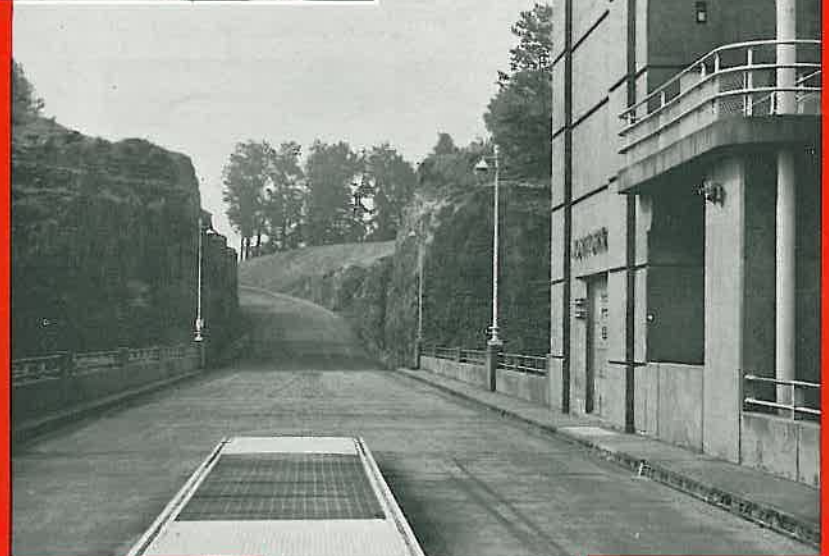


My coun - try, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of lib - er - ty, Of thee I 'sing: Land where my fa - thers died,
Land of the pil - grims' pride, From ev - ery moun - tain side Let free - dom ring!

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Paving on I-40 east of Russellville



Pier construction on Pendleton bridge

Contract Awards Exceed \$100 Million

THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION let contracts for more than \$100.3 million dollars worth of work during the 1968 fiscal year concluded June 30. Highway Director Ward Goodman, in an announcement July 1, said that this is, by far, the biggest construction program ever started in any one-year period during the 55-year history of the State Highway Department. This includes improvement to a total of 1,713 miles of State highways.

The April letting of over \$17 million dollars was also a record all-time high for a single letting.

The new road improvement program includes projects that vary from six lanes of interstate freeway in West Memphis to two-lane hard surface and reconstruction jobs on rural farm-to-market routes throughout the state. A large part of the program is the new type, high-level bridges at Fort Smith-Van Buren, Dardanelle, Morrilton and Pine Bluff that are being constructed in conjunction with the Arkansas River Navigation Program.

The maximum in current safety features has been incorporated into the design of all the projects, such as full width shoulders on most bridges, guard-rail protection, more gentle slopes, median barriers, glare deflector fences and break-away signs.

Along with the road improvements, the Department is continuing to build and improve a state-wide program of safety rest areas and roadside parks for the safety, comfort and convenience of Arkansas road-users. Numerous spot safety improvement projects were completed at high-accident locations.

The construction program was spread over the Federal-aid system as follows:

<u>System</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
Non-aid	32	\$ 2,429,000*
Secondary	920	26,573,000
Primary	583	38,675,000
Interstate	210	32,593,000
Total	1,713	\$100,270,000

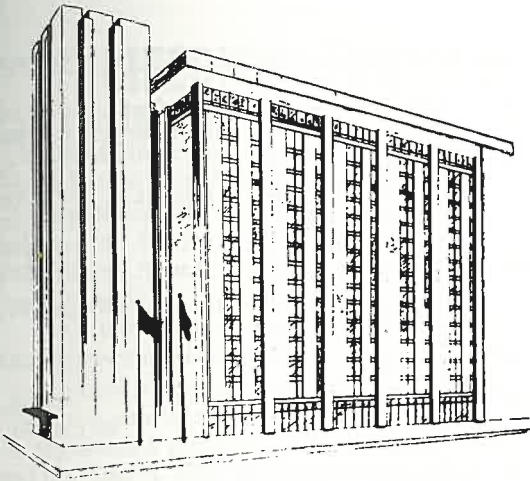
*Includes \$1,518,000 for two new District Headquarters Buildings.



New roadside park on U.S. 67 north of Corning



Contractor's batch plant for paving of job, top left



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COVER STORY

BLUFF AT NORFOLK GIVES WAY TO ROAD

The forbidding-looking bluff at the southeast end of Norfolk Dam across White River in Baxter County was removed by careful splitting and excavation so that Highway 177, which already crossed the dam to the bluff, could be extended to make a connection with a county road to the Jordan community. The project is now completed and the road

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open. D. B. Hill, Contractor of Little Rock was awarded the contract in March of 1967 on a bid of \$224,349.93. Below is a partial resume of the job written by Resident Engineer Ralph Wyatt of Batesville. Some of his comments may be quite technical for general reading but are illustrative of the unusual nature of this job.

The last shot has been fired, the dam is still there, the project is complete, and District 9 Engineer Jewel Whitaker at Harrison has accepted it for maintenance. (District 5 Engineer George Cavaness said his district shouldered the burden of construction and Jewel would just have to maintain it.) Several people breathed a deep sigh of relief when this became a reality. The longest and deepest sign came from Charles Sherley, the Highway Department inspector who lived with the job from beginning to end. Charles almost became a blasting expert on this job, but alas, he had to move back home and an expert is not without honor and recognition except in his home town.

During the 25 years I have worked for the Arkansas Highway Department, this was the strangest set of Special Provisions I had ever seen come out with a set of plans. Scattered through this set of provisions were phrases like "particle velocity", "vibration control", pre-splitting and etc. Nevertheless these provisions were well written and the blasting consultant, Charles Croker, employed by the contractor, D. B. Hill Construction Company,

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MAINTENANCE FORCES in the 10 Highway Department districts have completed 348.68 miles of betterment work on state highways during the four-month period of March-June. Betterment work includes overlaying existing highways with hot mix asphalt, replacement of bridges, shoulder work, leveling, widening and channelization. Jobs which were completed during the four months are listed below by districts. Not much of this type maintenance can be performed earlier in the year because of inclement weather.

District	Hwy.	Location	Mileage
1	70	Hwy. 38-Jct. I-40 (Selected Sections)	22.80
1	70	Prairie Co. Line- Monroe Area Headquarters	7.30
1	79	Prairie Co. Line-Jct. Hwy 33	2.60
2	138	Monticello-Northeast	7.00
2	65	Pine Bluff-North	11.50
2	15	Rowell-Calmer	3.00
2	293	Hwy. 54-South	3.20
3	67	Hope-Nevada Co. Line	9.28
3	67	Nevada Co. Line-Log Mi. 8.84	8.84
3	82	McKinney Bayou-Garland	8.43
3	27	Murfreesboro-Kirby	14.10
3	70	Okla. Line-DeQueen	7.60
3	70	Jct. 70 & 71-Dierks	11.06
3	355	North of McNab-South of Saratoga	4.55
3	27	Ben Lomond-Howard Co. Line	7.16
4	10	Sebastian Co. Line-Yell Co. Line	19.49
4	71	Six Mile Creek Bridge & Approaches	7.50
4	282	Silver Bridge Road	7.70
5	223	Bexar-Pineville	10.50
5	25	Charlotte-Cord	5.79
5	385	Plainview-South	3.00
6	270	Sheridan-East	11.04
6	33	Bisco-North	2.07
6	35	Sheridan-North	6.00
6	338	Sweet Home-West	5.16
6	31	White Co. Line-South	9.53
6	84	Hwy. 84 Bridge Replacement	-
7	82	Ouachita River-West	5.14
7	203	Woodberry-Jct. Hwy. 274	2.02
7	7	Southwest City Limits of Magnolia-Southwest	6.14
7	15	Jct. Hwy. 7-Industrial Rd. in El Dorado	3.02
7	167	Jct. Hwy. 7-North	3.68
7	7	Jct. Hwy. 82 North-W. 5th St. (El Dorado)	1.06
7	7	Jct. Hwy. 274-North	10.04
7	7	South of Elliott-South City Limits of Camden	6.31
7	376	Jct. Hwy. 4-West	4.38
7	274	Jct. Hwy. 4-West	5.90
7	4 & 7	Hwy. 4-Hwy. 7 & Hwy. 4 Spur- U.S. 79 in Camden	1.29

District	Hwy.	Location	Mileage
8	215	Wolf Pen Recreation Area-Oark	3.00
8	359	U.S. 64-Piney Bay Recreation	3.80
9	68	Jct. Hwy. 71-East	6.50
9	65	Newton Co. Line thru Pindall	5.00
9	68	Huntsville-West	6.50
9	65	St. Joe-North	6.00
9	68	Huntsville-Carroll Co. Line	12.65
10	2	Ditch No. 1 & Ditch No. 1 Lateral	340 Lin. Ft.
10	77 & 119	Selected Sections on Hwys. 119 & 77	5.52
10	135	Black Oak	.84
10	141	Log. Mile 1.60 (Replace bridge)	86 Lin. Ft.
10	18	Big Lake-West Edge of Blytheville	11.00
10	63	Imboden to Rest Area	6.25
10	139	Hwy. 139 Construction	4.56
10	117	Strawberry-Jessup	3.99
10	63	Hwy. 63 Leveling & Overlay (2 Sections)	5.49
10	251	Pocahontas-Warm Springs	2.40

The following sealing projects have also been completed since March 1. Most sealing is done after the first of July.

1	70	Area Headquarters-Brinkley	4.50
1	147	Lehi-Jct. 64	4.10
1	17	Jct. Hwy. 1-North	6.20
1	149	Hughes-Jct. 50	4.50
1	147	1.5 Mis. North of Bruins-Jct. 131	4.30
1	147	Jct. 131-Jct. 79	5.40
4	64	Jct. 282-East	20.34
4	64	Jct. 282-U.S. 71	8.54
4	219	Ozark-North	6.60
6	38	Hwy. 38 Sand Overlay	5.00
6	192	U.S. 70-East	5.99
6	291	Prattville-North	4.96
6	190	Tull-North	1.06
6	190	Hwy. 35-West	4.07
6	35	Sheridan-North	6.00
6	35	U.S. 167-East	5.00
6	338	Sweet Home-West (Shoulders)	5.16
6	294	Furrow-West	3.00
6	13	Humnoke-North	10.00
7	52	Goodhope-Jct. & wy. 4	7.13
8	330	Jct. U.S. 65-Old Choctaw	2.12
			<u>123.97</u>



DIRECTOR, TWO OTHER EMPLOYEES PRESENTED SERVICE AWARDS

HIGHWAY Director Ward Goodman, Ted Maryman of Hope and Clyde D. Thomas of the Jacksonville Shops were honored by the Highway Commission during their meeting in June with the presentation of awards for multiple years of service. Commission Chairman Armil Taylor of Clarksville made the presentations.

