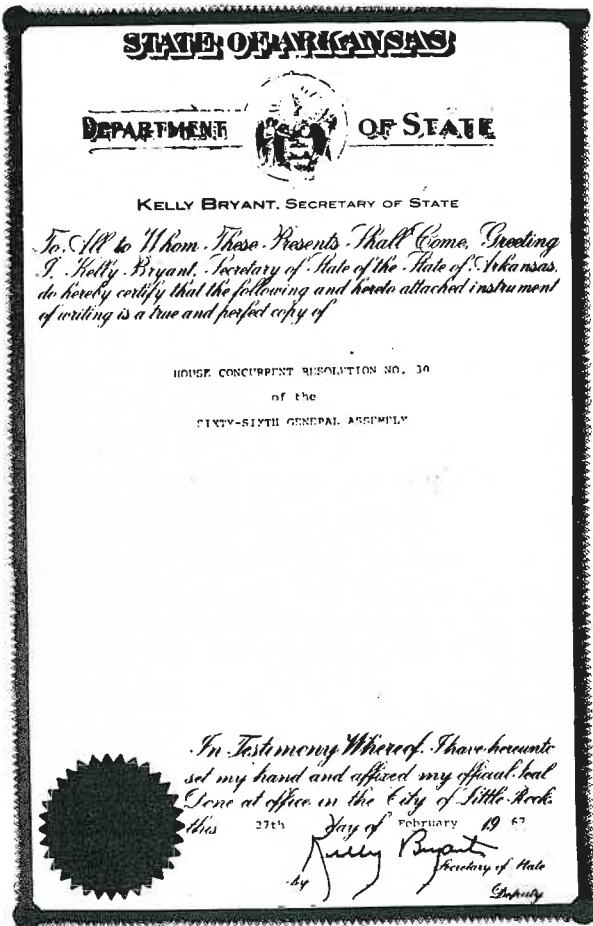


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**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
 COMMENDING THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION
 H.C.R. No. 30 By: Representative Womack**

WHEREAS, the State Highway Commission has the duty and responsibility of establishing policies for the construction and expansion of the State Highway System and of supervising and coordinating the activities of the State Highway Department; and

WHEREAS, the State Highway Commission has systematically pursued a vigorous program to improve the State Highway System and has made maximum utilization of available federal funds and State funds in bringing about vitally needed improvements to the State Highway System; and

WHEREAS, the State Highway Commission has been open, frank and straightforward in its dealings with the public concerning State highway problems and needs; and

WHEREAS, the faith and confidence that the people and the General Assembly have in said Commission and its accomplishments was demonstrated by the increased tax program enacted by the Sixty-Fifth General Assembly to enable the State

to have vitally needed additional funds for an expanded State highway program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lawrence Blackwell, former Senator from Pine Bluff and one of the co-sponsors of the Mack-Blackwell Amendment, has been recently reappointed to the State Highway Commission, and his previous experience together with the experience, knowledge and leadership of the other members of the Highway Commission will be of invaluable assistance in guiding the future highway policies of this State;

NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SIXTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the General Assembly hereby commends the State Highway Commission for its outstanding record of accomplishments in constructing, reconstructing, improving and maintaining the State Highway System, and for the open, frank and straightforward manner in which said Commission has informed and advised the public and the General Assembly on State highway problems.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Highway Commission is commended for selecting Arnil Taylor of Clarksville as chairman of said Commission, in recognition of his many years of faithful and tireless service on said Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly hereby commends Lawrence Blackwell, a co-author of the Mack-Blackwell Amendment, upon his being appointed to a new term on the State Highway Commission, and the General Assembly extends to Mr. Blackwell and the other members of said Commission best wishes for continued accomplishments in improving and expanding the State Highway System.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption hereof a copy of this Resolution shall be furnished by the Secretary of State to each member of the State Highway Commission.

Handwritten signature: Mike Womack
 PRESIDENT OF THE HOUSE

Handwritten signature: Mike Womack

Handwritten signature: Arnil Taylor
 CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION

IMPORTANT LEGISLATION

LAND SURVEYING WILL BE REGULATED

The General Assembly of 1967, by Act 101, enacted February 16, a Law Regulating the Practice of Land Surveying and Providing for the Registration of Land Surveyors.

The Act states that "in order to safeguard the life, health or property of the public, the practice of land surveying in this State is hereby declared to be subject to regulation in the public interest."

The passage of Act 101 was sponsored by the Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers with active support and assistance of other groups and individuals interested in the practice of land surveying.

The new law, for many reasons, is of primary interest to the Arkansas Highway Department and many of its employees because the art and practice of surveying is vitally important to the work of the Department. Figuratively, the survey is the skeleton upon which our State highways are constructed. It supplies basic information the Highway Commission needs to both acquire property, and to assist cities

and counties in acquiring property, for highway use.

In view of the necessarily close relationship between the practice of surveying and civil engineering, the provisions of Act 101, 1967 will be administered by the Arkansas State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors Division.

The Board has established rules applying to land surveyors as provided in the Act, and any communications should be addressed to:

Allan Curry, Secretary-Treasurer
Arkansas State Board of Registration
for Professional Engineers
Land Surveyors Division
Box 4067
North Little Rock, Arkansas 72116

WILLIAM L. MOORE RECEIVES 15-YEAR PIN



picture made and got caught on the telephone while those who came to wish him well waited and waited and waited. Such are the hazards of office get-togethers but we all enjoyed his "15-year cake and coffee", anyway.

VIRGINIA TACKETT APPOINTED TO RETIREMENT BOARD

Virginia Tackett has been appointed to fill the the unexpired term of C. Don Hayes as a member of the Board of the Arkansas State Highway Employees Retirement System. The term expires June 30, 1967.

Chief Engineer John T. Pendergrass was elected to fill Hayes' place as chairman. Hayes, who retired at the end of February, had been a member of the board since the retirement system was established. Other board members are Asst. Chief Engr. William L. Moore, State Comptroller L. A. Mashburn and Treasurer Nancy J. Hall.

Mrs. Tackett, an attorney on the Legal staff, is the first woman to serve on the board in an elective position. The State Comptroller, the State Treasurer and the Highway Department's Chief Engineer are members of the board by virtue of their positions.

Assistant Chief Engineer William L. Moore was the recipient of a 15-year service certificate and pin in a small surprise gathering of 15 or 20 associates on March 9 in the office of Chief Engineer John T. Pendergrass, who presented the certificate to him.

Bill, who came into the chief engineer's office at his request sans coat, went back for it to get his



Front row, left to right: Pierce B. Rundel, John E. Box, Sr., Sula M. Burnham, retiring Don Hayes and Commission Chairman Arnil Taylor. Back row; Lawrence Blackwell, Vice Chairman Truman Baker, Maurice Smith, John Harsh and Director Ward Goodman.

THREE RECEIVE 25 YEAR AWARDS

Three employees were presented certificates and pins for 25 years service with the Department by Director Ward Goodman on behalf of the Highway Commission at their meeting on February 22.

JOHN E. BOX, SR. superintendent at Springdale, began work with the Department in 1941 as a tractor operator and has since worked as a crusher foreman, asphalt plant foreman and job superintendent in July of 1965.

He was born at Decatur in Benton County. Presently he and Mrs. Box, the former Margaret Smith of Dodd City, Texas, reside at Springdale. Box is a member of Masonic Lodge No. 316 at Springdale and a member of the First Methodist Church where he is a member of the Board of Stewards.

SULA MARGUERITE BURNHAM began her career with the Highway Department as Sula Roark at Camden in 1941 after graduation from Bearden High School and Chillicothe (Mo.) Business College and has been District 7's bookkeeper ever since. She is married to Harlan Burnham of Bearden and they have one daughter, Susan, a sophomore at Southern State. Sula is a very active member of the First Methodist Church of Camden, where she has taught Sunday School for the past 15 years and is a member of the Wesleyan Missionary Guild. Her hobbies are designing and sewing most of her own and her daughter's clothing, and like many Highway employees, fishing.

PIERCE B. RUNDEL is a motor patrol operator in Grant County. He was born in Flat River, Missouri and has lived most of his life at Sheridan. He is married to the former Clydie Hedden of Grapevine community near Sheridan. They attend the Assembly of God Church. He likes to spend his leisure time hunting and fishing.

ANOTHER SECTION OF INTERSTATE OPEN

A 6.6 mile section of Interstate 40 was opened to traffic February 10, enabling motorists to drive all the way from Little Rock to the south outskirts of Conway on a continuous stretch of four-lane divided highway. The new section, which was opened without any fanfare or ceremony, extends from Mayflower north to near Brumley and the Conway industrial park. A county road was improved to serve as a connection from the end of the completed section of I-40 to U. S. 65.

W. D. Jeffrey Construction Co. of Fort Smith did the work on the grading contract which cost approximately \$1,790,000. J. Briscoe, Contractor from Stillwater, Oklahoma was the surfacing contractor. It cost approximately \$1,736,000. Lawrence Fletcher was the resident engineer. Total miles of interstate open in Arkansas are 269.1.

THE UNUSUAL

MOVING DAY

On February 14 a machine called a Vermeer tree mover lumbered onto the grounds of the new central headquarters and before the day was over, 6 trees ranging in size from 2½" to 10" in diameter had been literally lifted out of the ground at various places and put down again at desired locations to fit the building's landscaping plans - and it all seemed so easy. Some of the trees were 30 to 40 feet high. The transplanting service was provided by Sherwood Tree Service of Carrollton, Texas who moved the trees in order to demonstrate the machine.

