

# ARKANSAS HIGHWAYS magazine

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Taking part in the ribbon-cutting ceremonies opening the Markham Street Interchange September 6, are, left to right: North Little Rock Mayor Casey Laman; County Judge Arch Campbell; Highway Commissioner Truman Baker; Governor Faubus; Highway Commissioner Wayne Hampton; Little Rock Mayor Byron Morse; and W.L. Terry, president of Downtown Unlimited Inc., who was master of ceremonies.



# AND THE BRIDGE CAME TUMBLING DOWN



The old bridge in the foreground, completed in 1902, was "blown down" not long ago with the use of 102 sticks of dynamite placed around two of its piers. The new bridge crosses part of Beaver Lake. The scene is looking upstream on the White River on Highway 12, east of Rogers.



"Highway Finances" was the subject of Acting Director Ward Goodman's speech to the Wilson Lion's Club last month. Also on hand were other Department officials. From left, the men pictured are: John Price, District 10 engineer; James Garrett, resident engineer at Lepanto; C.M. Matthews, District 1 engineer; W.J. Denton, Highway commissioner from Wilson; Albert Greenwell, president of the Club; Mr. Goodman; and Elmer Smith, resident engineer in District

**HENRY ANDERSON BELIEVES IN HARD HAT**



The new safety hard hats that AHD maintenance and construction men have been wearing for several months have already prevented several possibly serious injuries or deaths.

The latest "firm believer" in the new gear is Henry Anderson, who works in Stone County, District 5. In fact, Henry believes he owes his life to the hard hat.

Recently a dump bed of a truck was raised and Henry was getting a grease gun from the tool box under the bed. (The bed should have been blocked.) The bed came down catching his head between the bed and cab of the truck. Henry received 27 stitches in his head from lacerations besides a fractured and dislocated jaw. The hard hat took the big part of the pressure, probably saving his life.

Safety Officer Bill Huie said that after talking with Henry, Hale Hayden, area foreman, and the crew in Stone County, it would take a lot to keep them from wearing the "new look" - the Highway yellow hard hat.



Hale Hayden, area foreman, and Bill Huie, safety officer.



Carvel L. Bradberry, assistant maintenance superintendent, Bernard Bice, maintenance superintendent, and G. C. Caviness, District 5 engineer.



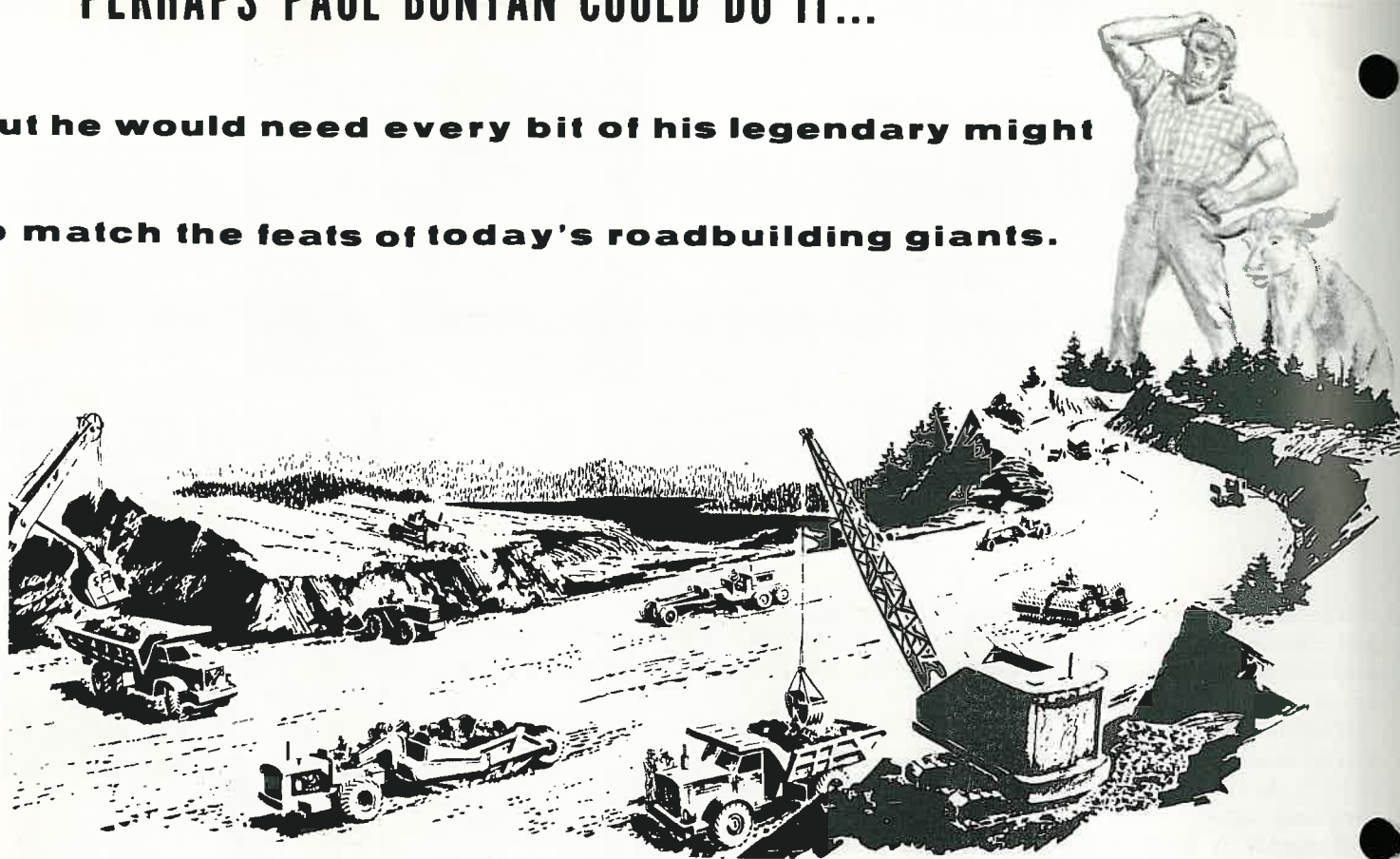
Ray Thomas



The Stone County crew, pictured at left, includes Epps Price, Roy Jasson, Ray Thomas, Bill Hingle, Marvin Richardson, Herman Hinesley, Uliss Jeason, Hulon Oyler, Henry Anderson, Clauden Mitchell, Troy Atchison, and Hale Hayden. Hale Hayden is in the center picture, and at right are: Sally McMillian, Ruby Masner, Mary Lee McCown, Marilyn Goffman, and Lorene Pickens.

# PERHAPS PAUL BUNYAN COULD DO IT...

**But he would need every bit of his legendary might  
to match the feats of today's roadbuilding giants.**



**To take the bends** out of a road so winding that "the teamsters used to meet themselves coming back," Paul Bunyan hitched his marvelous Blue Ox, Babe, to a kink and had her haul away. When she was done, the road was so straight Paul used one edge of it to hone his axe...and there was enough left over to lay all the way around Lake Eau Claire.

But even Paul Bunyan, who stroked his beard with a pine tree when he was in deep thought, would have had to do some of his famous fast ponderin' to contemplate some of today's roadbuilding miracles.

The United States is a land where legends come true... and if there were giants in the earth in those days when Paul Bunyan was the lord of the forest, there are giants nowadays, too. They are men who command the rolling armadas of multiwheeled, armor-plated, bright red, yellow, and orange equipment blazing new roads everywhere in the land. Through billowing clouds of dust charged with the blue-white exhaust from snarling gasoline engines and roaring diesels, the tractors, 'dozers, shovels, graders, scrapers, and rippers shape the future of American travel and commerce.

