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OUR HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS



This is the first group picture of our Highway Commission since Bill Joe Denton, left, of Wilson, and John W. Harsh, right, of Magnolia, were named to the Commission by Governor Faubus. Others are: Arnil Taylor, Clarksville; Truman Baker, Searcy; and Wayne Hampton, Stuttgart. Denton was named to fill the vacancy created by the death March 6 of John E. Crain, Sr. Harsh filled the position formerly held by Glenn F. Wallace of Nashville, whose term expired in January. At the April 24 meeting Hampton was appointed chairman of the Commission and Denton vice chairman.

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WARD GOODMAN NAMED ACTING DIRECTOR



Ward Goodman, deputy director and chief engineer, was appointed acting director of the Highway Department by the Highway Commission at a meeting April 24. He assumed official directorial duties on May 1, a day after F. R. Oliver's resignation became effective.

Oliver, who had served as director since August 1, 1959, submitted his resignation to the commission in March to become engineering advisor to the government of Thailand. He and Mrs. Oliver will leave for the new post this month.

Goodman started his AHD career as chairman in the summer of 1927 while he was a student at the University of Arkansas. After receiving his civil engineering degree in 1930, he returned to the Department as instrumentman, working under the supervision of N. B. Garver. During the following years he worked in the capacities as resident engineer, designer, structural engineering, field work, assistant bridge engineer and bridge engineer.

In 1942, just as many engineers in the Department were doing, he left to work for private firms engaged in constructing war facilities. He designed structures and utilities for the Pine Bluff Arsenal, after which he went to Canada to design bases, utilities and hangars for a bridge construction firm. His last connection outside the Department was supervision of construction on the atomic plant at Oak Ridge, Tenn. He returned in 1948. In 1950 he was given charge of the Bridge Design Division, which was the stepping stone for his promotion to chief engineer in 1955.

Goodman, 55, is a native of Hohenwald, Tenn., but has lived in Little Rock most of his life. He is married to the former Miss Mamy Gerald of Rodessa, La., and they have a married son, Bill.

ENGINEERING STUDENTS FROM UNIVERSITY VISIT DEPARTMENT

On April 24 forty-five University of Arkansas senior engineering students arrived by chartered bus at the Little Rock Central Offices where they were guests for the day of the Highway Department. This was the third consecutive year the Department has played host to the senior students.

The purpose in extending the invitations to the students is to explain the functions and workings of the Department and lead them on a tour of engineering offices and construction sites in the vicinity.

Mr. Oliver welcomed the group and Acting Director Goodman spoke on "Your Highway Department." Guides for the Central Office tour were: Ralph Stiefvater, Robert Seay, Dale Loe, John Sage, Delbert Vanlandingham, and John Kizer.

Bob Crafton, Freeway engineer, was host on the construction tour. This tour included the South Terminal Interchange, East Capitol Avenue-South Terminal Interchange, Markham Street Interchange, Freeway Bridge, Second to Nineteenth Street, North Little Rock, North Terminal Interchange, Levy Overpass to North Terminal Interchange.

Highway personnel responsible for the activities were: Mr. Oliver, Mr. Goodman, C. A. Shumaker, Y. W. Whelchel, Bob Crafton, George Peevy, Ralph Jones, Don Cahoon, Dale Davison, S. H. Daggett, and Johnnie Gray.



From left are Pete Daggett, Delbert Vanlandingham, John Sage, Robert Seay, John Kizer, Dale Loe, and Ralph Stiefvater.



The student engineers and Department personnel pause long enough during the tour of highway construction sites to have their picture snapped by Johnnie Gary. At far left, standing in the first row, is Bob Crafton, Freeway engineer.

AHD RELEASES NEW MAP

by W. H. Moore
Planning & Research

To quote an out-of-town visitor's comment when he saw an advance copy of our new Tourist Map, "That's the best looking map I've ever see!"

And that just about sums up the general opinion of all who have had an opportunity to view this new map of ours. Not just a revised version of the one we have published for many years, this edition is a product of every modern technique available to advanced cartography.

Drafting methods used on our map for the past eleven years have become obsolete. The Mapping Section of the Planning and Research Division this year turned to a wholly new engraving process—popularly termed "scribing"—for the basic map details such as roads, streams, town symbols, railroads, and similar data. Highly intricate overlay sheets carrying the lettered material—names of cities, rivers, route numbers, and the like—which were once laboriously hand-lettered by drafting craftsmen, now make use of specialized printing. These names, numbers, and letters are printed on sheets of wax backed transparent acetate, cut out, and carefully fixed in place.

With this map, a team of engravers, cartographers, and technicians, plus up-to-the-minute printing processes, unite to develop a most attractive and useful information piece. Even when all these modern methods are used to produce an attractive map, the primary purpose is to supply accurate information on how to go places. Here too, our new tourist aid goes beyond any previous edition in providing maximum usefulness to the traveling public. So let's take a look and see what some of these new things are.

Noticeable at once is the fact that all the city maps have been enlarged and contain a wealth of new material. Among these is the addition of an insert section showing the intricate Freeway system thru Little Rock and North Little Rock, with all the entrance and exit ramps, overpasses, and interchanges. Photographs, once seen only in modest black and white, now appear for the first time in full color and unparalleled beauty.

A new chart shows a complete summary of all the state parks, forest recreation areas, battlegrounds, and other parks, together with their available facilities.

A few gentle hints on how to be a GOOD driver, where to "phone" when in trouble, a map showing the topography of Arkansas, and sources of additional information concerning our State rounds out the "picture" side of this remarkable new map.

Turning to the other side, two methods have been shown to indicate mileage between points. A chart may be used to quickly determine distances between major Arkansas cities, or alternately a small map may be

referred to for accumulative distances between cities and highway junctions not included in the mileage chart. This mileage map has an additional feature that will be of great value to truckers operating under the new weight laws: the Federal Aid Primary State Highway System has been shown in RED. The specific data has not previously been included in our tourist maps.

