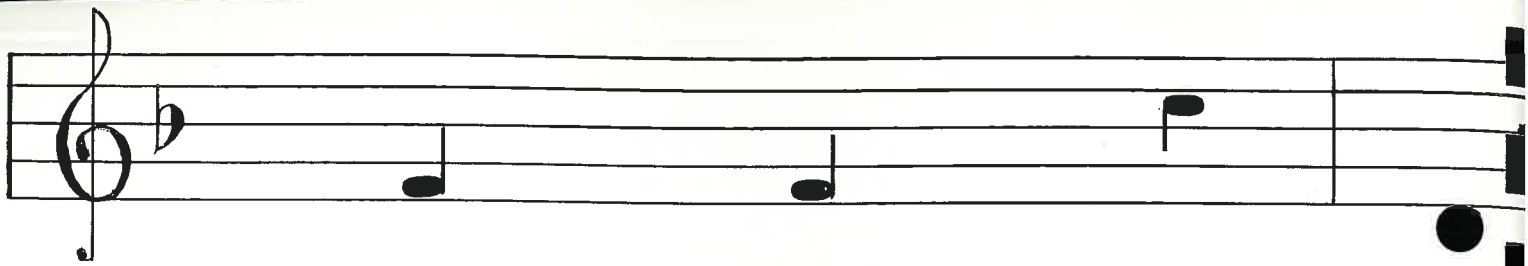




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Neither rain, nor storm nor black of night can stop a ribbon cutting so umbrellas became the order of the day at Forrest City and Calico Rock. Misses Debbie Fogg and Daisy Campbell assist the governor while Commissioners Truman Baker, left, Maurice Smith, third from right, Commission Chairman Wayne Hampton, second from right, and E. J. Butler, president of the Chamber of Commerce, look on.

The governor received an assist from Commission Chairman Wayne Hampton and Commissioner Maurice Smith and their umbrellas (top, cover picture).



Those who sat at the head table of the luncheon sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce at Holiday Inn were Henry Gray, Chief of Right of Way; District Engineer Vernon Harvey with the Bureau of Public Roads; Director Hicks; Chairman Hampton, Chamber President E. J. Butler, and Commissioners Baker and Smith.

IN THE RAIN DEDICATION AT FORREST CITY



The Sheik of Araby? No! It's Commissioner Truman Baker trying to ward off the rain as he and Director Walter E. Hicks sat on the speaker's platform during the dedication ceremonies.



Also present, left to right: James H. Tucker, maintenance superintendent at Wynne; Senator and construction company owner, whose company had one of the contracts on the Forrest City section, W.K. Ingram of West Memphis; District One Engineer Charles Matthews, Wynne; and Ken Lamar of the Forrest City Times Herald.



Donner McCollum, publisher of the Forrest City Times Herald; Rick Hampton, son of Chairman Wayne Hampton; Jerry Christopher with Radio Station KXJK, Forrest City; and Fred Causey, Crowley Ridge Chronicle, Forrest City; were among those at the luncheon.

It took some doing and improvisation two days in a row to render truthful the governor's favorite saying that... "it never rains on Faubus at a dedication".

At Forrest City Thursday, August 11, the governor approached the speakers' platform about 20 minutes late and it seemed as though the rain had held up in order to pelt him, members of the Highway Commission, personnel of the Department and some 300 local onlookers.

The occasion was the dedication and official opening of 11.4 miles of I-40 from Becks Road west of the city to the Highway 38 interchange east of town. Ceremonies were held at the Highway 1 interchange near the north city limits.

The rain cut short introductions of special guests and acknowledgement of the Forrest City Band, who provided lively entertainment of music and twirling prior to the ceremonies.

Radio Station KXJK carried the program live, so while Highway Commissioners Wayne Hampton and Maurice Smith held umbrellas over the governor, he made an abbreviated talk while the crowd listened over the radio from their automobiles.

Mayor Rogers Deaderick acted as master of ceremonies and Rev. Archie Boyd of the Methodist Church pronounced the invocation. Among the special guests was Rolfe Eldridge, Sr. who had owned all the land in the area of the Highway 1 and I-40 interchange. Mr. Eldridge, 86 years of age, and in declining health, had often expressed the desire to live to see the opening of that section of highway.

E. J. Butler, president of the Chamber of Commerce, introduced Chairman Wayne Hampton, who in turn introduced Truman Baker, and Maurice Smith, Commission members, V. E. Harvey, District Engineer of the Bureau of Public Roads, District Engineer Charles Matthews of Wayne and others. Maurice Smith introduced the governor.

A ribbon was quickly stretched across the highway and just as quickly cut by the governor, Miss Debbie Fogg and Miss Daisy Campbell.

A luncheon sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce was held after the ceremonies at Holiday Inn which overlooks the interstate at the Highway 1

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Miss Izard County, Barbara Southard of Melbourne, snips the ribbon held by Chairman Wayne Hampton and Governor Faubus. District Five Engineer George Cavaness, far left, State Revenue Commission Orville Cheney, Commissioner Maurice Smith of Birdeye, and Commissioner Truman Baker, far right, assist, backed up by the hostesses of Hootin' and Hollarin' from Gainesville, Missouri.

DEDICATION AT CALICO ROCK

The rains which began on Thursday spread across the state and soaked Calico Rock were red carpet plans had been laid for dedication of the long-awaited White River Bridge there on Friday, the 12th. It kept coming down but the spirits of the Lions Club members who sponsored the bridge ceremonies and the people who had come to join in the event were not dampened. Streamers stretched across main street dispelled the doubts of arrivals that the rain might subdue or postpone entirely the dedication planned. Flags of Arkansas and the United States, mounted on staffs, projected from the bridge at 10-foot intervals along the entire length of it. A speaker's platform was set up midway on the bridge where those who sat on it enjoyed a breathtakingly beautiful panorama both up and downstream — even on a rainy day.

Governor Faubus, the dedication speaker, expressed his appreciation to the crowd for standing in the rain to hear the speakers including himself, and concluded that...“you couldn't get this many people out in Little Rock if you built six bridges across the river.” Among the special guests were Judge Kay Matthews, and Orville Cheney, chairman of the State Commerce Commission, both natives of Calico Rock; W. G. Shrigley, office manager of Forsgren Brothers Construction Co., one of the contractors for the bridge; Bob Konaster and

Doyle Lawrence with the U. S. Forest Service in the Calico Rock Area; George Cavaness, district engineer from Batesville; Dr. Ben N. Salzman, now in his second term as president of the Mountain Home Chamber of Commerce; and others.

Also on hand to add beauty to the afternoon was the lovely Queen of Hootin' and Hollarin', Barbara Mahan of Rock Bridge, Missouri accompanied by 10 equally pretty hostesses. They were dressed in old fashioned dresses and hoop skirts to promote Hootin' and Hollarin' Days, an Ozark fun and promotion time held at nearby Gainesville, Mo. each October. Screen and television star Bob Cummings and his wife chose Miss Mahan as Queen of Hootin' and Hollarin' last year and will return to Gainesville October 6, 7 and 8 to select the 1966 queen.

Queen Barbara presented mountaineer hats to Governor Faubus, master of ceremonies E. C. Rodman and Commission Chairman Wayne Hampton which officially made them “kissin' cousins” of Hootin' and Hollarin'. The governor was also presented a walking cane ornamented with flowers and inscribed “Howdy, Governor Faubus from Cedar Pete” in view of his forthcoming retirement.

