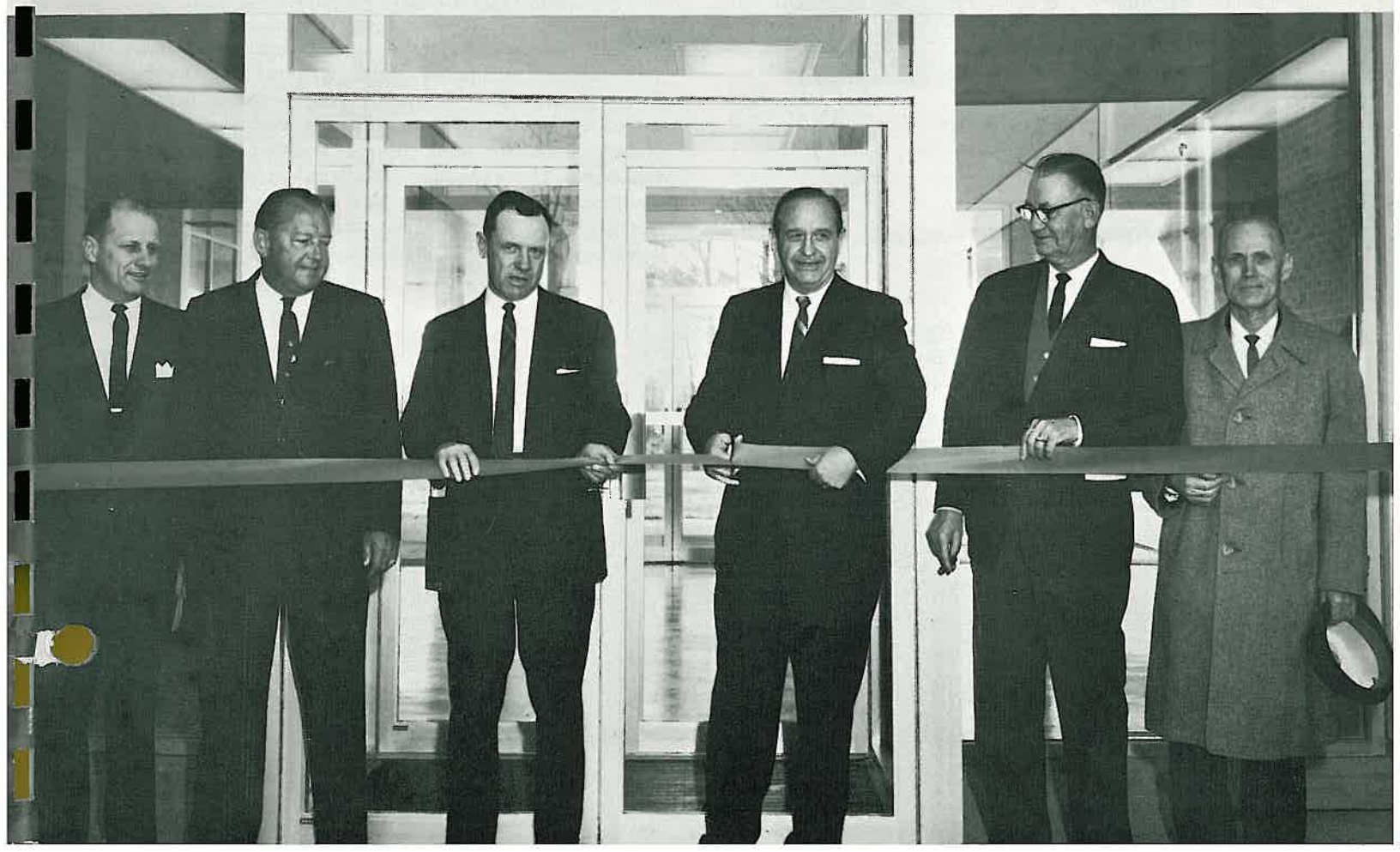


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GOVERNOR DEDICATES NEW HIGHWAY BUILDINGS



Governor Faubus

A formal dedication and open house was held February 25 for the new Materials and Tests building located off the New Benton Highway. The dedication also included other recently completed buildings on the 27-acre site owned by the Highway Department.

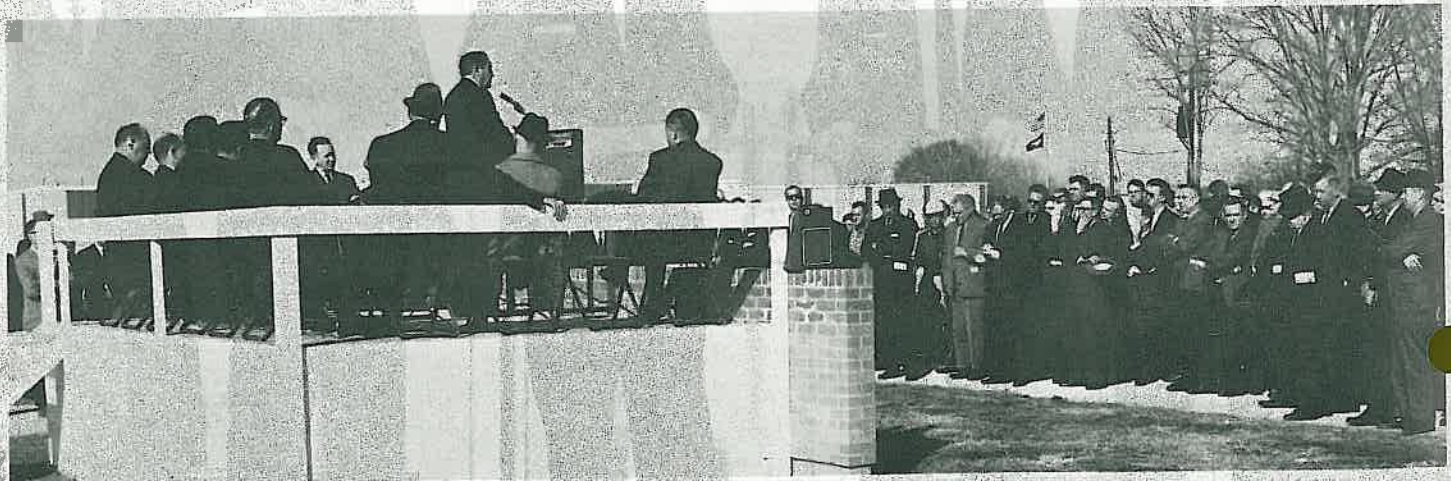
Governor Faubus was dedicatory speaker. He was introduced by Highway Commission Chairman Wayne Hampton of Stuttgart. Acting Director Ward Goodman acted as master of ceremonies. Other speakers included H.W. Schneider, engineer of Materials and Tests.

Mr. Faubus clipped the ribbon and several hundred guests toured the new facilities. Among those attending were Highway Commissioners Arnil Taylor, W.J. Denton, Truman Baker and John Harsh. Several members of the legislature, state and municipal officials and persons from allied industries were also on hand for the dedication.

The Governor cited several major highway improvements that he said he frankly hadn't expected to see achieved so soon - the third bridge at Little Rock, the Mississippi River Bridge at Helena, new bridges over the St. Francis and Red Rivers, and the progress on the interstate system.

When Mr. Faubus was appointed to the Highway Commission in 1949, the system included about 10,000 miles, 6,500 of them without improvements. Since then, 2,000 miles of county roads have been added and only 2,000 remain unpaved.