To the basic system of State Highways and their current state of improvement, plus many important connecting county roads, has been added the routing of the entire Interstate Highway System. All stages of this system have been noted, as completed, under construction, or proposed. This data has been notably improved and increased with this edition, due to the adoption by Arkansas of a system of symbols developed by the American Association of State Highway Officials. These symbols, when placed in use by all states, will aid the tourist in reading road maps. Colors, too—all nine of them—show clearly many details not possible of inclusion on older editions.

Many more points of interest have been included, such as parks and recreation areas and an indication of which ones provided campsites. Sportsmen will be delighted with the inclusion of all the State-owned Game and Fish Commission Wildlife Management Areas. Watersport enthusiasts will find useful the showing of Arkansas' many lakes, with their principal access roads. Business travelers will appreciate the addition of special colors and symbols to designate all cities over 10,000 population, as well as approximately 1300 other towns and places shown and completely indexed. The newest proposed lake developments, such as Beaver, Dardanelle, and Millwood, have been included to portray the wealth of Arkansas' present and future water resources.

County lines are more easily identified by the use of a color band in addition to the usual line symbol. Highway numbers are more clearly defined than ever before, and town names more easily read by the use of modern and improved type faces. Supplemental information, including for the first time the system of highway roadside picnic tables, stands out with greater clarity.

Produced on the presses of the Democrat Printing and Lithographing Company, in Little Rock, an edition of 200,000 copies is scheduled for release on May 15. With its bright and colorful appearance, ease of handling, and beautiful "cover" picture reminiscent of the Old South's romantic past, this map could easily rank as "No. 1" in the U.S.A.!

CLIFFORD PAUL SAYLOR

Clifford Paul Saylor, 42, a heavy truck driver in District 10, died April 17, following several weeks' illness. Mr. Saylor had been employed 10 years in the Highway Department.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, and three sons. Funeral services were held April 19 at Paragould.

OPEN HOUSE FOR OLIVERS

The Highway Department honored Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Oliver the afternoon of April 30 with a farewell open house in the small commission room of the Little Rock Offices.

Approximately 300 employees and other friends signed the guest book but many more than that number stopped in to shake hands with the Olivers and bid them goodbye. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver will leave May 25 for Thailand where Mr. Oliver has accepted a job as advisor on highway engineering for the Thailand government.

The event was a huge success and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver were happy to greet their friends.

The table held a beautiful floral arrangement of shasta daisies and chrysanthemums. Tiny sandwiches, cookies of all shapes and kinds, hors d'oeuvres, punch and coffee were served.



Highway Commissioners Wayne Hampton and Truman Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver and Ward Goodman.



The Olivers and Jim Meredith



Safety Officer Bill Huie greets Mrs. Oliver while Mr. Oliver shakes hands with Frank Caple (behind Bill) and C. Don Hayes.



A. M. Clark, Ruth Foll, who was one of the hostesses, and W. T. Jeter.



Robert Hickey, Jake Clements, Jr., and Mary Day

Highway Commission Presents Service Awards

In recognition of their long years of service in the Highway Department, five employees were presented certificates of merit and service pins by the Commission and Acting Director Ward Goodman April 24 in the Commission Room.

Among the five was Olive Jackson, bookkeeper in District 3 at Hope, who is the second woman in the history of the Department to have reached the 30-year milestone. Inez Royston of Pine Bluff retired several years ago after 35 years' service.

The other employees receiving the awards with Olive were: Ray Garner, roadway designer in the Roadway Design Division, 25 years; Jeff D. Lindley, job superintendent, District 1, 30 years; Haskell B. Matthews, staff engineer, Construction Division, 30 years; and William H. Porter, district equipment supervisor, District 9, 30 years. Mr. Goodman gave a brief biography of each employee before making the presentations.

Many Department employees attended the ceremonies to offer congratulations to their co-workers. Special guests were Mrs. H. B. Matthews and daughter, Mrs. Margaret Murray, Miss Anna Porter, Mrs. Jeff Lindley, Mrs. Ray Garner, and Mrs. H. L. Petty.

Highway Dames Meet

Members of the Arkansas Highway Dames enjoyed a most interesting program at the April 25 meeting in the Commission Room of the Highway Building.

The highlight of the program was the presentation of the new highway film in sound and color by Staff Photographer Johnnie Gray. Everyone felt a glow of pride for Johnnie, who has created a real work of art.

It was with regret that the Dames said goodbye to Marion Oliver, wife of F. R. Oliver, for this was probably her last meeting with us before the Olivers leave for Thailand. A small gift was presented to Marion, expressing our love and appreciation for all she has done for our organization.

The slate of officers for next year, presented by Eleanor Pattilo, was unanimously adopted. The officers who will be installed at the May meeting are: President, Mrs. Hurley Perkins; Vice President, Mrs. Baldy Vinson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Don Martin; Treasurer, Mrs. Bob Mattox; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Donald Reed; Parliamentarian, Mrs. Gyp Robertson; and Historian, Mrs. J. C. Longcoy.

The next meeting will be a potluck picnic at the pavilion on Lakeshore Drive in Lakewood at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, May 23. Bring a covered dish; coffee will be served by Sue Rownd's food committee. Incidentally, Sue, with her committee, has done a wonderful job this year involving some hard work.

Mrs. Harry Wright (Grace)



Employees receiving service awards are shown on the first row, left to right: Jeff Lindley, Olive Jackson, William Porter, Ray Garner, and H. B. Matthews. Back row: Highway Commissioners Wayne Hampton, John Harsh, W. J. Denton, Truman Baker, Arnil Taylor, and Acting Director Ward Goodman.

Your Personal Business

(Third of a Series)

CHAOS OR WILL POWER??

By Dale Davison
Personnel Officer

As we journey down the pathway of life each of us has assumed personal and public responsibilities. In public, it may be our job and how we produce for our employer; or what we are doing for mankind through civic work for those less fortunate than ourselves. All of these have a bearing on our personal responsibilities.

As we grew into adults, we assumed the responsibilities of marriage and parenthood, each of us shouldering a larger share of the future. As we mold the future through the youth around us, the importance of personally providing for their continued well being is apparent.