Goodman has been with the Department 35 years and director since January 1, 1967. Prior to that he was chief engineer and deputy director for 12 years. He is a graduate of the University of Arkansas and a registered professional engineer. He has been listed in Who's Who in Engineering and is a recipient of the American Association of State Highway Officials' Merit Award.

Goodman is presently a member of the AASHO Executive Board, a 4-year elective position, and chairman of the Standing Committee on Bridges and Structures, a 4-year appointment. He is also a member of the Planning and Design Policies Committee of AASHO.

Goodman was active for many years in Boy Scout work and holds the Silver Beaver Award. He is a 32nd degree Mason, a Rotarian and a member of Little Rock Engineers Club. He and Mrs. Goodman reside at 5905 Country Club Road in Little Rock. They have one son, Ward, Jr., and are members of Trinity Episcopal Church.

TED C. MARYMAN has spent all his 30 years in the Hope district where he is presently the maintenance superintendent. He has worked as a storekeeper, fuel clerk, job superintendent and assistant maintenance superintendent in earlier years and has completed several courses in highway engineering. He was born at Bradley in neighboring Lafayette County.

He is a 32nd degree Mason and Past Master of Whitfield Lodge No. 239. In his Masonic capacity he has presided over many funerals. He is an accomplished lecturer and has taught classes in first aid, safety and other courses. His hobbies are gardening and outdoor cooking, which must be a boon to his wife, the former Lena Henry of Hope.

CLYDE D. THOMAS, automotive foreman at the Jacksonville Shops, has completed 25 years of continuous service. He has worked as a body and fender mechanic and shop foreman before being promoted to his present position.

Thomas is a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the American Legion. In his spare time he likes to work in his workshop at home



Chairman Armil Taylor presents certificate to Director Ward Woodman

and fish. He is a member of Baring Cross Baptist Church of North Little Rock. He and his wife, the former Ola Ford of Saline County, live on the Gate 12 Road out from North Little Rock.

GEORGE W. COX, motor patrol operator with the Sevier County Area Headquarters, has also completed 25 years as a Highway employe but was not present at the Commission meeting to receive his award in person. His service has been continuous except for two years of military duty during World War II. He can operate all types of maintenance equipment.

Cox and his wife, Carrie live out from Gilham north of DeQueen. They have one daughter. His favorite pastime is camping and fishing, and sightseeing. He is a Baptist.



Chairman Armil Taylor presenting award to Ted Maryman



Clyde Thomas receiving award from Chairman Taylor

Cake and Punch is Reward for Service

It's become almost traditional that long-time Highway employees are further honored by refreshments and well-wishes after presentation of service certificates and pins for 25 or more years' service.



Director Ward Goodman, center, stands with Chief Engineer John T. Pendergrass, and Commissioners Smith, Taylor, Blackwell and Baker at the refreshment table

set up for him by his secretary. Some 75 friends and employes came by the Director's office to offer congratulations for 35 years of hard work with the Department.

Friends and co-workers of Clyde D. Thomas in the Equipment Section provided cake and punch for him and Mrs. Thomas (on either side of the table in foreground) for his 25 years of service. The Jacksonville Shops is a part of Equipment.





Courtesy, The Baltimore Sunpapers, Photo by Mortimer

SOMEONE long ago was moved to write a song whose lines include: "You're a grand old flag, You're a high-flying flag, And forever in peace may you wave..." The battle flag which inspired Francis Scott Key to coin the phrase, star-spangled banner, was indeed a grand old flag with quite a few distinguishing characteristics and much history enduring after it's wartime conception and debut in 1814.

It was destined to be one of its kind from the time Maj. George Armistead, Commandant of Fort M'Henry at Baltimore, dispatched two of his men to find a flag-maker to make the largest battle flag in the world - 42 ft. x 30 ft. It cost him \$409.90 but it remains today the largest American flag ever flown in battle.

So it was that Com. Joshua Barney and Brig. Gen. John Sticker sought out Mary Pickersgill, listed in the Baltimore Directory as a maker of ships' banners and flags.

She wove and hand-dyed 400 yards of wool bunting. Then, assisted by her mother, Rebecca Young who had made the Grand Union Flag in Philadelphia for George Washington, and her daughter Caroline, she made the flag, hand-sewn with 15 stars and 15 stripes, at a cost of \$409.90.

It's 1260 square feet contained about half a million stitches. The red and white stripes were two feet wide, as were the white stars. The 100-pound flag required a 24-man crew to raise it on a staff 97 feet high. It was quite a flag.

In 1814 the British, who had just sacked Washington, vengefully moved on to Baltimore, vowing to destroy the city completely because Baltimoran ships had almost driven British commerce from the sea, had outsailed, outmaneuvered and outfought British men of war again and again. But Baltimore fought back in a battle which raged two days, it's defiance seemingly expressed through the

The Star-Spangled Banner

--- Truly a Grand Flag!

display of it's huge flag. The great Banner, made for that battle, streamed high in the sky throughout the battle.

It survived the battle already being identified with the stirring patriotic song it had inspired Key, lawyer-poet-soldier, to write. But like many ironies of life, Americans kept on singing about the star-spangled banner but the Flag itself never flew again. In time it was forgotten, even abused. After the battle, the Fort commandant took the Flag for a personal possession, which he must have highly regarded, because it is said that when he wished to make a special gift to a friend, he would cut a strip from the famed Banner and present it with compliments. Today the tattered and faded remains are a part of the Smithsonian Institution.

A group of Baltimore women re-created the Banner in 1964 when they made a perfect replica in commemoration of the 150th

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MOORE ELECTED ASPE PRESIDENT



Photo Courtesy Ben Red Studio

Assistant Chief Engineer William L. Moore, right, was elected president of the Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers for the year beginning July 1. He succeeds William J. Driggers (center) of Garver & Garver, Little Rock.

Bob H. Crafton of Crafton & Tull Consulting Engineers, Rogers, was elected vice president. Crafton was with the Department when he and another engineer L. H. Tull, left to form their consultant firm.

John H. Dozier, Jr. (left) of the Pine Bluff Arsenal is the new secretary and Theodore B. Hannah of Garver & Garver is the treasurer.

Installation of officers was part of a two-day chapter officer workshop held at Coachman's Inn in Little Rock in June.

LOWDER ELECTED TO RETIREMENT BOARD

James E. Lowder, engineer of maintenance, has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the Retirement System for a two-year term beginning July 1, 1968. He is a 17-year man with the Department and a graduate engineer. He was District 3 engineer at Hope before being promoted to his present position two years ago. This is his first time to serve on the Retirement Board.

Other Board members are Julian C. Hogan, director of the State Administration Department; Mrs. Nancy Hall, State Treasurer; Chief Engineer John T. Pendergrass, all of whom are members by virtue of their position; and William L. Moore, assistant chief engineer for engineering operations. Pendergrass is chairman of the Board.



THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER *(Continued from preceding page)*

anniversary of "The Star-Spangled Banner." Yarn for the new flag was made of exactly the same fibre as the original in a plant which dates from the 18th century. Thirty-five members of the Baltimore Weavers Guild then wove the yarn into cloth on hand looms in their homes - 30 warp, 23 west - as in the original.

Women from patriotic, church and veterans societies, working

in the lobby of the Baltimore State Office Building, sewed on the flag from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. each day until it was completed. Absolute perfection was demanded in the re-creation. Every seam was pinned, then basted with a long stitch and a short. The same kind of thread was used as in the original. Next it was sewn in a running stitch, eight to the inch, and then felled and blind stitched,

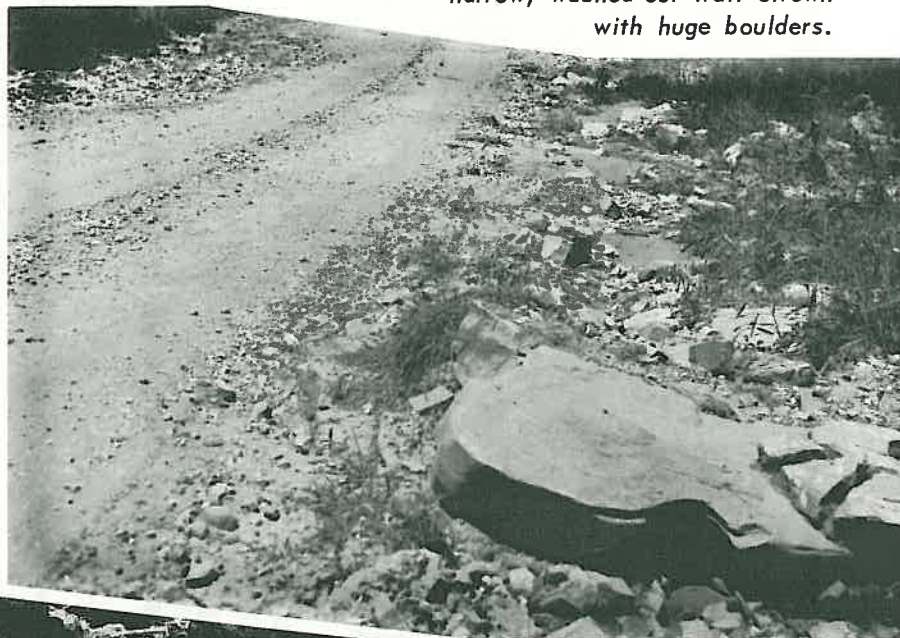
also eight stitches per inch precisely. Three sewings for every seam - including those to join the two lengths of cloth used for each white and red stripe.

The replica is on display to visitors in Mary Pickersgill's home, which has been preserved as a historical site, now known as The Flag House.

(Based on material from Holiday Inn Magazine.)

Remainder of Highway 103 Hardsurfaced

The last 5.8 miles of Highway 103 from Gobbler community northwest to Rudd and then northward toward Osage Creek in Carroll County is being improved from this narrow, washed-out trail strewn with huge boulders.



Necessary & Son Cons. Co., Rogers, and Northwest Arkansas Asphalt of Springdale are engaged in the "rocky" task of widening the roadbed. Hardsurfacing will extend to the end of existing pavement. The 5.8 mile job will cost about \$457,000. Carl Sanders is the resident engineer.

When completed the section under construction will join this already improved road. The new bridge over Osage Creek was built last year.



"Cap" Witherspoon Succumbs



Lucian Vance "Cap" Witherspoon, a permit clerk with the District 6 headquarters, died Wednesday, June 12 from a fatal heart attack. He had been with the Department 10 years.