The tales about Paul Bunyan, America's greatest folk hero, are fanciful symbols of man's aspirations. Babe, the Blue Ox, would do anything for Paul - unless it was

impossible. Shot Gunderson, Johnny Inkslinger, Ole Olsen, and Hels Helsen, the Bull o' the Woods, were symbols of what men wanted to do. Today's stories about men and machines tell what men actually are doing. And there is no story more remarkable than that of the 41,000-mile Interstate Highway System.

**It stacks up** as the biggest construction project mankind has ever undertaken. Already, almost 10,000 miles have been completed (more now, probably), with half as many more under way, and another 10,000 miles in late stages of planning. Huge earthmovers - some with wheels taller than a tall man's head - will displace a million cubic yards of dirt for every mile the system covers. More dirt was moved for the New York Thruway than for the Great Wall of China...and it was three times as long.

Paul Bunyan was stopped once by some Dakota corn - it grew so tall it took three days to fall after he figured a way to cut it down - but ordinarily he could rip trees from the ground, roots and all. Today's rippers don't stop with the trees. They tear out boulders, concrete, shale, hardpan, and anything else that might have to come up when new roads are laid.

Today's paving machines are another modern marvel. The closest thing to automation you can find in road

construction, they make "Rome's Appianway look like a cowpath," said Neill C. Wilson and Frank J. Taylor in *The Earth Changers*.

**The only comparable** thing Paul might have had was his ice road, over which he used to slide logs to the mill in winter. Paul would strap a tank the size of the Yale Bowl on Babe's back, then lead the way, digging a trough with his shovel as he went. The tank would empty into the trough, and then freeze over. (This, they say, is how the Mississippi River came to be...and the Rockies and Alleghanies, too, as Paul heaved shovelfuls of dirt, first on one side and then the other.)

As for mountains, no one ever heard of the Impossible Mountains after Paul Bunyan and Babe went to work on them...but one present-day construction firm lists mountain removal on its letterhead. It doesn't overestimate its capabilities, either. With today's biggest scrapers - they're 75 feet long and weigh in at 70 tons, empty - you can readily see how you might make hills vanish. One of the big units can gouge up and cart away 5,000 tons of dirt in a single day.

When Babe, the Blue Ox, lashed with her tail, ten acres of oaks would come crashing down. Today, 95,000-pound rollers clear road-blocking woods at a rate of 20 minutes to the acre. And today's bulldozers roam rough terrain and flatlands...accommodating themselves to any environment. Paul Bunyan did, too, developing the Side-hill Winder, a breed of pack animal with two short legs and two long ones for working on hillsides.

Paul's mighty fist pounded the stumps into the ground in North Dakota, so it became a state without stumps. The blows he struck, though, couldn't have been more forceful than those of modern pile drivers which hammer precast concrete pilings into place for highway bridges. Paul used prunestones to build a bridge that was 14,000 feet long and 4,000 feet high; bridge-builders of the 1960's use a three-legged crane that "walks" along a lake bottom or river bed. It anchors at each step like a Gulf Coast oil rig, hoists part of the span into place, then steps ahead another pace.

In its effort to develop the nation's highways in time to meet the needs of America's motorists, the heavy construction industry changes geography, too. Much of its work involves repair and realignment of existing routes: 100,000 miles of road need mending every year.

**today**, over 90 per cent of America's paved roads are asphalt-surfaced...and there is a mile of paved road for every square mile of land in the continental United States. That, in part, is the result of the \$4,000,000 a year spent by the petroleum industry in asphalt engineering research. Re-surfacing old highways with asphalt is one of the major routes undergoing conversion to long-wearing asphalt.

Men with picks and shovels could never have done the roadbuilding that is routine in 1963. There never were men enough. The difference is heavy machines. A man at the controls of the brawny behemoths of modern high-

way construction equals or betters Paul and Babe, the Blue Ox, at their best.

In one of the last legends of the Bunyan Saga, a woman said to Paul: "What you don't finish will be done with machines." America's fantastic highways, those already laid, those under way, and those which are only dotted lines on a road map, show how right she was.

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## SAFETY AND THE SUPERVISOR

by: Bill Huie  
Safety Officer

No supervisor likes to have one of his employees get hurt. But when an employee on the job has an accident, the supervisor feels concern and sympathy - the strongest motives for trying to prevent accidents - for the man and his family.

However, the supervisor often feels anger and annoyance. Perhaps the man wasn't careful as he should have been and the accident could have been avoided. Later the supervisor has pangs of remorse and self doubts. Perhaps he should have foreseen the element of danger and taken steps to prevent it. The supervisor would like to prevent accidents but he doesn't see how he can afford to spend the time necessary to do so.

There can be no quarrel with a man who gives everything he has to the important job of production. That is what he's paid for. But many supervisors have shown that production and accident prevention go hand in hand. They have found that production is done easier and better when accidents are prevented; that it takes less time and costs less money to prevent accidents than it does to have them.

Safety is not something for the supervisor to work for if he has extra time. Safety is business. Safety is business because accidents cost money that must be paid out by the Department. It is pure loss; nothing ever comes back from the expenditure.

Prevention of accidents is not a sideline to be followed when there is time and when it happens to be convenient. Preventing accidents is important Department business because it pays in good employee morale and in good public relations. Good morale is worth more than money in the bank to the Department. The supervisor who builds high morale among his men is rendering an important service to the Department. He is doing the job he was hired to do.

## WILLIAM HENRY PORTER RETIRES

Only a few months ago William Henry Porter, better known to his friends as "Slim," was presented his 30-year service awards from the Highway Commission. On Wednesday, August 28, Slim was once again in Little Rock for the presentation of his retirement certificate by the Commission and Acting Director Ward Goodman. Friends, relatives and co-workers witnessed the presentation and afterward shook his hand to bid him goodbye and wish him good luck.

Slim, district equipment supervisor in District 9, Harrison, came to the Department in May, 1933 and had been present for every pay check since. He started out as a mechanic at 35 cents an hour but it wasn't long before his ability to "keep 'em rolling" was recognized, which eventually led to his present position.

A native of Postelle, Ark., his family moved to Texas and there he received his education. He later graduated from a mechanics' school in Kansas City, Mo.

In addition to his work with the Department, Slim is active in civic affairs in Harrison. He was a member of the City Council for 16 years and a member of the voluntary fire department for 31 years. He is an active member in the First Methodist Church, serving as a member of the Board of Trustees, a 32nd Degree Mason, and he takes an active part in the Kiwanis Club.

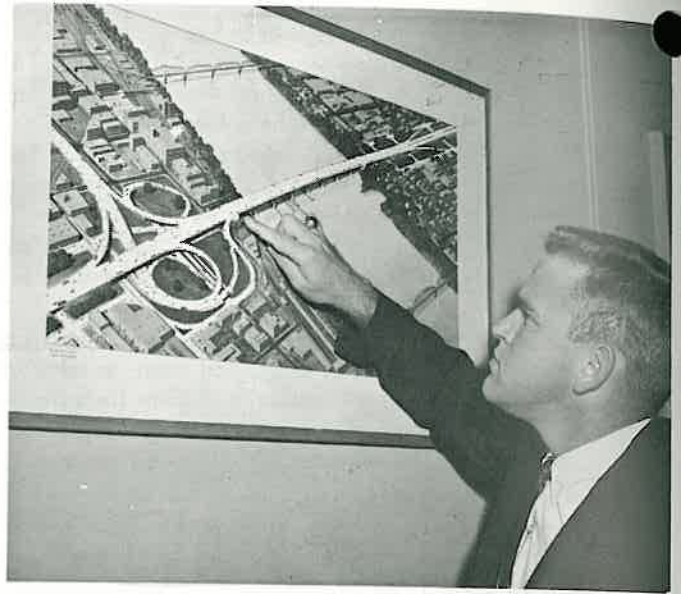
Slim recalls our early equipment - trucks with no cabs, tractor drawn graders, inadequate repair shops (usually under a convenient tree), and many other difficulties, all challenges to draw out the best in a man and Slim was no exception, for his men and equipment were on the job.