Is the future of your loved ones safeguarded to the best of your ability? Have you made a will planning disposition of the fruits of your life's work? Is it up to date? If the answer to any of the above is "no," one of the most important acts in your life has been neglected.

We are told by the State Bar Association that a will is a technical document; each individual's circumstances, property, children and their ages, all contribute to the need for a periodic review of a will. There are many basic and formal requirements such as: The will must be written, prepared, and executed in a special manner provided by the laws governing wills, the maker of a will must be of sound mind and to be effective must be proven and allowed by a court of law.

Through the years many tales have emerged, some based on fact—others on fancy. A typical example is "each child must receive at least one dollar," or "everything I have is jointly owned and this substitutes for a will." While these may be true in part, each problem for each family is different.

Another good question—*who do you want to manage your estate?* Someone could be named whom you would consider the least capable. It is your privilege to name manager for your affairs, if you have a will!

Frequently people say "it costs too much to pay for will which is out of date next year." Changing personal situations govern when a will is out of date. It may be a year or a lifetime. Remember though it can be revoked or changed as often as you wish, when you wish—that's how well you can care for your loved ones.

Preparation of a will is technical work which should be accomplished by a person specializing in making decisions affecting you and yours. Do you go to a doctor to build a house or repair a car? The same care should be exercised in selecting a person qualified to prepare your will. A practicing attorney can provide the the best course and he should be able to give you a reasonable estimate of the cost to prepare your will before it is actually prepared.

Each set of facts may change the use of the law and your will. The law provides you the opportunity to eliminate the disorder or chaos of your estate through the power of the will. Your desires are known when needed—be sure you will says what you want; protecting you and yours for the future.

This article is intended to inform you of the need to have a will. It does not constitute advice on preparation or endorsement of any group, but I believe in the doctor taking out tonsils, the carpenter building a house and an attorney to interpret the law for me.

(The above article was approved by Dowell Anders, chief attorney of the Legal Division.)



A SUCCESS BUT NO FAILURE!

by Mary Day

An interesting pastime for a rainy afternoon is perusing the State map for odd and entertaining names. A quick look reveals that it is a hundred miles from Morning Sun to Evening Shade. Who says we don't have royalty in America—in Arkansas alone there is a King, an Earle, and a Monarch.

You can travel from Jerusalem to Jericho without ever leaving the state. There's also a Canaan, Antioch, Beulah, Jordan, Palestine, and Mt. Zion.

Arkansas has it's own version of Atlanta, Boston, Denver and Houston. We have a Pocahontas, but no John Smith; a Byron but no Shelley or Keats; a Portia but no Bassanio; an Umpire but no Leo Durocher.

Indication of widespread migration to Arkansas is revealed by the number of towns named after foreign countries, such as Scotland, England, Egypt, Denmark, Batavia, Formosa, Holland and Sweden.

The towns of Paris, London, Moscow and Dublin in Arkansas may not nearly equal the fame of others by the same name but they are legitimate nonetheless.

As you might imagine, several state towns are named after former presidents. Among them are Washington, Madison, Monroe, Harrison, Van Buren and Lincoln.

Sources for a village name evidently were exhausted when Fifty-six, Figure Five and Number Nine were born.

And did you know that we have a Success but not Failure? That's an odd twist, which incidentally brings to light the fact that we have—yep, you guessed it—a Twist!

HARRY WRIGHT FETED

NOSTALGIA



Mrs. Wright, Harry, Mrs. E. E. Mashburn, Mr. Harsh, and Ward Goodman.

We had a wonderful party for a wonderful person April 12 at 10:30 a.m. The party was in honor of Harry M. Wright who retired April 15 after 35 years with the Highway Department. A retirement certificate was presented to Mr. Wright by Highway Commissioner John Harsh from Magnolia. Ward Goodman presented him with a 35-year service certificate and pin. He also received a certificate and pin. He also received a certificate from Pulaski County Judge Arch Campbell, making him a "Count" of Pulaski County. This makes Mrs. Wright a "Countess," which she said she would really enjoy.

Max C. Hall presented Mr. Wright with a Heddon Pal rod-and Phluger reel as a gift from the office, and told him to think of all of us when he used it. Mr. Wright also received an income tax manual from Ed Smith, consulting engineer.

Others at the party included C. A. Shumaker, C. Don Hayes, Y. W. Whelchel, and many other members of the Department who have known Mr. Wright through the years. Coffee and punch and plenty of food was served to everyone. We wish to thank the following ladies who helped make this special occasion possible: Mrs. John Tallant, Miss Kay Tallant (wife and daughter of our new division head), Mrs. Mary Teasdale, and Mrs. Mary Hall. This writer also lent her assistance.

-Barbara Oldham



Max Hall presenting Harry with a gift.



Back in 1928 some of the drafting force in the Department "went in" for more hair, vests, and double breasted suits. Three of the men above, pictured in front of the "old" building, are still with us. Kneeling are: Norris Hogg, now with the U.S. Engineers; Bill Moore, Planning and Research, AHD; and Jack Carter, now with an insurance firm. Standing are: Dan Pulliam, deceased; Carl Pendergraft, chief draftsman at the time and now retired; Jack Teasdale of County Roads, AHD; and Eugene Nelson, office engineer, AHD.



Pamela Gayle Caple, daughter of Frank Caple, Procurement officer, was selected as a participant in the National Science Foundation sponsored institute at Northwestern State College in Louisiana. Pam, a junior in North Little Rock High School, is active in the Latin Club, Tri-Chem and Theta Science. She enjoys the activities in the clubs and plans to use the acquired knowledge along with her science and other courses to enter the University of Arkansas. Pam plans to major in biological sciences and go on to do research in micro-biology.

That



W. D. (Bill) Hunter, truck driver in Lincoln County, escaped possibly serious head injuries while wearing the new AHD hard hat.

Bill was loading rip-rap onto a truck to fill in a ditch. He picked up a piece of concrete 2 and 1/2 feet long, a foot wide, and 4 inches thick, weighing approximately 40 pounds, to load on the truck. He lifted the slab of concrete over his head, it broke in two and struck him on the head knocking him to the ground. He recovered after being stunned for a few seconds and resumed the job of loading rip-rap, without being seriously injured or losing any time from work. Bill has been with the Department 3 years.

