college student, who was with us last summer. Welcome, Babs!

One morning not long ago we saw a redhead who looked as if she was in need of help. Well, a couple of days later she returned to work sporting a bright chain attached to a pair of eyeglasses - and sure enough, she can see! We hasten to add that this strawberry blonde is very becoming with her new pair of optical aids (and no offense, Miss Halbert).

Jack Hamilton of the Engineering Section is recuperating after having had surgery the first part of May. He expects to be back with us soon and we have missed him.

Benny Walden, of the same section, is on the sick list too. He is receiving further treatment on his injured neck - the result of a car accident.

Dick Andry's son Ricky, is recovering from a broken arm. However, further results from this accident indicate that Ricky's participation in sports activities for the balance of the year will be nil.

This reporter's son, Bobby, is fast becoming well known in the emergency room at St. Vincent's, having been there twice in as many days. Nothing serious in either accident...a few stitches and ex-rays...all a part of the growing-up process in the life of an exuberant, boisterous, and inquisitive 11-year-old.

ROADWAY DESIGN

June Dillon

For the first time in 20 years the Roadway Design Division has a secretary of its own! This reporter came along with W. C. Johnston, formerly the office engineer, when he was made head of this division on May 1. We're getting into the swing of things now and are enjoying our new job and associates very much.

The boys in the division miss their former boss, George Fry, since he moved to the office of J. T. Pendergrass, assistant chief engineer, but Mr. Fry does come up to visit occasionally.

On June 11, Roadway Design lost one of its eligible bachelors. John Dunn married Grace Marie Warinner of Pine Bluff in a semi-formal wedding at 10 a.m. in St. Edward's Church, Little Rock. The Reverend James Foley, Order of St. Benedict, officiated.

Kenneth Whitley, a former employee of the Highway Department, returned to work in our offices May 1. He and his wife reside in Morrilton.

R. B. (Bud) Smith has been out of the office for some time due to illness. We hope he'll be back with us soon as we all miss him.

Representing this office at the AASHO Test Road Conference in St. Louis, was our boss, Mr. Johnston.

Brooks Nichols is sporting a good-looking new Mercury. It has all white exterior with black leather interior. Congrats, Brooks...it sure is a beauty. (It's sure nice having news from Roadway Design once again. Hope June can continue to represent the division each month...Ed.)

DISTRICT 2

Ouida Grimes

Our fishermen, Red Goins, Floyd Walker, Willard Johnson, Olan Clark, John Hollis, James Pierce, and W. L. Wright, have had great luck fishing! It'll be nice though, if they could catch enough for a big fish fry. Wouldn't it, fellas?

The following employees received services awards for May and June: Elbert Martin, 20 years; R. C. Chison and Lester M. Rabb, 15 years; Willie J. Ryals, Fred Denton, Charlie V. Earnest, and Troy H. Henderson, 10 years. Good going, men.

Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Howell made a quick trip to Tyler, Tex., the week end of May 26 to see their new grandson.



Red Goins, supervisor of the shops at District 2, is one of the district's most enthusiastic fishermen.



Brewster M. Shalmy can sure pick 'em! Take a look at the picture of Brewster, sitting with none other than "Miss Arkansas" of 1962, Frances Jane Anderson of Pine Bluff. Frances Jane not only holds that title, but is the alternate "Miss America," having placed second in the Miss America Contest last year. Frances Jane and her brother Bob, are good friends of Brewster's son Pat. She's sure done a great job representing our state.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to James F. Burks, whose mother passed away May 14.



Barney Doss and A. O. Baker, two of the mechanics in District 2.

DISTRICT 3

Olive Jackson

On Friday evening, May 11, Ruel Staggs, area foreman of Sevier County, and his men, had a fried chicken dinner with all the trimmings at the Area Headquarters Building in De Queen. Needless to say there was plenty of chicken, fried to perfection, and a large assortment of delicious cakes, including a black walnut cake baked by Mrs. F. R. Oliver. The employees and their wives in the county deserve a lot of credit for such a well planned and enjoyable event. Approximately 75 employees and wives attended.

Ardell Clark, maintenance superintendent, was in El Dorado on May 10 and 11 for the testing of Emulsified Cutback asphalt on Highway 15, south of El Dorado.

Lester Huckabee received a painful injury on May 24 when part of a motor crane which was in operation fell on his right foot, severely mashing it.

We have two new employees in our district: J. J. Lamb of Howard County and George W. Rosenbaum of Hempstead County.

Bobby and Georgia Hampton of Lone Star, Tex., are proud parents of a little boy, Ribert Anthony, who arrived May 18. The grandparents are Earl and Peggy Hampton, and the little one is their first grandchild.

Elmer (Bob) Horn of Nashville had surgery in Texarkana on May 15. Hope he recovers nicely soon.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Virgil Cleveland, area foreman of LaFayette County, in the loss of his mother, Mrs. Della Cleveland of Stamps, who died May 17 in the Lewisville Hospital. Mrs. Cleveland was 89 years old.



"Stick 'em up, Grandma!" tells 3-year-old Russell Edward Stephens of Dallas, Tex., to Edna Lewallen, payroll clerk in District 3. Edna sure enjoyed her little grandson's recent visit with her.