Witherspoon, 65, was well-known by many in the Little Rock area as a former member of the Little Rock city police force from which he retired in 1958 after 29 years of service. As a captain in charge of the traffic bureau of City Police, he directed a "Courtesy is Contagious" campaign which won his office the highest safety award in 1952. After 355 days without a traffic fatality, Little Rock was proclaimed the safest city of its size in the country.

Witherspoon was a Presbyterian, a member of Pulaski Heights Masonic Lodge 673, the Arkansas Consistory, Scimitar Shrine Temple, Court 12 of the Royal Order of Jesters and the Peace Officers Association. He was an Army veteran of World War I and a Navy veteran of World War II.

He was born at Brown Springs in Hot Spring County, the son of the late Sidney and Mrs. Bertha Gray Witherspoon.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Millie Walizones Witherspoon; a son, Patrick Lee of Dallas; a sister, Mrs. Irvin DeLamar of Donaldson, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted in Ruebel Funeral chapel Friday, June 14 by Rev. R. D. Adams of First Presbyterian Church. Interment was in the National Cemetery.

DEAN D. CAPLE



Dean D. Caple of Malvern, area foreman of Hot Spring County, died Wednesday, July 3. He had been employed by the Department since July, 1956, and was a member of Woodmen of the World.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Nova Brown Caple; a son, Gene Caple, Malvern; two brothers, Dale Caple, Malvern; and John B. Caple, North Little Rock, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, July 5 at Atkinson Funeral Chapel of Malvern with interment at Poyen cemetery.

JOE W. ROLAND

Joe W. Roland of Poyen, a truck driver with the Grant County Area Headquarters, died May 17. He was 65 and had been employed by the Department since May, 1964.

Roland was a life-long resident of Grant County. He attended State Normal one year and Ouachita one year. He was a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Blue Lodge and the American Legion. He served a short time with the Army Engineers during World War II.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Ker-nye Ray Roland, Poyen; one brother, E. L. Roland, Poyen; two sisters, Mrs. Ollie Evans, Vivian, La.; and Mrs. Ethel Hopkins, Poyen.

Funeral services were conducted at Poyen May 20 by Atkinson Funeral Home of Malvern.

LETTERS

June 27, 1968

Dear Sir:

I am writing to tell you we think you have a good and thoughtful man working for you. When we were going through Arkansas, about 7 miles from Brinkley we picked up a nail in one of the tires on our trailer, which resulted in a flat. He came along behind us and asked to help. We needed a new tire, so he took my husband into town and back, helping to put it on. He also told us where to get a trailer park for the night.

He did not give us his name but we were told by the garage his name was Ross. We think he was great and appreciated it very much. The highways in your state are also fine, too. Thank you for having a man like that on your force.

Yours truly,
Lowel Hullinger
Hartford, Indiana

(Area Foreman of Monroe County, H. M. Ross, was the employe who assisted the Hullingers.)

Mulberry, Arkansas
July 4, 1968

Arkansas State Highway Department
Little Rock, Arkansas

Feeling very patriotic this morning I want to express something that has been on my mind for some time.

In the western part of our state, in Scott County, at the intersection of highways 71 and 23 is "Arkansas selling" things we have. This is the finest rest stop I've seen anywhere. It is very much used. I pass there often, and in summer when it is not the cold water is so good. In my travels I have found it sometimes difficult to find good drinking water. I know they cost money but I believe a ring of these around the border of Arkansas will be one of the best investments we can make for our state. We can let the world know that we mean it when we promise the good things "for the stranger who may rest 'neath her portals fair." And those strangers will bring GOLD into Arkansas.

Another thing, the highway men who work there and who are responsible for the beauty of the place simply glow with pride when I talk with them. They work hard and get more criticism than most workers, I guess. I'll bet they hear good things from the people who stop here.

I could go on and on but will close by saying --- I haven't been everywhere but wherever I have been there is no more inspiring beauty than within the borders of this state; let's make the most of it.

Sincerely,
H. Doyle Millard
Pastor Mulberry Methodist Church

(This park is maintained by Scott County Area Foreman Curtis Lee Oliver and his crew.)



Drawing by Bob Thomas of Roadway Design

LITTER IS FOR PIGS

OR IS IT?

Things have come to a pretty bad pass when people have become so messy that we do pigs an injustice by comparing people to them - but it happened.

The 1968 anti-litter campaign of Keep America Beautiful, Inc. includes ads to be used nationwide showing swine happily wallowing through litter on city streets, sunbathing on debris-strewn beaches and picnicking amidst piles of trash.

The campaign theme: Litter is for pigs, not people. A howl arose from organized hog growers that the whole idea did an injustice to the pigs. K.A.B. denied the protest and are proceeding with their campaign.

MAY LITTER COLLECTION

Maintenance forces picked up 342 loads of litter from the state's highways during the month of May, at a total cost of \$6,913.38. An expenditure of 3,180 man-hours were necessary to collect the rubbish which cost an average of \$20.21 per load. Department trucks were driven 16,776 miles for collection and disposal.

THREE SECTIONS RENAMED

Effective July 1, three Sections at the central headquarters office were renamed to more accurately reflect their duties and responsibilities.

The Beautification Section of the Maintenance Division was changed to Roadside Development, since they are responsible for junkyard control, landscaping, safety rest areas, use of herbicides, erosion control and various activities.

Records & Supplies (commonly called the Mail Room) was changed to Mail & Supplies.

Reproduction Section was changed to Records & Reproduction Section.

HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANTS ANNOUNCED

ARKANSAS TO RECEIVE \$50,000

Arkansas was one of 10 states designated earlier in June to receive a total of \$1,184,375. in highway safety funds. The total amount will be divided between 27 projects. Arkansas will receive \$50,000 on a matching basis for the conversion of hand-written motor vehicle registration records to computer tape. The safety grants are made to assist the states and their local communities in developing a highway safety program which meets the standards of the Highway Safety Act enacted in June, 1967.



DISTRICT



BILL REICHMAN

(District 8's news was received too late to be placed in the usual sequence. I see we have a new reporter from D-8. Hello, Bill Reichman. Let's hear a lot more news from you. Ed.)

Kerry Cavaness' residency had a fish fry Saturday night, June 22 at the Marina Lake Park in Russellville.

Louis Robison and Dean Ferguson recently received their certification from the Institute for Certification of Engineering Technicians.

Several employes in our District received service awards during June. E. Hankins of the Pope County maintenance crew, 20 years; D. C. Morgan, bridge carpenter; J. N. Hice, District fleet crew; C. L. Gilmore, Yell County area foreman; N. Broadrick of Yell County, and G. P. Whillock of Van Buren County, 15 years each.

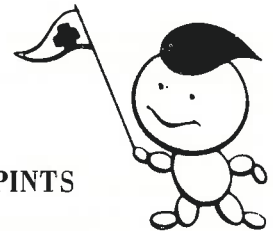
Ten-year awards went to W. E. Martin, dozer operator; and J. E. Bagley of Van Buren County. It was unfortunate that Mr. Bagley died shortly after receiving his award. We send our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the family.

R. F. Hutchins of Van Buren County and Ansle Simmons of Conway County received five year awards. To all those men we send our congratulations.

District 8 lost several employes in June due to retirement including J. R. Smith, bridge carpenter with the District crew; W. T. Taylor, mechanic in the District shop; W. C. Flowers and D. C. Morgan, service station attendants at Conway County area headquarters; and Denver Houston, Johnson County area foreman.

BILLY BLOODROP

EMPLOYEES DONATE 115 PINTS



Special thanks are due 115 Highway employees across the state for their donation of a pint of blood during June. Eighteen pints were given in May, making a total of 133 pints contributed toward the 850-pint quota for this year.

When the Red Cross Bloodmobile is in your area, be sure to make a donation to this very worthy and beneficial group employee coverage. Being unable to make a donation one time does not necessarily mean you can never give blood. Most persons over 18 and under 61 can give blood with ease and safety. Donations may be made every eight weeks.

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could find nothing wrong with them. However, he did convince all the authorities interested in this work that the transverse pre-split near the dam should be eliminated. This expert advice came through beautifully and of course saved considerable time and money.

The contractor made an exploratory cut which disclosed the solid rock to be at a much lower elevation than had been anticipated. It was determined that this overburden should be excavated with 2:1 back slopes, which caused the top portion of the cut to be 310 feet in width.

At last we came to the solid rock and excavation put on an entirely new face. Lines were laid out and drilling for pre-splitting began with drilling vertical holes spaced 18 to 36 inches apart. The full depth of the cut was drilled except between stations 102+00 and 103+50 where it was necessary to use two lifts in order to keep the pounds of explosive per delay within the limit set by the special provisions. (Station 101+48 was at the end of the dam.

Vibration levels were measured in accordance with the Special Provisions with a Sprengnether Three-Component Blast Seismograph. As a check, a second seismograph was at times placed on the dam walkway. A total of 70 readings were made with only 2 showing a particle velocity greater than 1.0 in./sec.

We would feel remiss in writing about this project if we didn't acknowledge the help and cooperation of Tom Rogers from the Little Rock Office of the Corps of Engineers and Mr. Green and Mr. Butcher from the Mountain Home Office.

The work was interesting and a pleasure to perform.

New Driver's License Manual Available

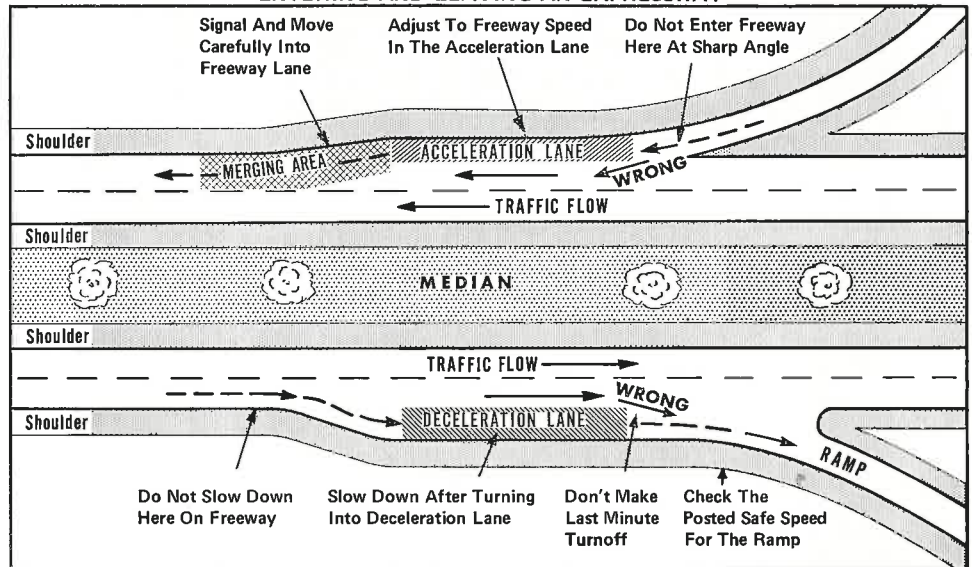


The Driver's License Division of Arkansas State Police has just released a new driver's manual. It contains an especially helpful section on expressway driving, entering the expressway and leaving it. As many people who hesitated at the entrance to an acceleration lane have found out, "he who hesitates, gets hit." Because entrance onto an expressway or other controlled access facility without stopping is against all the inclinations and long-time habits of drivers on two-lane roads and streets, many drivers still want to stop and look before entering the acceleration lane. The sketch to the right which appears in the manual, points out how to properly enter and leave an expressway.