Mr. Hampton told the group that four people had mentioned construction of the Calico Rock bridge to him every time they had seen him ever since he had been on the Highway Commission —

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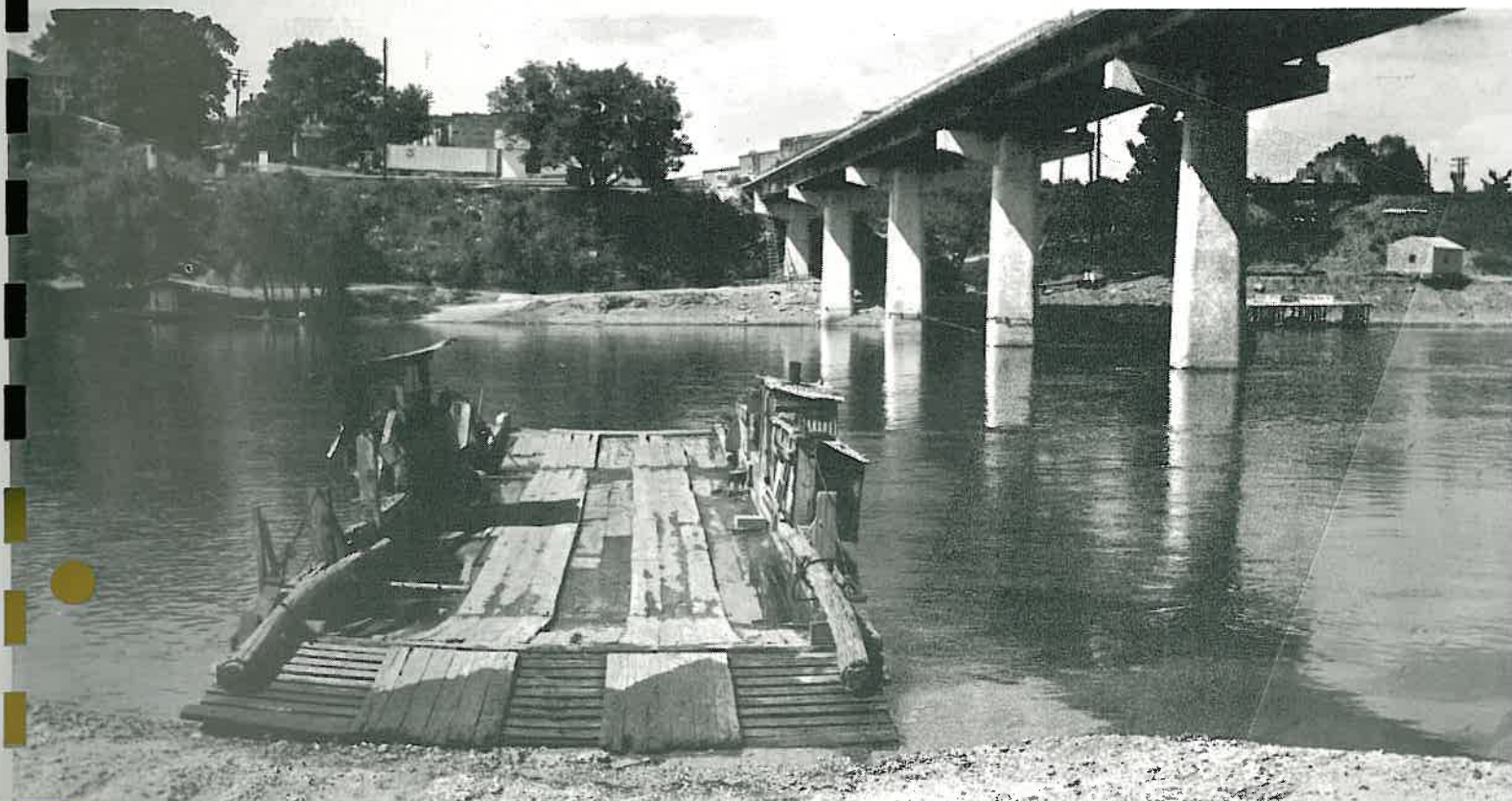
Chairman Wayne Hampton has just been bussed by Hootin' and Hollarin' Queen Barbara Mahan, after she presented him a mountaineer's hat which officially made him a kissin' cousin of Hootin' and Hollarin'.

On display in the window of one store was a painting of the Ozark Queen which plied back and forth between Batesville and Cotter in the years prior to the opening of the Missouri Pacific Railroad in 1905 bringing supplies to towns and villages along the White River. The painting, by Mrs. Emma Drown Morgan of Pineville, shows the boat docked at the mouth of Calico Creek where it flows into White River near the present railroad bridge. It was drawn from an actual photo provided by Mr. and Mrs. Tip Wiseman and was formerly the property of Mrs. Wiseman's father, the late E. E. McNeil. The Ozark



Mrs. Peggy Knowles, whose husband operates a business in Calico Rock, looks at the painting by Mrs. Emma Drown Morgan of Pineville of the Ozark Queen, one time supply line for towns along the White River between Batesville and Cotter before opening of the Missouri Pacific Railroad in the area in 1905. The painting was made from a photo owned by the late E. E. McNeil.

Queen worked the river each year until the river level became too low in summer. In the background can be seen some of the towering bluffs which gave Calico Rock its name. Before the advent of the railroad, streaks of iron ore stood out black against the lighter colored stone of the bluffs, creating a calico effect but when the railroad right of way was cleared, some of the bluffs were blasted away. Sometime afterward the ferry was put into operation and has since been the only means of crossing the river until the present time.





TWO EMPLOYEES RECEIVE SERVICE AWARDS AT COM- MISSION MEETING

James Alton Farley, assistant maintenance superintendent at Springdale, and Robert Oscar Jarboe, area foreman of Chicot County, each received a 30 year service pin and certificate during the July Highway Commission meeting.

FARLEY is a life-long resident of Benton County except for a few years when he worked in Oklahoma and Texas. He is a member of the Methodist Church and a Mason. He and his wife, the former Hazel May McClain have four children and six grandchildren. He likes hunting and fishing, football and baseball.

JARBOE joined the Highway Department in 1934. He has lived all his life at Lake Village. He is chairman of the Board of Deacons at Shiloh Baptist Church and knows where all the best hunting and fishing places are in Southeast Arkansas. He and Mrs. Jarboe, the former Helen Morse also of Lake Village, have four children and four grandchildren.

(Farley, center front; Jarboe, right front)

FIFTH IRF MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER IN LONDON

The fifth meeting of the International Road Federation, attended by high-ranking highway and transportation experts from all over the world, will meet in London the week of September 18. Representatives from many countries come together each four years for a one-week symposium on highway and traffic developments, both present and projected. The meeting will open in Royal Festival Hall and technical sessions will be held at the Royal Garden Hotel and Imperial College.

Languages used during the conference will be English, French, German and Spanish. Major themes to be discussed at this year's meeting will include the national and international tasks of training and education in highway matters; new construction methods; planning and building highways in the interests of social progress and economic and industrial development; development in traffic operations; financing of highway systems; research documentation; and dissemination of information.

JOHN HICKS, ROAD DESIGNER - AUTHOR

John Hicks, veteran road designer, was host for the fourth time to the Arkansas Writers' Conference this year when it met in June at the Hotel Sam Peck. Some 500 people attended the meeting. The conference was profitable for him as his story entitled "Razorback Hogs, Origin and History" won a first prize; a book of poetry entitled "Enchantment" won a second place award; and another story, "Exodus of Outlaws from 'Lapland'" won an honorable mention. As you might expect from Mr. Hicks, the 'Lapland' referred to is where Arkansas laps over into Missouri".