DISTRICT 5

Carl Davis

Service awards for May went to Freese Kimmer, 15 year; Wade Clark and David Neighbours, 10 years; and Billie Dean Anderson, 5 years. June awards were presented to Myrt Hoofman and Milton U. Hughs, 10 years; and William H. Loggains, 5 years.

Robert L. Kissire, engineering helper in District 5 construction, and Pat R. Venable, payroll clerk in District 6, were married at Morrilton. Mrs. Geraldine Kissire, the new mother-in-law, is employed in C. A. Shumaker's office in Little Rock. The newweds will reside in Searcy.

Bob Benz's secretary, Donna Finney, became a bride in May, also. She is now known as Mrs. Donna Chapman.

Mrs. Drexel Evans underwent surgery May 14 at Grays Hospital but is at home now and improving.

Bernice Masner, husband of Ruby Masner, fuel clerk, had surgery at Baptist Hospital in Little Rock May 5. Bernice is back at home now and we hope it won't be long until he's feeling chipper again.



Jim Carter is our "Pin-up" for this month. Jim is a welder and mechanic in the District 5 shops, and is very capable in his work.

DISTRICT 7

Burnham & Campbell

Five-year service awards were presented Joe Hardy Bradshaw and Carol Dixon Tutt during April.

Highway Commissioner Glenn Wallace was guest speaker for the Lions Club in Camden on April 18.

Judy Hicks, freshman at the University, spent the Easter holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hicks.

The people of Camden voted on a bond issue for purchasing right-of-way for the proposed Highway 4 Spur on April 24. The issue was approved by a vote of 6 to 1.

DISTRICT 10

Junior Wycoff

District Engineer J. F. Price, accompanied by District Engineer C. M. Matthews of Wynne, were on hand at the Blytheville Air Base May 22 to welcome the group of men making the air tour during National Highway Week. Ten planes landed and a large crowd was on hand. Luncheon was served to many citizens in the area and those on the tour. The group later landed at Jonesboro where they were

also greeted by a large crowd. Mr. Price said they enjoyed it and a very enthusiastic welcome was extended to the group.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lunsford of Corning welcomed a new addition to their family. Berveley Roxena was born in the Community Methodist Hospital in Paragould, weighing in at 7 pounds, 12 ounces. The Lunsfords have three boys and by the grin on Andy's face when he told us and passed out cigars, they are mighty pleased that their latest is a girl. Andy is area foreman in Clay County. (We spelled the baby's name exactly as it was sent to us. Is that correct, or is it Beverly Roxana? - Ed.)

Luther Hays of the Clay County area, had proof that he is quite a fisherman. He

caught a 7½ pound bass not long ago. That's something, Luther.

N. D. Pumphrey, who has been resident engineer at Lepanto, was transferred to Fordyce on May 1. J. M. Garrett, who had been assigned to the resident engineer's office at Osceola as assistant resident engineer, has replaced Norman in the Lepanto office. We hope Norman will drop by to see us often.

Mr. Price is again the recipient of high honors. He was recently re-elected to serve on the Official Board of the First Methodist Church in Paragould. He is a member of the Paragould Rotary Club and was recently awarded an honorary membership in the Paragould Chamber of Commerce. We congratulate Mr. Price.

Service awards were presented in May to the following: Orval Glover and Floyd Utley, 10 years; and Jason Adams, Ray Haley, Virgil Harrison, Paul Nakes, Bill Thompson, and Robert Lilly, years.

District 10 extends heartfelt sympathies to the family of our former District Engineer J. C. Perkins, Sr., who died May 10. Those who attended the funeral May 11 in Harrison were Mr. and Mrs. Price, and Resident Engineer E. W. Smith and Mrs. Smith of Joiner.

Advice to speakers--in the old farmer's words. "When you're done pumpin', let go the handle."

OBITUARIES



JAMES CALVIN PERKINS, SR.

James Calvin Perkins, Sr., District 1 engineer until his retirement June 30, 1958, died May 8 at his home in Harrison.

Mr. Perkins was born October 25, 1887 at Yellville, Ark. He attended Wentworth Military School studying engineering, and continued his engineering education by ICS Correspondence Course.

He started working for the Highway Department March 1, 1931 as resident engineer, and during his 23-year career, he held many engineering positions. At the time of his retirement he was engineer of District 1.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Winnie Shinn Perkins of Harrison, and two sons, J. C. Perkins, Jr. and H. H. Perkins, both employed as resident engineers in the Highway Department.

HOMER RAY LUCUS

Homer R. Lucus, Construction Division assistant until his resignation, died June 1 at his home in Thayer, Mo., after a long illness.

Mr. Lucus came to the Highway Department in 1947 as a resident engineer, a position he held six years. He was transferred in 1953 to Pine Bluff as acting District 2 engineer, and was made full engineer of District 2 in 1955. In 1959 he was transferred to Harrison as engineer of District 9. He was there until October 1960 when he was transferred back to the Construction Offices in Little Rock. Prior to coming to the Arkansas Department, Mr. Lucus had years of highway work with the Missouri and Kansas Highway Departments.