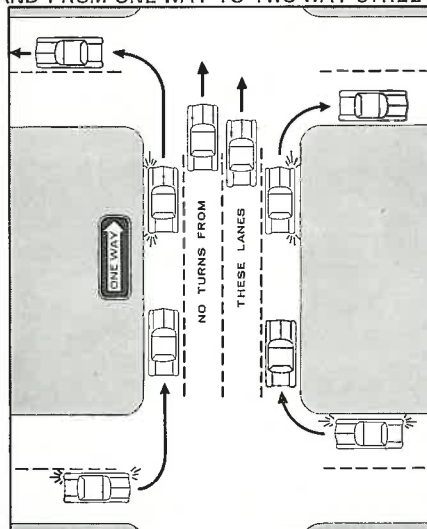
The proper way to make turns from a two-way to one-way street and vice versa, and turns on intersecting one-way streets, is clearly illustrated in the manual as shown to the right.

The cover of the manual features an aerial photograph of downtown Little Rock with the Markham Street interchange in the foreground. The photo was made by Highway Department photographer Johnnie M. Gray.

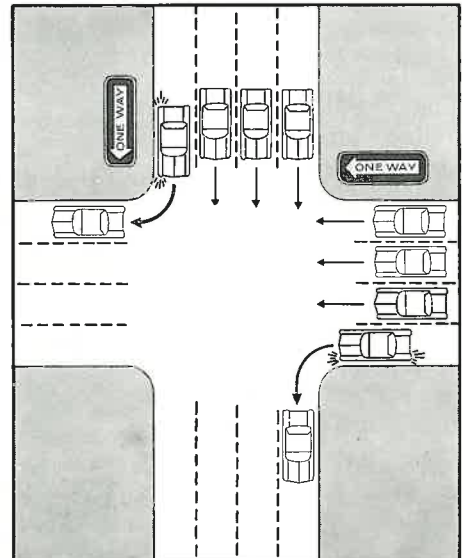
ENTERING AND LEAVING AN EXPRESSWAY



TURN FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY STREETS AND FROM ONE-WAY TO TWO-WAY STREETS



INTERSECTING ONE-WAY STREETS



... putt^{er}ing around!



Thirty-seven golfers participated in the Arkansas Highway Department's First Invitational Golf Tournament held at War Memorial Park during June and the first week of July. Tournament play, originally scheduled for the month of June, was extended through the first week in July due to excessive rain during June.

A hole-in-one, worth \$5.00, was made by Louis Dishongh and 41 birdies, worth 25¢ each, were made by various golfers. Tops in the birdie category were Travis Orton and Paul Keith who each had four.

Glendol Jackson set the pace for the tournament and led all the way, collecting \$15.00 in prize money. His scores were 56, 53, 54, and 54, respectively, for a 72-hole total of 43 under par with handicap.

Bill Courtney took second place honors, worth \$6.00, for his four-round 25 under par score.

Special prizes were won by the following golfers: **MAYO WHITE** - One dozen golf balls donated by Meyer's Bakery for making a remarkable tee shot which landed only 30½ inches from the cup on on No. 9 hole.

DAVID CONNER - One dozen golf balls donated by Arkansas-Louisiana Gas Company for a tee shot landing 8 feet from pin on No. 16 hole.

BILL MOORE - One and one-half dozen golf balls, donated by Ark-La Gas, and a haircut, shampoo, and tonic donated by Don Skinner's Baseline Barber Shop for being closest to par for the four rounds and also closest to par for the total score.

Larry Johnson and Bill Moore tied for closest to par for total score. They both ended play with a par 260 with handicap.

Jim Barnett, Bob Narrell, and John Bricker tied for lowest putts on their last round of tournament play. Each had a sensational 29 putts for his round which is tops in anyone's tournament.

Everyone who entered the tournament will receive golf balls as a consolation prize. A dozen of these golf balls were donated by Humble Oil Co.

Plans are being formulated now for a four-ball tournament during August or September. All interested persons should contact Larry Johnson, P & R, for a set of rules and placement in a flight.

TOTALS AS LISTED ON FINAL SCORE SHEET - PAR 260

	GROSS	HANDICAP	NET	RANK
Adams, John	320	56	264	13
Babb, Bernie	313	64	249	4
Barnett, Jim	383	68	315	22
Bingham, Nathan	351	104	247	3
Bricker, John	323	64	259	9
Caple, Frank	353	68	285	21
Conner, Dave	337	56	281	19
Cooper, Bill	366	100	266	14
Courtney, Bill	315	80	235	2
Dishongh, Louis	361	92	269	16
Jackson, Glendol	349	132	217	1
Jester, Lester	380	104	276	18
Johnson, Larry	356	96	260	10
Leathers, Rex	324	56	268	15
Ledbetter, A. C.	345	76	269	16
Loe, Dale	340	64	276	18
Martin, Don	320	48	272	17
Moore, Bill	348	88	260	10
Narrell, Bob	323	60	263	12
Orton, T.	311	60	251	6
Powell, Marlin	370	88	282	20
White, Mayo	352	80	272	17
Vandenberg, John	361	108	253	7
Cook, Wallace	339	84	255	8
Copeland, Roland	339	84	255	8
Keith, Paul	318	68	250	5
Herndon, John	342	80	262	11

Eight Boys' State delegates visited the central headquarters Friday, June 10. Front row, left to right, Jack Stockton, North Little Rock; Glenn Holden, Stephens; Phillip Holleman, Twist; and Larry Whelchel, Little Rock. Back row, Tommy Harris, Fort Smith; Keith Linn, Morrilton; Grover Butler, Cotton Plant; and James Reese, Summers.

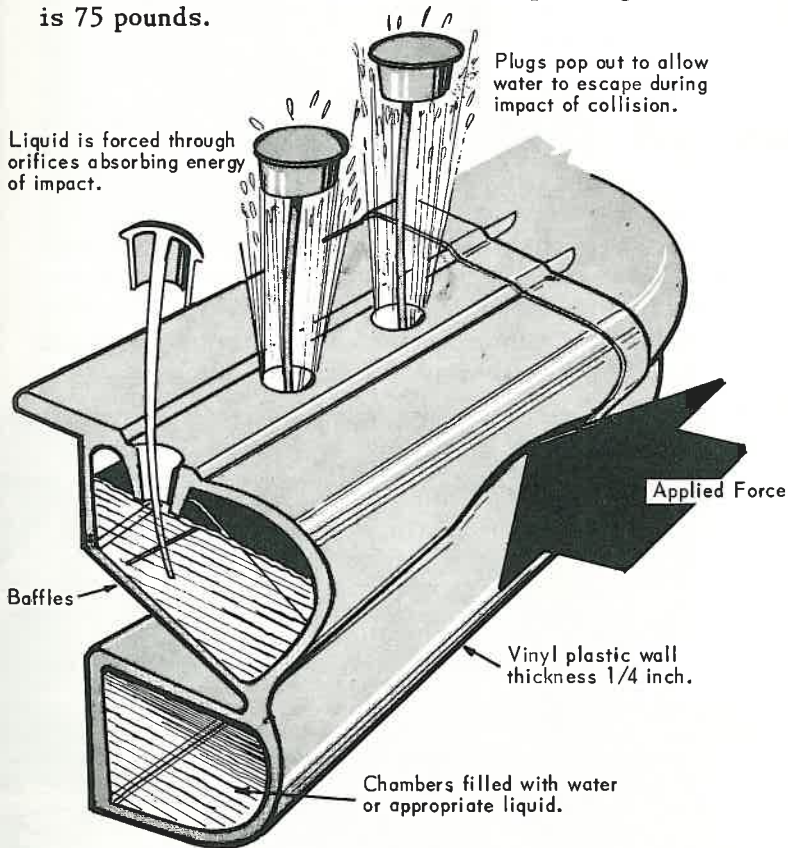


Energy-Absorbing Bumper Developed to Protect Vehicles from Damage

From the Highway Research Board comes word of the development by a California company of an automobile bumper designed to absorb energy from impact with other vehicles or stationary objects. The bumper is made of strong vinyl molded into one piece and bolted to a metal backing plate which is attached to the frame. The vinyl bumper is used instead of standard steel bumpers and is made to fit the design of the car for which they are to be attached.

The bumper is hollow and contains two chambers which are filled with water or anti-freeze liquid. Upon impact several plugs on top of the bumper pop out, releasing the liquid. Passenger car bumpers hold from four to seven gallons of liquid, while trucks, buses and other commercial vehicles hold up to 15 gallons. After an accident the liquid is simply replaced and the plugs, which are tethered so as not to be lost, are replaced.

The manufacturers claim the bumpers can withstand many impacts. Average additional weight of a set (front and rear), filled, for a passenger car is 75 pounds.



Cutaway drawing shows how the new device works.

I'm afraid my wife is getting tired of me, mused the contractor as he munched his lunch. Every day my sandwich is wrapped in a road map.



Results of a steel against steel impact at 17 mph.

Tests conducted by Dr. Charles Y. Warner of Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.



Results of a vinyl against vinyl impact at 18 mph.



The size and shape of the vinyl bumper is governed by the vehicle to which it is attached. Bumpers are available for vehicles ranging in size from Volkswagens to buses and trucks.



"Be a little careful there, I don't think he has his safety hat on."

OHIO ROADSIDE PARKS BENEFIT FROM DISTAFF TOUCH



Mrs. Arthuretta Carey

In Ohio, which according to the OHIO INTERCHANGER has the best roadside parks in the nation, a new innovation is literally "at work" in the care of 12 of the state's 275 roadside rest areas. The caretakers of those 12 are 10 women who are part of a crew of 170 Highway Department employes responsible for rest area maintenance.