This is one example of the physical protection the Highway Department provides for their employees.



The hard hat and vest are used for identification purposes as well as protection, for both the employees and the motoring public. Above, J. E. McGee, flags a motorist as a precaution while maintenance crews repair the road. McGee has been with the Department 2 years.

Frank O'Donnell, assistant safety director, with Glenn Jacks, area foreman in Lincoln County.



Dennis Henley, top left, is a truck driver in District 2. He's been with the Department 8 years. Hunter is at right. Leo Meeks, bottom, a front end loader, has been with AHD 11 years. He works in District 2.

MUSEUM PIECE



District 10 Engineer John F. Price, at left, is shown presenting a deer mount to Dr. Eugene B. Wittlake, curator of Arkansas State's Museum. Price killed the 11-point buck with a high powered rifle near Eleven Point River in Randolph County in 1951. Dr. Wittlake said the mount will be hung in the Museum's Gun Room.

AROUND THE DEPARTMENTS

ACCOUNTING DIVISION

Tyronza Hines

James McCarthy and Johnnie Beavers went on a visitation tour to District 3, Hope, April 18.

As of this writing, there have been three on the sick list: Johnnie Beavers, Frank Phillips, and Jack Keilch were absent from work several days.

We were all glad to see Olive Jackson, bookkeeper from District 3, when she came by to pay us a short visit after receiving her 30-year service awards.

Betty Russenberger's 11-year-old daughter, Nancy, received the National Musician's Certificate for junior pianists. Nancy had a high grade of 97, and had it been 98, she would have been chosen for Critic's Choice. Congratulations, Nancy.

Margaret and John Allen visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Allen in Hughes, Ark., the week end of April 27.

Guests in the home of Betty Russenberger for the Easter holidays were Mrs. Melba Baker and three children of Kalamazoo, Mich.

Linda Tucker and husband, Tommy, will have moved to their new address on Ironton Road by the time this is printed. Linda says she is getting real bored with the city and is all ready to enjoy country life.

If you think Les Perry was proud when his little son was born, you should see him now. It seems that 8-month-old Alan Gregg has his first tooth!

Tom Dixon's 3½-year-old son, James, had a tonsillectomy April 15. He is doing fine as he was up and running about the same afternoon of the operation.

The measles are still going around among the families of our co-workers. Pat Koonce's daughter, Janice, came down with them right after Pat's son Robert had begun to recuperate from them. Donna Smith's little daughter Sandy, also had them the middle of April.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Hazel McKim

A. J. White, one of our watchman, retired May 1. Since he worked the first shift - 4 p.m. to 12 p.m. - it was one of his several duties to care for the shrubs and flowers around the building. We think he did a splendid job. We'll all miss A. J. and hope his retirement will be prosperous and enjoyable.

Charles Thirion looks and seems a little older lately - reason is, he has a new grandson.

Ralph G. Post is the fisherman of our group. He has been having excellent luck lately and he supplies the Department with fish. Atta' Boy, Ralph, keep up the good work.

We have seen another Easter Sunday come and go again - and it was one of the most beautiful in many years.

We extend sympathies to Norman B. Smith and his family in the death of his father, Mr. Charles M. Smith of North Little Rock on April 22. Funeral services were held by Griffin-Leggett of Little Rock. Burial was near Cabot, Ark. Several from the Highway Department attended services.

CONSTRUCTION

Lucy Dishongh

Wilma and Hurley Perkins are taking their first real vacation in 25 years. On May 1, accompanied by Wilma's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Koehler, they will head east to Laurie, Md., to visit their daughter Lynda, while the Koehlers go on to Paly-mara, N. J., and Bangor, Me., to visit their other daughters. The return trip is planned through parts of Canada. They will be gone 3 weeks.

Virginia Hand and children Stevie and Sandy arrived April 24 at 1:30 a.m. for a visit with proud grandparents, Bob and Margaret Weathers. Honey Bun (that's what what Stevie calls Margaret) was still a bit sleepy two days later.

H. B. "Fat" Matthews received his longevity award (30 years) from the Highway Commission in ceremonies in the Commission Room April 24. His wife Gladys and daughter Margaret June Murray were present. A large group of friends and co-workers were on hand to congratulate "Uncle Fat."

Prior to the service awards presentation, we gave a luncheon honoring "Uncle Fat" in our offices. His wife and daughter joined a much surprised "Uncle Fat" who kept saying, "They won't be here till 12:45" and he was quite surprised when they walked in at 12:01. We pulled a sneaky, Uncle Fat, and congratulations to you! Margaret, Gerry, Charlene and yours truly can cook too!

EQUIPMENT

Doris Healy

Johnny Smith is a new employee in Central Shop. Welcome, Johnny.

Birthdays in April were: Bonnie Hill, W. M. Laman, and M. L. Price. Bonnie, in the Procurement Office, was given a surprise party April 26 by her co-workers. She received a necklace and earring set and a pair of blue pajamas. Cake and coffee were served.

Fishermen of the Month: Avalee Padgett and family went up to Devil's Fork in Heber Springs and had fair luck... Shirley Healy, this reporter, and our husbands went fishing at Eden Isle in Heber Springs and didn't do any good but

certainly enjoyed the outing. Frank Boye has reported having good luck at Maumelle.

Martha Pearle's brother and family from Kansas City visited her recently.

Carol and Charles Hilton enjoyed a trip home to Colchester, Ill., April 18 and returned April 21.

Marguerite, wife of Lem Kirkpatrick, spent a few days visiting their daughter, Kitty, in Houston, Tex. It was her first airplane ride and she thoroughly enjoyed it. Question in mind: What was Kirk doing while Marguerite was away??

Our congratulations and best wishes are extended to Bobby and Melva Padgett, who were married in the First Baptist Church in Jacksonville on April 12. Bobby is the son of Avalee in the Equipment Office. (See Below)



PERSONNEL

M.A.