The Porters have been married since 1917. They have three sons and a daughter, and three grandchildren.



Goodman and Porter

## BOB CRAFTON FEATURED IN NORTH LITTLE ROCK PAPER



"Young Man Going Places on the Highway" was the title of a feature article in the August 15 edition of the NORTH LITTLE ROCK TIMES.

The young man referred to was Bob Crafton, assistant to the chief engineer and a resident of North Little Rock. The article chronicled his background concerning his early life in Corning, Ark., and his engineering career since joining the Highway Department in 1955.

Bob, 29, graduated from the University of Arkansas with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. He came to the Department as instrumentman, and has since made a rapid climb to higher levels in engineering. Prior to his present position, to which he was promoted July 1, Bob was resident engineer on the North Terminal Interchange and then named Freeway engineer. Of the two jobs, Bob said the Interchange was more challenging but that was because the Freeway was in the final stages when he took over and the more intricate details had been worked out by his predecessors.

Bob likes his new job. "I'm not limited to any one job and travel throughout the state," he said. His first responsibility is to Acting Director Ward Goodman, but he also works closely with Bill Moore, who was promoted to assistant chief engineer July 1.

Mr. Goodman attributes Bob's fast rise to his engineering ability and classes him along with many other outstanding young engineers in the Department.

What does Bob say about all this? He said he "was at the right place at the right time...I've just been really fortunate."

We appreciate the very favorable public relations article and wish to thank the TIMES.

## TRUCK ACCIDENT FATAL TO THREE AHD EMPLOYEES

Three AHD employees were killed August 16 when their Department truck overturned after it sideswiped another truck turning off State Highway 270 four miles west of Sheridan.

The victims were James A. Nichols, 51, and J.B. Webb, 38, both of Sheridan, and Willis A. Earnest, 48, of Prattsville. Nichols and Earnest were killed instantly. Webb was pronounced dead at a Little Rock hospital.

The Highway truck, driven by Earnest, was traveling east. Another truck - a two-ton one - was also headed east and attempted to turn off the Highway. Earnest swerved to avoid hitting the truck but clipped it from the rear, skidded some distance and overturned twice.

Earnest is survived by his wife, two sons, four daughters, his father, R.B. Earnest of Little Rock, three brothers, three sisters, and two grandchildren.

Nichols is survived by his wife, two sons, all of Sheridan; a daughter, two brothers, and a sister.

Webb is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Bradshaw Webb; a son and four daughters, all of Sheridan, three brothers and three sisters.



Robert Arnold, night watchman in Buildings and Grounds Section, is partly responsible for the well-kept and attractive grounds surrounding our building. Arnold has been employed four years.

## LADY IN WAITING

Remember the song you sang in high school that goes (to the tune of Stars and Stripes Forever), "Be kind to your fine feathered friends, for a duck may be somebody's mother"?

Some engineers in Midland Park, N. J. did exactly this recently when they discovered a mother-to-be mallard nesting right in the center of a test area for a "trash-hog." Rather than disturb the lady, the crew moved the pump unit farther downstream.

## ARKANSAS HIGHWAY DAMES HAVE OUTING

The Arkansas Highway Dames outwitted the weatherman for a delightful family picnic on Saturday, August 17. Eighty members of Highway Department families met at the Junior Deputy Playground in Little Rock and enjoyed the rare opportunity of "visiting" with each other.

We are anticipating a special treat on September 26, when we will meet for a luncheon in the Commission Room at 11:30 a.m. Our guest speaker will be Mrs. Letitia Jones Leigh, whose subject for the ladies on that day will concern (among other things) CHARM.

How charming we consider ourselves may be indicated on that day by our attendance!

Everyone is asked to bring sandwiches for the social hour which will follow the speaker and business meeting.

Mrs. M.S. Smith



Coleman Stamps, junior inspector; Curtis Pangle, resident engineer; and Frank McCollugh, rodman, are taking a density test east of Highway 16, which is being reconstructed between Pettigrew and Red Star. The men are in District 9.



Cadet Major Kermit M. Gray, son of Staff Photographer, Johnnie Gray, was selected to represent Arkansas at a space-age scholarship course at Chanute Air Force Base, Ill., for 10 days last month. One boy from each state was selected to attend.

# AROUND THE DEPARTMENT



## ACCOUNTING DIVISION

Tyronza Hines

Vacation time is still here for some of the Accounting Division...Floyd Pharris and wife, Gloria, spent a few days at Buffalo River State Park. Floyd says that the fishing and camping facilities are very good. In fact, they camped out during their stay.

Johnnie Beavers and wife, Mollie, drove down to Florida to visit their son and daughter-in-law, Charlie and Kay and also to attend the DAV Convention at Miami.

Pat Koonce and children spent their vacation in Evansville, Ind., where they visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Racster.

As of this writing, Jack Keilch is on a two-weeks' vacation. He planned to paint his house the first week and take a trip the second week to recuperate.

Georgia Cottrell and husband, Clyde, spent their vacation in Florida taking in all the interesting sights.

Aleene Boysen's daughter, Betty, plans to return to Henderson State Teachers College September 10, where she will register for the fall semester as a sophomore.

Irene Hawkins' son, Carroll, will be attending the University of Arkansas this fall as a freshman. He plans to major in engineering.

We were all sorry to hear that Lola Buck, former employee, fell and broke her arm while visiting her daughter in St. Charles, Mo. She was hospitalized there for several days. She is progressing nicely and will be returning to Little Rock soon.



## BRIDGE DESIGN

Virginia Tackett

We have two new baby girls in Bridge Design, and a boy for good measure. Mary and Veral Pinkerton's Christi was born August 2; Therman Lassley's Tamara reported August 9; and Dan and Dee Ann Morgan's Brooks came along shortly afterward on August 20. All are beautiful, well behaved babies.

Fred and Mary Edge decided to try a stay-at-home vacation this year, and they say for that relaxed feeling you can't beat keeping cool, sleeping late, and eating lots. Frank and Helen Battisto packed up the family and took off for a week with Helen's family on the Brazos River in West Columbia, Tex. They had a wonderful visit and even fished a little.

Ruby and Bill Wilson took a couple of weeks off for the wedding of their eldest son, Bill, Jr., in New Jersey. Since Bill

felt the drive would be rather long and tiresome and since he doesn't like flying, they went by train. And wouldn't you know it, they were delayed seven hours in Virginia by a derailed freight car. They enjoyed the wedding festivities but were awfully glad to get back home.

Hazel and Harold Bastian have been enjoying a visit from their grandniece Melanie, who lives in Dallas and is four. If you think there's anything more delightful than a four-year-old girl, you're entitled to your opinion, but just don't try to convince the Bastians.

John Sage came back from Fort Sill all tan and gung-ho. He had nothing bad to say about the military, perhaps because summer camp is only for two weeks. But he reports that there are some mighty fine restaurants in Lawton, and that he and his friends didn't miss any meals.

Jim Hall, John and Flo's eldest boy, who made his debut in the Teeny League this year, is mighty proud of a trophy which his team, Cal-Dek, awarded each player for his performance this year.