Miss Gail Bigge of Mena, current Forestry Queen, "Ranger Jim" Martin of the State Forestry Department, Julius Breckling of the City of Little Rock's Parks and Recreation Division, and Dell Reeves, Engineer and Planning Administrator of the Little Rock Housing Authority were on hand to witness the procedure along with Department officials.

The machine bores a hole four feet deep and seven feet wide to receive the tree being transplanted. It is then driven to the site of the tree to be moved, where it lifts up the tree with roots and a seven-foot ball of earth completely enclosed in an air tight steel shell. The tap root is sawed off even with the bottom of the shell and the tree is lowered into its new berth...the loose dirt is put back into the hole...water is added...and we have what the movers call INSTANT SHADE!

A lovely magnolia was planted in the courtyard behind the main building and even now its evergreen leaves are a bright spot.



Director Ward Goodman greets lovely Forest Queen, Gail Bigge.



The tallest tree is lifted from the ground and lowered horizontally to be moved to the new location.



The tap root will be cut off before the tree is set into the hole prepared for it.



Being moved to the new site.



DES ARC BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Piers for the new bridge across White River on Highway 38 at Des Arc are under construction. The bridge, which is being built on new location, will replace the swinging bridge now in use. W. L. Sharpe Contracting Co., Inc. of Memphis is the contractor. M. B. Gentry is the resident engineer for the Highway Department.

Inspector Leon Trickey uses a Zeiss level to establish grades from atop a pier.

White River at DeValls Bluff



A LONG LOOK AT EMPLOYEE LONGEVITY

When an employee gives 25 years' service to one organization, he (or she) has given the best of his working years to that company. It is to our credit that the following list of employees and retirees each contributed a quarter of a century or more of service to the Arkansas Highway Department:

40 Years' Service

W. E. Hicks
C. D. Hayes
A. G. Rives, Sr.

35 Years' Service

H. F. Bastian
L. P. Carlson
Glenn Cotham
J. S. Harris, Jr.
J. R. Henderson
J. C. Hicks
C. E. Hooker
E. E. Hurley
G. D. Lewis
C. M. Matthews
H. B. Matthews
R. M. Newsom
W. R. Shay
C. A. Shumaker
J. E. Teasdale
J. C. Webb
E. A. Williams
G. E. Williams

30 Years' Service

C. G. Apperson
L. B. Baker
W. K. Bartleson
C. C. Berry
Jeff Davis
J. A. Farley
Ward Goodman
W. C. Haigh
O. C. Jackson
R. O. Jarboe
W. P. Johnson
Nymph Jones
J. D. Lindley
C. L. Nast
T. G. Orton, Sr.
W. L. Owen
F. L. Pulliam
J. W. Robinson
H. W. Schneider
B. M. Shalmy
J. M. Smith
T. E. Wacaster
W. C. Wood

25 Years' Service

M. R. Allen
M. L. Beckett
John Burlsworth
J. P. Clayton
C. R. Cope
E. H. Cuzzort
Columbus Dalmut
C. E. Davis
W. F. Deaderick
G. G. Golden
R. F. Greeson
G. E. Gunn
W. A. Hardin
C. D. Harper
J. F. Jayroe
W. T. Jeter, Sr.
Fay Karnes
Dell Kendall
R. H. Kirkland
S. L. Langford
L. J. Lansdale
E. J. Lindsey
D. I. Leonard
R. G. Mann
T. C. Maryman
R. A. Milum
V. C. Nast
W. T. Newman
T. L. Parish
J. C. Perkins, Jr.
J. F. Price
R. H. Rogers
J. J. Schamer
E. W. Smith, Jr.
F. L. Stovall
L. L. Thomason
O. W. Vaughn
L. G. Willcockson
W. K. Wilson
R. B. Winfrey
W. C. Yearian
H. J. Young

Since the list is by 5-year categories, some of the persons listed have completed the next five years of service.

EQUIPMENT OPERATION SHIFTED TO MAINTENANCE

With the retirement of C. Don Hayes as chief of the Equipment division, all activities pertaining to equipment and operations of the Central Shops were transferred to the Maintenance Division.

Maurice D. Head, assistant to Mr. Hayes since January 1, 1957, has been named equipment superintendent and will have charge of Equipment and Central Shops under the supervision of James E. Lowder, maintenance engineer.

Head, 41, is a native of Clarksville where he graduated from the high school and attended College of the Ozarks. He also completed a course in advanced accounting the Draughon School of Business in Little Rock. He was with the State Purchasing Department four and one-half years prior to coming to the Highway Department. He is a Navy veteran, married and the father of two sons, ages 11 and 15. He is a member of Central Baptist Church of Little Rock.



Maurice Head



27th BIENNIAL REPORT IS AVAILABLE

The 27th biennial report for the years 1967-1966 was submitted to the General Assembly in February by the Highway Commission. The report shows that —

- The state system mileage, funds, programs and real estate increased during the two years ended June 30, 1966. Almost 1200 miles of roads were added to the state system during the biennium. As of March 1, the total system mileage is 14,168 miles.

- Construction and betterment projects were let for 2,024 miles of road improvement that will cost about \$151 million.

- About \$10 million annually in new construction money provided by the 1965 General Assembly helped make possible an unparalleled highway program. The Highway Commission quickly scheduled a new construction program to supplement the Federal-aid program. Two-thirds of the mileage scheduled for improvement was allocated to the secondary system and one third to the primary system.

- A major bridge program extending over a three year period was undertaken with the Corps of Engineers to build 11 new fixed high-level bridges at Pendleton, Pine Bluff, Little Rock, Conway, Morrilton, Dardanelle, Ozark, Van Buren and Fort Smith to provide an obstruction-free channel for navigation on the Arkansas river. A majority of the total construction cost will be borne by the Federal government.

- The Department prepared a long-range program for building a modern statewide system of roadside parks and rest areas, tourist information centers, and screening unsightly junkyards, and completed an inventory on outdoor advertising. At this writing the General Assembly has legislation under consideration which will enable the State Highway Department to comply with the regulations of the 1965 Federal Beautification Act.

- Studied high accident locations and began a three year statewide program to improve safety on the highways through spot improvement in design modifications expected to help eliminate at least a percentage of accidents.

- The Department completed a statewide comprehensive study of road needs to adequately serve our traffic demands for the next 20 years. The detailed field survey and ensuing needs study was made in cooperation with the county judges and mayors on state highways, county roads and municipal streets.

- The Department constructed a new ten-story central headquarters building on a 36-acre plot on I-30 southwest of Little Rock.

According to the report, when work that was under way as of June 30, 1966 is completed, 6,584 miles in the system will be paved with high-type surfaces and 4,875 with low-type making 11,459 miles paved.

A total of \$150,791,595. was spent on construction, almost \$27 million over the preceding biennium. Total cost of the interstate system in Arkansas was \$165 million up to July 1, 1966. Of that amount, \$148 million or 90 per cent was in Federal funds.

The state spent \$24,040,390. of its own funds on maintenance of the system during the two-year biennium. Maintenance costs are not reimbursable by Federal funds.

In the beautification area, an inventory revealed 23,264 billboards and other fixed advertising devices and 413 junkyards existed along interstate and primary routes. Most of the advertising devices will have to be removed and 52 of the junkyards cannot be acceptably screened and will have to be removed. Of that number, the owners of 32 have either removed or voluntarily screened them. A number of landscaping, roadside park and volunteer beautification projects have been undertaken.

The biennial report is required by legislative act and is prepared for the Highway Department by J. R. Henderson and the Planning and Research Division.

LETTERS:

University of Arkansas News Service
Editorial Service Building
Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701

March 8, 1967

Dear Miss Adams:

Back when I was on the Arkansas Gazette, and writing about ferries over Arkansas rivers — among other things — I tried to get some detailed information about the Spring Bank Ferry. I wasn't very successful.

Now Arkansas Highways has come along with pertinent details, and I am happy to have them for my file on ferries. Somebody did an excellent job of research and I hope you will compliment the person for me.

You will do me a great favor by letting me know the source of the information that appears in the article. I would like to put this with the page from your magazine that I will file. Also, if you can persuade Johnnie Gray to send me a print of the old tug that appears on Page 7 I'll be most grateful. Johnnie has always been mighty cooperative and I hope this won't put him to too much strain.

I appreciate receiving the magazine and always read each issue with interest.

Ernie Deane

SAFETY CERTIFICATES PRESENTED TO 64

EMPLOYEES

Safety certificates have been mailed to 64 supervisory employees of the Department whose personnel completed the calendar year 1966 without a chargeable or lost time accident. Roland Humble, safety director, instituted the awards to make employees more aware of safety practices and create incentive to use them.

Those receiving awards were: District 1: Dee Miller, bridge foreman; and V. H. Shassere, resident engineer, West Memphis, District 2: John M. Hollis, bridge foreman; Virgil Green, job superintendent; Pink May, area foreman Cleveland County; E. J. Rabb, job superintendent Monticello; J. T. Rogers, signman, Pine Bluff; and K. F. Tyler, resident engineer McGehee.

District 3: Kermit W. Glasgow, area foreman Howard County; R. F. "Doc" Greeson, area foreman Miller County; Billy Wayne Stewart, area foreman Pike County; W. A. "Andy" McDonnell, acting resident engineer DeQueen; Lonnie J. Parson, resident engineer DeQueen; and R. V. Wilkison, resident engineer Hope.

District 4: L. E. Sanders, job superintendent Fort Smith; Mike O'Shea, acting resident engineer Fort Smith; and D. C. Spencer, resident engineer Mena.

District 5: Clarence Marvin Benz, resident engineer Searcy; John Ed Smith, Jr., resident engineer Batesville; Edgar Herman McClure, job superintendent Batesville; Hale Harris Hayden, area foreman Stone County; and Leo Aunspaugh, area foreman White County.