But there are still people wanting roads that he talked to 15 years ago, Mr. Faubus said. "We must overcome our hesitancy and timidity about building our highway system," he said. "There ought to be a half-dozen access roads to Greers Ferry Reservoir





Highway Commission Chairman Wayne Hampton

which is now filling, and to Beaver Reservoir. We would get back the cost in the additional revenue from gasoline bought by tourists. Let's don't wait too long."

The state has the capability in its Highway Department and Commission and the will of its residents and should devise the means and "have the guts and courage" to build roads for the thousands who are still without them, Mr. Faubus said.

The other buildings already completed and occupied on the New Benton site are District 6 headquarters, which moved from North Little Rock in late 1961, and Planning and Research, in occupancy since last May. Plans are being drawn for a 9-story and basement administration building and the contract for its construction is expected to be let this year. This building will eliminate (it is hoped) the necessity to rent other quarters for various offices due to overcrowded conditions - a plight long suffered by the Department.

There have been many physical changes in the Department since its beginning. In 1929, when the agency was severed from the State Land Commission, all offices except that of the director were moved into the old frame building behind the State Capitol. Two years later an ell was added to provide more space. These quarters are presently occupied by the Legal and Right of Way Divisions.

In 1935, offices of a planning division were set up and housed at the old penitentiary building which has been tom down for many years. State Police headquarters are located at the site now. With the completion of the present central office building in 1939, all offices were under one roof. In 1959 the burgeoning Planning and Research Division moved to the third floor of the Game and Fish building, across the mall from the present office building. The Department had to pay \$1750 per month rental for the division's occupancy.

The Materials and Tests offices were moved from the State Capitol to the frame building in the early 30's. The laboratory remained in the Capitol basement until completion of a building behind the present central building. A wing to the building was added on in 1955.

District 6 has had its share of moving. The offices moved from the old frame building to North Little Rock in the early 30's. In 1935 their offices moved to the penitentiary grounds, then in 1939 they moved to the main building. They moved back to the penitentiary grounds in 1946 and in 1948 moved back to North Little Rock. They remained there until their move in 1961.

The Weights and Standards Division occupy part of the Planning and Research Division building. The old M&T building is in the process of being renovated to serve as temporary offices for the Traffic Division which presently is renting space on Capitol Avenue.

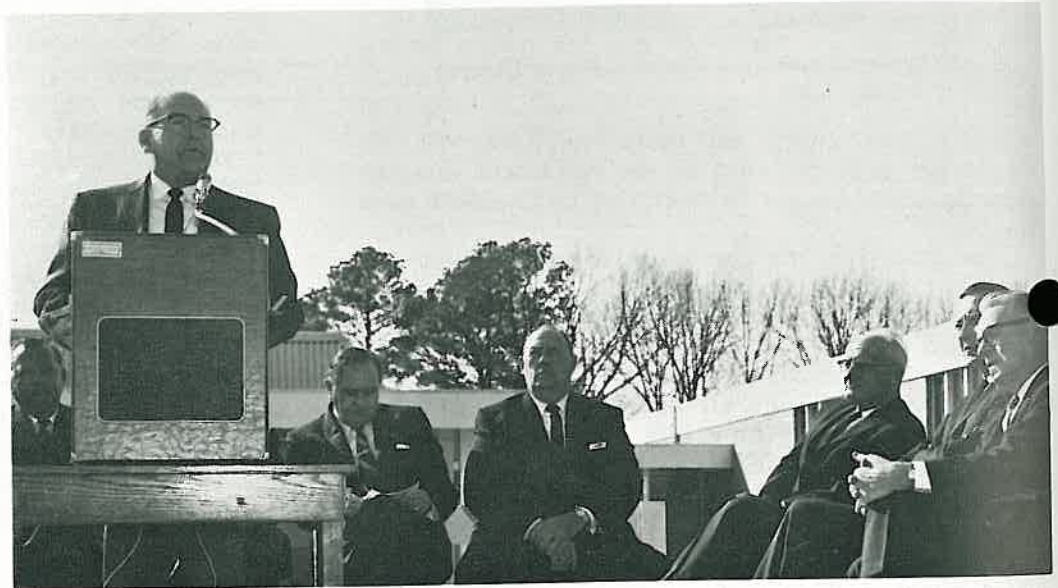
Jack Wofford, right, staff specialist in Materials and Tests, explains the nuclear density machine which determines moisture content and density of soils.



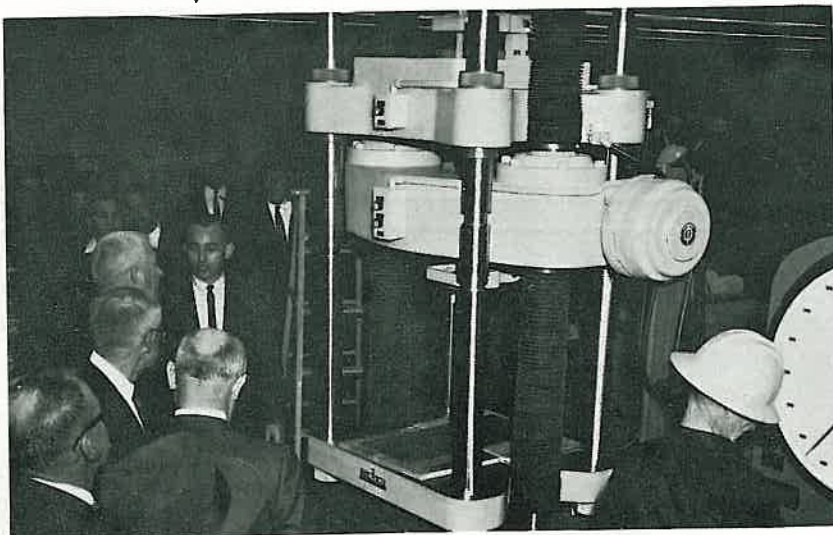


Acting Director Ward Goodman acted as master of ceremonies for the dedication ceremonies. Others on the platform are Highway Commissioners Taylor, Baker, Hampton, Denton, Harsh, and Governor Faubus.

Joe Magness (nearest facing camera), assistant engineer of Materials and Tests, explains the mechanism and functions of the new steel tester machine, which cost roughly \$20 thousand, plus. The machine is used for testing the tensile and compressive strength of materials for highway construction.



next to Mr. Faubus are Roy Johnson, supervisor of Weights and Standards Division, E. E. Hurley, engineer of District 6, J. R. Henderson, engineer of Planning and Research, and Dr. R. D. Adams, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Little Rock who gave the invocation.



VITAL STATISTICS - PRESENT FACILITIES

Land	27.05 Acres	\$ 78,500
District 6 Headquarters	34,800 Sq.Ft.	\$ 386,500
Site Preparation		\$ 18,700
Materials & Test Laboratory And Office	35,500 Sq.Ft.	\$ 917,600
Planning & Research And Weights & Standards Building	12,750 Sq.Ft.	
Mechanical Building Site Preparation	5,200 Sq.Ft.	
Laboratory Furnishing & Equipment		\$ 191,000
Total Cost - Land And Improvements		\$1,592,300

Service Awards Presented To Two

James Russell Henderson, engineer of Planning and Research Division, and Clofus Hardin Bradford, a special patrol operator in District 8, received service awards February 26 for 35 and 25 years' respectively.

The awards were presented by the Highway Commission and Acting Director Ward Goodman in the Commission Room. At the same time, Johnnie T. Beavers was cited for having passed his Certified Public Accountants examination. The ceremonies were attended by many employees in the Central Offices. A special guest was Mrs. Beavers.