Alice Joe used a couple of days annual leave to make a long week end trip the middle of August, and during the time she was off, was visited by her sister, Susie, and husband; her brother, Edmund, who is working on his Ph. D. in physics at LeHigh University, and his wife. Of course they all went over to Altheimer to be with their parents and younger brother Leland, who just finished some post-graduate work at New Mexico State University. Probably the most exciting event of the whole week end (at least for the lifeguard at the Pine Bluff pool) was "Tunney's Swimming Adventure." Passing the 5-foot level, headed for the wading section, Tunney decided he was ready for a real swim so jumped into the pool. When he didn't feel any bottom, he splashed and paddled and stayed afloat till Alice grabbed him and pulled him out with a rather shaken lifeguard at her elbow. She says the lifeguard didn't take his eyes off Tunney the rest of the day.



## CONSTRUCTION

Lucy Dishongh

Judy Matthews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Matthews of 1818 Poplar, North Little Rock, has won a \$300 scholarship from Alcoa for the coming school year at Henderson State Teachers College. She will be a senior this year and is majoring in mathematics. We're mighty proud of you, Judy.

In the month of July, Ronnie Smith was a bachelor while his wife, Martha, had a two-week vacation from husband and both children in Hawaii. When she arrived back in Little Rock bedecked in Orchid lei,

well tanned, along with her hair bleached blonde, Kelly, her youngest child screamed when he first was approached by his homesick mother for her brood - after two days he began to recognize her again. A month later, she is ready for Hawaii again!

H.H. Perkins wishes to thank all his friends for the visits, cards, and flowers he received while in the hospital during July and tell them all he is recovering as per schedule.

Perkins was presented his 20-year certificate and we celebrated the occasion with cake a-plenty for everyone. And Ronnie Smith's wife baked a cake for his birthday (August 18), which we celebrated Monday, August 19. Indeed, July and August have been busy months for Mr. Perkins!

The E.W. Rogers celebrated their twentieth anniversary on August 14. "Dub" wouldn't tell what he got for his Marquerite but we know it was something nice. Marquerite works at Teen-Town. Their son, who will be a senior next year, has made quite a name for himself in the high school band.

Thomas R. Koehler will enroll soon for another year of night school at Little Rock University. He plans to attend the University of Arkansas starting the fall term of 1964.

The Ronnie Smiths and their two little children and Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Perkins attended the Arkansas Highway Dames Picnic at the Junior Deputy Playground Saturday afternoon, August 17, and enjoyed it.

Geraldine Kissire has been busy, busy showing her uncle (Dr. D.D. Drake) from San Francisco points of interest in Arkansas. His recent visit (he has not returned "home" in Arkansas since 1950) made him realize good 'ole Arkansas is keeping up with the larger states - he says our highways are among the best. He made his trip via bus so that he could enjoy cross-country improvement in the various states. Geraldine and Dr. Drake visited the Diamond Mine in Murfreesboro. The sun didn't bother him while he was digging for diamonds (from 9 to 4) and Gerry pooped out a little after lunch! Dr. Drake kept a fast pace for Gerry - she was glad to return to work and we are delighted to have her back at her desk.

Margaret Weathers took her daughter and grandchildren, Sandy and Stevie, to Jim Bob's Ponderosa, located near Mt. Ida, for a picnic and swimming outing. Virginia and Winn and the children spent two weeks with "Honeybun." And it has taken two weeks for "Honeybun" to recover from all the activity.

Another example of Washington boogery is this air raid instruction: "All funeral coaches must pull to the curb and stop when the siren sounds, although the occupants are not required to seek shelter.





## COUNTY PROGRAM

Barbara Oldham

Harry M. Wright, former division head of County Program, came in to see us one day last month. We were all glad to see him looking so well and enjoyed his visit very much.

Charlie Rain and Mike Pearce, both engineer helpers in the County Program Division, were off on military leave last month. Charlie spent two weeks at Fort Bragg, N.C. and Mike was in Gulfport. We know the boys had loads of fun serving their time at summer camp.



This reporter and husband, Jim, celebrated our first wedding anniversary July 24 at Hank's Dog House. On hand for the celebration were the families of both and about six other couples.



## DATA PROCESSING

Mary Gire

Our IBM machines may not be able to smile or tell a lively story, but when we look away from the great mass of buttons we see ear to ear smiles on the faces of our co-workers. The most expensive smile was on Jerry Conway, who just bought a dreamboat Thunderbird, and to Dale Hoggard, who bought a Rambler and the fact that Sherry Ann Lilley has consented to become his bride November 8. Our congratulations are offered to the young couple.

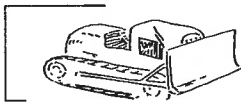
Vacation smiles appeared on the faces of Billie Ratcliff, Nedra Barton, Carolyn

Reddin, Jim McGraw, Jim Stringer, Conway, Roy Shelby, and week end vacations for our bosses, Erma Jetton and Art Johnson.

Grover Smith and Roy Shelby are very pleased to have their wives home from the Baptist Hospital. So are we.

We welcome Glynoreu Smith to our department. She lives with her husband, Leon, and son, Steve, in North Little Rock and she replaces Elsie King. Glynoreu also smiles of a new Rambler.

We have one sad but happy note, Frankie Keathley has left us for four years at Arkansas State Teachers College.



## EQUIPMENT

Sally Crook

Boss, C. Don Hayes, and his assistant, Maurice Head, attended the preview showing of the 1964 Chevrolets in Memphis on August 19.

Jerry and Doris Healy are the proud parents of a baby girl, Lisa Marie, who was born in Rebsamen Memorial Hospital August 20.

We welcome the following new employees: Helen Latture, Sally Ederington, Lee Hardin, and James Legate.

We are sorry to report that Rayma Fisher will be leaving July 27. She and her husband plan to move to Jonesboro where he will enter Arkansas State College. Best of luck to you, Rayma.

Among those enjoying vacations recently were Parker Hardin, Avalee Padgett, and Mrs. Clyde Holmes.

Shirley Healy is on temporary leave to await the arrival of the stork. We miss you, Shirley.

Birthday celebrators for August were George Lewis, J.L. Barnes, and Helen Latture.

We extend sympathies to Clyde Thomas, whose father died August 20.



Sarah Neel

This reporter's twin granddaughters, Sherilyn and Marilyn Neel from Memphis, visited me the week end of August 10. Enjoyed every minute with them. Also, my brother from Memphis was over the week end of August 23 and we had a family reunion while he was here.

Verna and Ivan Daes left for Indiana August 27 for a visit with their relatives and to attend Verna's family reunion.



## OFFICE ENGINEER

Leontee Connelly

Hubert Holland, our new boss, has taken up a new sport this summer - water skiing - and getting pretty good at it, so we hear!

Bill Rainwater and Chuck Wrobleksi both had nice "vacations" this summer on military leave. Bill was in Fort Sill, Okla., July 1-12 and in Ft. Leavenworth, Kans., from July 29-August 12. Chuck was in Gulfport from August 12-26.

Charles Walther was transferred to Office Engineer from Right of Way to take over the job of "Cap" Boen, who retired early in July.

Larry Deal has decided to stay at the Highway Department and attend night school at Little Rock University, instead of returning to Jonesboro this fall.

The girls in the office had a bridal luncheon August 8 at the Sam Peck Hotel for Judi Jones, daughter of Ferol Jones, secretary to Acting Director Ward Goodman. Ferol and Judi were presented corsages and Judi received a gift of silver. Irene Hawkins gave the invocation and Virginia Tackett recited a special wish to the bride-to-be.

This reporter and husband, Charlie, had a very nice vacation in July. We drove to Monroe, La., in our new Chevy and from there took a side trip by air for a New Orleans stay.

Chuck Freeman visited relatives in Harrisburg, Ark., and Memphis during his vacation in August.