Mrs. Shirley Dungan has been employed as the radio operator to replace Madge Livingston who is now working in the Maintenance office. She and her husband, Willard, and their son and daughter reside at 8612 Herrick Lane. He is with Orbit Valve.

Both Shirley and her husband are natives of Oklahoma. She lived and attended school at Tulsa.



The State Has Own Movie Producer—Johnnie Gray

From a Full Page Story in the Gazettee by Julia Naylor

This caption and story is taken as written in the ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Sun., July 24, 1966.

The classic image of a movie maker consists of a rotund individual with a high boiling point who affects a curious uniform (jodhpurs, riding boots, etc.) and conducts his business from a canvas deck chair, armed with a megaphone for relaying such instructions as "Lights, camera et al." He is usually found surrounded by a covey of starlets and a weird assortment of hangers-on.

It's a great picture, and Hollywood makes the most of it.

But Arkansas' No. 1 movie maker just doesn't fit the image.

He is a clean cut, spare man with that happy quality of looking freshly scrubbed even in the heat of an Arkansas summer. His eternally-present youthful grin belies the fact that he has reached the 50-year mark. He works virtually alone, and his "movie stars" are while striking, hardly voluptuous.

Johnnie M. Gray, the man who has a corner on movie making in Arkansas, centers his films around the state highway system.

For the past 14 years, Johnnie Gray has almost single-handedly put out an annual motion picture touting the state's roads and tourism aspects. His efforts have netted him three national awards in the field of industrial photography, along with the comfortable knowledge that several other states have followed his lead and now produce similar films.

Obviously, the highway film is no amateur production. Comprised of some 1,000 feet of 16 mm MS Ektachrome color film with an optical sound track, the movie is a highly entertaining and informative review of what's going on in the state. The healthy percentage of footage devoted to highways and construction work is liberally sprinkled with such happenings as pageants and fields of blooming wildflowers, keeping the audience happy while promoting the work of the Highway Department.

The movie, in Johnnie's opinion, hardly had an auspicious beginning, although the formula in 1952 was basically the same as it is now. The first film was a rush-up affair, intended mainly to spruce



Harold Gray photographed this picture of Johnnie Gray. Harold is Johnnie's younger son.

up a highway exhibit at the Arkansas Livestock Exposition.

Auspicious? "It was lousy," commented Johnnie recently in his photo lab on the state Capital grounds. The first four, he said, fell in that category. The Highway Commission members knew they had a good thing going, and voted funds for the movie to continue on an annual basis. It is, according to the commission, by far the best public relations tool of the department.

From the time he presents a shooting outline to the Commission for the next production, Johnnie has a virtually carte blanche arrangement within the confines

of a \$14,000 budget. Freedom of this sort works both ways, of course, and the responsibility sometimes hangs heavy. But lack of red tap and Johnnie's inclination to "try something new" has kept the movie fresh and bright. The sound track now includes realistic sounds of trains and construction machinery in highway building. Aerial photography shows breathtaking helicopter views of lock and dam construction on the Arkansas River. Even the screen credits have been updated, using artwork for animated titles against a background of standard highway signs.

Averaging some 2,300 miles a month plus about six hours flying time, Johnnie tours the state, collecting the 15,000 feet of film from which the final movie is edited. He is on the road so much, one wit commented, that if you pull out your Brownie even in the middle of the White River Game Refuge, Johnnie will show up right beside you, camera in hand.

The actual time spent in filming the movie, boiled down, would probably amount to about three months. But to get the action when it happens, the filming process is an all-year project.

A variety of other assignments must also be fitted into his schedule. Regular photography work includes pictures for road maps, departmental and Bureau of Public Roads reports, the monthly publication, "Arkansas Highways," public information releases, personnel promotions and ribbon cuttings, and special occasions involving department officials.

In addition, he shows the film at many civic club meetings and other groups who request it.

Johnnie's uncanny knack of making people like him leads them to perform fantastic favors in order to help him get a desired shot. Heavy equipment operators obligingly run up a head of steam to enhance a scene. The president of the Reader Railroad in Quachita County cheerfully agreed to the removal of a series of cross ties from a trestle so Johnnie would film the oncoming steam locomotive as though it were rushing right over the audience. And goodness only knows how many times state officials have stood out in the broiling sun for many extra minutes, so Johnnie can "get just one more."

Merely exposing the film, however, doesn't end the job. Editing the mountain of developed film down to 30 minutes running time takes about five weeks. Johnnie's long-time script writer, Bob Nestlebusch, looks over his shoulder most of this time, preparing words for a narrator.

Then 10 days in Kansas City, wraps up the package: Background sounds and music, optical effects, artwork for animation, credits and narration are added at a film production laboratory.

The films premier in March, was the first showing for the folks who draw and build the roads: the staff of the highway department, when they meet at Fayetteville for an engineering short course, sponsored by the University of Arkansas and the Highway Department. Since the completion schedule of the movie so closely crowds the short course date each year, there is a perennial joke around the Department as to whether film will be ready for showing to the group.

The sort of audience comes with built-in approval. But others who view the film are not so biased, and yet the response is generally just as enthusiastic. Shown by request to schools and civic organizations and any other interested persons or groups, the eight prints of last year's film were viewed by more than 12,000 people - and this is a conservative estimate. The film was shown 35 times outside the state last year, due in part to a sequence on the Reader Railroad, of which many folks are inordinately fond. The film's viewing audience increases each year, and many civic clubs and schools make it a part of their annual program.

Johnnie's predisposition toward highways in the films is understandable. But the frequency of hunting and fishing shots is also to be expected, at least by those who have met Johnnie. His anecdotes betray his fascination with the outdoors. (Did I ever "tell you about my uncle? When he turned down his hearing aid, he was the quietest turkey hunter you ever saw!") Johnnie is known in some quarters (namely, among fellow turkey hunters) as the world's most unsuccessful bow and arrow turkey hunter. Turkeys, they say, can walk all over him, fearlessly, a feat that is often duplicated by deer. Johnnie's ability to relax is unequalled, and hunter regale one another with tales of his naps interrupted by scorched boots and trousers at a campfire.

But it was, in fact, hunting that drew Johnnie to Arkansas in the first place. Although his journey to the

state was not exactly a bee-line, his direction is easily traced.

His first job was that of a printer's devil in the print shop of the Baptist orphanage in Troy, Ala., where he lived for 10 years. After graduation from Troy High school, he was employed by the Dothan (Ala.) Eagle as a photo engraver and there his fascination for photography was developed. Moving on to the Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle, a tour on general assignment enabled him to cover such hair-raising happenings as lynchings, gang war, wrecks and murders. ("It's a wonder I didn't get shot," he said.)

With the mapping division of the Corps of Engineers at Vicksburg, Miss., Johnnie photographed levees from Cairo to New Orleans. When the headquarters were transferred from Vicksburg, Johnnie had five available spots to relocate. "I'd always heard about the duck hunting at Stuttgart," he said. And Arkansas was his choice.

An interlude in the Air Force followed shortly, which enabled him to spend 14 months in a photography school in Denver, with the remaining service time spent in photographing the Japanese islands from the air.