District 6: L. G. Appleby, job superintendent Little Rock; G. D. Bratcher, carpenter Little Rock; R. J. Johnson, area foreman Garland County; D. D. Caple, area foreman Hot Spring County; Don Cahoone, resident engineer Hazen; Glenn Cotham, resident engineer Little Rock; and B. J. Parker, resident engineer Malvern.

District 7: Homer Wilson, area foreman Clark County; Harry T. Castleberry, area foreman Dallas County; Norman D. Pumphrey, resident engineer Camden; and James B. Williamson, resident engineer El Dorado.

District 8: Sherman James resident engineer Morrilton; Lawrence Fletcher, resident engineer Conway; T. G. Orton, Jr., resident engineer Russellville; Elmer W. Smith, resident engineer Clarksville; Ralph B. Jones, resident engineer Malvern; and T. D. Casey, resident engineer Russellville.

District 9: Jack Holtby, equipment supervisor Harrison; Otis Vaughan, equipment supervisor Springdale; John Box, job superintendent Springdale; John Parker, job superintendent C. W. Deakins,

area foreman Boone County; J. M. Tate, area foreman Marion County; Huel D. Pack, area foreman Searcy County; Fay Karnes, area foreman Washington County; Jadie Allen, area foreman Washington County; H. E. Hackler, area foreman Baxter County; W. R. Shay, area foreman Benton County; and Gary L. Godfrey, resident engineer Harrison.

District 10: Charles Hopper, area foreman Mississippi County; Clifford Cook, area foreman Randolph County; and H. C. Martin, resident engineer Paragould.

Others who received the safety award were C. B. Brooks, Jr., superintendent of central equipment shops Jacksonville; and the following party chiefs in the Surveys Division; John H. Campbell, Jr., Bryan C. Clark, Roy Dunfee, Billy F. Prince, James B. Pumphrey, Lonnie F. Radford, John A. Sims, Bobby M. Brown and Tom E. Wacaster.



LARRY WHITE IS ONE OF GREEN BERETS

S/Sgt. Larry White, son of Mayo White in the Planning and Research Division, is presently serving in Vietnam as a member of the famous Special Forces group, the Green Berets. The men of the Green Beret are trained to live, think, fight, eat and otherwise function as nearly like the natives as possible. Larry's job is training South Vietnamese in jungle warfare and working with the refugee movement. Having previously been attached to the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, he has made several jumps with South Vietnamese trainees.

Larry, standing in the picture, is photographed with two of his buddies at Special Forces Headquarters in South Vietnam, where he has been since November of last year. He is stationed at Nha Trang.

Larry is married and his wife Barbara and their two-year-old son, Jason live at Clarksville, Tenn. He worked one summer for the Highway Department in Surveys.



INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT APPRECIATED

Widening, double turning lanes and re-channelization have been completed at the intersection of University and Asher avenues, making the flow of traffic there so smooth that most of us have gotten used to it already, willing to forget the left turns that were next to impossible to negotiate (and still

maintain any degree of highway courtesy) and the lights that turned red with us still sitting under them (also turning red - in the face).

Peak hour traffic at the intersection averages 2,200 vehicles per hour on Asher Avenue east; 2,900 per hour on the new Benton highway; 1,750 per hour on Highway 5 (Asher Avenue west); and 2,400 per hour on University Avenue.

LOOKING AT LITTERING

During the calendar year 1966 the State Highway Department spent \$67,712.16 in the accumulation and disposal of highway rubbish. It is a part of the \$100 million spent annually nationwide for highway cleanup alone. Two thousand, eight hundred seventy-five loads of trash were collected during the year. To collect and dispose of it, Department trucks were driven 133,510 miles and 38,255 man-hours were expended, at a \$54,638.79 labor cost.

Most loads reported for a county was 163 from Mississippi. Pope had 157 loads removed; Pulaski, 131; and Calhoun, 113. The amounts spent represent litter picked up on interstate and primary highways only, and does not include all the litter that needed to be collected from them. Maintenance crews pick up trash from the roadsides in their spare time.

Because of the heavy traffic load on interstate highways, and the negligence of motorists in highway housekeeping, the accumulation steadily grows,

and therefore requires more time spent cleaning them. In addition, the medians of divided highways increase the right-of-way that must be cleaned.

On a national scale, approximately one-half the \$1 billion spent each year to clean up highways, streets, parks and other public places is taxpayers' money.

Litter is not only unsightly, but dangerous as well, according to the Journal of American Insurance, which says that figures show that debris thrown out on the highway is the cause of 750 deaths and 75,000 injuries each year. It also creates a hazard in water recreation areas. It repels tourists (remember how unappetizing a just-used, left-littered picnic table in a roadside park can be). It also repels shoppers, lowers land values, discourages new industries, and creates breeding grounds for insects and rodents.

When you "Talk Arkansas Up", remember to tell them that Tidy Traveler, the state's own symbol of cleanliness on land, in water and in the air, says "beauty is your duty."

C. DON HAYES RETIRES

Since C. Don Hayes retired February 28, one of the most familiar faces around central headquarters is missing. Truly a career employee, Don worked continuously for the Highway Department more than 42 years except for a few months in 1938 when he left to work with the Department of Agriculture. Immediately after graduation from Scott Street High School (now the campus of East Side Junior High), he went to work for the Department as a mechanic. Later promotions including shop foreman and shop superintendent led to chief of the Equipment Division in 1941, a position he held until retirement.

As head of Equipment, Don was responsible for writing specifications for all types of equipment purchased, drawing up contracts and making arrangements for rental of Highway equipment to other state agencies and for the upkeep of all road and shop equipment.

During his tenure with the Department the central Equipment shops grew from a couple of small buildings where the fish pond is now on the capitol grounds, to the 15-acre tract it presently occupies in Jacksonville. The Equipment inventory numbers over 4,600 items ranging in size from chain saws to cranes and draglines.

Mr. Hayes was also chairman of a five-man purchasing committee appointed by the Highway Commission to act on all formal bids invited by the Department. In 1953 he was the recipient of AASHO's Certificate of Merit, the highest award presented by that organization. Within the Depart-

ment, he was a member of the first group insurance committee from the time of its inception; a member of the retirement board since 1951 and served as its chairman from 1959 until his retirement. Mr. Hayes was also a member of the original 5-man Committee which established the Safety Program in 1960 and has remained in this capacity until his retirement.

Though born at Norphlet near El Dorado, Hayes spent most of his life at Little Rock. He is a member of the North Little Rock Elks Lodge 1004; Magnolia (L.R.) Masonic Lodge, Little Rock Consistory, Union Chapter; Scimitar Shrine; Royal Order of Jesters; Bendemeer Grotto Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, an avid sportsman, Don is also a member of Goosefoot Lake Hunting Club.

He and Mrs. Hayes, the former Edythe Robinson of Lonoke, reside at 3800 West Capitol. Those closely associated with him will chuckle in retrospect at hunting tales and fish stories related by Don in his own dry-witted, poker-faced way.

Cake and punch were served to many employees and friends and retirees who came in during the afternoon to wish him Godspeed. The cakes were decorated like landscapes with miniature pieces of construction equipment in place on brown sugar roads bordered by trees.

Don was presented a four-foot high Norfolk pine for his yard and a "Lucky 13" fishing lure of sufficient size to land a whale. The lure was the handiwork of Leon Sneed, Jr., whose father is an employee of the Equipment Division.

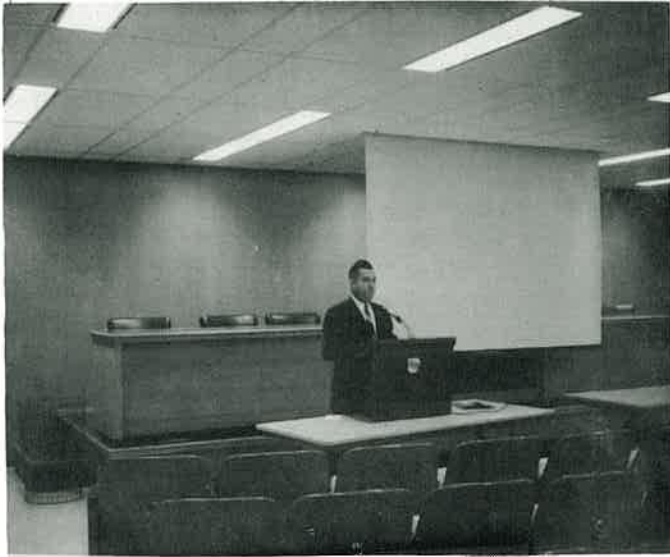
Left to right, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Daugherty (sister of Mrs. Hayes), Mrs. Hayes, Don, Mrs. Dennie Wilhelm and Mrs. Marie Blankenship (Safety Section), sisters of Don, and Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Carter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daugherty.



MAINTENANCE

TRAINING SESSION HELD

On February 14 J. E. Lowder, engineer of Maintenance, held a training session for his personnel on the use of epoxies used in patching concrete and coating bridge decks. J. E. McCadden, Jr., vice president of Steelcoate Manufacturing Co. of St. Louis spoke to the group on the application of polysulfide and epoxies.



J. E. McCadden, Jr.

The group below, all retired, came to extend best wishes to Don Hayes on the day he received his own retirement certificate. With him on the front row are, left to right: Cecil Elliott, James Alexander, Mrs. Mary McClain Hill and Mrs. Jacqueline Hollingsworth. Back Row; W. K. Heard, George Lewis, Frank Fleming, Jimmy Zinn, Asa Duncan, R. B. Winfrey and Carl Hosack. All except Zinn and Winfrey are retired from the Equipment Division. Mrs. Hill was Mr. Hayes' secretary for 18 years.