Millie Houston, who left July 5 to await a new arrival to the family, was replaced by Carolyn Carnley from Mobile, Ala. Her husband, Jerry, is in the Air Force and is stationed at the LRAFB. They were transferred from Biloxi.

Another member of the Office Engineer's staff, Martha Pendergrass, left the Department the first of September to await a new member to her family in early November.

Bob Andrews, wife Gloria, and daughter Janice, went to Six Flags Over Texas during their vacation this summer.

Daisy Conley visited her children in Washington, D.C. on her time off.

Our newest member in the office is Vershall Roy, who started working on August 16. He is from New Verda, La., is married and has a boy and two girls.

## LIFE'S PURPOSE

The purpose of life is not to be happy -- but to matter, to be productive, to be useful, to have it make some difference that you lived at all.



## PERSONNEL

Sharon Gray

The Personnel Section and the AHD staff are happy to welcome Hubert Lee Wadley, who came to work June 3 as the new supervisor to replace Ed Priest. Hugh, a native of Fuller, graduated from Arkansas State Teacher's College at Conway with a BS degree in business administration. He resides in suburban Little Rock with his wife, Janice, and their 19-month-old daughter. Hugh has proved to be a credit to the section and we are glad to have him with us.

Jane Greenlee took several days' vacation last month to be with her mother, Mrs. Boots Cooper, from Waverly, Tenn., who was visiting Jane and family.

August was the month of operations. Dale Davison, Personnel officer, underwent major surgery August 7 at St. Vincent's Hospital, where he stayed until August 24. Although the operation was successful he had to be re-admitted on August 26 for further treatment and as of this writing is still hospitalized.

Birdie Wright, switchboard operator, is in Baptist Hospital recovering from surgery performed August 26. We all join in sending best wishes to Mr. "D" and Birdie for their complete recovery soon.

It seems that Jackie Wallace and members of her family are accident prone - especially to broken limbs. Jackie suffered two broken ankles within a span of six months and still has to see her doctor because of the last break. So it was almost more than Jackie could take when she found out that her 87-year-old grandmother from Heber Springs fell in her home and broke her thigh on August 25. She is in Memorial Hospital in North Little Rock. It sounds stereotyped, but good luck to Mrs. Wallace.



## PLANNING AND RESEARCH

Bonnie Thomas

Vacations are still news in P&R. Bill and Peggy Smith spent several days in Mobile, Ala., deep-sea fishing and relaxing...Cecil Rider and wife, Madaline, spent a week visiting Roaring River State Park and various parts of southern Missouri.

Bill Cypert plans to spend a week touring some of the western states...Florence Routh and her family spent a few days during August visiting in Texas...Charles Frazier and family spent a week traveling through Kentucky.

Marion Mack left the last of August to attend Ouachita Baptist College this fall.

And, Robbie Parker, our research engineer, will be leaving the first of September to accept a position with a firm in Kentucky. Robbie and his family plan to make their home there. We have enjoyed working with these people and wish them lots of luck.

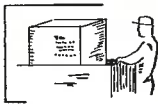
Jim Barnett will be working in our Traffic Engineering Section again after a year's leave of absence to work on his master's degree at Texas A&M.

A new employee in P&R is Jim Wilson, who is working in Finance and Economics Section. Jim lives in Hot Springs and is a recent graduate from the University of Arkansas.

There are several new vehicles to add attraction to our parking lot. Helen McNutt is driving a new Pontiac Tempest. Lester Jester has a new Chevrolet...Billie Whiteside a new Ford, and Bill Cypert is sporting a new Chevy II.

Jane Huff has been sick for several weeks but is back at work now and feeling better. Asa McCord's wife, Margaret, was in a car accident recently but is on the mending list. H.C. Hudspeth's wife was hospitalized for a few days.

Late Bulletin: Bill and Peggy Smith adopted a darling week-old baby boy! He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces at birth and they have named him Peter Allen. He's at home with them but he actually won't be theirs legally for six months. Congratulations to the Smiths.



## PROCUREMENT

Lou Hardy

We have a new girl who recently came to work for our department, Mrs. Betty Claude. Betty is a native of Little Rock and has one son, Gary, who will be attending the University of Arkansas as a freshman this fall.



Betty Claude

Maurice Pickens is all smiles these days because her old buddy and our former employee, Peggy Parker, has returned from her tour of Europe.

We are glad that Bud Dorris, Willene's husband, has returned to work after his accident which put him in the hospital for a couple of weeks.

Lewis Wade took a vacation with his small son, Kevin, the week of August 25. We will be able to tell more when he returns to work.

Upon the resignation of Juniate Morgan, who is now a very happy owner of a new home in Monticello and a very busy housewife, I now have the privilege of trying to assume her duties.



## ROADWAY DESIGN

June Dillon

Marvin Bunch and family spent a few days in Hot Springs recently. Just relaxing and enjoying being a man of leisure.

Robert Thomas had an "Orton Squad Party" at his lot on the lake recently. Lois Thompson developed some ski tricks that were amusing and Robert's clever pencil sketches of her were something to see.

Charlie Toland and family visited "Six Flags Over Texas" the week end of August 16.

Fred Pulliam is in Grand Haven, Mich., at this writing. He usually writes a card telling us how lucky he is to be swimming, boating, etc., while we are working but he's been so busy this time we haven't heard a word.

John Adams is in the hospital. He had minor surgery and we hope he will be back with us real soon.

Glenn Trammel has a new daughter. On August 24, his son, Glenn, Jr., was married to the former Judy Edwards of Leachville. The wedding took place in Blytheville.

Our summer employees, F.J. Eison and Fletcher Clement, are leaving to return to school. Eison is an instructor at LRU and Fletcher is a sophomore at the University of Arkansas.

Paul DeBusk is also leaving to return to school. He will enroll at the University this fall.

Jim Johnston, son of our boss, Bill Johnston, received his masters degree in government. Congratulations, Jim.

Duane Reel, who is attending the University, came by to see us August 26. He said they had changed mathematics since he went to school and it was all new to him now.

Fall again and time to register all the youngsters for school. This will be a new experience for this reporter as son, Steve, will go into the first grade. He is looking

forward to it more than I am. In fact, he is so enthusiastic about it, his little brother, Terry, says he's going too.

## BLYTHEVILLE OFFICE

Johnnie Alexander

First of all, it's good to be back on the job after a leave of absence, but I'm even more happy to say we got what we wanted! A 7 pound, 13 ounce boy, named Gregory Wayne. We're mighty proud of him, too. Just "happened" to have this picture to show him off.



Gregory Wayne Alexander

Lots of things have been happening since I've been gone. The following boys have been hired: William Raspberry, inspector; W.L. Cates, C.D. O'Neal, Bobby Jacques, E.W. Elledge, Gerald Wicker, George Robinson, Jack Elliott, A.L. Hubbard, and David Seymore, engineers' helpers.

J.C. Hendrick, assistant resident engineer, and Freddy Wright of Little Rock, have been with us for several weeks to help with some of the activities on Interstate Job 10614. We've also had a crew from Paragould and Lepanto helping us.

Thanks to Calvin George's sister-in-law, Bonnie Joan Eatmon, for working in my place while on leave. Joan plans to return to Arkansas State College in Jonesboro this fall.

Robert Ray Lilly is on military leave at Fort Chaffee now with the Blytheville Army Reserve unit.

Billy Hyde and wife Peggy are buying a home in Blytheville and plan to move in about two weeks.

The stork is due to arrive soon at the homes of Jerry and Marilyn Wright, Johnny and Carolyn Priest, and Acting Resident Engineer B.D. Mulhollen and wife Yvonne.