General Services Division, which is made up of Procurement, Records and Supplies, Personnel, Buildings and Grounds, Reproduction, and Data Processing, is planning a get-together at Burns Park in North Little Rock the evening of May 16. A Planning Committee was formed to make preparations, etc., and we've been promised good food, drink, entertainment, and good fellowship. Art Johnson, Data Processing, is chairman and Henry Vopel, Reproduction, vice chairman. Robbie Ing (magazine) is a member.

Personnel Officer Dale Davison, wife Margie, and their two children spent a week end last month in New Orleans, visiting relatives and friends.



Jackie Wallace returned to work April 29 hobbling about on crutches and sporting the second cast of her "latest" compound fracture suffered March 20. Jackie was off all that time and was glad to return just as we were glad to have her back with us. Her doctor is pleased with the way it's mending, since it was one of the worst breaks he had ever seen. Incidentally, her cast is very cleverly decorated with a painting of "Popeye," done by her niece's husband.

RECORDS AND SUPPLIES

Helen McCook

Well, it's been some time since we had any news, but thought maybe you would like to know I've been puny. Had a thyroid operation. Back to work and feeling better.

Verna Daes held down the fort while I was away and did an excellent job. Surely do thank her. Also want to thank all the folks who remembered me with cards and best wishes.

You've probably noticed for some time that your Transfers have been signed by A. E. Comeau. Al was loaned to us for about 6 months from the Buildings and Grounds Section, but recently we got him transferred to us. Larry Hardy left to fill Dan Morgan's job in Office Engineer. We miss him but he comes down quite often to mail plans.

PLANNING AND RESEARCH

Bonnie Thomas

Several persons in P & R took week end trips over the Easter holidays. Mayo White and his family visited his son Larry and his wife in Kentucky. Jane and Karl Huff visited their son Raymond and his family

in Fayetteville. The Huff's other son Bill and his wife visited for several days in Little Rock on a trip from Denver, Colo.

Ruth Cantley is back at work after spending a week in the hospital. We are glad Ruth is feeling better.

Leroy Beckett spent the week of April 22, in St. Louis, Mo. supervising the printing of the new highway tourist map.

J. R. Henderson and Rob Parker flew to Kansas City April 10, to participate in the one-day Bureau of Public Roads Regional Research Conference.

Paul Gregson and Dennis Jones from the Bureau of Public Roads worked in our Division for a week during the past month. We enjoyed having these fellows with us.

Mignon Besancon, one of the girls in the front office, has resigned to accept another job. Everyone is sorry to see Mignon leave. We wish her lots of luck with her new work.

Our sportsman of the month is Charles Frazier. Charles, who is very good with bow and arrow, enjoys hunting as a sport and hobby. (A picture of Charles and one of his "catches" is elsewhere in this issue. Ed.)

RIGHT OF WAY

Ann Sniff

Bob Griffin, son of Retha, celebrated his tenth birthday in the hospital after having had a tonsillectomy. Bob said it was the worst birthday he ever had. Terry, his older brother, made a much needed donation (tonsils) to the biology department of Central High School and thanked Bob for his cooperation.

Don Martin is back in the office after being off a couple of weeks with mumps - welcome back, Don.

Jack Hamilton and Doug Thacker of the Utilities Section have new wheels - Jack a Volvo and Doug, a Chevy. Lucky boys - and girls, they're single.

All of Right of Way is looking forward with anticipation to our annual fish fry where food, fun, and frolic are enjoyed, from the kids to the KIDS!

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Hester Foster of New Orleans, La., the mother of Carl Foster of our Administrative Section; also to the family of N. J. Williams of Bismark, Ark., the father of Henry Williams, in the Appraisal Section.

ROADWAY DESIGN

June Dillon

Jim Johnston, son of our boss W. C. Johnston, will report to Washington, D.C. around July 1 as foreign service officer, temporary, to attend further instructions in foreign languages. If he satisfactorily completes his preliminary work he may receive a permanent appointment.

Bob Narrell is our fisherman of the month. He doesn't report on his catches but he goes pretty often.

Ray Garner was presented his 25-year service awards by the Highway Commission Room. Afterwards, Ray and Mrs. Garner were served cake and coffee in Roadway Design, compliments of Ray's squad.

Susie Toland, daughter of Charles Toland, won first prize in the fourth, fifth, and sixth grade division for her bicycle decoration.

Robert Thomas and wife motored up to Pennsylvania in their new Volkswagen to visit his brother and sister.

Pat Thompson and Robert Morgan went to the car races in Stuttgart April 21. Both came back with a nice tan but we didn't hear them say how they placed in the races. Pat drives a Triumph and Robert an MG.

Looks like camping season is here again. Everybody is talking fishing and tackle, tents, cots, Coleman stoves and lanterns. There is much talk about Greer's Ferry, Ouachita, and various other fishing places.



Three Little Nichols: Gay, DeAnna, and Kay, daughters of Roadway Designer Brooks Nichols. Aren't they cute?

DISTRICT 1

Janet McElduff

The biggest news this month is that I'm still here. It was touch and go there for a while after last month's publication, but after careful consideration, the Boss decided that my article on Engineers was all-inclusive and not directed solely at him, and has allowed me to stay. The reason that I come early every morning now and sweep out is because I like it here!

One of our nicest boys, Jeff Lindley, received his 30-year service awards April 24 in Little Rock. We thought surely he would take all six of the girls in the office with him for this grand occasion,

but his choice for a companion that day was his wonderful wife, Helen. Jeff and Helen are the kind of people it makes you feel good to know. They were both born and reared in Wynne and have lived all their lives out on Summersweet Road, where they tend 115 acres of beautiful hill land, a few head of cattle, and a peach orchard with the assistance of one of their two sons, their two daughters and sons-in-law, and 7 precious grandchildren. They are both active in Harris Baptist Chapel on Summersweet Road, where Jeff is assistant Sunday School superintendent. Helen's fame as a cook is known far and wide, witnessed by generous treats to the girls in the office, and early morning raids on Jeff's lunch box while his back is turned. We're proud of Jeff and Helen both, and congratulate them on 30 years with AHD and 36 years together!