HENDERSON, a native of Pike County, came to the Department in 1927. Through the years Russell's faithful and loyal efforts have become well known. He received his early education in the schools at Murfreesboro, graduating from high school in 1921. He attended Arkansas State Teachers College, Little Rock Junior College (now Little Rock University), and by various means of self-education realized his goal to become an engineer. Several years later he became a registered professional engineer.

He began as a rodman in Surveys Division and as his abilities were recognized he earned promotions leading to key positions. Among his titles acquired are instrumentman, federal aid auditor, resident engineer, senior statistician, federal aid engineer and director of Accounting Division. In July 1958 he was appointed engineer of the Planning and Research Division. Many reports of great value have been attributed to him such as the first comprehensive studies of "Traffic Origin and Destination services," and a "Study of Land Use and How It is Related to Transportation."

Henderson is active in the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church and is a member of the Pulaski Heights Lions Club, the Arkansas and National Societies of Professional Engineers, plus a committeeman for American Association of State Highway Officials on Planning and Research.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell's son, John, is a junior civil engineering student at the University of Arkansas.

BRADFORD, a life long resident and native of Van Buren County, has never lived more than 50 miles from his birthplace at Shirley. He now resides at Bee Branch.

After attaining his early education in the public schools of Van Buren County, he decided farming would be his life's occupation. Had it not been for unimproved roads he would probably have been satisfied farming. However, in 1933, he made the decision to help improve road conditions by accepting employment with the Van Buren Road Department. In the following years he worked for the state

or county, depending upon which funds were available. He first joined the Highway Department in 1934 and he operated one of the first tractor pulled graders grading mile after mile of roads. After an interval away from AHD he returned in 1947 and has remained since. He is recognized as one of the most proficient operators of the modern motor patrols.

Clofus spends a considerable amount of his off-duty time caring for his 100-acre farm and improving his herd of Hereford cattle. However, he still finds time to pursue his favorite hobbies of hunting and fishing. He is a member of the Wheeler Masonic Lodge of Morgantown.

The Bradfords have a daughter, Mrs. Nina Ruth McKnight, and are proud grandparents of four-year-old Susan McKnight.



Ward Goodman is shown congratulating the recipients. At top are Goodman and Henderson; at bottom, Goodman and Bradford.

Y. W. WHELCHER HEARS SPEECH ON PUBLIC RELATIONS WORKSHOP AT NEW ORLEANS

Administrative Assistant Y.W. Whelcher attended a Public Understanding Workshop sponsored jointly by the American Road Builders' Association (ARBA) and American Association of State Highway Officials (AASHO) February 20-22 at the Jung Hotel in New Orleans.

The annual meetings began in 1960. The first three meetings, called Public Information Workshops, were sponsored by AASHO, the Bureau of Public Roads and all highway industry organizations through the Better Highways Information Foundation. This year the title of the meeting was Public Understanding Workshop. The Workshop preceded the annual ARBA meeting in New Orleans.

The purpose for the meetings is to encourage and develop ways of obtaining better public understanding of highway department problems and functions. One of the major accomplishments or objectives has been the establishment of "National Highway Week." It was determined at the meeting that "National Highway Week" again would be observed this year and the dates were set for October 4-11. ARBA and AASHO will assist in sponsorship.

Ray W. Burgess, director of the Louisiana Department of Highways, was one of the speakers at the opening session of the workshop. In his speech Mr. Burgess said that the title of the meeting, "Public Understanding," sums up one of the most crucial problems facing highway administrators throughout the United States. "In this fast moving, ever-changing space age, highway administrators must project an image that will merit the full confidence of the general public.

"After all, as a public agency, every penny of our huge expenditures is borne directly by the taxpayers. And just as every stockholder of a corporation has every right to be informed of the management of his company, so does every taxpayer have a comparable right to be kept informed of the operation of highway departments in each respective state.

"Basically, public relations or public information in the highway field is simply obtaining an understanding and support from the general public for our programs. But this is a two-way objective. In order for the public to understand and support our programs the public must be kept fully informed of all our problems, our objectives and goals on a continual basis.

"This means that we should promptly reveal all information, not just the data which will present the highway department in a favorable light. Once the general public learns that a public agency is making a sincere effort to report its activities fully, I feel that a major obstacle has been lifted in disseminating information and stimulating a genuine public interest in highway operations.

"The role of public relations has become increasingly important in the highway industry in recent years and I am glad to see more and more departments placing extra emphasis on this key department in their organizations. No longer can public information be disseminated in a large public organization through sporadic and indirect channels. The highway construction field has become a highly complex and modernized field, requiring hundreds of different types of professions and skills. "A highway engineer is not ordinarily equipped by education or training, nor does he have the time, to tackle the broad scope required in launching and continuing a public relations program. Just as in the other related fields of highway operations, the need is evident for competent, qualified and highly trained public information experts. And these professionals should be paid salaries commensurate with the professionals heading other divisions and sections in department of highways.

"I have read with interest the paper given at the Highway Research Board annual meeting in Washington on the survey relative to the 'Organization and Scope of Public Relations in State Highway Departments,' prepared by the Highway Information Services. This survey compares various categories with an AASHO survey, and we find that much remains to be done on a national level to uplift public relations' activities to their proper prospective. On the other hand, we note that substantial gains have been accomplished during this period of time, and I feel that these surveys will be used by administrators as the basis for reappraisals of their respective organizations now that so much emphasis is being placed upon this vital aspect of highway administration.

"In the Southeastern Association of State Highway Officials, we have recently seen the results of this widespread interest in furthering public relations as a permanent and essential component of highway activities.

"At our recent SASHO Convention in Charleston, S.C., the executive committee voted to create a permanent Public Information Committee for the first time in the existence of the organization. Henceforth, this committee will function side by side with the other standing committees of SASHO, beginning with our next annual meeting scheduled here in New Orleans on November 8.

"I am not positive, but I have been told that SASHO is the first regional association to create a permanent Public Information Committee. If this is correct, as president of SASHO during the current year, I would certainly heartily recommend that all regional associations also form their own committees.

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RESIDENT ENGINEERS CONFERENCE

by: M. S. Smith
Asst. Construction Engineer

The Construction Division held the second annual Resident Engineer's Conference on February 19 & 20. These conferences are for the purpose of getting all of the district engineers, resident engineers and other key construction personnel together for the discussion of mutual problems.

The session opened at 1:00 P.M. on February 19 with comments by Messrs. Ward Goodman, William L. Moore and C.A. Shumaker. After the opening comments we launched into the topics on the program. Lectures by members of the Construction Division staff followed by general discussion on a variety of current problems proved very successful. Topics discussed were:

- Diary & Time Charges
- Field Changes
- Bridge Construction Problems
- Estimates
- Weekly Progress & Force Reports
- Earthwork
- Asphalt Base and Surface Courses
- Engineering Charges
- Portland Cement Concrete Pavement

The session was closed at noon on February 20, following a round table discussion.

The highlight of the meeting was a banquet at the Holiday Inn in North Little Rock at 7:30 P.M. Wednesday night. Mr. Goodman acted as Master of



At the speakers' table are, left to right: L. A. McCain, Construction Engineer, C. A. Shumaker, M. S. Smith, Frank Neighbors, and Pete Daggett.

Ceremonies for this occasion. Mr. Moore offered brief comments as well as a joke to open the program following a steak dinner. Mr. Goodman introduced the guest speaker, Hal Webber, "Brother Hal" of Radio Station KLRA, who entertained all present with his natural humor.