THE PHARAOH'S FREEWAY --- 4000 B.C.

The woes and ways of right of way acquisition for highways and bid lettings seem to have been just the way they are for a long, long time, as attested to in the following article submitted by James M. Garrett, acting resident engineer at Osceola. Too bad the author remains anonymous.

Know, O Mighty Pharaoh, that I have made observation the works of the Upper Nile. I found the builders to be a strange breed. First cometh men with a three-legged prong with which they make diverse observations. When they approach a village the maidens fleeth and the villagers bewail exceedingly because they always aim the prong at a house, saying "it must be moved," although the desert stretcheth for miles around the desolation. Sometimes the "prong men" drive little stakes in the ground. They play a game and wait until someone knocks down one of the stakes, and then the prong men jump into the air and shout and tear their hair and call on Ra and Osiris and Isis and Set and Hero and all the lesser Gods, and they become exceedingly wroth. All about a little stick! ! They also make many hieroglyphics, many of which they themselves do not understand.

Then cometh the contractors. They are a class that have many possessions and ride in fine chariots, but they easily run to bitter tears, and they runnet down the work to be done, to each other, and they make the other afraid and he add much expense to his calculations.

Then cometh the material men clad in fine raiment and the maidens meet them with gleeful smiles, as they have something magic called an "expense account". They are all worshippers of the Sacred Bull. Every morning they chant, "O Sacred Bull, Keep us full of thy substance because only with these can we make our living".

Then cometh the letting of the contract. Whereat one contractor draws the prize and the rest of the contractors beat their breast and pour ashes on their heads, and say with a mighty shout, "He can't

do it for the Money!!" Always they have said this, and always to the end of time they will say it.

However, the low bidder, he smiles and is pleased with himself, wise to his own conceit, and he hunteth up three "prong men" and taketh them to dine and handeth the check to a material ma

Anonymous

PUTTING LITTER IN THE PROPER PERSPECTIVE

The following reprint of an Arkansas Democrat editorial removes highway littering from the "also ran" class and moves it up among causes of Highway accidents.

"The Connecticut Highway Department kept a close check over a three-year period of the highway accidents caused by vehicles striking litter on the road, or swerving to avoid it.

Their count for the state was 621 accidents, 261 persons injured and economic loss amounting to \$610,000.

Like the Viet Cong layers of land mines along highways in Vietnam, the American litterbugs are enemies, too.

Many deaths have been reported as a result of highway accidents caused by persons dumping trash in the road, but the litterbugs speed away and are never charged with murder.

Fiction stories discuss attempts to find the "perfect crime" and all kinds of elaborate devices are put together to commit it. It would seem that an empty beer can might be the most bizarre instrument of all."

A motorist is a person who, after seeing a wreck, drives carefully for several blocks.

EARTH'S SALT SUPPLY WILL OUTLAST US

Ever wonder what eating would be like without salt for any prolonged length of time? The early Greeks worshipped salt as much as the sun. Among the Hebrews, it was a strict religious custom to rub all new-born babies with salt to insure their future health and good fortune. We pretty well take its presence for granted, because most anywhere we eat we just expect to reach out for the shaker to salt, or re-salt (for those brine addicts) our food according to the dictates of the palate.

Times like a couple of days in February when a sheet of ice covers streets, highways, parking lots and driveways, we really appreciate the help of salt in getting streets cleared.

Therefore, it may be interesting to you to know that the Bureau of mines has determined that there are 329 salt "domes" off the Gulf Coast. To show you how much salt that is, they say that just 40 of the formations contain enough to supply the U. S. for 26,000 years - if only half of the salt is recovered.

A salt dome is really a large "pillar" of salt that has pushed its way upward through rock formations. They grow out of salt beds deep below the earth's surface, often rising 20,000 feet or more with their tips reaching nearly to the soil crust and if the overlying and surrounding rock and sediment was removed the giant domes would stand like massive mesas or buttes.

AND NOW THEY'RE GOING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

Mark Twain's famous bit of sagacity to the effect that "everybody talks about the weather but nobody does anything about it" has long since become a common household phrase and for the most part remained true. Despite research into seeding clouds to induce rain and shooting chemical pellets in hurricane eyes from high-powered guns, the weather still remains mightier than all of us.

However, a concerted effort is being made to make existing weather information more accurate and more long-range because billions of dollars are wasted each year in weather-sensitive industries. The construction industry's losses have been evaluated as ranging from a \$3 billion minimum to a \$10 billion maximum. It has been estimated if all existing weather service information was used to the best advantage, in conjunction with present-day forecast accuracy, a possible \$0.5 to \$1.0 billion annual savings could be made in the construction industry.

Recognizing the problem of weather-caused construction losses, the United States Chamber of Commerce has set up a Special Panel on Weather Information for the Construction Industry. The panel held a one-day seminar in Washington in January to answer the question of how to gear construction operations to weather information. One of the results of the meeting was a combination of various agencies engaged in environmental studies to provide a single agency, the talent, equipment and responsibility needed to conduct a systematic study of the total physical environment.

So, it's still a matter of talking and studying but with such a great amount of money at stake, it's good to know someone is working on a solution.



"The equipment around here gets better every year!"

LITTLE PLACE IN THE COUNTRY

by John C. Hicks

Deep in the heart of every city dweller is the dream of a little place in the country. My friend, Bob was no exception.

Bob was an ordinary "white collar" worker known to his friends as "a good Joe". He was devoted to his wife, Mary and idolized by his two husky sons. They lived in a modest four-room apartment and had driven the same old car for five years. His salary as a bookkeeper was adequate and, thanks to installment buying, provided many of the luxuries. All in all he was satisfied with his lot; however, in his mind lurked a dream of a little place in the country where he could raise vegetables, chickens, pups and kids, and rest in the shade of his own vine and fig tree in the cool of the evening.

This was just a dream until one Sunday afternoon while driving in the country it suddenly became true.

"Look, Bob! Isn't that the most darling little house? And it's for sale, too. Let's stop and look at it," bubbled Mary.

There it was - a "darling little house" - just as Mary had described it - white clapboard with green shutters and a green roof - set in the midst of a velvety lawn - truly the place of Bob's dreams.

Turning into the gravel drive, Bob pulled up to the side door. The house was locked. It began to look like they would have to be content with peeping through windows and admiring the lawn; but the lady next door came and unlocked it.

Inside the house was a dream - if one could judge from Mary's, "Ohs!" "Ahs!" and "Isn't it darling?" The kitchen, with its array of cabinets and breakfast bar, the bath of gleaming tile and shiny chrome was, as Mary expressed it, "Just what I've always wanted!"

The rest of the afternoon their one subject was the house and by the time they reached home it was "our house". They spent the evening making plans and both retired to dream of a little white cottage with roses around the door.

During his lunch hour Monday Bob made a visit to the real estate office. Just as he expected, the down payment exceeded his bank account. His hopes fell. But wait - why not sell the car? A bus passed the house every hour; it was only a couple of blocks to the store, the school and the church. Mary, who just had to have that "darling little house", very quickly agreed with the idea.

The next morning Bob, with the old car shining like a new dollar, was waiting when the used car lot opened. In a few minutes the car had changed hands. Forgetting all about work, he hurried to the real estate office and closed the deal for the house.

At long last came the day of days - moving day. Sundown found the family tired but happy. At last Bob had that little dream place in the country and was "Lord of the Manor" - as long as he kept up the payments.

Immediately, Bob sent for every seed catalog and government bulletin on farming he could find. Evenings he spent spading up a vegetable garden and developing blisters on his office-tender hands. His conversation became spiced with such words as Bordeaux mixture, nicotine spray, sweet and sour soil. He was becoming an agriculturist, not a farmer mind you, for a farmer makes his money on the farm to spend in the city while an agriculturist makes his in the city to spend on the farm.

He also adopted the dress of a gentleman farmer: wide brim hat, a Jeff Davis tie, and, on weekends, cowboy boots. He seriously thought of growing a goatee to further enhance his appearance as a country gentleman.

Came spring with daffodils and nesting birds - time to try the green thumb. With spring the rains came. The garden, too wet to plant, was just right for the Bermuda to take over. Regardless of the back-breaking hours he spent pulling it, the grass held the upper hand.

Then the rains ended and the garden dried out; but during the rainy season grass and weeds had taken the lawn. Bob really had his hands full keeping the grass mowed and getting the planting done. Finally the last seed was in the ground and the annual drouth had begun. Although he ran his water bill up to \$20 watering the struggling plants they soon "swiveled" and died.

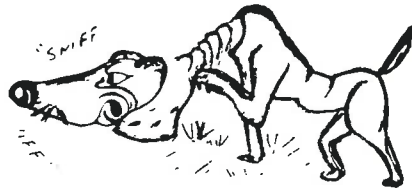
The drouth did not hinder the growth of Dallas grass that had taken possession of his beautiful lawn. Try as he might, he could not keep ahead of it - mow it on Saturday and Monday it needed mowing again. By July he was only mowing the front lawn and letting the Dallas grass have the rest.

Two years passed. Bob became a country "squire" and he and Mary leaders in the little Oakdale Community; then the city reached out its tentacles and annexed it. Bob, again a city dweller, still dreams of a little place in the country.



"Now drive carefully, Mac!"

AROUND the DEPARTMENT



ACCOUNTING DIVISION

Mildred Harness

Friday, February 3 was Tom Dixon's last day with the Highway Department. He accepted a job with the Corps of Engineers. Accounting sure went all out on a pot luck, such a spread you have never seen - or maybe you have, but it's been so long that it's been forgotten. Carl Morris presented Tom a shirt and lots of good wishes. We of Accounting gave Tom our good luck. He sure will be missed.