Jeff with three of his seven grandchildren.

Pat and Nora Russell went to Norfolk Lake for a few days fishing.

Erby Melton is among those now wearing a 15-year service pin.

We're full of construction news this month. Charles Mitchell, resident engineer, has left us to accept a position with the White River Levee District in Helena. Charles and Patsy, his wife, are native Helenians and are delighted to be back home. We'll miss Charles, but wish him luck. Jim Brannan, resident in Batesville, is coming to fill the vacancy left by Charles. We welcome Jim and his family and hope they will love Wynne as we do. L. M. of Helena is transferring to Wynne and the mat goes out to the Milners, too.

W. F. Deaderick spent a couple of weeks in a Memphis hospital recently but is back on the job and we hope feeling much better. Also ailing has been Ronda Faye Rose, daughter of Donald and Shirley Rose of Helena.

Stanley Newman celebrated his birthday recently. I've known Stanley since I was a little girl and he gave me an occasional

nickle to buy an ice-cream cone. If he won't tell my age, I won't tell his!

We extend our sympathies to Carl Majure of Helena in the death of his mother.

You all won't come see us, so we're coming to see all of you soon - via pictures! The Boss is getting a new camera and as soon as someone learns to operate it we're going to send in a whole SPREAD of pictures from District 1.

DISTRICT 2

Ouida Grimes

Edward Nissblat is our "short subject" personality this month. A retired army sergeant, he is a newcomer to the Department but we've already begun to call him "Sarge." He lived in several places during his career in the army. He and wife Lola live in a beautiful new home that is furnished with unusual pieces from the four corners of the earth. Sarge is a native of Paterson, N.J. He's being indoctrinated to our customs and habits but we still can't get all of the "Yankee" ways and ideas out of him. We didn't get a picture of Sarge but we got one of his dog, Duffy, and if that's leading a dog's life, it 'ain't' half bad.

On April 4 we had a radio and safety meeting in the district offices. Clarence Page, from the Little Rock Office, discussed radio operations and FCC rules. We shall try to be better radio operators and more courteous, eh, Code 4 men?

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Doss are the proud parents of a son born April 6 at Jefferson Hospital. Johnny Lynn weighed 9 pounds, 11½ ounces, and was 20½ inches long.

Congratulations to the following men who received 5-year service awards in April: Billy H. Edmonds, James Jo Jacobs, Billy Lee Johns, Artis S. Price, John T. Rodgers, and Collins B. Wall.

The Brewster Shalmys and son John Thomas left April 26 to drive to Rome, N. Y. for the wedding of son Mike. More about their trip next time. They bought a new car to make the trip.



"Duffy"

"Red" Goins and Olan Clark went to Jack's Bay fishing a few week ends ago and really had fishermen's luck, in fact, the best they ever had. James Piers didn't do so well when he took a day's annual leave recently. He got stuck in the mud before he ever got to the lake. It took him several hours to get the truck out, therefore he never did wet a hook. He caught something though, a lot of scratches, bruises, and sore muscles.

DISTRICT 3

Olive Jackson

Our Office had the pleasure of having John W. Harsh, one of our new Commissioners, as a visitor on April 16. We also enjoyed the company of James E. McCarthy, director of Accounting Division, and J. T. Beavers, chief accountant, on April 18.

Frank O'Donnell of Little Rock started a series of safety meetings in our district March 27, which lasted two weeks. We extend our thanks to Frank for a job well done.

District Engineer J. E. Lowder was host to a meeting of Professional Engineers of southwest Arkansas in Hope at the Barlow Hotel April 2. There were 16 present.

William H. Cobb of Ashdown retired from the Highway Department on April 11. Mr. Cobb, who had over 30 years' service, worked in the capacities of truck driver, bridge carpenter, and patrol operator. Best wishes to Mr. Cobb for a happy retirement.

Wesley Lowder, son of Ethel and Jim Lowder, places first in solo work in the Band Festival held in Hot Springs April 20.

Receiving service awards in April were: Edna J. Lewallen and Sam Gilbert, 10 years; Floyd L. Taylor, 5 years; and this reporter, who very proudly accepted 30-year awards by the Highway Commission in Little Rock April 24. We were accompanied to Little Rock for this event by A. M. Clark, maintenance superintendent.

Edna Lewallen, payroll clerk, who had a severe case of flu, was forced to enter the hospital for several days... Clovis G. Tittle was also hospitalized for about two weeks with pneumonia, but has returned to work.

Edna had as her guests for the Easter holidays, her sister, Mary Elizabeth Jones of San Francisco, and daughter, Mrs. Bob Stephens and little grandson, Rusty of Dallas, Tex.

Harvey and Faye Taylor of Prescott have a new addition to their family. Little Gena Renae arrived April 17.

Sam Huckabee, stock clerk, spoke on First Aid to a meeting of the Girl Scouts of Garland School April 9. An hour was spent in discussion and demonstration of artificial respiration.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Bob Bonds in the death of his brother, Theo Bonds of Hope, who died April 2.



This sweet little Miss is Jani Katherine Bolls, 7-month-old daughter of Sue and Jack Bolls of Little Rock and granddaughter of District 3 Maintenance Superintendent Ardell Clark and wife Nellie.

DISTRICT 4

"The Informers"

Service awards went to Nelson Keller, blacksmith, for 5 years' service, and to Thelmer Smith, of the sign crew, for 15 years.

New employees in District 4 are James Hall, city crew; James Stockton, gas station, A. W. Stamper, Lavaca; and D. M. Hunter, Greenwood.

The construction crew at Ozark had a venison barbeque March 31. There were 25 to 30 present, including Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Clayton.

The Columbus Dalmuts are eagerly anticipating the arrival of their daughter, Nelda Jo, and her family from Germany. Nelda's husband has been stationed there but has been transferred to Ft. Polk, La. They are due to fly stateside May 9. They have a new daughter that the Dalmuts have not seen.

The Curtis Olivers took a vacation to Rosenberg, Tex., to visit friends. They fished in the Brazas River and caught 4 blue catfish and went crab fishing at Bay Cliff. They had a fine time and are still eating fish they brought back.