We feel that this conference as well as last years was beneficial to those present and the knowledge gained by all will help tremendously to improve our construction program. The exchanging of ideas during the formal program as well as the bull sessions help to bring our Division closer to the realization of a uniform procedure and policy throughout the State of Arkansas.

The attendance at this years program was around ninety and we of the Construction Staff feel that all ninety left the meeting better informed than they were when they arrived. We hope to continue a program of this type as at least an annual affair.

Whelchel, continued...
tees. With nationwide participation, the AASHO Public Information Committee will have large representation among the states in the years ahead.

"What lies ahead in the highway information field? I am confident that we cannot afford to look backward. We must set our sights far ahead because we have only begun this greatest construction program in history. With the interstate now at the halfway mark, we are now looking toward significant extensions that will carry this program far into the foreseeable future. Congress, without a doubt, will soon adopt and extend this giant program in some form. Together with our huge programs now underway on the primary, secondary, urban, and farm to market highways in each state, we can clearly see the need for expanded public relations activities to meet the challenge that all public agencies face today.

"But we must work together as a unit. Too often, we as individual states, have stood docilely by in the face of unwarranted criticism. We have seen the public image of thousands of dedicated highway department employees around the nation lampooned and ridiculed. We have read in national magazines of the 'Great Highway Robbery,' and this ridiculous theme has been compounded by newspapers, television, and radio.

"Yet, upon close examination, what are the facts? They are simply these. Since 1956 we have been engaged in the greatest public works program in the history of the world. It has required the talents, the labor and engineering skill of millions of dedicated people, not only within the highway departments, but many, many more associated with contractors, consultants, suppliers, manufacturers, and jobbers."

NEW ENGINEERS

Bridge Design Division has acquired a new engineer. He is Jerry Melvin Lavender, 32, a registered professional engineer who came to the Department with over six years' experience with consulting and construction companies.

Lavender, a native of Fayetteville, is a 1957 graduate of the University of Arkansas with a BSCE. His work has consisted of planning, coordinating, and directing construction chemical plant facilities, supervising construction, estimating, preparation of bids, and layout of engineering required for construction, surveying, and many other phases of engineering. He served two years in the Army.

Lavender is married and has three small daughters. They reside at 3414 West Fourth Street in Little Rock.



Lavender

Green

Robert Harlon Green, Jr., another engineer who will be a permanent employee in AHD, has begun training in Bridge Design Division under the Engineers Training Program.

Green, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Green, Sr., of 4816 Sycamore, North Little Rock, is a native of Ozark. He graduated from North Little Rock High School in 1958 and received his BSCE at the University of Arkansas last January.

In the summer of 1959 Green worked for the Department as a chainman. He returned in the summers of 1961, '62, and '63 for summer work as rodman, and junior instrumentman. Other phases of engineering in which he will train in the program are Computer Center, Roadway Design, Materials and Tests, Surveys, Bureau of Public Roads, Assistant Chief Engineer's Office, Traffic, and all districts.

James Weldon Gee, 23, is another trainee in the program. As many other young engineers he has worked during the summers for the Department. He began training in District 9.

Gee, a native of Worth, Tex., graduated from Little Rock Central High in 1958. He attended

Little Rock University from 1958-1961 and then transferred to the University of Arkansas. He received his BSCE in January. He is an airman in the Arkansas Air National Guard, a member of Delta Kappa fraternity, the Circle K Club, and a member of the student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

James, who was married last August, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Gee of Little Rock.



Gee

JONATHAN T. BEAVERS, more affectionately known as "Johnnie," had reason for rejoicing February 7 when he was notified that he had passed his Certified Public Accountants examination, qualifying him for a certificate to practice.

The announcement came almost four years after he had his first sitting with the CPA Examining Board, in May 1960, in which one part of the test was passed. He passed one part in each of the next two tests which were taken in November 1960 and May 1961. He sat for Accounting Theory and Commercial Law in May 1962, followed by Auditing in November 1962, passing both. His last examination was taken last November, in which he qualified for his certificate. Johnnie expects to become a member of the Arkansas Society of CPA'S and the American Institute of CPA'S.

Passing one of the examinations doesn't come easy. It's a highly complicated business requiring much study and knowledge and, perseverance. And if there's one thing Johnnie has, it's perseverance. He's proved that by his determination to "make something of himself" in spite of his confinement to a wheel chair, the result of an injury in World War II, and his subsequent successful career since his graduation from college. He attended ASTC at Conway from 1949-1951, then transferred to the University of Arkansas where he received his BSBA in Accounting and Economics and Finance in 1951.



Beavers

He came to the Highway Department in 1951 as a junior statistician in Planning and Research (then Statistics and Analysis). In 1955 he was transferred to the Accounting Division as a section head. He now holds the title of chief accountant.

Johnnie resides in North Little Rock in the Lakewood addition at 4512 Lakeview Rd. with wife, Mollie, and their youngest son, Donald. Their older son, Charlie, is a lieutenant with the Air Force and stationed in Florida. Charlie and his wife, Kay, made the Beavers grandparents last year with the arrival of Kristi Kay Beavers, 6 months old.

AHD DAMES' MEETING

THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY DAMES gathered at the home of Wilma Perkins (Mrs. H.H.) in Lakewood, North Little Rock for punch and coffee to bring February's activities to a close.

Twenty-two ladies attended the luncheon and informal meeting which followed. We were sorry that more wives could not enjoy Mrs. Perkins' gracious hospitality.

Great things are planned for spring. We will return to the Commission Room in the Central Offices March 26 at 11:30 a.m. for a surprise program.

The April meeting will be a day of interest to us all. This event is a benefit bridge (our benefit) party at the Wonder Bakery. We are all asked to help the telephone committee "spread the word." If you do not play cards, bring your dollar contribution anyway and that piece of needlepoint or a dress to hem. If we each bring a partner or a table of four, we will have a smiling financial success. Mail your \$1.00 reservation to Mrs. Robert Mattox, No. 1, Ivy Drive, Little Rock.

It has been observed that many wives are not familiar with this magazine. We believe it may be

helpful to "influence" our husbands to bring these news-packed pages home. We believe this publication deserves a better fate than a dusty desk or waste basket.

--Mary Virginia Smith (Mrs. M.S.)

Y. W. Whelchel, administrative assistant, had several speaking engagements this month. He spoke on highway matters at the Lonoke Kiwanis Club on Wednesday, March 4. On March 3, he showed the highway film and spoke briefly at a meeting of the Arkansas Dental Assistants in the Wonder Bakery Hostess Room. On March 25, at 7:30 p.m. he will speak to the Jacksonville Sertoma Club members at Pacetti's Restaurant. He will speak on "Pulaski Area Transportation Study."

Bert Rownd, engineer of the Surveys Division, is president-elect of the Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers and will take over office July 1.



Mr. and Mrs. Larry Deal are shown after their wedding which took place January 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Capitol View Methodist Church.

Mrs. Deal is the former Miss Diane Obsitnik, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Obsitnik. She is a graduate of Central High School. Larry, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Deal, is a Central High graduate and attends Little Rock University. He is a member of the Office Engineer's staff.

The young couple is at home at 1818 West Capitol Avenue after a wedding trip to Hot Springs.

MRS. IRENE McCRIGHT

Mrs. Ann Irene Crate McCright, 59, wife of W. B. McCright, negotiator in the Right of Way Division, died March 5. Funeral services were held March 7 at Griffin-Leggett Funeral Home.

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT



ACCOUNTING DIVISION

Tyrone Hines

We are all happy for Johnnie Beavers on passing his CPA exam. Although he took it last November, he wasn't notified until last month. Johnnie really is to be commended and we're proud of him. Johnnie was feted on the occasion with a pretty cake (see picture) made by Pat Koonce.