February 6 and 7 a school was held in the basement for Civil Defense. A person from each division was chosen to attend the school. Bonnie Hill was chosen from our department. Bonnie was taught how to care for us just in case of an air raid, etc. But when she talks about taking all of us on the roof, I'm not so sure she was paying attention. Bonnie looked good in her slacks too.

As of February 3 Accounting acquired a queen. Barbara Bueter was crowned Valentine queen of Beta Sigma Phi sorority. She is a member of Lambda chapter. Congratulations, Barbara, on a job well done.

We have a very pretty new employee, Wendellyn Ann McNabb, from Adel, Ga. She is married to Airman W. H. McNabb stationed with the SAC 825th Supply at LRAFB. Ann is a night student at LRU where she is working toward a BS degree in elementary education. She is minoring in psychology and future plans are to get a master's degree in psychology and work in the field of child psychology and guid-



Wendellyn Ann McNabb, assigned to Accounting, where the Eagles Fly.

ance. Before moving to Little Rock she attended Andrew College, Cuthbert, Ga. and Valdosta State College, Valdosta, Ga.

Her hobbies are reading, painting, cooking and certain sports. You are most welcome, Ann. We sure need some sparking up.

Well, our little doll finally went and done it. Phyllis Barnett was married Monday night, February 27, 1967 at Baseline Baptist Church. She and her husband, Robert Copeland now live at 8819 Herrick Lane Apartment 17 here in Little Rock. Robert works for the Corps of Engineers. Wednesday, March 1 a party was given the newlywed. She was presented a large sheet cake decorated with a small bride and groom, also a box of useful items for her kitchen. Phyllis' eyes were shining brighter than the ring on her finger and that would be real bright. Here's wishing both of them a lot of happiness and all of God's blessings.



BRIDGE DESIGN

Betty Claude

L. P. Carlson's daughter Catherine and her family were in Little Rock for a visit recently. They came to see our building and thought it was very nice, and we all agree with them.

We are happy to welcome Cy Coffman to our Division. His hobbies are baseball and bowling. I might add he is single also.

Wedding bells will be ringing April 15 for one of our engineers, Robert Seay. The lucky young lady is Kay Lewis. Congratulations, Robert.

Barbara and Frank Harrison flew to New Orleans for the week-end and had a ball.

Mary Matthews, daughter of Jim Matthews is a Senior at Central High, and has been chosen to be in the Senior Play.

She is entering the Journalism Contest in six categories at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro. We wish her good luck. Mary has also been accepted at the Ouachita Baptist University as a freshman in September, 1967. We know she will continue to be a good student there as she has been in Little Rock.

I think the fishing bug is beginning to bite some of our fellows. I wish them luck and hope they catch enough for a fish fry for all of us.

The fellow who has money to burn usually has ashes to rake up.



OFFICES OF CHIEF ENGINEER

Ann Sutton

Bill Moore was the caller at the Highway Dames' Bingo Party, on February 26. We hear that he's a real pro at calling bingo.

Fish Story: Bill Cooper went fishing one cold day in early February and caught 15 nice fish but, letting his luck lead him out again in that heavy snow in mid-February, caught only a few. I'll bet he thinks twice before going out on an icy lake again and using an axe for a paddle.

John Kizer participated in "Engineers' Week", February 19 through 26, making a speech on, "Employment Opportunities in Arkansas for Engineers", to high school students interested in engineering.

Bill Rainwater attended a liaison conference at Fort Ord near Monterey, Calif., last week.

Pete Daggett made a speech entitled "Planning A Highway Is Not Guesswork" at the Hi-Noon Toastmasters' meeting on February 24.

Millie Houston is the proud owner of an English Shepherd puppy named Mitzi.

We are pleased to welcome Ronnie Lemons, a new employee in Office Engineer. Ronnie is from Gravelly, Ark., where he attended Fourche Valley High. Ronnie also attended Arkansas Tech for 2 yrs. majoring in Business Administration.

Oh yes! I hear that John Kizer bought some of those fancy wire wheels and has them locked up in his garage. What's up John, we'd like to see them.



DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Mary Herndon

Marie Blankenship's husband, Bill, has been ill for some time but has sufficiently recovered enough to put in part of a day at his office. He is the Pulaski County sanitarian.

Ronald Keene's brother-in-law and his nephew-in-law visited him recently on their way back home to Minnesota from a vacation at Acapulco, Mexico. Ronald took off a day or two while they were here and enjoyed a little relaxation of his own.

Bill Pryor, auditor, took a week's vacation during February. Nothing special, just vacated, he said, and tried a little bird hunting, with little success. What

kind of birds do you hunt in February, snow birds?

Speaking of snow, maybe if we all hold our breaths and keep our fingers crossed, we may get by the remainder of the winter without another big snow. There are lots of ways to have fun but going out and scraping the ice off the windshield in 22 degree weather and easing home like your car was mounted on ski's just isn't one of them. That's all I have to say on the subject of weather for now. I do so much complaining about the miseries of summer heat, I try to not complain about anything the weather man sends us in winter.

Jay Ehrhorn of the Magazine office, Sibble Cox, Personnel, Sibyl Maddox, Materials and Tests, and Dale Davison's wife, Marg, took their stab at breaking the racetrack one afternoon recently. Needless to say, they didn't quite succeed but said all the fun they had was worth the wee bit it cost them.

My son Randy and I spent a weekend with my mother, in Springhill, La. where there was sort of a gathering of the clan, a rare occurrence in our family, and we enjoyed it. You know, caught up on all the family happenings, saw the latest pictures of the little ones, ate too much, and all that.

If you have any doubts about the speed of the grapevine, I can tell you it's in fine working order - I found out during the last sleet-in through a little project of my own. I hit two cars on the parking lot - one of them twice - when coming to work in the morning and by noon I think everyone in this building had heard about it. The reason for hitting the cars wasn't to find out about the grapevine, however, but because of a thin but extremely slippery film of ice on the lot. I'll be glad when people stop giving me that anxious, suspicious look when they see me going toward the parking lot. Several other employees suffered the same kind of luck I did that day - and some were victims.

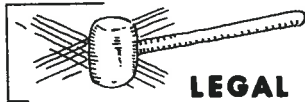
Virginia Williams' son came out to see how the Highway Department is treating his mother one day recently and he is just as handsome as Virginia says he is. He is married and they presented Virginia with her first grandchild not long ago, and she's afraid they aren't going to ask her to babysit.

I received a letter from Babe Williams in reply to my sending him a brochure about the new headquarters building. Babe says he is "enjoying this retirement" up in Wausau, Wis; they "have built a new house and are getting settled in it," "haven't seen the ground since mid-December" and had two feet of snow at his writing; was enjoying ice-fishing; had had some "chilly weather, 12, 15, 20 and down to 30 below zero;" and enjoyed seeing other people ski and skate and the snow removal machines work. Babe retired from Roadway Design in April, 1966.

Frank O'Donnel's brother, Stine, remains hospitalized at the Veterans Hospital where he has been confined for

most of two years suffering from complications brought on by caisson's disease, commonly known as the "bends" caused from too rapid decrease in air pressure while deep-sea diving during World War II. His illness has really been a test of strength and courage for Stine and his family, Frank and the other family members. Our prayers and best wishes are extended to them.

It was nice to have Sula Burnham, Arline Davis, Carolyn Milner and Mildred Russ of the Camden district visit our offices on February 22. Sula was here for the presentation of her 25 yr. pin and Arline, Mildred and Carolyn came to wish her well.



LEGAL DIVISION

Virginia Tackett

Our acquaintance with our new boss, John R. Thompson, is growing slowly by bits and pieces. We are looking forward with a great deal of anticipation to the day when the legislative session will be over and Mr. Thompson and Dorothy Summers, his secretary, can move into their office permanently.

A recent note from Doris Harper, who has been recuperating from surgery, leads us to hope that she will be able to return to the office soon. We miss her and realize that her other friends in the Department are concerned for her recovery and anxious for her return. Her address is 6408 Longwood Road and her telephone number is MO 3-0421.

Ethyl and Bob Harrison's red-headed Robin, who graduates from North Little Rock High this spring, is bouncing with excitement (instead of bob-bob-bobbing) these days. And why? Because she's been accepted for matriculation at Hendrix College next fall, which is no mean accomplishment considering the limited number of enrollments possible and the high scholastic standards maintained. Representative of those high scholastic standards is Jimmy Dowell, Jr. Not only has he made the Dean's List at Hendrix, but has been declared eligible for the Honors Program, which means he has made practically all A's and that, in addition to being allowed to participate in the Honors courses offered, he will be eligible for post-graduate fellowships.

Don Kelly's son Bill has racked up another achievement. He's passed the examination and been certified as a Certified Public Accountant. If you've ever known anyone working toward that one, then you will know just what an accomplishment it is. Congratulations, Bill.

The Highway Department in general and the Legal Division in particular, are to be congratulated on the acquisition of a new secretary. She's Martha Myers, a LRCHS graduate who attended LRU, is efficient and also highly decorative, is engaged, and who enjoys horseback riding. We're pleased we saw her first.



Martha Myers



MATERIALS AND TESTS

Sibyl Maddox

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Sharp of Bauxite announce the engagement of their daughter, Billie Lou to Gene Dial, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Dial of Benton...An early spring wedding is planned. Gene is one of our employees.

Charlene McClain was out for a few days with the "gout". We missed her.

A tip of the hat to Ed and Cecil Mae Davis. They recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. They have one son, Donald, living in Springfield, Ill.



Mr. Schnedier presented R. C. Turney with his 15 yr. pin and certificate. Cake and coffee were served - Congratulations, R. C.