It's the first for the Wrights (due in September) and the first for the Priests' November arrival, and No. 3 for the Mulhollens due the first of the year.

John Mitchell says with all the work going on it doesn't leave much time for fishing.

Recent visitors to our office were M.S. Smith, assistant construction engineer; John F. Price, District 10 engineer; George Peevy, resident engineer, and Jerry Bowman, Bureau of Public Roads.



## DISTRICT



Dear "Aunt Martie,"

Hit's been nigh on 2 months since we last writ, but what with the peach crop, road buildin, pea pickin, grass cuttin, to say nothin of all them dad-blamed visitin relations, we been busy! And you know Uncle Scrooge. He holds our feet to the fire purty close so's we don't have much time for snollyfrockin'.

We did enjoy those two boys from that foreign country, Jordan, I think it was. One named Osman Shahin and the other Samik Aker. Now jest do what you kin with that. There on some kind of Ex Change Program for these road-buildin engineers and visited with us a week. We fried up some fish while they was here but I don't really think they git their enjoys out of fried catfish the way us Arkcansas do. They fixed us some rite purty ritin like they do, of our names. We're goin to embroider some of our aprons if we can make out whose name is which.

You remember that little chubby feller from Bay Village, Pat Russell? Well, Pat's been doin some riding this summer in some of these horsey shows they have around here. He shows a mighty purty horse, and has won a whole bunch of ribbons. We're real proud of our Pat.

We have a new little feller down in the Forrest City office, Jim Frazier. Jim is a R.E., if you understand what that means. Moved up here from McGee and has quite a big job bossing some of that Inter Change (you know, lots of roads running over each other) around Forrest City. As I say, He's a rite nice young feller, but hits youngins like him that make my arthritis hurt.

You recollect Mrs. Jetton's little boy, Andy? Well, he up and got married here last month. Don't seem like he's old enough but I guess you're old as you feel. Got him a purty gal, name's Annette Neisler from Wynne. Had a real sweet weddin, party afterwards and all. We all wish 'em good luck. I'm sendin her pitcher cause I want all you all to see how purty she is.

Oh, and fore I forgit to tell you, we lost Rosie Weeden. You know she's been Stock Clerk here for a couple of years. We had a rite nice little going away - lemonade and cake (Mary Ann brought Dick's chocklate sheet cake and Dick brought Betty Crocker's Apple) and gave Rosie a sweet



Mrs. Andy Jetton

little bud vase - she grows roses you know. We'll miss Rosie.

Mary Ann Harrell took the stock clerk job - you know she's been helpin back there. Then we got a new girl - woman, I'd call her. She's a gramma. And Aunt Martie, let me jest tell you her name. It's Tippy! Now ain't that a name fer you? Tippy Wilkins, and she's another one of them that was born and reared right here in Cross County. She's jest as sassy as the next one, too, so she oughta fit in rite well around here.

After that swanky trip you took last year across the ocean, have you all been any place this summer? I been thinking of taking the kids and going some place for a little peace and quiet - Lord knows I need it. I tell you, some of these folks been flingin hit hy and wide round here. Ol' Jess Gaynor went clean to Canada, Irby Melton to Colorado, Gail Burnett and her folks went to Kentucky Lake, and you know ol' Buck Wilkins went to Chicago and went all round on all them fast-movin Free Ways. I bet he was a happy boy to be back in Arkansas! Dick Ethridge took that crew of boys of hers and went to Glenwood to see her ma. Don't know whether she was goin to see any of them Oklahoma kin or not. Jim Brannan said he and the hurrykane were going to Florida this week and I thought he meant his family, but sure enough, there was one of them hurrykanes coming in to Florida.

Now lets see, oh my yes! Grandpappy James Hamilton! You know he has one of the cutest little yaps you ever saw - young Jim. Well, they got 'em another big grand-boy the other day. Son Ed and his wife Helen live in Little Rock now and I know ol' Grandpap's going to enjoy those two boys.

Cuddin Cal Porterfield came by the other day and set a spell. Sumptin wrong with that boy - always tinkering with that radio box. Jest leave hit alone and I speck

we could do without it over here, way some of them folks git to hollorin on that thing.

I tell you I'm just plum rung out from this summer heat. I been tryin to do some sewing for them 2 gals of ours and I tell you, Aunt Martie, have you seen any of them new store patterns? Land a' goshin! If they git much higher I'm sho goin put blinders on my old man! I don't want him hurtin hisself. No wonder they have so much numonie nowadays, even in the summer time!

Well, its jest about time to pull the blinds here for today. Uncle Scrooge was in the city today - you might of saw him - and I kinda unaxed and got this here letter rit. Now you folks from over there in the city come see us sometime. We ain't got much over here, but we can always fry up some fish, and we don't ever put no lock on the door. Give our best to all the folks in the family, specially Cuddin Ward, Uncle Dick, and Uncle Billy Shumaker, and YAWL COME!

Cuddin Eloise  
(Editor's note: Janet had a few misgivings about the way she wrote this; she thought it may be a little "far out!" I decided that it was cute and different so decided to go on with it.)

**DISTRICT 2**

Ouida Grimes

Almus H. Leopard and J.V. Morphis received 10-year services awards last month.

W.L. Wright is a granddaddy for the first time. His son and daughter-in-law, Wilton and Shelby, presented him with an 8 pound, 14½ ounce granddaughter, Margaret Chadwick. Congratulations!

Sam Doss is recuperating just fine from his lung surgery performed about a month ago. Hope he's back with us soon.

James Doyle Pierce is our bookkeeper and has been for seven years. A native of Dallas County, James is married and he and Laura have three daughters: Lanell, Rose Lynn, and little Terri. He's a good fisherman and most of his vacations each year are spent at this pasttime. He also does some hunting, is a good do-it-yourself carpenter as evidenced by a beauty shop, den, and a porch on his home. James is a member of the Centennial Baptist Church, where he is a deacon and teaches a Sunday School class, plus being active in all other church affairs.

*Don't get discouraged in your work, Columbus didn't know where he was going when he started out, he didn't know where he was when he arrived, and he didn't know where he had been when he came back.*



Earl Kirkpatrick, instrumentman in District 2, is shown taking concrete slump tests on Job 2612, Hamburg north reconstruction.



W.L. Wright, District 2 payroll clerk, and James Pierce, bookkeeper.

**DISTRICT 3**

Olive Jackson

Some of the visitors in our district during the past month were: R.B. Winfrey, Y.W. Welchel, Jake Clements, Clarence Page, Bill Baugh, and Jim Francis.

Bill E. Huie, safety director, and Frank O'Donnell, assistant, were here July 26 conducting a safety school. The meeting was attended by resident engineers, foremen, and job superintendents. Also, we were honored to have John W. Harsh, Highway Department commissioner, who made an informative talk to employees.

Sid Flowers, Hempstead County area foreman, who has been in the hospital several weeks, is much improved and looking forward to going home within the next several days. Others who have been

ailing but have recuperated are Schley Carter, Pike County area foreman, who had mumps, and Bob Bonds, patrol operator, who had surgery in the Prescott Hospital.

Opal and "Dock" Greeson of Texarkana have returned from a five-day vacation. In Greensboro, N.C., they attended a reunion and Dock says they saw and met relatives they had never seen before and had a wonderful time. On their return, they came through the Smokey Mountains, then on to Chattanooga where they went up on top of Lookout Mountain.

We are glad that Dora Bullard, wife Roy, one of our bridge carpenters, has returned to her home following eye surgery in a Texarkana hospital.

Congratulations are in order for the following employees who received service awards in August: Leroy Hatfield, 15 years; Oscar C. Mitchell, Melvin Wylie, William Ramage Aylett, Woodrow Brown, Elmer M. Clark, 10 years; and Joseph Benjamin Hogan, 5 years.