James McCarthy and Johnnie visited at District 10, Paragould February 7.

Pat and Jack Keilch were able to take their little daughter, Patricia Rose, home from St. Vincent's February 16. Patricia Rose had to stay at the hospital until she weighed 5 pounds and she surprised us all by gaining so rapidly. She is the only survivor of triplets born to the Keilch's January 7.

Linda and Tommy Tucker announce the arrival of their first child, a son named Dwayne Scot, born February 18 and weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces. Linda was our insurance clerk before leaving to await the baby.

Les Perry and Bill Hogan seem to have something in common. They are expectant fathers and it will be the second child for both. The babies are due during the summer months.

Brenda Sutton surprised most of us when she came to work one Monday with a diamond on her third finger, left hand. The lucky fellow is George West, who is with the Final Estimate Section. A summer wedding is planned.

Irene Hawkins' sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Graham, and their son

visited with them the week end of February 29. The Grams live in Memphis.

Johnnie Beavers has added another car to his garage. He traded wife Mollie's Chevrolet off for a pickup truck for the farm but Mollie balked at driving it so he bought her a 1962 green and white Oldsmobile Cutlass.

Betsy Morrison was on the sick list last month and off several days due to a severe chest cold.

Tom Dixon's sons, James and Mark, had a bout with chicken pox but have completely recovered now.



DATA PROCESSING

Glynoreu Smith

Another reporter is pinch-hitting for Glynoreu who is off at this time on sick leave. We hope she will be back with us soon.

Carolyn and Jimmy Reddin are new home owners. Their new address is 10000 Bradley Drive, Burnell Manor Addition. We're happy for both of them.

Frances Richardson is riding on air in that new red Galaxie convertible. Also, Jim McGraw is driving a new green Chevrolet convertible, making us all a little envious, but happy for them.

Lana Tunnell Holland, a former employee, visited with us recently, bringing along son, Scott, 4, and daughter, Laura, 2 years old, and her mother, Mrs. Hazel Tunnell. Just like 'ole' times seeing Lana around the office.

Steve Minor is recovering nicely from a broken collarbone. He is the son of Ernest and Anne Minor.



EQUIPMENT

Sally Crook

We have three new employees in our midst. Ralph Henson joined us in the Equipment Office as our bookkeeper; I. M. Kibbe, and W.E. Ripberger are two new employees in Central Shop.

C. Don Hayes reminded Mrs. C.D. Holme that she is 10 years older now than when she first came to work for the Highway Department as he presented her with a 10-year pin and certificate February 14.

Car-trading fever seems to have struck here. Among the happy owners are Frank Boyett with a 1962 canary yellow Ford

Galaxie 500; G.G. Carter has a 1962 red Falcon, and John Millender a 1962 Buick Electra.

The Equipment Office surprised Mr. Hayes with a birthday cake February 14 in an advance celebration of his birthday which fell on Sunday, February 16. Guests were Bob Mattox, Johnnie Gray, and Tommy McKeller.

We are pleased to have Shirley Healy back with us after her leave of absence. She tells us that her new baby, Brian Alan, is doing fine and that being back at her desk is like old times.

Since we did not have any news in last month's issue, we're a little late in reporting that we have a new, proud grandpa in the Procurement Office. Bernie Cox's new grandson, Chris Alvin Brooks, was born January 9 in St. Vincent's Hospital.

We were glad to have Bill Pryor of the Audit Section with us while we were "between" bookkeepers.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Jones have a new baby son, John William Jones, born February 23 in Rebsamen Memorial Hospital. Young John weighed 9 pounds, 7 ounces. Troy is a mechanic in the Heavy Equipment Shop.



Mr. John Jones

Many of us spend half our time wishing for things we could have if we didn't spend half our time wishing.—Alexander Woolcott



PLANNING AND RESEARCH

Bonnie Thomas

J.R. Henderson received his 35-year service awards at the Commission Meeting February 28. Afterwards, we served coffee and cookies in the P&R Division to celebrate the occasion.

Marcellus Gross and his wife, Darlene, have a new baby girl born March 1. Her name is Donna Denise.

We have a new groom, Jim Wilson and his new bride, the former Barbara Duncan, were married at West Race Street Baptist Church in Searcy. After a wedding trip through Mississippi, they are residing in Little Rock.

Several of our employees and their families have been sick with colds and flu that usually occur at this time of the year.

Annie Hendrix has a new Buick Skylark special and she's real proud of it... Carl Bratcher has a new 1964 Chevy II.

We forgot to mention last month, the day before Jim Head's new baby girl arrived he received his BBA degree from Arkansas A&M College in Monticello.

Ray Martin is back at work after being sick several days... Paul Elcan was in an automobile accident enroute to work one morning recently, but suffered no injuries, fortunately.



PROCUREMENT

Lou Hardy

The Procurement Office sort of let February slip by without doing too much. We have a few bits of news that may be of interest, though.

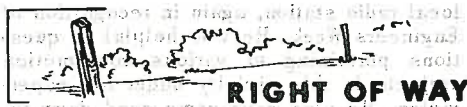
Willene and Bud Dorris celebrated their first wedding anniversary February 23 in Star City (WHERE ELSE BUT) at the home of her mother. Kay Dorris, Bud's daughter, turned "Sweet Sixteen" as of February 6.

Maurice Carroll and Willene Dorris both have been visiting their dentist and there will be another one soon if she doesn't stop eating all the cookies, candy, and other goodies that are filed for easy reference in this office - guess who?

This office has Jim Meredith and Frank Caple to thank for a beautiful 22-cup coffee pot. Just ask Betty Claude how much nicer it is to make one pot a day instead of four.

Lewis Wade's mother, Mrs. J.B. Wade, visited her sister in New Orleans recently and while there saw some of the festivities of Mardi Gras.

Aubrey and Maurice Carroll are going to Springs to the races. Hope they come out as well as my husband did. He left and came back with the same amount and yes, I did give him 50 cents for a hot dog!



RIGHT OF WAY

Shirley Childress

Bryan McArthur's son, Bill McArthur, married Alice Marie Miller Saturday February 1, at Golden Meadows, La. They are residing in Little Rock.

Sharon Wyatt of the Appraisal Section quit February 14 to await the arrival of the stork. A party was given in her honor February 17 and she was presented with an electric sterilizer.

The same day of Sharon's party, four Appraisal Section employees were presented with their 5-year service awards. They were Herbert Heffington, J.C. Merritt, Robert Hamilton, and Evalena Squires.

Charlotte Lee just became an aunt for the third time. Her sister's third child and second daughter. Charlotte's mother left for Virginia to take care of the children and mother, and Charlotte is now chief cook and bottle washer for her dad, brother, and sister. Hope their medicine cabinet is well stocked with alka-seltzer.

One of the happiest girls around Right of Way right now is Doloris French. She and Jim bought a beautiful new home in Jacksonville.

Nancy Sipe's husband, Kenny, was in a car wreck a few weeks ago and got a bad cut on his face that required several stitches. He was also bruised and sore for a few days after the wreck but all in all he is a lucky man. Nancy's mother underwent surgery the day after Kenny's wreck and we're glad she's doing well.

We wish a speedy recovery to the wives of W.B. McCright and D.F. Yates. Mrs. McCright is still in the hospital but is improving and Mrs. Yates is home now after undergoing surgery.

Benny Walden is back with us again after surgery early in January.