Their duties include mowing grass, trimming, removing snow and ice in the winter and keeping the parks, which range in size from a quarter-acre to five or six acres, clean. They also serve as official greeters to many weary travelers who stop, cheerfully dispensing smiles and information. Most of the ladies say they prefer keeping busy outdoors, rather than puttering around the house when their children have grown up or away at school.



Mrs. Iris Cannon

A Birthday for Mac

Cons. Engr. Mac Hurley jokingly lamented during cake and coffee for Asst. Cons. Engr. David Moore's birthday May 25 that in all his years at the Highway Department he'd NEVER had a birthday party, but he really binged June 27! There was not one - but two! His secretary, Luci Dishongh staged

a noon potluck in the sumptuous way that Luci can and the Construction office and Final Estimates Section were on hand for fellowship. In addition, District 6 remembered him with cake and coffee during the morning break. Mr. Hurley is a former District 6 Engineer.



The Hurleys try to decide how they'll be able to get a bite of everything.



Luci helps John Holder's plate as co-workers gather to share the fare.

Around The Department

So long, it's been good to know you, Jay Ehrhorn, and may you be a good varitypist and layout artist wherever you go! Jay and her family moved July 10 to Mt. Prospect, Ill. where her husband had been transferred. Her sunny personality, mannerisms and particular Italian antics are surely missed. Mary Herndon pins a corsage presented at a luncheon in the cafeteria July 3 which 39 friends attended. The going-away gift was a lazy susan.



One of the most disagreeable things about being Magazine editor is to read through all the Department news during vacation time. Seems like most everyone has "gone West, young man" to Hemisfair, and the remainder took off for "them thar hills" to make a personal acquaintance with Jubilation T. Cornpone and the rest of the illustrious citizenry of Dogpatch, U.S.A. There is one little remainder, though, which hasn't been to either place—that's me. So far I've seen a film on Hemisfair and a brochure on Dogpatch but haven't been out of the city limits except on company business.

Butch Wilson from the Mail Room and his family visited his grandparents in Indiana and said they enjoyed seeing that part of the country for the first time. Helen McCook, also of the Mail Room, spent her vacation visiting with her relatives who came down from St. Louis. Jo Malone and her husband vacationed in Houston . . . Ernestine Tucker and husband at Panama City. (Ernestine's tan is the envy of many like me who just don't.)

Ed Orsini is just back from Fort Myers, Fla. and said that rain kept him from doing the fishing he went to do, but he did the next best thing. He didn't say what that was, though!

It was a pleasure to meet Frank Newsham's family, his wife and their youngest

daughter and her husband, Frankie and Mike Oenbring from Lincoln, Neb. He brought them out to see the building when they visited here in June.

I guess "shin splints" is one way to get out of mowing the yard but when a case is as bad as Al Dunn's, I don't believe it's worth it. He had to have his right leg in a cast from the knee down for three weeks while the muscles healed. Evidently shin splints can be caused from some other reason than running track. This hasn't been a very good year for Al's limbs—he had an arm in a cast for weeks and weeks earlier.

Bud Witter has been telling me all about the trailer and fishing barge which he and Lucy have down at Crystal Springs west of Hot Springs, about how they are planning to soon give up their apartment in town and live there, and how peaceful and pleasurable it all is. Anything that sounds like that much fun, bound to be indecent.

It was good to see former Legal chief Dowell Anders who paid a brief visit to the main office on June 17 while vacationing in the south with his family.

Brenda McRaven was sent away with cake, punch and a gift of remembrance when she resigned in June to become secretary to Dr. Joe K. Lester in North Little Rock. It's never difficult to get a group of men together when cake is being served. Fellow employes of Brenda are left to right, Chester Jester, Frank Blaylock, Marshall Smith, James Mellard, Boss V. O. Campbell, Claudis Bryant, Sharon Jobe, Ray Maxey, and Harold Guinn and Earl Hillis of the Sign Shop in North Little Rock.



Robert Holland, Millie Houston, Fero! Jones (Director's office), Gary Lewis (Final Estimates), Pete Escarre partially hidden (Microfilm), Larry Imler, Marvin Staton, Bill Rainwater, Charles Freeman, Charles Walther, and beside Mrs. Hall, Jerry Lewis and Ken Rounsavall.

Dowell is now General Counsel for the Bureau of Public Roads in Washington, D.C.

Jane Greenlee at the switchboard had a birthday June 26 and was remembered with flowers. Commission Secretary Bertie Carr's husband remembered her with ever-beautiful red roses on their anniversary. It was thoughtful of him to send them to the office so all of us on her floor could enjoy them.

I visited on the phone recently with Olin "Randy" Randle who is getting ready for the wedding of her granddaughter, Robin Ann Randle of Fayetteville. It will be an event of July 13. Robin is an art student at the University who plans to become an interior decorator. Randy is retired from Accounting.

Surprises are the order of the day around the main building lately. Asst. to the Chief Engr. Henry Gray and Director Ward Goodman were surprised with cake and good wishes on their birthdays. R. B. Keene was equally surprised at a get-together of a group of employees for the presentation of his 10-year service certificate. We all ate of his congratulatory cake and talked about how pretty it was while trying to forget that those calories will show up on the scales in about three days. Oh well, carpe diem.

Just received by way of the stork line: Gail and Fred Fisher's second little daughter arrived Friday, July 12. Gail was formerly in the Director's office.

It's "back home" for Sharon Jobe who has been hired to take Brenda's place, who was hired to take Sharon's place when she took maternity leave in 1965 after three years' employment. Sharon also worked a year and a half in the Permit Section in 1966-67. It's nice to have you, Sharon. (Continued on page 26)

Roy Hall, who has been our "keeper of the vault" since July 1964, retired June 17. The folks in Office Engineer's arranged coffee and cake and Mrs. Hall was present to receive good wishes along with Mr. Hall. Others in the picture are from left to right, Vershel Roy, Bob Andrews, Bernie Cox (Procurement), Hu-



BRIDGE DESIGN

BETTY CLAUDE

Congratulations to Jim Matthew's son, Jimmy on his recent graduation from Central High School. He plans to enroll at LRU this fall. Congratulations are also in order for Mary Matthews on her engagement to James Johnson. Mary attends Ouachita College and James, Henderson State College at Arkadelphia. Their wedding is planned for August 16. My son, Gary graduated from LRU this year, and is working this summer for Ben Hogan Construction Company. In September he will leave for Marine Officers School at Quantico, Va.

Dale Loe was a spectator at the Memphis Open Golf Tournament recently. He said you should have seen 20,000 people clear the course when the officials began to shoot flares into the air warning the on-lookers of a tornado approaching Memphis.

Alice Joe had a birthday (we won't say which one) recently. Barbara Oldham of Secondary Roads, Frank Harrison and I surprised Alice with lunch at the Holiday Inn, and a birthday cake minus candles. Isn't it nice to surprise people on their birthday? We usually can't surprise Alice too often, she is too cagey, but this is one time we did.

Robert and Kay Seay are the proud parents of a 7 pound 7 ounce boy, named Robert Lewis, born June 21. Now we will see how well Robert can adjust to a complete new kind of life - bottles, diapers, lack of sleep, etc. It's a great life, Robert, so enjoy every minute of it.

We welcome two summer employees to our group, Don Bratton and Lavern Williams. We hope they enjoy their summer with us, and may find the work interesting enough to make it permanent sometime in the future.

Roger Almond spent two weeks in our division as part of his engineer training program. We were happy to have him and hope he, too, will be back with us in the future.

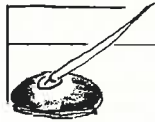
Jim Matthews was away on military leave for two weeks in June, teaching in the USAR School at Sandia Base, N. Mex. He reported the weather to be hot, very hot!

Dan Morgan visited with us one afternoon while he had some time off from his duties at the Air Base. His Guard Unit was activated in January. We all were so happy to see Dan, and realized once again how much we miss him.

We are happy to have Frank Harrison back after surgery on his right arm. He still carries it in a sling though, and so is learning to use his left hand fairly well. Welcome back, Frank.

L. P. Carlson's son, Larry wrote from Alaska about a recent salmon fishing trip. One weighed 30 pounds! But the main story he related was of sighting a whale in the distance. Shutterbug Larry

always has his camera in tow, so he prepared to take a picture of the whale when it came nearer. And come nearer it did - so fast that before Larry could get the picture made, the whale was within 25 feet of the boat! Needless to say, Larry abandoned the camera and moved the boat away as quickly as possible. Eyeball to eyeball is certainly a realistic way of observing a whale, but hardly the safest. Don't you readers agree?



OFFICE OF

CHIEF ENGINEER

JOYCE SPENCER

Al Johnson, wife Penny and sons, Rusty and Brad, enjoyed a combination business and vacation trip this month. Al attended a meeting in Washington on detecting and correcting high-accident locations, which was sponsored by the Bureau of Public Roads. They stopped at various points of interest along the way, spent one day in the Shenandoah Valley and visited Al's parents in Falls Church, Va. Al said his conclusion was that Arkansas has better highways than Tennessee and Virginia.



George Ashby Toney, III

Jo Malone and husband Cecil spent a week in Houston recently. Jo reported that they saw all the sights but she came back with that rested and relaxed look. Their daughter and grandson are staying with them this summer while husband and father is away at Summer Camp. Enclosed is a picture of George Ashby Toney, III; Grandmother just happened to have one.

Pete and Rebecca Daggett have just returned from a week's vacation in State College, Penna., home of Penn State. They visited their daughter, Janie Ross Vaught, her husband Carl Gray and daughters, Jennifer and Cheryl. Pete

says that the only way to travel is via jet. He enjoyed the royal treatment dispensed by the airlines.

John Kizer, wife Maxine and children Lana Dee and Eric spent a few days around the 4th visiting Hemisfair and Six Flags.



COMPUTER SERVICES

FAY SULLIVAN

Vacations! Vacations! Almost everyone in this Department is either recovering from, or making plans to take one.



Kelly, son of Suelene Goode, attended YMCA's Day Camp Grundy for two weeks in June. The climax of the camp was two nights of overnight camping. This gave Kelly, who is seven years old, his first experience in camping out at night. Ghost stories around the campfire helped to set the atmosphere for the chills and shivers that go with night camping. Kelly won second place in Archery - Riflery - Boating - and that's not counting the fish he caught.

Mary Reynolds changed her name to Mary Green on June 21st. We presented her a gift, along with our best wishes, in honor of the occasion. The couple is making their home at Malvern.

At press time, we were sorry to learn that we will be losing two of our employees. Suelene Goode is leaving us to live in Tulsa, and Martha Langley is leaving for Fayetteville. We will miss them both.

Two old fellows in Pennsylvania were scanning the angry sky when one said to the other:

"Reminds me of the clouds back in South Carolina just before the hurricane struck last week."