Back in Arkansas Johnnie worked with a construction trade magazine, Construction News, covering five states with his camera, and then he signed on with the State Publicity and Parks Commission as a photographer.

At that time the Highway Department had no photographer of its own, and Johnnie provided the Department with pictures to adorn their tourist road maps and filmed aeriels necessary in condemnation suits.

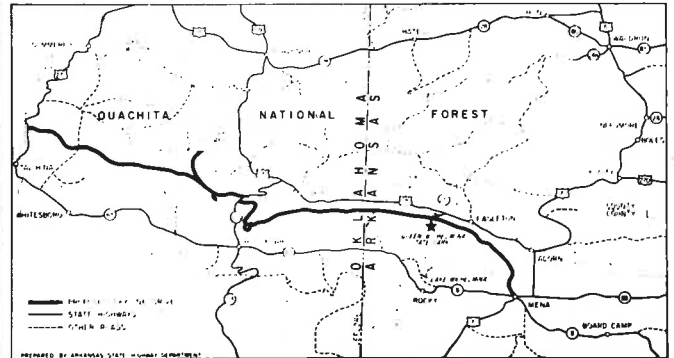
After about 30 months, a change in administration ("We voted the wrong way") prompted his transfer to the Highway Department. Included in the deal was the opportunity to design his own photo lab. And while the lab was being constructed, Johnnie killed four months "making a gar movie. That was really rough," he joked, "I had to waste the whole summer fishing." At the end of the summer, he had not only the movie to his credit, but a seven foot, eight inch alligator gar, weighing over 200 pounds, which he caught on the lower White River, using deep sea tackle, after a battle of some 45 minutes.

Since then, of course, the subjects of his pictures are mostly highways. After 15 years of traveling the state, he has developed something of a second sense about when things will happen, and where to look. Such familiarity almost makes it seem like taking movies in his own backyard.

There's another reason for his "home-movie" atmosphere: his actors. Actors of some sort are often necessary in certain scenic views, to give vocus and perspective. By and large, the people in his films are members of his family: his wife, Elveene and their children, Barbara Ann, 24; Kermit, 21; Harold, 17, and Amy, 13. It's really a matter of simple economics, he ablibied - no modeling fees to pay. Others appearing in the films are often hunting and fishing cronies who have enough "ham" in them to enjoy being in the movies.

(Johnnie has received a barrage of mail from all over about this article. All good thoughts. Ed.)

ROUGH GOING NOW - BEAUTY LATER



Grubbing right of way for the portion of Skyline Drive (Highway 88) from the south boundary line of Quachita National Forest north of Mena northward toward Wilhelmina State Park is rough work in the rocky, mountainous terrain. But an adjoining 4.7 mile section is nearer completion and shows a little of the scenic beauty motorists can expect to enjoy when the 54 miles of Highway 88 linking Mena and Talihina, Oklahoma under construction along the crest of the highest peaks in Quachita and Kiamichi chain of mountains, is completed.

Skyline Drive was the brainchild of the late Senator Kerr of Oklahoma and received his ardent support until his demise. Being constructed as a scenic drive, no truck traffic will traverse the route. The work is a joint effort of the National Forest Service, the Bureau of Public Roads, and the Oklahoma and Arkansas Highway Departments. It extends from the Mena city limits to the junction with Highway 271 a few miles north of Talihina, Oklahoma. The Oklahoma Highway Department, which has 27½ miles to our 16½ to build, started before Arkansas did and presently has 12 miles from the western terminus nearing completion. Our 16½ miles, being built in four sections, is all under construction. Hopefully, the entire route will be in use by the end of the 1967 construction season.

Plans call for a number of scenic overlooks where motorists can stop and take in the panoramic vistas extending miles in every direction. A complete information center at the Mena end is also planned.



Work on the Arkansas section of the drive began in March of 1965 after a contract was awarded in February for construction of the 3.8 miles from the Oklahoma line to the western boundary of Wilhelmina Park. Contracts for the section from the eastern boundary of the park to Mena was awarded in two contracts, one 4.7 miles and one 5.8 miles, in May of this year. The remaining 2.2 miles, which is through the park itself, was awarded in June of this year. APT Construction Co. of North Little Rock has the two contracts from the Oklahoma line to the eastern boundary of the park. Forsgren Brothers of Fort Smith has the other two. The four contracts for the Arkansas section total \$1,966,089.66. Construction engineering costs will add another estimated \$193,150. D. C. Spencer is the resident engineer for all the Arkansas projects. It is in J. P. Clayton's district.

CECEIL BYRNES RETIRES



Director Walter Hicks
presenting Ceceil with gifts.



Gourmet's delight



Mr. J. Lowder does the honors of presenting Ceceil Byrnes
with two pieces of luggage given by employees.

The potluck held on July 25 at the main building in honor of Ceceil Byrnes' retirement at the end of the month was a gourmet's delight. Just put out the word that a date has been set for a potluck and all the ladies turn out with casserole and appetite. The "bring your sandwich and come eat with us" invitation has grown to tremendous proportions and it is a great time of fellowship. Ceceil was presented a gift of matching silver and crystal compotes and a pastel sheet and pillowcase set. Director Walter Hicks made the presentation.

The potluck luncheons also serve another pleasant purpose - a time to visit with the lady retirees. It was good to see Lola Buck, Blanche Smith, Daisy Conley, Zelda Riggs and Sarah Henry again.

On July 28 the employees of the Maintenance Division gave Mrs. Byrnes two pieces of luggage in charcoal gray as a going away gift. Boss J. E. Lowder does the honors. A career employee who had been with the Highway Department 22 years, Ceceil will be missed. She plans to travel for awhile and one of the places on her itinerary is a trip to California to visit a son and his family.

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Three of the four 1966-67 officers of the Central Arkansas Chapter of A.S.P.E. are employees of the Highway Department. William L. Moore, center, assistant chief engineer, is the president. John W. Kizer, right, a division engineering assistant, was elected 2nd vice president and Vershall Roy, a staff engineer, is the secretary-treasurer. Installation of officers was made during the July meeting at Golden Host cafeteria.



Marie H. Blankenship, secretary to Roland P. Humble, safety officer, was designated "Secretary of the Day" on July 11 by Radio Station K M Y O, Little Rock. She received a membership card in the "Dine Around Town Club" which entitles her to 15 free dinners. The beautiful floral arrangement in the picture was given by J. J. Hocott Flower Shop, and a silver pen was given by the Russell Matchett Office Supply Company, all of which are in the Twin Cities. It was a real surprise and Marie certainly appreciated being honored in such a nice manner. (Marie, incidentally is a sister to C. Don Hayes, chief of the Equipment Division.)



Fred Morgan, bridge designer, recently completed the Arkansas State Board of Registration examination for engineers. He has been with the Highway Department since October of 1965. A native of Little Rock, Morgan is a graduate of Oklahoma State University.

MARITAL STATUS vs. HIGHWAY SPEED

By Mary Day Herndon

Those curious people in the research field who spend their time and get paid for nosing around finding out who does what and why come very close to knowing more about us than we do ourselves. Like for instance, the Highway Research Board has published a review made by a team at Purdue University who have determined among other things, that divorced men and women and single women drive faster than married men and women. The absence of any mention of the practices single men is most obvious. I assume they don't drive fast - they fly!! And if the insurance rates which covers that group of males is any basis for judgment, it would be cheaper if they did. But back to the original idea, when you fit yourself in the proper category, married, divorced, male, female, or whatnot, then you see what I mean. It's almost an invasion of privacy.