We have 3 new employees, S. B. Shoemaker of Conway, George Greene of Sparkman, and John Redding of Little Rock.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

HAPPINESS DEPENDS CHIEFLY ON OUR CHEERFUL ACCEPTANCE OF ROUTINE, ON OUR REFUSAL TO ASSUME, AS MANY DO, THAT DAILY WORK AND DAILY DUTY ARE A KIND OF SLAVERY.

Le Baron Russell Briggs



PLANNING AND RESEARCH

P & R Staff

We have a new staff specialist in this Division - Kenneth Bynum, a recent graduate of the University of Arkansas with a BA in Civil Engineering. Ken is a native of Little Rock, and is unmarried. We are glad to have him with us.



Ken Bynum

Jim Carvell, Jr., reports his baby boy is walking.

New employees in the Field Data Collection Section are Jim Pierce and Philip Watts, who will be working with County Inventory crews. Welcome to them.

Phyllis Munnerlyn, Research Section, visited her husband Bernie over the weekends of February 11-12 and February 25-26. He is serving at Fort Polk, La.

Research Section has moved into their new office. They love it!

Walls are being painted all over the place, which is calling for some endurance.

Pete Powell came to work driving a new Mustang Ford Fastback a few days

ago. He said he promised son Jeff he would wash it and fill the tank with gas for the privilege. We're glad that wasn't what he was driving the day the bridge iced over.

Sue Walls went to the races and picked four winners. Wonder if she would like to pick a few for her friends.

Stuart Pattillo reported that he was one of the numerous unlucky people who found the ice to be slick recently. He fell outside the Revenue Building only seconds after seeing another person fall. However, no injury resulted.

Edith Garland baked a cake for Joann Niehaus' birthday in February, with a big "J" on it.

Further Harrowing Adventures of Life: One very cold morning, Billie Whiteside's car would not start; and since the next day was expected to be the same, she decided to leave her car as it was and get a ride to work. Imagine her surprise on learning that a service station attendant had come, unbidden, and towed the car away. It developed that the service station with which she does business had received a call from someone living on the same street and had listened only long enough to hear the street name, assumed it was her car, and went after it.

Quail season is over, and reflecting on the better hunts brings to mind the last hunt of the season. Gary Whittington and Jim Head, long famous for their wing shooting (refer to last issue), were having trouble with their dogs flushing birds. After wearing out a couple of hickory limbs on the dogs, these magnificent beasts displayed beautiful work finding birds. However, after several successive misses (even singles) by the men, the dogs were lost temporarily. After a brief search, the dogs were found in a thicket-cutting hickory switches.

Illnesses - Mrs. Lukie Atkinson, who was in the hospital for a week, is back on the job, teaching school. Leo Biggs, who suffered a virus, is back at work. Asa McCord, also ill for a time, is back. Mrs. Archie Wyatt is now at home convalescing from her recent stay in the hospital.

Resignations: Dennis Hamm has joined Shareco Chemical Corp. of North Little

Rock. Larry Bradford is joining a firm in Dallas, Tex. And Hal Phillips, of Mapping and Drafting, is going to work for an architectural concern.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Harold Woolsey's father, and all of us extend our sympathy to the family.

The arrival of Katherine Lynne at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Wayne Henderson of Fort Worth made our boss J. R. Henderson a very proud grandfather. She was born February 28 and weighed 7 pounds 13 ounces.



RIGHT OF WAY

Shirley Childress

We bade a fond farewell to Charlotte Lee Whalin, February 28, when she left us after 5 years and 4 months of employment with the Highway Department soon because here she acquired many friends, a nick name (Sam) and a husband (Bill). A surprise party was held in Charlotte's honor February 24 where she was presented with a Presto cooker. Cake, coffee, cokes and nuts were served. Charlotte is such an ambitious young lady that she had another job waiting as soon as she left us. She is now an employee of the State Plant Board. Good luck Charlotte in your new job and be sure you by to see us on one of your Holidays.

Charlotte's first day on her new job was saddened by the death of her grandmother. Our sympathies to Charlotte and her family on the loss of Mrs. Lee's mother, Mrs. Anna Seiter of Little Rock.

Linda Jones left us February 28 to await the arrival of the stork, which is due about August 18. The girls of Right-of-Way took Linda to lunch and bought her a bottle of cologne.

Ina Dunn's husband, Jerry, left February 7 for a six-month tour of duty with the Army. He is now at Camp Polk in Louisiana.



The Gang at Charlotte's Party in Right-of-Way. That's Nancy Sipe and Charlotte in the foreground.



Charlotte Lee Whalin delighted with her gift.

ROADWAY DESIGN

Virginia Ashlin

Congratulations to Wayne and Ouida Sutton who have just moved into their new home on Tedbum Circle. That makes them neighbors since I just live about three blocks from them.

Richard and Beth Butler are the proud owners of a new 1967 Plymouth. It is gold with black interior.

Lois and Pat Thompson also got the new car fever and bought a yellow Mustang. They had only had it about two weeks when they were involved in an accident during the icy weather. Fortunately no one was hurt and the car has now been repaired.

We were sorry to hear that Fred Pulliams' sister, Mrs. Harvey Walthall, fell and broke her hip and has been in St. Vincent's Infirmary. Fred said she was feeling much better and would probably get to go home this week. We certainly hope so.

Mrs. John Hicks is visiting in Oklahoma City with their daughter, Carolyn, who is ill. We wish Carolyn a speedy recovery.

On the night of February 17, 1967, our entertainment committee had a chili party in the recreation room of AP&L for the employees and the wives of Roadway Design. In spite of the bad weather, the attendance was good and everyone enjoyed themselves.



TRAFFIC SERVICES

Carol and Brenda

Carolyn West is our new employee in Traffic Services Division. She and her husband Jim (a former employee) reside in the Cherry Hill Apartments in North Little Rock. Carolyn's hobbies include: skiing, piano, and horseback riding, (husband Jim gifted her with a Tennessee Walker named Susie). Before coming to work in our Department she worked for Resident Engineer Don Cahoon and resigned to get married. We in Traffic Services Division feel lucky having such a pretty and sweet new employee.

Brenda McRaven a familiar face around the Department is the new Division Head Secretary for the Traffic Services Division. Congratulations and best of luck.

Becky Bleidt Fleming resigned to move to San Francisco to seek her fortune.

When new gas credit cards were issued this year we found that Howard Stoebener, Sign Shop superintendent was a 007 Agent!.....This just goes to prove that you never know the people you work with.

Johnny Langley, Sign Truck crewman married the former Joann Ingle of Lonoke. Congratulations and best of luck to you both.

James Coney is the proud owner of a new red 1967 390 GT Mercury. Folks, this is the type of car you thought passed you on the freeway but then again you are never sure whether you really saw it go by or if it is just your imagination. Would you believe a small but compact airplane?

Sherry Simpson, a secretary at the Sign Shop, never has any news for us and tells that she leads a very dull life. Since Sherry is single, we surmise she just isn't telling...all.

Otha and Betty Hewitt are still excited about their new home. They moved in almost two months ago. It sure is beautiful.

Richard Hobby and James Mellard attended the Shelter Manager's Training Course so they could tell us what to do in case of a falldown, or was it fallout? Fallouts are something we Americans hate to think about but since it is necessary for our defense, we thank Richard and James for their time and consideration in this matter.



DISTRICT



Janet McElduff

I tell you one thing, this is gonna be short and sweet. I don't know where the time goes, but it seems like I get more of those "news due" slips of paper than we have months, magazine issues, or anything else! Only thing I know for sure is that I can't keep ahead of them.

First to say "goodie" for those who won service awards this month. They include E. C. Billingsley, five yr. award, Ralph Vickers, for 10 yrs., Lee Roy Thomas and Jake Eslick for 15 yrs., and Paul Blankenship out of our Construction, for 15 yrs. Also, say congratulations to Virgil Shassere and Dee Miller for winning a Safety Certificate for the year 1966. We hope we can make this list of winners grow with each year.

Say howdy to Mike Carpenter. Mike is fresh-hired, working in the stockroom with Leroy Curtner. He has had parts experience and is doing a fine job catching on to the integral ways of our Highway stockroom. Besides that, he has a darling wife, precious little boy, and a nice disposition. Welcome to El Uproar, Mike.

And speaking of LeRoy Curtner, we had a nice note from Lee's son, Tommy, who is now in Korea, in good ol' Uncle Sam's service. He is following in his dad's footsteps, working in parts, and I know is giving all he's got toward doing a good job. We're enclosing his picture. And while we're on the Curtners, their middle son, Danny, has been quite ill in the hospital in Memphis, but has had surgery, and is recovering nicely now.



Pvt. Tommie Lee Curtner

Well, heck, we can't leave out the littlest son, Hey, Mike.

I'll swan, this is turning out to be an Esquire bit, nothing but male news. Arbie Glover and his wife are proud, proud parents of a baby boy, born February 9, weighing 6 pounds, 7½ ounces, and named Danny Wayne. I think everybody in Cross County is happy for the Glovers.

And on to more male news, we've lost Tommy Talley from our Resident Engineer's office in Forrest City. Tommy has been with the Department about 12 years, and has left to accept the position of Project Engineer of the Horseshoe Bend Development Corporation in Franklin, Ark. That's up in Izard and Fulton counties, and according to Tommy, is a beautiful resort development. The best part of the whole deal is that Tommy's family will be reunited, and have a full-time daddy instead of a week-end daddy. Good luck in your new endeavor.

Our sincerest sympathies go to our Bud Jones family of Vandale who lost everything they had in a fire. Their little daughter, Debbie, lived 22 days. Bud and his family have shown extreme courage and faith throughout these days, and may we say God bless each of you.