New employees who recently joined our personnel this month are: Joe M. England and Clinton E. Lee of Hempstead County. C.O. Adams, mechanic, is back with us after resigning several months ago.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Angelo Hollis in the death of his mother, Mrs. Glen Hollis, who was killed in an automobile accident on Highway 67, west of Hope August 13; and to the family of Phil Sutton, who died July 23. Phil had 15 years' service in the Department before his resignation last April.

**DISTRICT 4**

The Informers

Ten-year service awards were presented to E.O. Loyd, patrol operator in Logan County, and Charlie Dalmut, district wide dozer operator. We hope they have many more good years of service ahead.

G.W. Cannon, district operator in Polk County, retired effective August 13 after 10 years service.

John W. Durham, truck driver in Sebastian County, and Mrs. Durham, are to be congratulated on the arrival of their third child and third son. Mother and baby are doing fine.

Thurman Atchley and family are enjoying a new home which they have occupied since the first of August. To help initiate the new residence, they had a surprise visit from one daughter and her family who had been in France for four years, and before the visit was over, another daughter and son joined the group for a real family reunion. Thurman reports they had a wonderful visit.

James Stockton, pump house man at district headquarters, is a stock car racing enthusiast and races at the track in Moffett, Okla. The first week in August he came in first over 12 other cars. His prize was part of the gate money. James drives a 1955 Ford.

Marvin Goodner's six-year-old daughter broke her right arm while at play and had to have an operation on her elbow. We hope she is well on the way to recovery by the time this is being read.

Don Oliver, bridge carpenter, is in the hospital at Booneville. We hope he will be back on the job soon.

Mona Gross, district secretary, took another short vacation and went to Lake Taneycomo, Rockaway Beach, Mo. She enjoyed the boating, sunbathing and relaxing.

S.R. Cope and Mrs. Cope vacationed in Kansas. Hope it was cooler there than it has been in Ft. Smith.

Visitors during the month have been Nathan Garrett of Right of Way; Bill Baugh, of Maintenance Division; Bob Mattox and J.M. Smith, Heavy Bridge Maintenance; and John Nalley (the Homesteader), of Radio Section. You all come back again!

J.P. Clayton, District 4 engineer, celebrated his "39th" birthday again on August 25. The office personnel presented him with a birthday cake and a small token of their esteem. Mrs. Clayton and daughter, June, and two of the grandchildren, Clayton and Vicki, came up for the occasion. Mr. Clayton, we hope we can help you celebrate many more.

Joe Newell's father died suddenly August 4 while he and Mrs. Newell were vacationing in Salt Lake City. Our sympathies are extended to Joe.

 DISTRICT  5

Carl Davis

Several employees are on vacation or have been...Ludie Massey, mechanic, is vacationing in Kansas with his daughter and her family...Oscar Syfert, mechanic, is visiting with his mother in Chicago and relatives in Wisconsin...Jack Clayton spent a few days in Texas.

The Joe Reynolds are beaming over the arrival July 31 of their second little daughter. Her big sister is four. Joe is one of our mechanics.

Mrs. Edgar McClure, wife of our job superintendent, has surgery August 23 in Dr. Gray's Hospital, and is improving nicely.

Runt Moser, a former employee of District 5, fell August 22 and broke a shoulder. He has returned from the hospital and we hope he continues to improve.

Grady Defreece, truck driver, is back with the Department after being away two years.

Bill Cordell, dozer operator, resigned and returned to Texas to work on a ranch.

We extend sympathies to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Nast on the death of her father, Mr. A.M. Allen.

Below is John Ed Smith, resident engineer. John Ed has been with the Department for 10 years. He is married and has a son, Johnny, 12. John Ed spends much of his leisure time bird hunting and fishing.



 DISTRICT  6

Bob Valentine

Congratulations to Janice Brown on becoming Mrs. Joe Don Parris on August 31. Janice is field clerk for Gene Stumpff's residency office.

Service awards recently went to H.R. Parsley, 15 years and R.D. Sears, K.W. Bray, H.R. Ward, Jr., and L.K. Bywaters, 5 years.

Special congratulations to District 6 bookkeeper, Edith Greene for her 20-year service awards. Seventeen of these years have been spent with District 6.

A couple of our maintenance crew members have added to their families. Joe Golden was presented with an 8 pound, 7 ounce boy August 8. Ten days later Mrs. George Neal presented her husband with a

9 pound, 1 ounce boy. Happy 3 o'clock feedings, fellas.

We extend our sympathies to the families of J.B. Webb, W.A. Earnest, and James A. Nichols on the loss of these men August 16, in an auto accident 5 miles west of Sheridan on Highway 270. They were all members of Milburn Holiman's crew.

Bill Gingerich's son is home on leave from Arizona.



P.B. Bardwell and Tilford Ennis, District 6 maintenance men, are shown mowing right of way on Highway 70, 18 miles west of Hot Springs.

 DISTRICT  7

Burnham and Campbell

H.C. Steadman, Bradley County area foreman, and John Wesley Glass, Jr., received their service awards for 5 years recently.

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Webb enjoyed a visit from their daughter and family from Port Natchez, Tex.

Boyd Hatridge spent his vacation getting acquainted with his new grandson at Houston, Tex.

Mary Nell Carlson is undergoing medical examinations at Little Rock at this writing. We hope she receives good news and is back with us soon.

H.C. Steadman reports H.E. Sipes is back at work after losing a few days with an injured hand.

M.V. Bradshaw, area foreman of Union County, returned to work August 16 after suffering a heart attack July 15. His brothers, Charlie and Morris, and also his son, Richard, and brother-in-law, Aubrey Fielder of California were guests in the Bradshaw home for two weeks during his illness.

Carolyn Milner, payroll clerk, reported a fine time at Gulfport and New Orleans last month. Think she's holding back something from the New Orleans visit.

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We enjoyed a week's visit with Ed Orsini and Bo Cruce and since they left, we miss them during our coffee breaks.

Mrs. Neel Lehman Prince, wife of Jewell Prince, died Wednesday, August 21, at the Ouachita County Hospital. Funeral arrangements were held Thursday in First Baptist Church, Camden. Mrs. Prince is survived also by three sons, Billy Prince, Fayetteville; Bobby Prince, Pathogue, N.Y.; and Johnny Prince of Camden; and two grandsons, her mother, Mrs. Clyde Lehman, three sisters, Mrs. Bill Keating, Mrs. Roy Chapman, all of Alexandria, La., and Mrs. John Langor, Ipsilanti, Mich. Our sympathies to the family.

Maintenance employees of Columbia County had a chicken supper at Magnolia Area Headquarters August 9. Approximately 65 guests enjoyed fried chicken, barbeque chicken, and chicken pot pies - with all the trimmings.



Gayle Gunn, resident engineer in District 7, is shown inspecting the clearing and grubbing which have been completed on Job 7573, Gum Springs, a heavy road section of Interstate 30, south of Arkansas.



## DISTRICT



Mary White

On July 26, the Van Buren County Maintenance crew entertained their families and invited guests with a chicken dinner. Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moore and family, Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Wood, Van Buren County officials, Conway County officials, Clinton City officials and the Representative of Van Buren County, Mack Evans. The delicious food, consisting of fried chicken, french fries, slaw, relishes, and homemade cakes and pies, was prepared by two "visiting" AHD employees, Erwin Olinger and Lawrence Dancer from Conway County, and served by the wives of the Van Buren County employees. Approximately 150 people attended. Music was furnished by a band under the leadership of Troy Bouyear, a summer employee in Van Buren County. Mr. Baker and Mr. Evans spoke briefly on the accomplishments of the Department and future plans for that area. Good food, friends, good entertainment - who could ask for more?