Fred Williams was off the afternoon of February 21 to take part in the wedding of Bob Yada and Sarah Edward's wedding. Bob is a former employee in the Engineering Section.

Paul Mah made a trip to Texarkana February 14 and 15 to attend a Junior Chamber of Commerce meeting.

We extend sympathies to B.A. Van Patten in the loss of his mother, Mrs. Edith Van Patten of Searcy, and Dale Oswalt in the loss of his grandmother, Mrs. Landreth of Malvern.



TRAFFIC SERVICES

The Van Campbells have a new granddaughter (Kimberly Joy) born in February to their daughter Sharon, and son-in-law, Jim.

Howard and Donia Stobener celebrated their nineteenth wedding anniversary March 1. Congratulations!

James Mellard spent a week end with his parents in Memphis, Tenn., in February.

Claudis Bryant, one of our Center Stripe foremen, had a heart attack while working in early December. He spent two weeks in the hospital and about four more weeks at home convalescing. He returned to work February 1, looking good and several pounds lighter.

Doris Little (Mrs. Travis), a clerk in the Sign Shop, resigned on January 31 to await the stork in May. A party was planned for her on Friday, but late Thursday afternoon she received notice of the death of her husband's brother in a plane crash in Mississippi, their home state. The party was cancelled and her gift, a portable hair dryer, was given to her before she left. She had worked with us for two years and we hated to see her go - especially under such sad circumstances.

Doris Brewer (Miss), of Little Rock, came to work February 1, as a replacement for Doris Little. Doris was formerly employed by the Wm. T. Stover Company of Little Rock before joining the Sign Shop staff. We're glad to have her with us.

Service awards were presented to Charles Gehrki for 15 years, and Charles Bland for 5 years.

J.C. Blakemore, one of our Center Stripe crewman, died in a Searcy hospital January 29. He had been with us since 1960.

The brother of one of our nightwatchmen, D.L. Green, died in California February 2. We extend sympathies to the Blakemore and Green families.



DISTRICT



Janet McElduff

Dear Marty:

We're full of news this month, and I'm sure you're saying it's high time. If Mr. Mathews would just let me canvas the district the way I'd like to, I'm sure I would be a much better reporter. For some reason or other, though, he thinks I should stay at my desk and attend to my other duties.

We've had quite a sick list for the last several weeks, including H. Ross of Forrest City, Andy Jetton's wife, Jerry Jayroe's grandson with a tonsillectomy, Virgil Parr, and Tippy Wilkins, who just returned to work as I'm writing this. Off mending broken bones are James Weddington, with a broken arm, and Tommy Webb, who broke his foot jumping off the porch. That last one could bear a little investigation which we've not had time to make.

On the happy, happy list we have D.W. Armstrong, who is the father of an 8 pound boy; Geneva Richmond of Helena, who is going to take blue-bootees leave; Herman Potter of Phillips County, who gained the

grampa status in February when his daughter presented the family with a little daughter; six office girls (ha!) who were treated to a wonderful fish dinner by good 'ol' Griffin English recently; Maintenance Superintendent Jim Tucker, who at last is getting his family moved to Wynne; M.J. Jordan, driving a brand new Ford; Adler Williams, welcoming son Otis and family back to the States after a three-year tour of duty in Germany, to say nothing of a new grandson; and certainly with a big smile is Walter Grisham of Brinkley with a baby daughter.

We think we're pretty fine over here with our new addition to the shop. The men in the shop are really looking forward to moving in and utilizing the space. The women in the office are looking forward to the fish fry celebrating the moving in and utilizing of the space.

L.A. McCain of the Construction Office, was in recently looking for a little favorable publicity, so we want to be sure and publicize how much we all enjoy his visits. Jake Clements was in, too, but he didn't seem to be looking for much publicity, favorable or otherwise.

Fruit-basket turnover has been the favorite pastime in the Construction Division of our district this last month. I dream at night of little construction people that are moving in and out, of misdirected, erroneous 125's, duplicate approvals for moving expense (I wanted to write Little Rock and apologize for my confused state but Mr. Matthews said they already knew), missing IBM payroll sheets, CHAOS!! We've lost Resident Engineer Jim Frazier, who is going in private business with ex-Resident Engineer Bill Cline in Forrest City; Bill Martin and Virg Butler, who have both gone to work for private contractors. We'll miss these three but wish them all the good luck in the world. Gained in District 1 is Ben Hogan, resident engineer, who has come over from DeQueen to take over the office in Forrest City; Bill Mulhollen, from District 10, is opening a residency in Brinkley and is bringing Paul Blankenship, James Jones, and Moody Jones along with him. Keeping this many people-moves straight is no easy task, but I can't wait until they start on office furniture and equipment, vehicles, to say nothing of job assignments, and see how big a mess I can make out of that! I believe the best solution is to lump everything that pertains to these moves in the "Don't Know File" until I can find out who and what belongs where. We are glad to have our newcomers and hope they like District 1.

Buttons were bursting around here over the fine job Resident Engineer Jim Brannan did on public relations work during Engineers Week. Jim and Gene Belknap, engineering assistant, appeared in an assembly program at Wynne High School for the purpose of explaining to, and encouraging students in engineering careers. Jim gave, according to first-hand teen-age reports, an informative talk on engineering and careers. They invited the students to meet with them to further discuss the profession and at last count had five definite appointments with interested students. Later that week, Jim was interviewed by the

local radio station, again in recognition of Engineers Week. He was helpful in questions pertaining to various construction projects in this vicinity under his supervision. He also gave some good down-to-earth information relating to problems with users of the highways under construction, and in general cleared up misunderstandings and false conceptions for many. We say thanks to Jim for a better relations between the Highway Department and Cross County citizens.

Again, we say come see us! We have a new coffee pot and almost always something good to eat, so take us up on the invitation.

Janet



DISTRICT



Ouida Cruce

The following was taken from an Arkansas paper which first printed it 50 years ago: "Work is progressing rapidly on the new concrete road out of Pine Bluff, which will join the Pulaski County macadam pike. Contracts have already been let for the 22.5 miles in Jefferson County, three miles of which are well under way, and completion is expected by the end of summer. The contracts for a 9-foot concrete base 5 inches thick to withstand the strain of heavy traffic, and an asphalt top. In order that vehicles may pass each other safely, 3 feet of gravel will be placed on each side of the pike. The road is being built to last, and contractors and builders who have watched the progress of construction say that this combination of concrete and asphalt will be the first in the South. (February 9, 1914.)" When the 3-mile section was completed, people drove for miles over all kinds of rough roads in order to take a Sunday afternoon ride on the smooth road. The road was built to last and it did last; part of the road can be seen today. It looks like a paved trail through the woods. We were, and still are, the first in road building.

Congratulations to Roth Lee Rabb on receiving his 20-year service awards in February and Kenneth Floyd Tyler for 5 years.

Larry Tucker, engineering helper at Monticello, and Mary Kathryn Brewster of Wilmar, were married the evening of February 7 at Wilmar. After a short wedding trip to Greenville, Miss., they are now at home on Route 2, Wilmar. We wish the newlyweds many years of wedding bliss.

Mrs. Earl Appling has been hospitalized in Jefferson Hospital and we hope she is better. Haley Hester has also been in the hospital but he has returned to work.

Sign on car: "This car stops for crossings, railroads, blondes, and brunettes. For redheads it will back up fifty feet."



DISTRICT



Olive Jacks

Certificates of service were awarded to the following employees in February: Collis J. Crawford and Lee Hill Huskey, 20 years; Thadeus Harold Jones, 10 years; and Pierre Jacques Malardier, Frankie Dean Dull, and Perry Doyle Morton, 5 years.