"Bad, was it?"

"Well, I never had no intention of visiting Pennsylvania!"



EQUIPMENT AND CENTRAL SHOP

TYRONZA HINES

Frank Pitts just returned to work from two weeks' summer camp with the Army National Guard at Ft. Chaffee located near Fort Smith.

This reporter's husband, Sonny, will also be at summer camp at Fort Chaffee starting the week of July 15. He is in the Army Reserve.

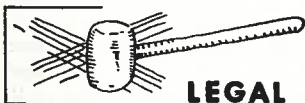
Avalee Padgett spent the 4th of July moving into a new home in North Jacksonville Heights. She is still busy unpacking and doing all the things that go with moving. We know she will enjoy her new home though.

This reporter, husband and two-year-old just returned from a two-week vacation spent traveling the northern part of the state. We visited Dogpatch located on Highway 7 between Jasper & Harrison, then went over the line into Missouri for a quick trip through Silver Dollar City at Branson and then to St. Louis where we visited my cousin and family, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Tucker and two-year-old son. Of course, they showed us all around St. Louis. We really had an enjoyable, though exhausting, time. We need another vacation now to rest.

Parker Harden, his wife, and their daughter, Aundra Kay, were on vacation the week of June 24 - 28. They enjoyed seeing the Hemisfair at San Antonio, Texas and some of Old Mexico.

Commissioner Arnil Taylor presented a 25-year award to Clyde Thomas on June 26. Clyde is body foreman at Central Shops. After the presentation, Clyde and his wife, Ola, attended a party for him in Equipment Office where cake and punch was served.

Jo Ann Wolfe's six-year-old daughter, Paula, just returned home from Memphis, Tenn., where she spent two weeks with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Wolfe. Paula and her grandparents drove to Mississippi and spent a week at a lake resort where they did lots of fishing. This might sound like a "fish story" but Jo Ann says Paula caught five fish and that is pretty good for a little girl.



LEGAL DIVISION

JOYCE PORTER

Condolences to the family of Thomas Keys on the death of Mrs. Keys' father, David C. Thomas, age 76 of Curtis, Arkansas. He was a veteran of World War I and a member of Curtis Baptist Church.

Mrs. J. N. Dowell, mother of James Dowell, sustained a bad fall out in her yard last month and broke her left arm in three places. We hope that she gets along fine and that the arm mends rapidly.

Doris Harper, children and friends took a little trip to Florida last month... visiting Pensacola, Panama City, St. Augustine, Jacksonville and other points. They finally wound up in Waycross, Ga. Doris brought back some of Georgia's home grown peanuts. They were the largest and best peanuts I have ever eaten. We'll let you go back again, Doris, if you promise to bring some more peanuts.

Happy birthday to the following in July: Annette Youtz and my daughter, Melaina on the 17th; Helen Hackett on the 15th; and Ken Brock on the 22nd. Also a belated Happy Birthday to Lucille Westbrook, as we missed hers on May 12th.

We had an unexpected but very welcome visitor last month - Dowell Anders. Dowell was head of Legal several years ago before becoming General Counsel to the Bureau of Public Roads in Washington, D.C. That's just too far away. Dowell is still missed and everyone was thrilled to see him. We hope he can come back and visit with us again real soon.

Our sympathy to Doris Harper and family on the death of her father, John W. Sturdivant of Tulsa, Okla. Mr. Sturdivant, 64, was founder and senior member of Sturdivant Insurance Agency, Inc. of Tulsa. He was a former resident of Little Rock.

Some of you will remember Faye Skinner who was a secretary in Legal several months ago. Well, she and Bill are the proud parents of a new baby girl, Stacy Lynn, born June 3, weighing a little over 9 lbs. Congratulations, Bill and Faye. We hope they will bring little Stacy to see us soon.

Hazel Carraro and daughter, Gloria, spent a few days' vacation visiting friends in Monroe, La. They reported a good time, just didn't last long enough.



PLANNING AND RESEARCH

P & R STAFF

Sharon Pelley, who was our switchboard operator, resigned to become a full-time housewife. On her last day, all the girls in the Division took her to lunch at the Pizza Hut. Sharon is a most pleasant and agreeable person and she will be missed around here. Her new position - full-time housewife - certainly is appealing though.

Billie Whiteside, who was a secretary in our Front Office, resigned. From many job offers, she decided to accept a position with the U. S. Department of Agriculture in the Cotton Division. She said the ten years she spent with the Highway Department were the happiest of her working life thus far, and she wished to thank all those who contributed to the pleasure of her job. We will miss her not being around to correct the grammar errors in our compositions.



New employees are, left to right: Brenda Kirkpatrick, Lane Apple, Sara Read and Adelia Lewis.

Brenda, a bride of five months, is presently filling in as our switchboard operator; however she will soon be permanently placed in the Data Analysis Section. She was employed by Commercial Credit Corporation before coming here. Lane, a typist in the Front Office, is from Harrell and now shares an apartment with a girl friend in Little Rock. She has attended Arkansas A & M and Arkansas Tech. Sara works in the Mapping and Drafting Section. She attended Little Rock University one year before going to Vocational School to study drafting. Adelia, also a typist in the Front Office, is a native of Hot Springs now living in Little Rock with her sister. She attended Henderson College one year.

Louis Belcher, who worked in our Traffic Engineering Section, has been transferred to District 4.

John Longcoy's wife was in the hospital for a brief stay in June. We are glad to hear that she is doing fine now.

Larry Whelchel, the son of former employee Y. W. Whelchel, visited us while representing Boys' State as Highway Director. He is certainly a polite, personable young man of whom his parents must be very proud.

Sue and Buddy Walls celebrated their third anniversary June 11. For having been a perfect wife for three years, Sue received a set of luggage from Buddy. At least we think that was the reason.

Karen Phillips of Field Data Collection and Dick Deviney of Traffic Projections were married June 22. The office gave them a set of towels as a wedding gift. Karen, bowing to Departmental policy, resigned and is now working in the office of the AG Warehouse. Our best wishes to this very nice young couple.

Congratulations to Carl Bratcher, one of our fieldmen, upon receiving his 15-year certificate of service award.

John Hume's birthday was celebrated a day early due to the whim of the cake-baker. A carrot cake was served to members of the Finance and Economics Section and to those lucky enough to "drop in" while the supply lasted. Fernie Speights baked a white chocolate cake for Larry Johnson's birthday since he always complains about her bringing chocolate cakes to the office.

The worst kind of reducing pill is one who keeps telling you how he did it!



The little lady above is Tracy Lain Johnson, Larry and Marcia's youngest. She is five months old. Bet the three females in his family keep Larry under control.

M. L. Beckett and his family spent several days in Florida in the St. Petersburg and Tampa area. Fishing wasn't as good as usual but they discovered a very good restaurant in Clearwater called Kapok Tree Inn. Beautiful gardens surround it and the dining rooms are most unusual and fancy. The food was wonderful and the price was very reasonable. Can you imagine shrimp the size of drumsticks? Of course, he didn't sample the drinks available in the cocktail lounge; but he looked in and can describe, rather aptly, the unusual drinks being served — in case anyone might be interested.

Fred Helton spent a week in Kenora, Ontario, Canada, on a fishing excursion. The fishing wasn't as good as usual there either, and continuous rain during his stay hampered the adventure somewhat; however, he is already planning another trip and even hopes to take his family there. He described the countryside as beautiful and the wildlife, including bears, abundant.

Members of P&R who vacationed in Texas with their families are: Bill Looney, Stuart Pattillo, and Buddy Lewter. They saw such sights as Hemisfair, Astroworld, Astrodome, etc. Stuart reported that it rained everyday they were in Texas so his tan was acquired on an Arkansas fishing trip after his return. They all sounded as if they had a good time and enjoyed everything they visited.

Charles Parsons can give you a pretty current report on fishing at Millwood Reservoir. He caught several fish there during a weekend in Nashville visiting with Bennie's parents. Lee Gibbons can report on Greers Ferry, as his family camped out there recently.

We extend our sincere sympathy to John Vandenberg in the death of his sister, and to Hugh Davis in the loss of his father.

Mayo White's son, Larry, has completed his tour of duty in Vietnam and is home on leave. He has been assigned to Fort Bragg where he will receive additional training.

Ruby Crouse is now wearing contact lenses. We applaud her tenacity. She certainly made the whole operation appear awfully easy.

Howard Snow was elected Junior Vice-President for Navy of Department of Arkansas Reserve Officers Association. He represented this group at the National Convention of The Reserve Officers Association held in Miami, Fla. His comments about Miami were very interesting. He saw some rather wierdly dressed individuals. It would seem from his description that he didn't miss seeing much.

Betty Wiggins' niece from Wichita Falls, Texas, has been visiting her. She certainly has a lot of company, so she must be a good hostess and cook.



We appreciate the assistance of our summer employees a great deal. Jo Anne Schmand, left, is with us for the first time this summer. She is a junior at the University of Arkansas. Jane Rausch, second from left, Lou Alley, second from right and Hugh Davis worked for us last year. Jane is a junior at Hendrix; Lou a junior at Ouachita Baptist University; and Hugh will graduate from Tech in January.



ACQUISITION SECTION

Leroy Elledge spent a few days visiting the Hemisfair with his family. He reported that a very enjoyable time was had by all.

ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

Linda Young and Sue Witherington honored former file clerk Mary Arey with a baby shower at their apartment Wednesday evening, June 26. Games were played and delicious refreshments served, the highlight of the evening being a hula hoop performance by Retha Griffin. Ten girls were present. Everyone must be wishing for a girl because most of the gifts were pink and frilly.

The Gip Robertsons took a vacation to Hemisfair '68 at San Antonio, Texas. They recommend it to everyone.

Nathan Garrett and family also vacationed at Hemisfair and visited Nathan's mother in Corpus Christi.

APPRAISAL SECTION



This picture will introduce you to Cynthia Ann, who came to live with Herbert and Wilma Heffington on June 17, at the age of nine weeks. She has light brown hair and blue eyes. We are real happy for the proud new parents.

Bob and Zola Shockley flew to Miami Beach June 26 to attend the Sertoma International Convention. They spent four days and had a wonderful time, touring all the scenic spots of Miami Beach and surrounding area.

In preparation for future anticipated float trips, Bob Hamilton tried his small fishing motor on a new canoe, ending up (as we could all expect) upside down in the water, swimming fully clothed. We hope he gets plenty of practice before making any serious attempts at big water. Bob and family planned to fly to Iowa for the weekend but unpredictable weather conditions prevented them from making the trip. This may point out one of the reasons Bob would like to see another interstate road running north out of Arkansas, through central Missouri and north to Minneapolis.