The review categorizes the different variables affecting the speed of any motor vehicle at a given time and place. The categories are; the driver, the vehicle, the roadway, the traffic, and the environment. Some of the conclusions are interesting, others are what one would expect. Other driver variables are:

- The longer the trip, the higher the average speed. This was found to be the most significant influence on speed characteristics.
- Out-of-state cars are driven at higher rates of speed than in-state cars.
- Non-owners of cars generally drive faster than those who own the cars they operate. This is particularly true of younger drivers.
- The higher the average yearly mileage driven, the higher the average speed.

Vehicle Variables

- The average speed of buses is consistently higher than the average speeds of passenger cars, with trucks traveling noticeably slower.
- There seems to be a slight tendency for drivers of high-priced cars to drive faster than drivers of low-priced cars and on the average, heavier cars are driven faster than lighter ones.
- New cars are driven faster than old cars.

Roadway Variables

- Vehicle speeds are most significantly influenced by the functional classification of the road, curvature, gradient, length of grade, number of lanes and surface type.
- Other elements of importance are geographic location, sight distance, lateral clearance, lane position, and frequency of intersections.

Traffic Variables

- The relative number of commercial vehicles

in the traffic stream is important. The presence of trucks within the range of 9 to 45 percent apparently has no effect on average speeds, but as vehicle volume increases the effect of increasing percentages of commercial vehicles on speed becomes more pronounced.

- "Slow" signs are not very effective in reducing vehicle speeds.

- Drivers, in general, tend to drive at speeds they consider reasonable, proper, and safe for conditions regardless of posted speed limits.

Environmental Variables

- There is evidence to suggest that there is a difference in average vehicle speeds between the hours of the day.

- The exact influence of wet pavements on speed characteristics is not definitely defined in the literature. There are indications of both a reduction and no significant difference between speeds on wet as compared to dry pavements.



In this Space Age we're all worried by problems and questions weighty. But remember—these are the Good Old Days you'll miss 1980.



Others attending were Charles Mitchell, resident engineer in charge of finishing up the Forrest City section which was dedicated; Ben Hogan, beautification engineer who was the resident engineer during most of the completed section's construction and paving; Francis Vandiver, Forrest City grocer and Chamber board member; John Mann, local attorney and member of the Chambers' Committee on Roads and Highways, and Mayor Rogers Deaderick.



Vete Armstrong, Forrest City; District Engineer M. S. Smith III, Paragould; W. W. Campbell, chairman of the board of First National Bank of Eastern Arkansas and local civic leader; and Rev. Archie Boyd, superintendent of the Forrest City district, Methodist Church.



Others includes St. Francis County Representative O. P. Hammons; Virgil Merrill; Oral Edwards; and Herman H. Cooper, president of the Planters Bank and Trust Company of Forrest City, and member of the Chamber's Committee on Roads and Highways.

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interchange. Some 50 people, including most of the Chamber's board members and their wives, Highway commissioners and Department personnel and Vernon Harvey of the Bureau.

The first contract was awarded in November, 1962. The 11.4 miles was constructed in three segments at an approximate total cost of \$8,310,000. The right of way cost an additional \$498,000. Within the 11.4 miles length, there are two interchanges, one railroad grade separation, five highway grade separations and four other bridges. Ben Hogan was the resident engineer for the Highway Department during most of the construction period. After transfer because of promotion, Charles Mitchell was the resident engineer for the duration of the project. All interstate mileage between Little Rock and West Memphis is either open or under contract. Interstate highways now open in Arkansas total 112.7 miles.

1966 HIGHWAY FILM SHOWN

The Rotary Club of Marianna, Ark. gave a dinner on August 9, 1966 in honor of "Daughters' Night", at the Community Center in Marianna. For entertainment they showed the 1966 Highway Film. Photographer Johnnie Gray was on hand to show the film. There were 67 people present and everyone enjoyed the evening.

One of the daughters was Sandy Beauchamp, Miss Marianna - the fourth runner-up in the Miss Arkansas Pageant. Johnnie described her as an ideal model - 36"-24"-36". A question asked her at the Pageant was, "What are your hobbies and what assets are they to you?" She answered, "Water skiing - because it makes you 'well-rounded' ". This brought the house down.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Assistant Chief Engineer Mr. Pendergrass was the happiest man around the Central Offices on August 9 because his daughter, Jane, gave birth to a little girl - he is now a grandfather. The new born is named Kimberly Lane Vail, weighing 6 pounds 14 ounces. She was born at 9:00 p.m. on Monday August 8. Both mother and baby are doing fine. The heart break is that she is at the Naval Rota Station in Spain. Proud grandfather passed around cigars and candy.



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Kay Matthews, Orville Cheney, Truman Baker and Governor Faubus. He laughingly pointed out that Mr. Baker and the governor had been trying to get the bridge built ever since they served on the Highway Commission together but that it took "two flatland farmers on the Commission to get the bridge built in the hills". His reference was to Maurice Smith, a farmer from Birdeye, and himself, a rice and soybean farmer from Stuttgart.

Rodman, local banker and a member of the dedication committee, read a letter of congratulations from the Mercantile Trust Company at St. Louis and a resolution of congratulations from the Mountain Home Chamber of Commerce. Miss Izard County, Barbara Southard of Melbourne, helped the governor cut the ribbon to officially open the bridge which was actually put in use the first of the week when the ferry ran aground with the auto of two lady tourists and they had to wade out of the river. The bridge inspector said he couldn't think of a better time to start using the bridge.

The dedication was scheduled for 1:00 o'clock but the crowd, estimated conservatively at 2,500, gathered earlier to enjoy complimentary chicken box lunches. Bread for the lunches was donated by Ideal Baking Company of Batesville, the chickens by J.K. Southerland, a chicken grower and processor of Batesville, and the beans and slaw by Calico Rock merchants and businessmen. Local employees of Arkansas Power and Light cooked the chicken in an all-electric kitchen set up under a canopy on the street. Cakes and pies were sold by the WSCS of the Methodist Church. Members of the dedication committee were, in addition to E. C. Rodman, A. B. Whitfield, Sr., E. E. McCormack and Perry Matthews.

The 813-foot long structure cost \$428,200 including right-of-way. The first contract was awarded October 28, 1964. V. J. Butler, Jr. was the resident engineer for the Highway Department.

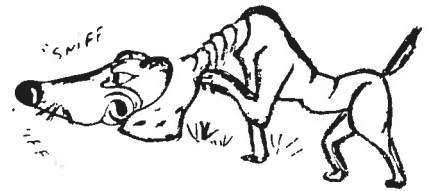
Top picture: A part of the crowd, estimated at 2,500, who braved the rain to be on hand for the bridge dedication.

Center picture: Prettying up the dedication festivities were the queen and 10 hostesses of Hootin' and Hollarin', an Ozark promotion of nearby Gainesville, Mo. The queen, Barbara Mahan of Rock Bridge, Mo., far right, was selected last October by screen and television star Bob Cummings. Six of the hostesses pictured with her are, 1. to r., Diane Dreckman, Katherine Sims, Charlotte Hambelton, Carolyn Luna, Mary Lee Luna, and Delores Luna.

Bottom picture: The other four hostesses are Debbie Landers, Phyllis James, Kathy Blackman and Glenda Evans.



AROUND the DEPARTMENT



ACCOUNTING DIVISION

• Mildred Harness

Well, it's that time again, and am scrambling my thoughts getting news-worthy bits into written words. Am getting "draggier" on this, you know age does make a difference.