This office enjoyed a visit from Schley Carter on February 13. Schley was our former area foreman of Pike County and is now retired.

Dale and Helen McKinney were injured January 27 while enroute to work when their car was struck by another car when it turned in front of them. Both were hospitalized for several days.

Employees who have been sick recently are: Shelby J. Garney, Howard County; Collis J. Crawford, Little River County; and Howard Wright, Sid Flowers, and Edgar Ferguson of Hempstead County. The latter three were in the hospital.

Clovis and Chloe Tittle spent the week end of January 18 in Houston, Tex., visiting their daughter and family, the Richard Duffies and children.

Shelby Garney retired February 19. He was an employee of 20 years in Howard County. We wish him the best during his years of retirement.

Carolyn and Gene Pendergraft were in New Orleans for several days celebrating their tenth wedding anniversary. They arrived there just after the Mardi Gras celebrations but they reported a marvelous time.

We are proud of the nice new addition to the district headquarters shop building which has just been completed. Final inspection was made by Jim Francis in February.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Horace Jordan in the death February 8 of his father, Mrs. James Henry Jordan of Prescott. Also, we extend our sympathies to the family of Edward R. Bonds, a former employee for many years, who died in Texarkana, January 28; and to Brooks Lee in the death of his brother-in-law, Hoyett Cox, who was killed by a falling tree February 17.



DISTRICT



The Informers

Marge Parnell, fuel clerk, received her 10-year service awards; C. D. Dillard (Polk County) and F. J. Brakefield (Montgomery County) received their 15-year service awards. Congratulations, all.

We have two new night watchmen, L. C. Lewis and A. O. Smith.

Harrison Heath, foreman in Polk County was hospitalized in Texarkana for major surgery and is now at home. He is recovering nicely and plans to return to work March 2.

Thurman Atchley's (Scott County) mother was hospitalized in Ft. Smith for surgery and the latest report is that she is recovering.

Billy Hamilton's baby girl has been in a Ft. Smith hospital for several days. We hope she is completely recovered by now. Billy works in the Greenwood crew.

Our bookkeeper, B.J. Gibson, had an opportunity to visit the Accounting Division, Data Processing Center, and look over the new buildings in Little Rock February 14. He enjoyed meeting several people he knew by "name only" in Accounting Division. It was all interesting and just the brief glimpse he had, he feels that there is a lot more to operating the Highway Department than meets the eye.

Our visitors this month were: Charlie Hooker, Frank Neighbors, J.R. Alexander, Cal Porterfield, John Nalley, and Thurman Payne. Also, our retired visitors were Mike Garner, Oscar Gwyn, and Bill Baugh. We enjoy having visitors and hope these and many others will come to see us.

J.T. Piercy of Lavaca, who worked for the Department about 12 years, retired February 28. Our best wishes are extended to him for a happy retirement and we hope he will visit us often.

DISTRICT 5

Carl Davis

James Owen Shaw, who has been with the Department since 1962 working in construction, is entering the Army March 23. Don't get excited, girls, he'll be back in six months and will remain with the Department.



James Shaw

Clyde Nast, heavy equipment mechanic, took a week's vacation recently. It agreed with him as he returned looking better.

Howard McDoniel was a visitor in the shop February 26. He is much improved and we hope he will be back with us soon.

Ruby Masner, fuel clerk, is in Little Rock for a few days with her granddaughter, Terri, who is a patient in the Baptist Hospital.

Mrs. Coy Frazier, who has been a patient in Gray's Hospital for the past six weeks, was able to return home. Mrs. Virgil Taylor also was a patient in Gray's Hospital for a few days but returned home much improved. Ludie Massey, mechanic, was hospitalized for several days and is now recuperating at home.

Two other employees, W.R. Bolin and Bill Younger, were on the sick list last month.

We extend sympathies to the family of Bill Huff in the death of his father, and to the family of Mrs. Ross Hughes in the death of her husband. Mr. Hughes had many friends in the Highway Department.

DISTRICT 6

Bob Valentine

District 6 was glad to welcome the visitors that stopped by after the dedicatory address by Governor Faubus and the official opening of the new Materials and Tests buildings last month.

It's nice to have neighbors now and we extend an invitation to all at M&T, Weights and Standards, and Planning and Research to drop by now and then.

Georgia Russenberger is famous, Well, not really, but she did make an appearance on the Tommy Trent television show recently with members of her square dance club. And she can really "square."

Harold Parsley, a member of Gene Stumpff's residency, was presented with an 8 pound, 8 ounce son February 23. Harold Todd Parsley made his arrival at Baptist Hospital. It was told to this reporter that there are at least three more expectant fathers on Stumpff's crew anxiously awaiting the stork.

Don McDaniel of the stock room and his family paid a visit to friends and relatives at Don's home in Charleston last month. The trip was enjoyed he reports, but for one, or I should say three, little incidents. He had three flat tires on the way.

DISTRICT 7

Burnham & Campbell

District 7 is especially proud of our February list of service awards which

were presented to the following: George Carl Orsburn, 15 years; Lois Burton, Lowell Edgar Hardaway, and John Garland Launius, 10 years; and Jesse Macklin Roberts, J.B. Halcombe and Earl Parker Foster, 5 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Wilkes announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, on February 1. Little Zina Yvonne weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

District Engineer W.E. Hicks and C.L. Baucum, J.C. Webb, A.W. Hardy, Jr., N.D. Pumphrey, and G.E. Gunn, and Senior Instrumentman Dick Bartel attended a construction seminar for district and resident engineers in the Central Offices February 19-20. C.A. Shumaker, assisted by Sam Smith, Frank Neighbors, and L.A. McCain conducted the meeting.

Paul Schenke and Mr. Hanrahan, both with the Bureau of Public Roads, visited our district February 18 and 20.

One of these writers is about to join the ranks of mothers-in-law. Robert Campbell will be married to Joan Shikle of Camden on March 7 at the Cullendale First Baptist Church. The young couple will make their home in Booneville, where Robert is physical education instructor in the school system.

DISTRICT 8

Netha Brown

Wedding bells are ringing loud in District 8. The Joe Heltons' daughter, Shirley Ann, was married February 14 to Howard Chism at the Assembly of God Church in Morrilton. The Lewis McGees' daughter, Linda Maye, and Scyrell New were married January 21 in Dover. Mary Elizabeth White, John Lawrence's secretary, and James Howell have set their wedding date for March 14 at the Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church. Our best wishes to these young couples.

C.W. Wilcox underwent surgery February 20 at St. Anthony's Hospital in Morrilton. His wife, Connie, is field clerk in Sherman James' office. We understand he is making a rapid recovery.

John H. Lawrence, District 8 engineer and the resident engineers and their assistants, attended the resident engineers' conference in Little Rock last month.

You basketball fans take note of two girls from Yell County. "Sandy" Bittle and Geneva Owens, daughters of the Elza R. Owens and the Z.V. Bittles of Ola, are on the District 4-A Championship Team. Both girls play guard positions and are sophomores at Ola High School. They are to play in the finals at Eudora the last week in February.

Judy Gray, daughter of U.L. and Ann Gray, was presented an electric toothbrush for winning the "Smile" contest at the Gardner Junior High School in Russellville. The contest was sponsored by the local dentists. (See pic. next page.)

(Editor's note: District 8 sent news for last month's magazine but it evidently

was lost in the mail as it was never received. We're sorry this happened. Please be sure all news is addressed correctly.