ENGINEERING SECTION

Vacationers from this Section the past month were Ronald Johnston, Ellen Gross, Shirley Childress and Fred Williams.

Ronald took two whole weeks and indulged in his favorite pastime, fishing.

Ellen took an extra day after the 4th and she, husband Rodger and sons Jimmy and Roddy visited Ellen's family at Horse Shoe Bend Estates. She reports they had a real good time swimming, playing golf and picking berries.

Shirley and family went on a three day camping trip to Shiloh on Greers Ferry. Others in the camp were Shirley's sister and family from Tucson, Ariz., her parents and sister's sister-in-law and two children. There were seven adults and six children in all. It was a very successful camp with beautiful weather all three days and no injuries except for sun bums. The only real exciting thing that happened was when Shirley's husband, Andy caught an 8 lb. 12 oz. walleye.

Fred took two days off to visit with his brother and family vacationing from Florida. Fred is so busy these days with his Teeny League ball team that it is hard for him to find time to visit with anyone, but he and his brother did manage to get in a few rounds of golf.

Dick Wallace and his wife, Jean were involved in a minor car accident several weeks ago and just about the time they got their car fixed, Dick's father was driving the car and had another minor accident. We are glad both were minor and no one was hurt.

Jim Mode is one of the luckiest people we know. His car had another accident when he was not in it. This time it was parked in front of a washateria when a car rolled into the side of it.

Vick Winchell is very proud of his new '68 Mustang but not as much as his wife, Sue. As best we can figure out, it has a maroon exterior and red interior.

Glendol Jackson is very proud of his new camper and plans are in the making to use it real soon.

UTILITIES SECTION



Carl Petz, above, is the latest addition to this Section. He is a graduate of Benton High School and attended Little Rock University for two years. He and his wife, Donna, reside in Benton where he is a member of the Civitan Club. He tells us that he likes to water ski, fish and hunt. (We're not quite sure what he hunts.) Carl was employed by the Department in the early sixties and worked in the Survey Division for about three years. He is now working as a draftsman, and training to become a technician. His flashy, carefree personality will doubtless generate a lot of excitement in our Section.

Frank and Pat Wiggins and their children recently visited Six Flags in Dallas for the first time. Frank reported a very enjoyable time for all. At this writing, he is away at National Guard camp at Fort Chaffee.

Doug Thacker has just returned from two weeks' active duty for the National Guard at Camp Robinson. Doug was very lucky this year since he was able to stay at home. Or --- was he?

Sue Witherington spent several days visiting her brother in Orange, Texas, with stopovers at Houston and Galveston.

The Alton Van Pattens have been very busy this summer trying to keep up with their four children. All four are on ball teams, two of the girls have spent a week at Girl Scout camps, and Bennie spent a week trout fishing. The children are also very active in their church activities. Mrs. Van Patten is spending a week with relatives in Kansas City. We wonder how Van is making out with the cooking, and other household chores for himself and the kids.



SHIRLEY DUNEGAN

Two of ours, Asst. Maint. Engr. Jim Francis and Roadside Development Engr. Ben Hogan, recently received 10 year awards. The Maintenance office was host to the many congratulators, serving them home-made pie, cookies and coffee. Congratulations, Jim and Ben.

Jim Munns, a summertime employee in the Radio Section, is back with us again. He always has a smile for everyone and it's good to have him back.

Bob Fulton of Roadside Development and family enjoyed a once-in-a-lifetime event, traveling to Muskogee, Okla. for the christening of their daughter, Patricia Michelle on June 23.

A new member of the horse owners' club, who is enjoying (?) paying a feed bill, is Jimmie Famam of Maintenance and her boys. They recently acquired a Shetland horse colt. "Skipper" is a palamino with white mane and tail. Also, Asst. Cons. Engr. David Moore gave the boys a dog named Susie, consequently there is a lot of jealousy going on around the temporary Famam barn (an oversized doghouse).

We offer our deepest sympathy to Jim and Ethel Lowder in the loss of his mother recently.

Bryan Davis and Ray Behrens, both of Roadside Development, and their families motored to Northern Arkansas to visit the newest state attraction, Dogpatch U.S.A. Everyone seemed to enjoy the comic strip atmosphere for the weekend.

Yours truly and brood went horse-showing this past weekend, attending one Friday and Saturday night, which resulted in a contest between father and son as follows. Son wins three ribbons, Father only two on Friday night. Goal for Saturday night - Father beat Son. Close, but Dad managed to win one. Final score, 3-3. I might add they both entered the speed race. Father rode a quarter-horse mare and Son rode a welch pony. Son's time, 11 seconds flat. Worry, Worry, but Dad saved face by turning a 10.8. Bye now!

Boss, to stenographer: "Congratulations, Miss Hopkins. This is the earliest you've been late."



VIRGINIA ASHLIN

Boss Brooks Nichols attended a meeting of the AASHO Design Committee in Williamsburg, Va. the week of June 3.

Paul Haydon, a National Guardsman, attended summer camp at Ft. Chaffee the first two weeks in June. George Major, also in the National Guard, left for summer camp the last week of June and the first week of July.

George and Lynn Majors drove to Pawnee, Okla. the weekend of July 6 to attend the 22nd Annual Pawnee Indian Veteran's Homecoming Powwow. George said there were over 600 Indian dancers on the field at one time Saturday night.

We hated to see Larry Gaines, an engineer-in-training, transfer to Planning and Research, but his two weeks with us was up so we had to let him go. We'd like to welcome Roger Almond, another engineer-in-training, who will be working with us from July 8 to July 19.

Trav Orton took a week of his vacation recently to spend some time at home while his children and their families were all home for a visit. In all, there were twenty present. His daughter, Billie Faires and her four children were home from Lebanon, Ill.; Buddy Orton and his family were down from Russellville and Sid and Don Orton and their families of Little Rock were there for the family reunion.



Miss Jeannette Pulliam, daughter of Fred L. Pulliam of Roadway Design and the late Mrs. Joan M. Pulliam, is engaged to Ronald Scott Martin, son of Dewey R. Martin of O'Kean and Mrs. H. A. Smith of Colorado Springs, Colo. The wedding is planned for August 28. Miss Pulliam is a graduate of Central High School and will complete training as an LPN at Arkansas Baptist Medical Center in September.

Our congratulations to Bob Mize who has just passed his examination to become a licensed registered professional engineer. We're proud of you, Bob.

Now that summer is here, a lot of employees are taking vacations. Among our group, the Glenn Trammels have just returned from a trip to California; the Bill Hurts are vacationing in Florida at this writing; the Joe Hickses just returned from Florida where Joe reported seeing lots of pretty girls wearing bikinis. The Gary Sipeses took a week of their vacation June 17 and went to Dogpatch, visited relatives and then on to Shreveport, La. where they visited with friends. Sid and Lillian Lee took a trip to Hopewell Junction, N.Y. to visit their daughter and family, Mr. & Mrs. G. H. Litta, Jr. Like most grandparents, the main object of the trip was to see their two granddaughters and spoil them a little!



Secondary Roads

BARBARA OLDHAM

Max and Mary Hall are proud grandparents again. On Monday July 1, 1968, a 9 lb. 2 oz. grandson, John Gregory Banks was added to the family. Both mother and baby are doing fine. The new grandson was born in Vicksburg, Mississippi. Eric and Kelle, brother and sister of the new arrival, are visiting with Grandmother and Granddad Banks in Arkansas during July.

We send our best wishes for a speedy recovery to one of our draftsmen, Lindsey Bellomy who recently had an operation at St. Vincent's Infirmary here in Little Rock. Lindsey is from Sheridan and a very faithful employee. Hope to see you back soon!



We welcome Bruce Edmondson to our working crew. Bruce, 18, is a this year's graduate of Metropolitan High School. He plans to attend State College of Arkansas in Conway and will take courses in Industrial Education. Bruce enjoys water sports just like the rest of this office and this is the time of year we all like the best.

See ya next month . . .



WEIGHTS AND STANDARD

MEMMY TURNER

On July 1 Weights and Standards Division observed its fifth birthday as a division of the State Highway Department. We were transferred from the State Police Department in 1963. The Personnel Division presented 5-year awards and pins to 66 of us, and one 10-year award to John M. Black of Bentonville. We are grateful to all the nice folks in the Highway Department for making our first five years with you such pleasant ones.

Quite a few members of this Division have been on vacation, or are enjoying that happy annual event at this time. Roy and Louise Johnson were hosts for a family reunion the first week of July at their Bull Shoals cottage. There were Johnsons all over the place for that memorable event. In addition to the Arkansas relatives, others came from California, Kansas, Missouri and Texas.

Scale Mechanic Carlos Lester, and his wife, Bobbie visited their families at Coming, and then went on to Bull Shoals for water skiing and fishing.

George Coffman spent a week with his family at Harrison, and enjoyed water sports in that area.

Jimmy and Marie Watts are visiting his mother in Atlanta, Ga.

Ernestine Tucker, and husband Norman, lived it up for a week at beautiful Panama City Beach, Fla. Emie's pretty tan is most becoming.

Among visitors in our office have been W. L. Thompson, Jr. from the Hoxie weight station, Joe W. Lisenby from the Ashdown station, and Tobe Linebarier and Abe Johnson of the Warren unit.



Left to right - Officers Ray Cole, Guthrie Goodwin, James Harrell and Bob Baker, all Weight Division supervisors, assisted in judging at the Second Annual Arkansas Bus & Truck Association's Truck Roadeo, June 15-16, at Park Plaza Shopping Center in Little Rock. Contestants in the Roadeo were required to drive an obstacle course and complete oral and written tests on federal and state driving and safety regulations.

If it's a small world, why does it cost so much to run it?



HELENA BRIDGE

GEORGE CLOUD

I had intended to sit this one out with the excuse that "no news is good news" but Archie informs me that Editors don't look at it that way and for me to get at it.

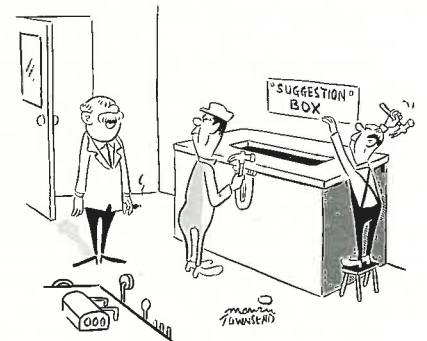
No one here has taken a vacation as yet but some good ones are planned. The W. E. Mortons, along with their son and Mrs. Morton's sister and brother-in-law, did take a plane trip to Hawaii recently to see a member of their family who was on leave from Vietnam. This came up too suddenly to be planned as a vacation but who could ask for a better one. They stayed at the Iiikia Hotel on Waikiki Beach. Bill brought back some burns to prove that he had been to the beach all right.