Do you know Herb Paris? He works out of the West Memphis residency, and came over one day with R. E. "Virg" Shassere. He stood around here in the office looking out the windows, up the street, down the street, all the time with the air of a man remembering.

Finally he turned around and said, "My, Wynne is growing!"

"Yes," we replied, "it sure is."

"Well," he says, "I spent one of the luckiest days of my life in Wynne."

"Well, how 'bout that!" says we.

"Back in 1929", Herb continued, we came down here to play football ("we" was Paragould), and it was the coldest day I can ever remember. It was snowing like crazy, but man, how we played! Won, too, by two touchdowns, and I made both of 'em."

"Gosh, you can't beat that," says we.

"Oh, yes, you can." says he, "I also

won \$300. shootin' craps."

He never did say who he won from, Wynne players, or Paragould players, but I'll bet there's some guy on the streets of Wynne lookin' for another guy who made two touchdowns and won \$300. on a cold day in 1929.

Until next "news due" notice, which will probably come day after tomorrow, we'll say, yawl come see us! (What's the matter, Janet? Aren't any of the ladies speaking to you? Ed.)



DISTRICT



Leslie Long



Tracy Mills, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Mills, and a native Pine Bluffian, is now a recognized fashion designer for Jackfin, Inc. in New York. He was the subject of a news article recently and we at District Seven can boast that we knew him WHEN. He worked for a brief period in our Maintenance Department during the summer of 1956. Tracy attended Henderson State Teachers College, Miami University at Oxford, Ohio and graduated from the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City. He then spent 3 years in Europe where he worked with the house of Fabiani in Rome, Phillippe Vent in Paris and Michael in London before returning to New York to design for Jackfin. Photographs of fashions Mills has designed for Jackfin appeared in October and November issues of Mademoiselle Magazine. Tracy has shaped an exciting and demanding career for himself and we think we'll mail him a bright new penny for a good-luck penny.

District 2 job superintendents, foremen and station attendants attended a meeting at Pine Bluff headquarters on February 28 for general discussion. John Harris presented 1966 Certificates of Safety to John M. Hollis, bridge foreman; Virgil Green and to J. Rabb, job superintendents; Pink May, area foreman, J. T. Rogers, signman, and K. F. Tyler, resident engineer, McGehee. This certi-

ificate is earned by the foreman who has not had a loss of time or chargeable accident in his crew for the past year. Congratulations to all of you.

'Red' Goins, Calvin Rawls and Barney Doss attended the schooling for service of Cummins Diesel Engineering Company's equipment, pumps, air compressors and motors, conducted by Cummins at the Jacksonville central shops.

A newcomer at the George Ashcrafts is baby daughter Ella May. She weighed 6 pounds 7½ ounces. George is employed in our Jefferson County crew.

Lanell Pierce, daughter of the James Pierces, was on the honor roll list of all A's for the first semester at Dollarway High School.

Barbie Hays, daughter of the Joe Hays', a student in Government at Dollarway, negotiated for her class to attend a session of the Arkansas Legislature. She was most honored to be invited to serve as a page for two days for the House of Representatives.

RABBITS ARE GOOD HUNTING - What critter sports no glamorous rack, flashes no spectacular plumage, whose mounted form rarely graces a sportsmen's den, and even few hunters list him among the top choices of the game they hunt? His name? The cottontail rabbit. And he's America's No. 1 game animal sought by hunters. Why? As a quarry, he's well camouflaged, fast, and full of tricks. He's good eating and easily prepared for the table. But the real secret of being No. 1 with hunters is the simple fact that he's available and abundant. How can cottontails stand a heavy harvest over a season that spans 5½ months in Arkansas? For one thing, the species is used to it. While the average cottontail's life span is measured in months, most never survive their first winter, whether or not hunted by man. True, some cottontails have been known to reach the age of seven and even nine years. (I bet most of our rabbit hunters in District 2 are not aware of this bit of information).



Employees taking the Basic Materials Inspection Course conducted recently by K. F. Tyler at our new lab on Highway 81 were: J. T. Akin, C. K. Bohannon, L. C. Tucker, C. E. Weaver, H. E. Hayden G. L. Dillion, L. E. Johnson, H. B. Jolly, E. W. Weaver, and R. C. Cullipher.



DISTRICT



Edna Lewallen



Charles Daniel Hatfield received his BSCE from the University of Arkansas in January and is now employed in Oklahoma City. He is the son of LeRoy Hatfield, heavy roller operator in the sealing crew.

Employees on the sick list recently are: J. D. Neighbors, Pike County; Mack Hicks, Hempstead County; and Ben Wilson, Little River County. Clay Penny, is hospitalized in Texarkana.

Terry Arnette spent the week end recently with her husband, Larry who is stationed at Camp Polk, La.

Derenda and Billy Jack Foster are proud parents of a little girl, Teresa Ann.

Eldredge Lee brought his grandson, Mike Flowers of Houston by the office to see us. Mike, age 5, was much more interested in seeing the trucks and bulldozers than he was visiting the ladies.

We are happy to have new employees Hubert Eugene McCauley and Doyle Milburn Moore join us this month. McCauley is working in Pike County and Moore is a member of the sealing crew. Jesse Jones was inducted into the Army and is receiving his boot training in California.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Clifton Almond, Nevada County, in the death of his brother who was killed recently at Red River Arsenal by a train.



DISTRICT



The Informers

This month we give a pat on the back to Bob Lewis, one of our younger employees, for being an energetic worker and an ambitious young man. He has been employed by the Highway Department since January 16, 1962, is married and the father of an eighteen month old daughter. Presently he is attending night sessions at Westark Jr. College in Fort Smith and making excellent grades, "A" in English and "B" in Introduction to Education the first semester. He plans

to major in Education and perhaps eventually teach. We know his industry and perseverance will be quite rewarding. Bob is "third generation" Highway Department. His grandfather, Pete Lewis, is a retired District operator and his father, Archie, is a special patrol operator on the Sebastian County crew with headquarters at Greenwood.

Another school boy of whom we are proud is Dallas Lafleur, twenty year old son of Clarence Lafleur, who works out of the Fort Smith headquarters. A junior at Arkansas State College in Conway, Dallas is a music major and made the Arkansas inter-collegiate Band, not an easy achievement. He hopes to become a band director and is seemingly well on the way.

Lynn Johnson, shop foreman, along with Bob Griffin, Emerson Hammel, Bill Sanders and Lloyd Thomas mechanics, attended a diesel mechanics school at Russellville on February 14.

On February 16, a blustery cold day with sleet falling spasmodically, Mrs. Oscar Gwyn, mother of Marge Parnell, our fuel clerk, sent hot, home-made vegetable soup and a delicious coffee cake straight from the oven for lunch for the girls. Needless to say, all five of us overate but enjoyed every bit of it. By the way, Mrs. Gwyn is the wife of a retired AHD employee. Oscar visits his former co-workers in the shop frequently.

Speaking of retired employees, we would like to have news of, or visits from those in our District who have retired, so let us hear from you, friends.

We were happy to learn that Locke Williams is recovering nicely from surgery and will soon be back with us, his usual "Curley" self.

February service pins went to Fay Barber, construction employee, 15 yrs., and to Leo Seal and Charley Cagle, maintenance employees - 5 yrs. R. A. Gray's pin was a little late, but we do not want to forget a 20 yr. milestone completed in November, 1966. Another anniversary we'd like to mention is Mona Gross' five yrs. with the Department. Mona is District secretary and we took a picture of Mr. Clayton "awarding" her certificate but it was lost in the mail, and she wouldn't pose for another. We'll get one of her another time.

On February 22, Washington's Birthday - when only the TRUTH is allowed, the prettiest little girl in the world, according to her excited daddy put in her appearance at Spark's Hospital in Fort Smith. Paula Anita weighed 6 pounds, 6½ ounces. Her proud parents are Anita and Jimmy Don Gregory. He is the robot operator on our roving crew.

Another newcomer we'd like to welcome is little Harold Dean Harper, grandson of County Area Foreman Curtis Oliver. Daughter Charlotte and her family live in Tulsa so the Oliver's don't get to see nearly as much of them as they would like.

Bud Hodnett, assistant maintenance superintendent, Fred McLaughlin, district equipment supervisor and Asa Duncan, retired equipment inspector, attended the party given C. Don Hayes at the new Highway Building February 22. All of us in District 4 wish to add our best wishes to those of Mr. Hayes' many other friends

and associates, even though many of us have never met him personally.

Curtis Oliver is sporting a 1967 white Fairlane - but he got it the hard way. Wife Elsie was in an accident that demolished their other car, but fortunately she wasn't injured seriously, though painfully. She is doing fine now and they are planning a week's vacation the first week in March.

F. L. Stovall, who has been on sick leave since early January, was in the District office February 28, looking fine. It's almost certain that he will be back on the job by the time this issue of the magazine is distributed.

We wish to extend our heartfelt sympathies to Emerson Hammel in the death of his father in Trenton, N. J.



DISTRICT



Marilyn Coffman

Mr. and Mrs. Verlon Roberson's son Keith and Janet Wheeland were married February 3, at the Methodist church in Pangburn. Our best wishes to the newlyweds.

Alice Dillin, clerk for Resident Engineer C. M. Benz, is back at work after a brief stay in Rogers Hospital in Searcy. Alice will return to the hospital the latter part of this month for surgery.

We welcome Roy Goatcher to our A.H.D. family. Roy will be working as stock room helper at our District Headquarters. Roy and wife Grace reside in Batesville and have one child, Roy Jr., who is married and now living in Tulsa, Okla.