July 7, Mr. Mac presented Irene Hawkins and Floyd Pharris their service pins, Irene with 15 yrs. and Floyd with 10 yrs. Ice cream and cake were served. Congratulations to you both, hope you will make it a hundred years.

July 29, Jo Malone was presented a big birthday cake from Erma Smith, and being the good girl that she is, she shared it with all of us. Many happy returns Jo, with many more years to come in good health.

David Marsh was married Saturday, July 30 to Pat Maloy of Little Rock. Congratulations, David, and the very best of blessings to you both.

Pat Koonce had another eye operated on and back at work, in fact she never missed a day. The file cabinets kinda got marred, but she made her way around pretty good at that.

Mr. Mac made a flying trip to Six Flags Over Texas and took the little ones. I haven't found out if he enjoyed it or not, am sure he did though, as fast as he walks, he covered it all.

Mr. Schamer's daughter, Margaret, of Memphis visited he and Mrs. Schamer for a week in July.

Lee Wagner spent a week visiting his folks in Cedar Rapids, Ia.



BRIDGE DESIGN

Betty Claude

Good 'ole vacation time! Frank and Barbara Harrison vacationed in Miami, Fla. this year, but Frank stated next year he would stay closer to home. This reporter, husband, and friends spent a week in St. Petersburg, Fla. and had a wonderful time. John Dickinson and wife visited in Florida with their son and daughter-in-law. Dallas Vire and his family went on a camping trip to Yellowstone National Park. Dan Morgan and John Hall, with their families, went to Dallas to see Six Flags. Veral Pinkerton made a tour through north Arkansas

and had a relaxing trip and last but not least Jim Matthews vacationed in Phoenix, Ariz. with his wife's family. I guess this covers our vacation trips for a while.

John Sage has returned from Reserve Training School at Fort Gordon, Ga. where he was a member of the staff.

We are happy to have Frank Harrison back at work, even though he is hampered by a cast on his leg and struggling with crutches. Frank and a ladder had a little trouble on July 11 when he fell and broke an ankle.

Mr. Carlson's mother-in-law, Mrs. Swaim, is recuperating from surgery in July. We wish her a speedy recovery.



COUNTY PROGRAM

Barbara Oldham

Mrs. Zelda Mae Riggs, former secretary in this Division visited with us on Monday, July 25. We were happy to see her and extend an invitation anytime to visit with us.

Jim and Jan Mitchell celebrated their first wedding anniversary on August 1, 1966. We all wish them many years of happiness together.

Some of our employees believe in "roughin it" on vacation, or should I say, they believed in "roughin it"... Mike and Brenda Pearce went camping at Blanchard Springs with friends, John and Kay Embrey the last of July.

Bill Harrod, a draftsman in the Maintenance Division, worked in our department for a few weeks. We enjoyed having him work with us and would like to keep him.

This is just a busy, busy office...not much on news...but lots of work...

Bye 'til next time!



DATA PROCESSING

Lana Crone

We are all sorry to be losing our reporter Pauline Mormon who has been writing for the magazine for the past year. We all wish her luck with her new job. For her going away present we gave Pauline a gold charm of Arkansas and a pair of pearl earrings. The girls of DPC took her to Roy Fishers for lunch and we had cake and coffee on break.

We have a summer employee in DPC, Kerry Duerson from England, Ark. He will be returning to Arkansas Technical

College in the fall where he is a sophomore majoring in accounting.

Billy Ratliff has recently returned from a two weeks vacation which he really enjoyed. Francis Richardson dittos the above statement.

Jerry Conway had a nice vacation in Texas, where he and his family visited Six Flags.



PERSONNEL

Dorothy Lehman

We should have been here last month with some news but we weren't very newsy or noisy(?) so here we go with the latest for now.

In May, Shirley Bain, husband Hollis and daughter Angela went to her parents' home in Nevada County to visit with her sister's family recently returned from Panama.

Mary Nell Sikes is back with us and we are glad to have her back in the fold although we have to beat off other departments who want to steal her away. For two weeks in July she worked in Bridge Design while Betty Claude was vacationing in Florida.

This reporter had a pleasant week off preceding the June 4 marriage of my older son, Charles Hays Mallory, and Jeanne Raines. Ron was his brother's best man.

Linda Young travels to Beardon, her home, almost every weekend and recently attended a friend's family reunion there.

Jane and Gerald Greenlee and their boys visited relatives in Gallatin, Tenn. over the 4th of July. They went on a fishing expedition the last weekend in July, caught 33 bream and we heard Mitch is king-fisherman of the family, having the largest catch of all. Earlier in the month Johnny, their older son, visited the Central office and learned some points in photography for a Scout merit badge. Johnnie Gray and those in Multilith and Reproduction introduced him to some of their work. By the way, did you see the interesting feature on Johnnie Gray in the July 24 issue of the Arkansas Gazette?

Sibble Cox spent the second week in July at home and sometimes I think that's the best kind of vacation, don't you?

Sarah Henry dropped in for a visit the other day and seems to be thriving in her retirement. We were pleased to see Daisy Conley, too. On Monday, July 25, Ceceil Byrns was honored with a luncheon in recognition of her retirement after 22 yrs. of service with the Department. Many visitors were here to honor her and everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship. We'll miss you, Ceceil, but know you will come back often to visit us.



PLANNING AND RESEARCH

Billie Whiteside



Hershel Russell of the Field Data Collection Section received his 15-year service awards from J. R. Henderson, division engineer, this month. Congratulations, Hershel.

The research on concrete pavement blowups conducted by Jay Hensley has received national recognition by being listed in the Research Abstracts published by the Highway Research Board. This announcement has developed a flood of requests for copies of the report from all over the country. Incidentally, Jay will be assuming the duties of Research Engineer due to the resignation of Marc Gross. Marc has accepted a position with the Farmers Home Administration.

We welcome Robert F. Kirkland to the Special Studies Section. Mr. Kirkland is a junior engineer with the Bureau of Public Roads on a four-month assignment with the Arkansas Highway Department. This is part of his three-year training program before being designated a permanent position with the Bureau. His assigned tasks with us have been numerous and varied, ranging from incremental cost analysis to operating an adding machine listing engineering needs and costs. We hope to orient him on how special highway planning studies are assembled and put together.

Jim Carvell, Jr., spent three days in Denton, Tex., representing the Highway Dept. at a Civil Defense school. Jim has brought his baby, "Jay", in for a visit, and he is a fine-looking boy; Jim is really a proud father.

Randal Moseley of Field Data Collection was married in an evening ceremony on July 15 to Miss Drenda Matthews of North Little Rock. Our best wishes to the bride and groom.

Helen McNutt and family have moved into a very attractive brick-and-white-frame home on Ellis Drive. The carport is shielded from the street by a brick wall. The house has four bedrooms, living room, kitchen, laundry room, etc., and there is a patio off the kitchen that

can be used for outdoor dining. Helen has plenty of storage space and room for her many books.

W. K. Bartleson is the owner of a new turquoise Pontiac Tempest.

VACATIONS: M. L. Beckett and family visited at Treasure Island, St. Petersburg, Fla. Lester Jester and Buddy Lewter and their families divided their time between Florida and New Orleans. Joann Jones spent some time at the lakes at Hot Springs. Jo Nell Threet acted as a counselor for a Baptist church camp at Bogg's Springs.