Also, on August 17, the resident engineers from Dardanelle, Clarksville, Russellville, and Morrilton entertained several from this district with a chicken dinner on Mt. Nebo. Music was furnished by Resident Engineer Jim Little and his brother Jack, and also Jerrell Maxwell and Darryl Polk, construction employees from Morrilton. A wonderful time was had by all.

A safety meeting was held in the district office Tuesday, August 13. Service awards were presented to the following: Fred M. Sponer, 20 years; C.E. McAlister, 15 years; W.I. Hutchins and Noah Moody, 10 years; and Lewis McGee, 5 years.

Lina and C.L. Boyd are parents of a 6 pound, 12 ounce girl, Brenda Gail, born July 23 at St. Mary's Hospital in Russellville. Brenda has a brother, Danny, two. C. L. is fuel clerk in this district.

Our sympathies are extended to William C. Fry in the death of his wife, Ocie, who died recently at her home.



## DISTRICT



Isabelle Psalmonds

Those receiving service awards for August were: William L. White, 15 years; William T. Brannon, Garland A. Simpson, Clifford Cook, Alfred White, Loyd W. White, and Joseph E. Pickett, 10 years; Robert K. Parker, and Paul L. Burns, 5 years.

Several of our construction men have been on military leave this summer.

Lucky vacationers recently were Lewis Crye, who took a jaunt to Sacramento, Calif., and Jackie (Mrs.) Black, who went to Pasadena, Calif. This reporter hasn't taken any trips but we finally moved into our new home. It isn't quite completed but we are enjoying it.

Other new home owners are Junior Wycoff, fuel clerk, and his family, who moved into a new home in Paragould. He says it is fine and he likes living in Paragould. He especially likes being able to get home at noon to see his babies and get a good home-cooked meal. Watch the waist line tho', Junior.

Our construction crews have been busy this summer and have had final inspections on seven jobs.

This is the time of year when some of the summer help resign to begin or re-enter college. It's always good to work

with them and all of us in District 10 wish them a good year in their studies. This year we lose one of our opposite sex to college. Norma Jean Payne, field clerk at Lepanto, resigned to enter Arkansas State from which her husband, Bob, graduated last May. We've enjoyed her company and she has been most efficient and helpful.

Johnnie Alexander, field clerk at Blytheville, returned after being on maternity leave and we welcome her back.

Wedding Bells have been ringing for the crew at Paragould. Richard Stuart, engineering helper, married Connie Langston. George Haynes married Carolyn Bratton, and also resigned to enter an optometry school. Best wishes to them.

Crowley Ridge State Park was the scene of real festivities on August 23, when District 10 employees and their families gathered for a fish fry. A good crowd of approximately 425 attended. Responsible for the success of the outing were committee members Rex Hall, Junior Wycoff, Red Lovelace, Bob Pillow, John Sanders, and Bill Vickers. They did a bang-up job of organizing and planning it and all of us wish to express our appreciation for the time and effort that went into it. The women deserve praise, also, as they furnished some really luscious pies and cakes. The only thing wrong is that we don't get together often enough for such events.

The moon was yellow,  
The stars were bright,  
As she looked at me  
On that magic night.  
She snuggled closer  
And her every glance  
Conveyed the hint  
That she craved romance.  
But, alas, I dawdled  
And time went by...  
Yes, the moon was yellow,  
And so was I.

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Gentlemen:

We take this opportunity in expressing to your Department our thanks in appreciation for a job well done in marking our frontage road.

We feel sure that having the road adequately marked will go a long way towards making the frontage road safer not only to our employees but also for visitors to our Plant as well as area residents.

Cordially,

Louis Ansani

I was a boy as you do."

"Perhaps," suggested the youngster, "you'd have been able to answer some of mine."

The story of a sad-faced fellow so touched the merchant's heart that he filled a large sack with groceries and said, "These are on me—hope they help."

Misty-eyed, the fellow started out, then turned back.

"Need something else?" asked the merchant.

Came the sad reply, "How about my trading stamps?"

A waiter in a smart night club tripped and spilled a drink, ice cubes and all, down the back of a lady patron's dress. The woman gasped, giggled, twisted and writhed. While every head was turned her way, she jumped up, overturned the table and knocked her escort down.

Then, in wild confusion, she and her escort fled the room.

A man sitting in a corner with his own date signaled the waiter.

"Bring us two of whatever they had," he ordered.

Ten-year-old: Girls are a dime a dozen.

Nine-year-old: Gee, and all this time I've been buying bubble gum.

The speaker, beginning his talk at a club meeting advised: "My job, as I understand it, is to talk to you. Yours, as I understand it, is to listen. If you should finish before I do, just hold up your hand."

A city youngster, in the country for the first time, rushed to his mother and said: "I've seen a man who makes horses. He had one nearly finished when I saw him. He was just nailing on its back feet."

The lovely secretary announced that she was quitting her job and shortly thereafter one of the men told her they were going to strike for a raise because she was leaving.

"What's my going got to do with your salary?" she asked.

"Well," he explained, "we've always considered you one of our fringe benefits."

Insurance agent: "Don't you think you should have your office insured against theft?"

Boss: "Yes, all except the clock. Everyone watches that."

The wife was moody, fitful and nervous. The husband did all he could to cheer her up, then took her to a psychiatrist. The psychiatrist asked the wife some questions about the state of her unhappiness, studied her answers, then threw his arms around her and gave her an ardent kiss. After that, the lady was gay and sparkling.

"You see?" said the psychiatrist. "That's all your wife needs. I suggest that she receive the same treatment every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday."

"If you say so," said the husband. "But there's one hitch. I can bring her on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but on Saturdays I play golf."

A man was driving in the country one day, and he saw an old man sitting on a fence rail watching the automobiles go by. Stopping to pass the time of day, the traveler said. "I never could stand living out here. You don't see anything, and I'm sure you don't travel like I do. I'm on the go all the time."

The old man on the fence looked at the stranger and drawled, "Well, sir, I can't see much difference in what I'm doin' and what you're doin', I set on the fence and watch the autos go by, and you set in your auto and watch the fences go by. It's just the way you look at things."

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**COVER PICTURES:** Ribbon-cutting ceremonies were held Friday, September 6 to mark the opening of the \$2.1-million Markham Street Interchange. Many dignitaries representing city, county, state, and federal governments were on hand to herald the notable event. Downtown Little Rock Unlimited made all plans and preparations for the ceremonies.

Opening of the Interchange provides access and exit from downtown Little Rock onto and off the Freeway. Circular ramps on the east and west sides of the Freeway funnel the traffic. The section from East Capitol to East Roosevelt on the Freeway is expected to be completed the middle of September.

Below top picture, a police escorted motorcade paraded north over the Freeway to East Broadway, North Little Rock. On the return trip the parade turned right onto the new Interchange where the ceremonies were held.



Vernon Harvey, district engineer, Bureau of Public Roads; Harold A. Blauvelt of the New York firm, Blauvelt Engineering Company which designed the Freeway; and Acting Director Ward Goodman.



Left to right: W.L. Terry, Truman Baker, Mayor Morse, Mayor Laman, Governor Faubus, Judge Campbell, Wayne Hampton, Acting Director Ward Goodman, Vernon Harvey, district engineer, Bureau of Public Roads; Gen. Murr Bywater, commander of the 825th Air Division; Thomas D. Shiels, regional manager, Portland Cement Association; Col. Carl Hinkle, commander of LRAFB; Harold A. Blauvelt; and C.A. Shumaker, construction engineer, AHD.