Gene Taylor, station attendant, recently resigned to operate the Gulf Station on St. Louis Street, here in Batesville. We will miss Gene, but wish him the best of luck in his new business.

Comments from the Construction employees indicates the Basic Materials Course just completed was one of the best schools they have attended. Teacher Ralph Wyatt is to be congratulated.

State Troopers Garrett and Chambers from Little Rock, are teaching a drivers training course to construction and maintenance employees in our district. I also noticed Safety Officer Roland Humble attending the school. (I'm not sure if he's learning to drive or helping teach.)

Our deepest sympathies are conveyed to the Oscar Syfert family on the loss of his mother. Also, to Lorene Pickens, stock clerk, and Ruby Masner, retired fuel clerk, on the loss of their brother and husband W. B. Masner.



DISTRICT



Burnham & Campbell

Safety Awards for 1966 were received by the following offices in District Seven:

N. D. Pumphrey & J. B. Williamson, resident engineers; Homer Wilson and Harry Castleberry, area foremen.

Mary Nell and Joe Carlson are the proud parents of a daughter, Traci Ann, born February 8. Mary Nell is clerk for N. D. Pumphrey, resident engineer at Camden.

Congratulations to our District Bookkeeper, Sula Burnham, who received her 25 yr. service pin February 22 in Little Rock. Sula is one of few women who have received this distinguished recognition and we are all very proud of her. She was honored with a reception on the afternoon of February 24 at the District office and presented an engraved silver tray from her co-workers. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hicks and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Neighbors.



District 7 Maintenance Superintendent Grover Nunnally, former Director (and District 7 Engineer) W. E. Hicks, District Engineer Coy Campbell, Jr., and recently resigned District Engineer Frank Neighbors pose for the camera with Sula Burnham, District 7 bookkeeper at a refreshment table on the occasion of her completion of 25 years' service with the Department.



DISTRICT



McCoy and Howell

June, the month of weddings, has arrived a little early in District 8. Two of the men on the Pope County maintenance crew have chosen brides.

Jean McCoy has announced the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Barbara, to Gordon Dunn of Mapleton, Ore. The wedding will be an event of March 10 in Mapleton. Jean will leave March 4 to attend the ceremony.

Lewis McGee and Mrs. Thelma Crump were married February 4 at the home of the Rev. Shadwick in Dover. They are making their home in Dover.

Harley G. Williams and Joyce Hogan, daughter of Grady Hogan, were married February 10 at the home of the Rev. Dolphis Johnson. They are living in Russellville.

Two employees in District 8 are recuperating from broken hips, James C. Skaggs, a patrol operator in Faulkner Co., from an injury on the job, and Bryant H. May, a truck driver in Perry Co., who tangled with a horse at his home. We sincerely wish them a speedy recovery.

George Polk Whillock is resting at home following surgery at the Van Buren County Hospital in Clinton. We are hoping he returns to work soon.

Employees receiving service awards recently are: C. E. Gibbons, area foreman in Perry Co., 25 yrs.; Charles B. Thomas, resident inspector in Faulkner Co., 20 yrs.; and Virgil Casey, patrol operator in Johnson Co., 15 yrs.

Kathy, 10 year old daughter of Bernard and Elizabeth Bice, broke her right arm in a playground accident at school and there is a possibility of internal injuries. She has not returned to school as yet.

Welcome back to District 8, Reuben McConnell!

Terry Bice, with Construction in Faulkner County, has re-enlisted in the Air Force.

Danny Gray, son of U. L. and Ann Gray, is home on leave from the Navy. He will report to Norfolk, Va.



Marina Tankersley, field clerk for Reuben McConnell, has proven she has many talents. During the redecoration of the Field Office at the Faulkner Co. Area Headquarters, she assisted in laying floor tile. The proof is in the picture!

DISTRICT 9

Shirley Morton

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Frank Wilson announce the arrival of a 9 pound 9 ounce son, Joe Charles, on January 2.

Leonard Edgmon has recovered from a recent illness and returned to work in February. Good to have you back, Leonard.

The District 9 crews were busy February 16 and 17 clearing a 7" snow which fell fast and furious. The men worked long hard hours and did an excellent job in clearing the highways and keeping the traffic moving.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Duffy of Morrilton announce the arrival of a 7 pound 3 ounce baby girl, Shelly Miann, on February 16.

Little Shelly is the first grandchild for the very happy Ray Duffys'.

Arnold Billings who was injured in an accident several months ago returned to work February 16. We were very happy to have Arnold back with the crew.

John Burlsworth caught a fish! a 5 pound Bass!! His wife cleaned and cooked it before we could get a picture!



Frank Rose, stock clerk, taking the bird from his two year old setter, Lady. Frank is an enthusiastic sportsman - always ready for quail and deer seasons or a good fishing trip.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Norman Salmon whose mother passed away February 2; to Ellis Stewart whose father passed away February 11; and to Shinn Tennyson whose brother passed away at Joplin, Mo. on February 18.

DISTRICT 10

Isabelle Psalmonds

Most of the news around here during the month of February has been the weather and that hasn't been so good so we won't even talk about it, except to say that surely Spring must be almost here because today the men are putting out some of the shrubs and trees, etc. around the District headquarters. They will certainly add to the beauty of the grounds. We appreciate Raymond Behrens of the Beautification Section of the Little Rock office coming up to supervise the planting. Charles Hesselbein, job Superintendent, and some of his crew worked with him.



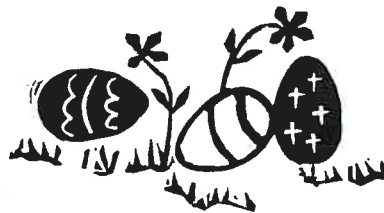
Allen Alexander, Clarence Bennett and William Jackson put out shrubbery around the Paragould headquarters while Job Superintendent Charles Hesselbein (right) and Raymond Behrens of the Beautification Section at Little Rock (second from left) look on.

John Sanders, Charles Holder and Virgil Stuart went to Little Rock to attend the farewell reception for Don Hayes on February 22.

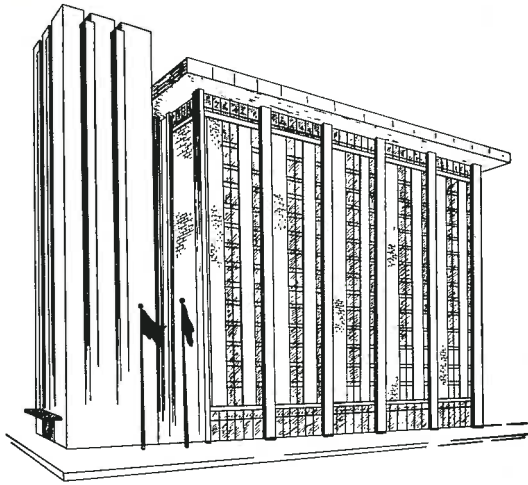
We thought perhaps it would be a good idea to introduce some of our personnel to you and we will begin with Thad Crowley, stock clerk. Thad is a native of Greene County. His ancestors settled what is now known as Crowley's Ridge State Park in 1819. He was Tax Collector for Greene County before coming with the Department twelve years ago...but we won't hold that against him. Thad and wife, Ruda, also a native of Greene County, have one son, Ben, a school teacher who is presently serving six months active service with the National Guard. Thad has recently been on sick leave with a heart condition. We all knew he had a heart but didn't expect it to act up like it did. We are all glad he is able to be back at his desk as stock clerk.



Thad Crowley



Happy
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Slogan in a blood-bank circular:
"Happiness is sharing a pint with someone!"

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A man appeared at a newspaper office to place an ad offering \$100 for the return of his wife's pet cat.
"That's an awfully high price for a cat," the clerk ventured.
"Not for this one," said the man. "I drowned it."

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"If you knew he drank, why did you marry him?" she was asked.
"I didn't know he drank," the girl replied, "until one night he came home sober."

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An oldtimer is a guy who can remember when the headquarters of the beat generation was the woodshed.

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In the old days you got fired for falling down on the job - now you get free hospitalization.

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"The ability to have our own way, and at the same time to convince others that they are having their own way, is rare among men. Among women it is as common as eyebrows."

—Thomas Bailey Aldrich

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The teacher was trying to explain the meaning of the word "sufficient."
"Now," she said brightly, "suppose there was a cat here and I gave him a saucerful of milk, which the cat drank. Then I gave him another saucerful and he drank that also. But when I gave him a third, he would drink only half of it. We can say that the cat had sufficient. Now, Billy, what does 'sufficient' mean?"
The youngster pondered for a moment, then replied:
"Sufficient means a cat full of milk."

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The pride of the Army, an expert paratrooper with 54 jumps to his credit, was being interviewed:
"What made you decide to become a paratrooper?"
He answered: "A plane with three engines on fire."

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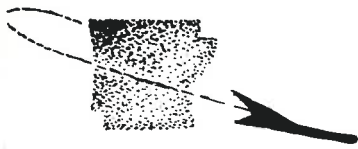
DAFFINITIONS

Estimo: "One of God's frozen people."

Rock & Roll: "Illiterate lyrics set to music."

Alimony: "A husband's cash-surrender value."

Gas: Something your son can somehow manage to drive the family car into the garage on the last drop of.



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Cover: Camden's new Highway spur, looking east where it underpasses Lincoln Avenue and Highway 7 (top). The 2.8 mile long south bypass of the city was completed the first of November at a cost of approximately \$629,000. H. C. Cathey Inc. of Camden built the roadbed and structures. Reynolds & Williams Construction Co., also a Camden firm, was the low bidder for the surfacing contract. Future plans call for continuation of the bypass to cross Ouachita River and connect with existing Highways 79 and 4 northeast of Camden.