NOT A VACATION: Bill Cypert spent two weeks with the National Guard at Fort Hood, Texas; Jim Barnett did his Guard duty at Gulfport, Miss.

M. L. Beckett's daughter Varne, after a leave home, is being assigned to Tacoma, Wash., by the Air Force.

A luncheon was given in honor of Mary Jane Acheson by the ladies of the P&R and Weights & Stds. Divisions, at Paul's Lamplighter, and Mary was presented with a farewell gift. She has moved with her husband to Oklahoma City.

WOULD YOU BELIEVE? Several members of the Finance & Economics Section had brought cakes or candies, and they facetiously informed Larry Johnson and Charles Parsons that it was their turn to bake a cake for the group. Much to everyone's amazement, these gentlemen immediately took up the challenge and promised a cake for the next Monday morning. It turned out to be a "new kind of German Chocolate", complete with coconut-pecan icing, and was delicious. Anyone wanting the recipe - see the chefs.

Recently we had occasion, during the lunch hour, to visit three different shopping centers - Forest Heights, University, and Village - and we made it back on time. That's seeing the world.

After a hospitalization for surgery, Bob Kessinger is back with us again, right as rain.

Don Mount is a patient at Missouri Pacific Hospital undergoing some tests. We hope he will be in his usual place in the office soon.



RIGHT OF WAY

Shirley Childress

Every summer since writing this report for Right-of-Way, I have been reporting about the interesting vacations that Jim Bartlett and wife Wynona take. They are usually well planned ahead of time and an awful lot squeezed in but it seems as though this year they just took off with no particular place in mind and by the time they returned to Little Rock they had visited Canada, Washington, D.C. and Niagara Falls.

Doug and Marilyn Thacker spent some time in New Orleans several weeks ago and Doug reports a good time was had.

Charlotte Lee and Nancy Morgan were visitors at Six Flags Over Texas July 16 where they said they had a ball. Nancy liked Texas so much she is spending her vacation in Houston visiting relatives.

Dick Andry and family spent a week visiting relatives in Chicago, Ill.

After reading about the number of accidents that occurred during the 4th of July holiday, I know Carl Keehn and wife were very smart when they planned their vacation, for they flew to Miami, Fla. where they spent a week visiting relatives. The Sea Aquarium was one of the highlights of their trip.

Orene Hester spent a one-week vacation at home with husband George, and daughter Lanna Gai.

This reporter also took two days off to go camping at Shiloh near Heber Springs with husband and two children, my sister and family, visiting from Tucson, Ariz., and brother and his wife. The weather during the day was perfect but we almost froze the one night we spent there.

Nancy Sipe, husband Kenny and two daughters, Sandra and Connie, traveled 3,000 miles in their two weeks vacation. The first 3 days were spent in Green Lake Wisc. where Kenny attended a national convention. Afterward they traveled to Minneapolis, Minn. to visit one of Kenny's army buddies and his wife, who live on Lake Minnetonka with a boat docked at their door, so the Sipe family spent 4 days on the lake. From Minnesota they traveled on to Nebraska and visited Kenny's mother, then to Kansas City to visit relatives there. Nancy said the girls were real impressed with the Kansas City Art Gallery where they spent about four hours, which was all the time they could spare. Nancy also reports that the trip was not tiring because they made it in short jumps and she had a new lease on life when they returned. I don't know if we can believe this or not but she also said she was glad to get back and see everyone.

Congratulations to Marvin Cazer and wife Ima on the birth of their son Mark David, July 23. Mark weighed in at 6 pounds 4 ounces.

C.A. Snyder of the Appraisal Section resigned July 15, to accept employment with the Bureau of Public Roads at Charleston, W. Va. C.A.'s fellow employees treated him to lunch at Hanks and had an office party for him and presented him with gifts. We will all miss C.A. and wish him the best in his new job.



ROADWAY DESIGN

Virginia Ashlin

Brooks Nichols and family spent last week in Charleston, W. Va. Brooks attended an AASHO Road Design Committee meeting while there and the girls

enjoyed the swimming pool. We're glad to have him back.

Craig Cooper, son of our boss and his wife, and my son, Don Deckard, both had the mumps the first part of July.

Cameron Lowe and his family are spending their vacation camping out. They enjoy the outdoor life a lot.

We said goodbye to Rick Henriksen who resigned the last of July to accept employment elsewhere. We hated to see Rick go, but wish him lots of luck in his new job.

Sheila Hurt and girls flew to London, Eng. July 14 leaving Billy a temporary bachelor for three weeks while she visits with her family. I asked Bill if he was losing weight since his cook was gone and he began to tell me about all the good restaurants around town, so I guess he's doing alright.

John Dunn is also without a cook while Gracie is visiting with relatives in Shreveport, La.

Joe Hicks and his wife and another couple have just returned from a week's vacation in Florida where Joe got two of the Miss Universe contestants' autographs. One of them turned out to be first runnerup in the contest.

Paul Haydon is taking one week vacation preparatory to serving two weeks with the National Guard. They are going to Ft. Smith this year, so he won't be too far away from home.

We are sorry to report that Neil Pat Thompson's father is back in the hospital and is very sick at this report. Our thoughts are with him and we wish him a very speedy recovery.

Vacation time is simply that period of time when you get too active and too tired on your own tiem. That's me. My vacation was wonderful, 1450 miles round trip, across the state of Tenn. First stop was Nashville to attend the Grand Ole Opry and tour the grounds of the Hermitage. At Gatlinberg, the ski lift and the mile of wonderful shops along the main strip, and to Cherokee to the Indian reservation for the outdoor showing of "Unto These Hills" which is a wonderful show. Lest I forget, I did see one of the black grizzlies in the Smoky Mts. and of course, Lookout Mt. at Chattanooga. Also made a tour of the Jack Daniels distillery, but no samples. Was indeed a nice vacation. Hope everyone can have one this year.

Joe and Helen Hays and children vacationed in Indiana. While there they visited Helen's sister at New Castle, visited a zoo, enjoyed a sight-seeing tour, and made a lap around the Indianapolis speedway. Joe says they didn't qualify. They found the speedway museum very interesting where the racing cars that have been winners in the famous Indianapolis '500' race are housed. 'Chef' Joe barbecued for their kin while there to show them how we do it.

More travel news from Deaha County. Richard Waller and family took a vacation the 11th of July and went to Atlanta, Ga. to visit relatives. They spent one day taking a look at Stone Mountain (some rock!), and also visited Grant Park.

Joe Sturdivant and family took a four day vacation and spent two days on Greers Ferry lake and one day at the Memphis zoo.

Our own 'Sarge' Nissblatt has been on vacation but he is keeping his travels secret.

Bob Jarboe was presented a certificate of service and lapel pin in recognition of 30 years' faithful and loyal service to the Department. This is indeed a memorable milestone and we are very happy for him. Other District 2 recipients of service awards this month were; J.R. Suitt and C.R. Gaddy for 20 years, Fred Mausehardt for 10 years and S.R. Lyons for 5 years.

Congratulations to Paul Early Barley and wife, the proud parents of an 8 pound 7 ounce boy, Kervin Paul Barley, born at St. Mary's Hospital in Dermott at 10:16 p.m. on June 29.

Thanks to all my news reporters - my time is short (due to my vacation). Look for your other items next edition.