"Smile" Girl, Judy



DISTRICT



Braswell & Morton

A surprise birthday dinner was given Sunday, February 2 in the Parker home at Alpena for Frank Parker who celebrated his 72nd birthday February 4. A fried chicken dinner was served to 18 relatives and friends who brought gifts and cards to express their wishes for a happy birthday and many more to come. Frank retired from the Department in 1958 after 30 years as a heavy equipment mechanic. He enjoys his retirement and looks forward each month to his copy of "Arkansas Highways," which helps him keep in touch with the men and events of the Department. Frank wishes to say 'hello' to all his friends in the Harrison shop and invites them to drop in for a visit anytime.

Happy birthday, also, to the following employees who celebrated in February: W.B. Hawkins, E.H. Lawrence, J.M. Tate, John Burlsworth, Troy Deweese, B.F. Doshier, O.E. Fendley, Dennis Fouts, E.C. Horton, Jack Renfro, T.S. Sims, J.P. Whitley, R.A. Milum, K.F. McCollough, and Don Rand. A "Special Happy Birthday" to: Willis Cantrell who celebrated February 29!

R.G. Smith and family recently spent a week end in Clinton visiting relatives.

Lloyd Burgess, Jr., and family motored to West Plains, Mo., in their "new" 1961 red Chevrolet for a visit with relatives.

Carl McCutcheon is sporting a brand new 1964 red Galaxie 500. Happy motoring, Carl!

James P. McConnell enjoyed a day of bird hunting, reporting a successful hunt.

Jewell Whitaker, Gary Godfrey, Jim Selby, Curtis Pangle, Curt Shaddox, Kenneth Richey, and Carl Sanders attended the resident engineers' conference in Little Rock February 19 and 20.

Price Williams (retired) is in a local hospital recovering from a heart attack... Get Well wishes are also sent to Mrs. Doss Bishop, Mrs. Paul Jennings, and Fayette Robinson (retired).

Ed Mulford was on the sick list for a few days.

Don Creech and Sandra Lee Pratt were married recently. Don is an engineering helper at the Rogers residency. Congratulations to the newlyweds.

Mr. and Mrs. O.F. Cathey, Rogers, announce the engagement of their daughter, Pat, to Ed Driver, also of Rogers. A mid-summer wedding is planned. Pat is field clerk at the Rogers residency and Ed is employed at Hoyt Corporation.



Bride-to-be Pat Cathey



DISTRICT



Isabelle Psalmonds

February 14 was not only the day for hearts and flowers, but we in the district office and shop helped Bill Pillow, mechanic, celebrate his retirement after completing 35 years' service with the Department. We will miss seeing his face around the shop, but wish him the best of everything. His wife assures us that he will be kept busy. We had a cake decorated with a map of Arkansas and the words, "Good Luck, Bill, 35 years, AHD." (See picture.)

Resident engineers report a good meeting in Little Rock. Bill Mulhollen kept his ear alert for the telephone but he managed to beat the stork and got home in plenty of time to welcome his new 8 pound, 8 ounce daughter, Kelly Michelle, who was born February 21.

Others who have had visits from the stork are Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Lindsey, Lepanto, an 8 pound, 13½ ounce girl Wylene Lynette, born February 7; A Foreman William Crump and Mrs. Crump, son, Barry Don, weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce, born February 17. The Crumps live in Corning.

Charles Herschel Massey received his 10-year service awards last month.

We are a little sad this month because the office at Blytheville (the resident engineers office) is closing. Bill Mulhollen, resident engineer, Paul Blankenship, Sr., instrumentman, and James M. Jones, chairman, are transferring to District 1 and we will miss them but know they like District 1. Some of the crew are transferring to the Osceola office and others have found employment outside the Department.

Our sincere sympathies are extended to John F. Price, district engineer, on the death February 11 of his sister, Mrs. J.P. Ramage, in Nashville, Ark.



Bill Pillows' grandson, Tony, looks on as Mrs. Pillows feeds Bill a bite of the beautiful cake District 10 had when Bill retired. J.H. Sanders, maintenance superintendent, is at right.

Those honest eyes gaze back at me
With candid admiration.
And on that smiling face I see
No hint of condemnation.
Such warm regard is surely rare,
And none could be sincerer.
I wish I had more time to spare
Like this before the mirror!

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PALO TAYLOR HARRISON

An automobile accident February 18 claimed the life of an AHD employee and his wife and two small children.

Palo Taylor Harrison, 26, a clerk in the Construction Division, his wife, Thelma Jo Gartrell Harrison, 28, and their two small children, Carol Ann, 3, and Garry, 18 months, were killed instantly in a head-on collision of Taylor's car and a truck on U.S. Highway 70 half a mile east of Brinkley. They were enroute to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P.O. Harrison in Winchester, Tenn.

Taylor was a Little Rock policeman before joining the Department in May 1963. He was a member of the Methodist Church of Winchester, the Marbel Plaines Masonic Lodge 336 at Marbel Plaines, Tenn., the Scottish Rite bodies of Nashville, Tenn., the Al Menah Shrine Temple at Nashville, and the Order of Eastern Star. He attended Middle Tennessee State College at Murfreesboro, Tenn., for three years. He was a veteran of the Air Force.



THIS'LL
KILL YA



The young army doctor in the South Pacific diagnosed the ailment of a sergeant, but knowing he could do little with his limited facilities wired base hospital: "Have a case of beriberi. What shall I do?" The message was taken by a young technician at the base who wired back: "Give it to the engineers. They'll drink anything."

So much money is tainted these days - taint yours and taint mine.

The rich bachelor uncle in the hospital was about breathing his last. Speaking to his favorite nephew who was sitting at his bedside, the uncle said, "Don't grieve, my nephew, I want you to know that I'm leaving virtually all of my estate to you."

"Oh, uncle," said the nephew, "you are so kind to me...is there anything at all that I can do for you?"

Struggling upright, the uncle gasped, "Yes...take your foot off the oxygen tube."

A small boy's head bobbed up over the garden wall and a meek little voice said, "Please, Mrs. Jones, may I have my arrow?"

"Certainly," replied Mrs. Jones. "Where is it?"

"I think it's stuck in your cat," the boy said, hesitatingly.

Smith was fined \$105.00 for hitting his mother-in-law. "I can understand the \$100.00," said Smith, "but why the five?"

Judge: "Amusement tax."

The mother and daughter were busy with wedding plans when the bridegroom-to-be called. He watched the preparations rather impatiently for a while, until his future wife noticed his look of annoyance.

"Darling, we have such a lot to do," she soothed, "and if we want to make our wedding a big success we mustn't forget the most insignificant detail!"

"Oh, don't worry about that," murmured the young man. "I'll be there all right."

A famed world traveler, speaking before a women's club, described many of the beautiful sights he had seen on the journeys, and summed up by saying: "There are some spectacles that one never forgets."

"I wish you would tell me where I can get a pair," piped a little, grey-haired lady in the audience. "I'm always forgetting mine."

A visitor from the East was being driven through a hot, barren section of the western part of Texas by his host, a local rancher. When a brilliantly-colored bird scurried across the road in front of them the Easterner asked what it was.

"Why, we call that a Bird of Paradise," his host informed him. Sighed the visitor: "Boy, he's sure a long way from home."

Usher: "How far down do you want to sit?"
Old Lady: "All the way down. I'm very tired."

The customs man looked through an old gentleman's luggage and located a flask of whiskey. "I thought you said you have nothing in here but clothes," the inspector said.

"I did, and it's true," the old gent replied. "That, sir, is my nightcap."

We have the mechanical voting machines; now if we only had a mechanical taxpayer.



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