Fred McLaughlin and wife enjoyed a family reunion held at the home of Mrs. T. Mattox in Ozark, mother of Mrs. McLaughlin. Twenty-three guests - some from Texas and Kansas - enjoyed good food, companionship, and, since we know Fred, plenty of laughs.

At this writing we have two employees in the hospital: O. V. (Red) Johnson, at Booneville, and Margarette (Marge) Parnell, Ft. Smith. We hope by publication time they are both back at work, well and happy.

Visitors last month were: Ronald Keene, Bo Cruse, Bill Pryor, and Ed Orsini, all

of "Infernal" auditors; Jim Orsini (Ed's brother), C. A. Shumaker, Frank Neighbors, Dick Alexander, Barney McCright, Therman Payne, Cal Porterfield, John Nalley, and Larry Dietz. Oscar Gwyn, Pete Lewis and Homer Michael, all retired, came by to see us, also. Carolyn Barber payed us a visit for just a few minutes. You all Come Back Soon!

DISTRICT 5

Carl Davis

Those receiving service awards in April were: Jewel C. McDaniel, 15 years; Eulis F. Caraway, 10 years; and Robert J. Parish, Glen Stroud, 5 years.

Jimmy I. Brannan, resident engineer in District 5, is being transferred to District 1. We will miss Jimmy.

Bob Simmons' mother fell and broke her hip and is in a Little Rock hospital.

Lawson Johnson, ferry superintendent, is the owner of a new car - it's a black "Super Sport Chevy." Watch out for the girls, Lawson!



Bill Cordell, dozer operator, is trying out the new machine District 5 acquired last month.

DISTRICT 6

Bob Valentine

It seems that the fish story that appeared in the last issue of the magazine was not the last word concerning animal husbandry... W. T. Jeter, district maintenance superintendent, would like to place an ad in this issue. It goes like this...

"For sale, 1 house-broken alligator. Would make a lovely family pet. It is approximately 18 inches long and feeds upon, at present, leaves and insects."

If anyone is interested, contact Jeter at the District 6 headquarters. (We're

wondering about that phrase, "feeds, A1 PRESENT, on leaves and insects.")

There were four service awards presented in April. James Arlis Ford received a 10-year award, and Jimmy E. McGarity, F. A. Shoptaw, and L. V. Witherspoon were recipients of 5-year pins.

We were all glad that "Cap" Witherspoon, who was involved in an accident recently, was not injured and has been able to continue work.

New employees are G. L. Coyle, B. J. Kincy, B. Orrell, R. E. Parsons, M. R. Taylor, J. W. Welcher, W. M. Cumins, A. D. Ivy, E. L. Jones, O. R. Ledbetter, W. M. Mahoney, A. J. McKin, B. D. Posey, and E. C. Taylor.

T. E. Colvert transferred to our headquarters from I. H. Nute's crew.

DISTRICT 7

Burnham and Campbell

Service awards for April went to Bun Lawrence Heldebrand and James W. Robinson, 10 years; and John Harcrow and Woodrow Harcrow, 5 years.

Y. W. Whelchel, Bill E. Huie, and R. B. Winfrey held a safety school in connection with the radio school held by Clarence Page at the district shops. The school was attended by supervisory personnel and operators of the radios, and it proved very beneficial. Our employees in District 7 who work on the highways have been issued safety hard hats and fluorescent vests, which will make working conditions less hazardous.

C. A. Shumaker visited our office this month.

Ray Rogers and crew of Columbia County had a barbeque with all the trimmings April 26 in honor of Dwain McLaughlin who will leave for a two-year stint in army. About 50 guests enjoyed the good food. Sorry we couldn't be there Ray, but we'll take a raincheck for the next one.

Eddie Beasley was lucky after a freak tractor accident. Better be careful about being overly ambitious and working such long hours, Eddie.

We understand Dan Carrier had another auto accident; he seems a little shaky but much better than the last time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Bradshaw, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Bradshaw, and Mr. and Mrs. Dent Goodwin left El Dorado April 19 for a two weeks' vacation in Los Angeles to visit the Charlie and Richard Bradshaw families. They plan to visit the National Forest and other points of interest. Hope they have a pleasant trip and a safe return.

DISTRICT 8

Netha Brown

Rosemary Gilmore, daughter of Cecil and Maxine Gilmore (Cecil is area foreman in Yell County), appeared in the presentation of "Oklahoma" recently at Arkansas

State Teachers College. Mary, a 1962 graduate of Fourche Valley High School, was Yell County Fair Queen last year. She is majoring in business administration and business education in college.



This picture proves that Sherman (Jesse) James, resident engineer, doesn't always come home empty-handed. The fish were caught on the south fork of Little Red River, near Clinton. The picture was furnished by Hubert Thompson.

The supervisory personnel in District 8 met in the district office April 18 for a safety and communications program. Bill Huie, safety director, and Clarence Page, communications supervisor, conducted the

program. Safety helmets and vests were distributed to the foremen. Service awards, totaling 115 years, were given to J. E. Ragsdale, Opie Winningham, Earl Hankins, Cecil Gilmore, J. N. Hice, D. C. Morgan, Hogan Roberts, J. E. Bagley, Grover Lierly, W. E. Martin, and John H. Lawrence.

DISTRICT 10

Isabelle Psalmonds

These beautiful spring days are most welcome and since we are pretty sure that the cases of Spring Fever some of us have will not be fatal, we're really enjoying them.

The Paragould Rotary Club was entertained very pleasantly by Johnnie Gray's new movie, at the regular noon meeting March 27. District Engineer, J. F. Price was in charge of the program and he said the members were most complimentary regarding the excellent presentation and Johnnie's fine photography.

Mrs. Lester Wycoff, wife of our bridge foreman, is able to be at home after spending a week in the hospital. We hope she continues to improve.

Billie Jane Thompson made her debut on March 27, tipping the scales at 7 pounds, 12 ounces. Happy parents are Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Thompson of Lepanto.

Eules Roach and Aaron D. Pannell received service awards in April.