DISTRICT



Leslie Long

Picnics get bigger and better every year but to those attending our recent District 2 picnic at Chicot State Park, there will never be one to compare - until next time anyway. It was adjudged a success by all who attended. Chicot State Park, with its docks and moorings located along the lake front, afforded fishing and swimming for those who desired and a very nice playground for the children. Music was provided by sound effect rigged up by Russell Gaddy. Entertainment consisted of horseshoes for the males, rolling pin contest for the females, with Mrs. 'Woody' Wilson being the prize "thrower" and winning a miniature pin. Mr. 'Woody' was presented a first-aid kit. There was baseball for the young and old. We were all invited to pack a lunch and they were spread for everyone to enjoy, and that we did. Bob Jarboe and his crew iced and furnished cold drinks and made us most welcome. We also owe thanks to Ouida and Gaddy, our worthy committee members, who, I hear, are already planning one for next year.





DISTRICT



McCoy & Howell

We in District 8 would like to welcome James Lindstrom to our stockroom and also Patty Rowe, who transferred from Mena, as field clerk for T. G. Orton, Jr.

Service awards were presented to B. R. McAlister and L. F. Bradford for 10 years' service.

Resident Engineer T. G. Orton, Jr., members of his crew and their families, enjoyed a fish fry at Dardanelle Lake on the afternoon of July 23. Fish, french fries and hush puppies were prepared by Don Stovall and Louis Robison. Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. John F. Price.



DISTRICT



Isabelle Psalmonds

Those who received service awards June and July were: Sam Young, Guy Spears, Ed Meeks, Finis Brewer, Wayne Smallwood and Burley Oglesby, 10 yrs.; and Reuben McConnell, Don LeMay, Leslie Curtis and Isabelle Psalmonds, 5 yrs.

Carrie Wycoff, 6 year old daughter of L. S. Wycoff, engineering helper, Paragould, underwent eye surgery recently and is getting along fine.

Wyman Barber, fuel clerk, and Raymond Penn, area foreman, Lawrence County, have been on the sick list. They are both back on the job.

Virgil Stuart, equipment supervisor, vacationed in California to visit his daughter. He reports a fine trip except for the heat. Virgil is properly proud of his son, Virgil, Jr. "Mike" who was graduated from the University of Arkansas this spring. Mike is now working with the Highway Department, District 1, Forrest City.

Sam Smith, district engineer, went on a flying trip to Canada to do a little fishing. He said the trip was interesting and the fishing fine. He especially enjoyed the 50 degree Canadian weather while we were sweltering in the hot 100 degrees and above. We recommend that you get the real fish stores from him personally - he has some good ones.

Darrell Holder, assistant maintenance supt., took his family to St. Louis one week end recently and they enjoyed some ball games.

Dewayne Combs, assistant stock clerk, was going to take his family to Michigan for a vacation trip. They started, but didn't get far until they had car trouble and came back. After the car was repaired they went to Mammoth Springs Park and enjoyed a shorter vacation there.

Jackie Hopkins, payroll clerk, and her family found a way to beat the holiday traffic over the 4th. Her husband "Hoppe", is a licensed pilot so they just flew down to Georgia to spend the week end with his parents and his brother, who is in the Air Borne Special Forces "Green Beret" and was enroute to an overseas tour of duty.

Kerrie Leigh Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wood, Osceola, weighed in at 6 pounds 8 ounces at 4:30 a.m. July 11, 1966. Mrs. Wood (Bertha) is clerk at the Osceola Resident Engineer's office - congratulations.

Tommy Couch, sign foreman, has resigned and moved his family to Michigan where he will pastor a church. Best wishes and the Lord's blessing. Tommy, as you begin this new work.

Tammy, a bulldog, a prized possession of James C. Cobb, inspector, was hit by a car and killed on July 1. She left 5 young puppies and Mr. and Mrs. Cobb had quite a time feeding them. They managed not to lose a puppy, though.

We extend our sincerest sympathies to the Glen Easton family who lost their home and possessions by fire on July 21.



DISTRICT



Burnham & Campbell

Charles Conine, patrol operator in Clark County, and Byron Eugene Coston, a truck driver in Quachita County, received their 10 yr. service awards in July.

crest in "Tulsa, came home for a few weeks in August.

Wallace Harrison and family had a most enjoyable trip and visit in California and points west.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Henderson on the arrival of their darling baby daughter.

On one of his most recent fishing trips, John Burlsworth landed a nice largemouth bass and motored as fast as he could go to the nearest dock to weigh it. A visiting fisherman from Houston, who hadn't been blessed with such luck, cast an envious eye at the 6 pound 9 ounce lunker and asked John if he could buy it. John told him no - he didn't sell the fish he caught, but he would gladly give it to him. The man from Texas asked John if he gave away all the fish he caught. John replied, "No, I keep the big ones"!

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of Dallas Clarence Matchett who died July 25. Dallas had recently retired from the Department.



DISTRICT



Shirley Morton

George W. Dickey retired from AHD in July with 21 years of faithful service. We wish George good luck and good health throughout the coming years.

J. L. Owens and family enjoyed a vacation trip to Illinois. Their daughter, Judy, in nurses' training at Hill-

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ARKANSAS HIGHWAY DAMES

The Arkansas Highway Dames will have their 1st Fall meeting on September 22nd. A luncheon is planned for 11:00 a.m. at the Top Of The Rock.

On the program will be Mrs. John Rea with her subject "Birds". We missed having her because of the snow last winter, therefore, we are grateful for her consenting to join us again at this time.

Ladies, leave your work and cares and come on and have a good time. There will be introduction of officers and committee members.

Our slate of officers for the year:

- President. Shirley Chaney
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This auxiliary is for the wives of the Arkansas Highway Department employees. You do not have to join, you automatically belong if your husband works for the Highway Department. We need your support. Besides, it's F U N ! Call CA 5-2926 for reservations.

Publicity,
 Betty Hutchison

Thistle
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IT'S A BOY! Recently, a single girl came into her office and began passing out cigars and candy, both with blue ribbons. Somewhat puzzled and most surprised, her co-workers asked the occasion. Proudly she displayed a solitaire on her left hand and announced: It's a boy - 6' tall and 185 pounds.

"Did you invite Susan to your birthday party, Tommy?"
 "Sure, Mom. I even dared her to come."

In a small town, the sheriff was also the veterinarian. One night he got a frantic phone call.

"Do you want me as sheriff or vet?" he asked.

"Both," came the reply. "We can't get our dog's mouth open, and there's a burglar in it."

Sergeant: "North is in front of you; east is to your right; west, to your left. What's behind you?"

Recruit: "Civilian Life."

An expert is someone called in at the last minute to take the blame.

A college student has been pestering his father for a new car. On a visit to the campus, the parent pointed out that most of the cars in the parking lot were quite old.

"But dad," the youth protested, "those cars belong to the faculty."

A young wife, just learning to drive the family car, had traffic hopelessly snarled as she tried to make a left turn. Excitedly, she turned to her husband and screamed. "What do I do now?"

"I don't know," he replied calmly, "but I'm sure if you'll just climb into the back seat, you can figure it out."

Today's supermarket sells almost everything, but if you find tires among the groceries, you're in the wrong place. That's a drugstore.

Good judgment comes from experience. Experience comes from bad judgment.

"Will you have some pie?"

"Is it customary?"

"No, apple."

A businessman and his partner closed their office and went to the movies. While there, one nudged the other and gasped, "Gosh, Joe, we forgot to lock the safe."

"What's the difference," asked the other. "We're both here, aren't we?"



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