Homer Ray Lucus

Mr. Lucus was born at Mammoth Springs, Ark. October 6, 1897. He received his civil engineering degree from Missouri School of Mines at Rolla, Mo., and was a registered professional engineer.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Hannah Morse Lucus of Thayer, and a daughter, Mrs. Florence E. Plochberger of St. Louis.

WEBSTER FRANKLIN TURNER

Webster Franklin Turner, District 8 engineer at Russellville, died at 4 a.m. on June 6 at a Russellville hospital after a relatively short illness.

Mr. Turner was born May 20, 1899 at Atkins, Ark. He attended schools at Atkins and Muskogee, Okla., and studied engineering at Henderson-Brown College at Arkadelphia.

Mr. Turner's career in the Highway Department began October 1, 1923, as a resident engineer in the Construction Division. After serving in other engineering jobs he was appointed engineer of District 4 at Ft. Smith. On July 1, 1960, he was transferred to Russellville as engineer of District 8. He was a registered professional engineer. During World War I, he served as Second Lieutenant in the Infantry. He was a Methodist.

A sister, Miss Marjarine Turner, is an analyst in the Planning and Research Division.

Other survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mary Lucus Turner of Russellville, a son, Robert Smith Turner of Park Hill, North Little Rock, and two grandchildren.

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WALTER B. NEEL, SR.

The Highway Department employees express their profound sympathies to Sarah Neel of the Microfilming Section, on the death of her beloved husband, Walter Burroughs Neel, Sr., who died in St. Vincent's Hospital May 17.

Mr. Neel, 68, had been ill since mid-January when he suffered a heart attack. He developed other complications which required hospitalization for over three months.

A native of Forrest City, Mr. Neel was a member of the Oak Forrest Methodist Church, and he was a Mason.

Other survivors include a son, Walter B. Neel, Jr., of Memphis; a daughter, Mrs. Betty Aspeitia of Arlington, Calif., and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted May 19 at the Griffin-Leggett Chapel. Masonic burial rites were conducted at Pine Crest Memorial Cemetery.

Letters...

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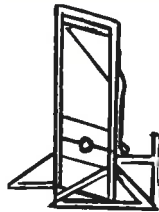
Dear Mrs. Adams:

Having just finished reading the May issue of "Arkansas Highways," I hasten to congratulate you on one of the finest human interest stories I have ever read.

You certainly made the story of Johnnie Beavers' life and experience a tremendously interesting story to anyone who reads it.

I, too, want to add my salute to Johnnie.

Cordially yours,
E. F. Bespalow
Vice President & Chief Engineer
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this'll kill ya!

A soldier, returning to civilian life, sent a letter to his former officer: "Sir, after two years of suffering, it gives me great pleasure to tell the army to go to the devil."

Soon came a reply: "Sir: Any suggestions concerning troop movement must be entered, in triplicate, on form MF-3412."

Doctor to woman complaining about high bill: "Don't forget, I made eleven visits to your house while your son had the measles."
"Yes," the woman replied, "but don't forget, he infected the whole school."

A tailor in Las Vegas carried this "ad" in a local newspaper: "While you're here, why not get your clothes cleaned, too?"

Young Mrs. Curtis thrust her husband's paycheck through the window and asked the teller if he'd please cash it.

The teller looked at the signature and saw that it was all right. "But the check needs an endorsement first," he told her.

Mrs. Curtis looked thoughtful for a moment, then wrote on the back of the check: "My husband is a wonderful man. - Harriet Curtis."

One friend to another: "Say, how did you get that scar across the bridge of your nose?"

"From glasses."

"Well, why don't you get contact lenses?"

"They don't hold enough beer."

One of our city street cleaners was fired. It seems that he couldn't keep his mind in the gutter.

When the young couple get together on a date they sit and watch horror pictures. They just love each shudder.

"See here, Doc, if there's anything wrong with me, don't scare by giving it a complicated scientific name. Just give it to me in plain English."

"Well, to be perfectly frank," said Doc, "you are just plain lazy."

"Now give me a scientific name for it so I can go home and tell my synical wife."

"Who was the blonde you were out with Wednesday and Thursday?"

"She was the brunette I was out with Monday and Tuesday."

A man upon seating himself in a theatre noticed in front of him what could only be a large dog. Finding it extremely difficult to see around the animal, and noticing that it appeared to be with the man on his left, he leaned over and tapped the man on the shoulder, whispering, "What on earth possessed you to bring such a large dog to a movie?"

"I just had to," the man replied. "He enjoyed the book so much."

The fact that behind every man there stands a woman is one of the truisms of any success story. To illustrate. Here's some imaginary quotes from the wives of well-known men:

Mrs. Paul Revere - "Oh, all right. I guess you're entitled to one night out."

Mrs. Brutus - "On your way down to pay the taxes, stop off and have this knife sharpened, will you, honey?"

Mrs. Isaac Newton - "How do you expect me to get this house cleaned up with you lying around? Go out and loaf under the apple tree for a while."

Mrs. Franz Schubert - "I don't care if you ever finish it! You're going to mother's with me tonight!"

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