On April 20, 17 employees of District 10 went to Memphis to donate blood to pay back that used for Cliff Saylor, who died April 17. Cliff was a heavy truck

driver. He was a congenial fellow worker and will be missed by all of us. Our sincere sympathies to the family.

Our sincere sympathies also to Wyl Lindsey, junior inspector at Lepanto, on the death of his grandfather, and to J. C. Harvison, inspector at Lepanto, on the death of his mother.



We were pleased to have Mr. Kim Byong Chan of Seoul, Korea visit our district. Mr. Kim was here for several days making field trips and observing different phases of the work. He is a most interesting person and we were glad to have had the opportunity to meet him. Kim is shown above with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cobb. Cobb is district permit clerk and inspector.

May 4, 1963

Arkansas State Highway Commission
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sirs:

May we commend you and your staff for the excellent highway signs and markers in your state! Especially at intersections where one can easily become confused. Your signs are large, very legible and easily followed.

Our sincere and best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. and Mrs. Michael A. Slavin
14869 Biltmore Avenue
Detroit, Michigan



This picture of Charles Frazier, P&R, appeared in a Little Rock paper with the caption, "One Shot, One Frog." (See P&R news)

COVER PICTURE: Looking east, a view of the new bridge on State Highway 12, east of Rogers. The bridge is being built because a taller structure is needed due to water backing into White River, creating the Beaver Reservoir.

DON'T FORGET TO REMEMBER!

THIS'LL KILL YA

Here's a check list of the many small but important things you'll want to attend to *before* going on your trip.

YOUR HOME

- Extra house key with neighbor (in case of emergency).
- Valuable papers, jewelry and silverware stored (bank
- Newspapers, milk and other deliveries discontinued.
- Mail held by the Post Office.
- Pets fully provided for during your absence.
- Lawn mowed periodically.
- Windows and doors securely locked. Leave blinds and window shades in natural position to give your house a "lived in" appearance.
- Food covered (don't invite mice and insects).
- Fire hazards eliminated—put matches in tin box or fruit jar.
- Oil, gasoline or other inflammables properly stored.
- Old newspapers and magazines given to salvage.
- Oily papers and rags destroyed.
- Oily mops put in tightly closed cans.

The day you leave, make certain that:

- Gas stove, water heater (including pilot lights) and other equipment are shut off or disconnected.
- Perishable foods are removed if you've shut off refrigerator.
- Antenna lead-ins to television or radio receivers are disconnected.
- Water shut off and system drained if you make your trip in winter months (even in summer months you may wish to turn it off).
- Front and garage doors shut and locked.

YOUR FAMILY

- Automobile insurance paid up and in full force. Does it cover personal accidents to you and your family?
- Travelers checks to give you peace of mind. Buy them at your bank instead of carrying large sums of cash. Be sure to take your gasoline credit card.
- Confirm reservations for overnight stops if your trip is planned on a set schedule.
- Sunglasses to help relieve eyestrain, especially for everyone planning to drive car.
- Camera and film
- Check list of clothing and toilet articles each member wishes to take on the trip.

YOUR CAR

- Car registration, operator's license and non-resident liability insurance card (if traveling in Canada)—carry them all! Be sure to arrange for special insurance if traveling in Mexico.
- Ignition and trunk keys. Carry an extra set. Keep in separate pocket.
- Flashlight and fresh batteries. Store both in glove compartment.
- Pack trunk so spare tire, jack, and lug wrench are at hand.

He took her to the golf course the other day, thinking she knew all about the game. As usual he sliced the first ball into the rough. Finally after he had searched for the ball for half an hour, she said: "Would it be cheating if I told you where it is?"

"I know a good way to end all unemployment: put all men on one island and all women on the other," a man told his friend.

"How would that help fight unemployment—what would they do?" the friend wanted to know.

"Build boats!"

Note from teacher about Betty: "Good worker, but she talks too much."

Note from father in return: "Please come over and meet her mother."

So impressed by the surrounding of an exclusive restaurant, the young lad hardly touched his big steak. Before leaving, the father asked the waiter to put it in a bag for the dog. "Oh, boy!" yelled the boy excitedly. "We're gonna get a dog."

"You look very down cast."

"Yes, my wife has been away for six weeks and I wrote her every week and said I spent the evenings at home."

"Well?"

"She's back now and the light bill has come in...it's for 50 cents."

Tom: "I hope we'll agree after we're married."

Tess: "Maybe you won't at first, but you'll soon learn to."

Girl: "Four years of college! And whom has it got me?"

A small boy was bored on a long auto trip. Suddenly he turned to his father and said:

"I wish you'd let Mom drive — it's more exciting."

During a recent heat wave, a church in a small Midwest community featured this comment on its bulletin board: "You think it's hot here?"

Jones, a bachelor, had visited his married sister, and had been shown the new baby. Next day, his friends asked him to describe the new arrival.

The bachelor replied: "Well, very small features, clean-shaven, red-faced, and a very hard drinker."

A lonely, solitary chick, poking around in the electric incubator full of unhatched eggs, remarked, "Well, it looks like I'll be an only child. Mother's blown a fuse."

There is not much chance for people to really get together and of like minds as long as so many want to be in the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the middle of the road.

A young man dashed into the electrician's shop, his face flushed with anger. "Didn't I ask you yesterday morning to send a man to mend our doorbell?" he roared, "and did you not promise to send him around at once?"

"But we did, sir," broke in the manager. "I'm quite sure of it! Hey, Bill!" he called to one of his workmen at the back of the office. "Didn't you go around to Park Lodge yesterday to do that job?"

"Yes, sir," replied Bill. "I went round all right, and I rang the bell for over 10 minutes, but I couldn't get no answer, so I guessed they must not be at home."—Highways of Happiness

A fond father went to school to see what progress his son was making. In response to his inquire, the principal said, "Your son will probably go down in history...."

The principal lifted his eyebrows and continued: "But then, of course, he might do better in geography, and the other subjects."



Looking south, this scene shows the new State Highway 6, west of Brinkley, and connects with U.S. 70. The highway was signed and striped and opened to the public early this year.