I long for the time I can pitch my tent again on the Antoine River at old Graysonia, tie a fishing line to my toe and take it easy. The Antoine isn't a scenic river but it holds some fond memories of earlier days and also some tasty catfish. My family doesn't share my longing for this particular spot but Uncle Kennon Harris of Okolona does and he can really whip up a tasty meal over open wood coals. (I'll let you know later where we went on vacation and why we didn't go to the Antoine.)

After a night or two of frog hunting for two or three of us here, we had more than we knew what to do with, so decided to have a supper for all employees and their families. Everyone, or almost everyone, came (we had chicken for those who wouldn't eat frog legs) and had a most enjoyable time together. Guests of the Harry Duniwants at the supper were their son, Air Force Major Harry Duniwant and his wife who are on leave from Germany. We were glad to have them with us and wish the Major well on his next assignment to Southeast Asia.

Major Duniwant took a picture of his Dad receiving his 5 year service award and pin but we do not have one available for the Magazine at this time.

More news as it happens!



"Does this mean you men are dissatisfied with the way things are run around here?"



DISTRICT



JANET McELDUFF

Trips, beauty pageants, golf tournaments, kids home from college, baseball, cook-outs, and everything else that interferes with Highway business, right in the middle of the busy season, too! Sure would like to have the summer off to tend to my personal activities! (I'm really just kiddin', Mr. M.)

We've had service awards all over the place - nice ones, too. Among them are Troy Dearing and H. O. Story for 5-year awards; R. L. Day, J. D. Sorrell, J. J. McCabe, U.P. Harman, N.R. Deaton, all for 10 years; and B.G. Clayton, Howard Pittman and Nolan Bailes for 15 years' service.

Mary Ann Harrell is proud of her "Bobs" and justly so. Bob, Sr., along with his partner, Pete Southern, walked off with first place, "A" flight, at the Paragould Country Club in their annual Four-Ball Tournament. Just a few days later Bob, Sr., this time playing with Bob, Jr., captured the same trophy at the Crowley Ridge Country Club's annual tournament. Both trophies carried a set of woods which pleased the golf-playing Harrells muchly.

Dick Ethridge's boys had her spinning here trying to send them off in different directions at the same time. She was having a time trying to remember if the blue socks went in Michael's bag and the gray pants in Forest's, or the the other way 'round. Forest, along with other members of his Explorer's Scout Troop, flew to old Mexico, stopping over in San Antonio to visit the Hemisfair, and flew home again. This group of boys worked like beavers all spring earning money for the trip, and enjoyed every dime of their hard-earned money. Michael, who plays organ and is the youngest member of the Young Rogues of Wynne, has recently enjoyed two trips to Camden, Tenn., where the boys have played two dances. This weekend they have gone back for purely social funtime. They've made a hit wherever they've played and along with the fun they are having, they're pocketing a nice bit of money.

Nola Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nolen Williams of Wynne, recently placed as second runner-up in the Junior Miss Wynne Pageant. Nola graduated this year and needless to say, her daddy is quite proud of her.

Our thoughts are with Kenny Wooten, who works out of Construction office in Forrest City. At this time he is in critical condition in a Memphis hospital suffering from injuries sustained in a collision in Brinkley. Kenny, was the driver of a carryall transporting a survey crew, which was hit head-on by a pickup truck attempting to pass another car. Tommy Webb, Morgan Bryant and Bob Mosely also suffered injuries, but are recovering. Al Harris, the other member of the crew, escaped without injuries. These things really shake you up, especially when they happen to some of your own.



We just had babies, babies, babies, but first look at this cute Anthony Lee Patterson, 6 months old grandson of Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Lewis of Wynne. That Tex has the cutest grandchildren I ever saw, and always has a new picture for all of us to enjoy.



If you really want to see a couple of proud papas, just wander out in the Shop. Pat Russell has his first boy, and don't think he didn't stop by the office the day they took him home to show him off! At four days he looked like six months, and in the well-known jargon, just like his ol' man. And just like his ol' man, he is Wilson Fred Patrick Russell with a Jr. attached. Jimmy Smith's chest is popping, too, for he and his wife have a brand new boy, born June 15, who has been named Jimmy Wilbur Smith.

Dick brought a delicious cake in in honor of my birthday the other day. It said "Happy Birthday, Janet," and then, "Forty?," but at first glance I thought it said "Happy Birthday, Janet, Fatty? ". No reflection on Dick's ability as a cake decorator, but I tell you, it's a blow anyway you read it! Seriously, though, I appreciate being remembered.

I gotta go - there's work in the mill and I've goofed long enough. Y'all come...



DISTRICT



LESLIE LONG

It's that time to wish a Happy (Fiscal) New Year! WORK, MORE WORK, PICNICS AND VACATIONS.

Chicot State Park was again the setting for the District 2 Annual Picnic which approximately 150 employees and families attended. We were pleasantly surprised to have Ed Orsini join us. We enjoyed visiting, too, with our retired employees, Mrs. Inez Royston and W. H. Cook of Pine Bluff, Dewey Dew and Roosevelt Williams of McGehee and N. M. Mitchell of Monticello. Our resident engineers, Van Bratton, Kenneth Tyler and George Karnes and their families were able to attend this year.

Bob Jarboe and his Chicot County crew were hosting for us again and a swell job they do of it. We had a wonderful location at Lake Chicot State Park with picnic tables and benches, chairs, iced drinks, etc. all set up for us. John Thomas Shalmy was the best fisherman.

The Horseshoe Tournament for the men was sponsored by Drew and Desha counties. John Hughes and Floyd Fullbright were committeemen and Fred Mausehardt was the scorekeeper. First-place winners Brewster Shalmy and Elbert Martin were awarded cash prizes and flipped a coin for the Omaha orange horseshoe, which Shalmy won. Horace Handly and Bill Yearian were also awarded cash prizes as second-place winners.

Gaddy was the caller and Ouida the official checker for the bingo game conducted for the ladies. Each family was asked to contribute a prize and there were scads of interesting ones. Louise Harris hand-painted two china coffee mugs and a miniature china pitcher. Some of the ladies brought homemade jellies, relishes pickles, etc. and a variety of handmade kitchen and bathroom accessories, in addition to the many store-bought items.

If you had made a wish for any edible item, we had it. From the moment the lunch baskets were opened and the food came into view, never have I seen so many specialized assortments of the most delectable food, barbecued ribs, beef and pork, baked hams, fried chicken, baked chicken, meat loaf, lunch meats, deviled eggs, potato salads, fruit salads, baked beans, corn on the cob, garden speckled limas, garden tomatoes, pickles, potato chips, cookies, cupcakes, cakes, pies and quite an assortment of sandwiches.

Most of the children enjoyed the swimming pool and rides that the park affords. Everyone reported a glorious time and we're already looking forward to another picnic next year. Some of the families spent the weekend for fishing trips and even had good fishing, so we hear.

We celebrated Ouida Grimes' and John Harris' birthdays in June with cake and coffee and best wishes for more happy birthdays, and no mention of ages.

George Karnes has another pilot in his residency at Monticello. At 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 9, Don Scogin lost his shirttail after making three perfect take-offs and landings while soloing around the Monticello airport in a Cessna 150. He said it was a spooky, but nevertheless, thrilling feeling. He plans to continue working toward a private pilot rating - if his money holds out. Frank Novak is the other pilot in the Monticello residency.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Cope are grandparents of Donna Renee Cope, born May 4 at Jefferson Hospital in Pine Bluff. Claud is a truck driver with the Jefferson County crew.

Born to Mr. & Mrs. Joe Akin of Monticello, on June 26, a boy, 8 lb. 5 oz., Kenneth Wayne. Joe is an engineering aide in the Monticello residency.

Service awards were presented to Donald Scogin, engineering aide in the Monticello residency, 5 years; E. F. Myhand, crew leader in Drew County and Leo Meeks, truck driver in Lincoln County for 15 years; and Ralph Daughtry, roller operator in the Asphalt crew for 10 years.



James Edward Goins

"Red" Goins started his career with the Highway Department in July 1954 as a mechanic and is now our District equipment supervisor. He and his wife, Elva Mae, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary July 8. They have two sons and two daughters. His eldest son, James, Jr. resides in Forrest City with his wife and four children, where he is employed by the Wise Butane Co. Red's other son, Davis Lynn, his wife and two children live in Star City. Davis is employed by International Paper Company. The eldest daughter, Billie Jean resides at Minden, La. with her husband and two children where he is in the contracting business. Their second daughter, Martha Gray has just become "Mrs." Welleford. They are making their home at Star City. Her husband is associated with National Wire Co. Martha taught her first year of school last year at DeWitt. She plans to teach in the Star City school system as soon as there is an opening. As all Highway fans know, "Red" is an avid hunter and fisherman and most of his family enjoy his sport right along with him.

Sympathies are extended to the Dennis Henley and C. V. Earnest families of Star City in the death of Dennis' brother, Grady, at Star City recently. Grady was a brother of Mrs. Earnest.



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SHARON BAILEY

First, I would like to say how much I appreciate our highway men. They're a pretty good bunch of fellows and during emergencies, such as our recent floods and storms, they really pitch in and get the job done, working long, hard hours under terrible conditions. I believe, as I know many of us do, that they certainly deserve a heart-filled thanks.

Congratulations and best wishes go to Linda Huckabee and Jake Honea who were married May 31 at the First Methodist Church in Hope. Linda is the daughter of Sam, our office manager, and Dortha Faye. The couple went to Houston and Galveston on their honeymoon and are now residing at Arkadelphia where they will attend Henderson. Linda will be a sophomore and Jake will be a mid-term junior at the start of the school season.



Mrs. Jake Honea

Ted Maryman, our maintenance superintendent, went to Shreveport the weekend of June 15 for his 40-year high school reunion. Ted graduated from Byrd High School along with 334 others. The reunion was held at the Washington-Youree Hotel and about 500 people attended. They had dinner and entertainment which consisted of some of his former classmates performing as they had during their school days. The main talk was delivered by a former professor now 82 years old. A good time was had by all and Ted said it was surprising how many people he remembered. He also told me that he was the best looking 57-year-old teenager there. Can you believe it?

Olive Jackson, our district bookkeeper, was surprised with a get-together to celebrate her 35 years with the Department. Mr. Mattox presented her a



Olive Jackson

certificate and pin, and cake and coffee was served. Olive has been with the District 3 office all this time and like she says, she has seen many employees come and go. We all extend our congratulations.

Victor Stone, stock clerk, became a grandpa for the first time May 19 when his daughter, Shirley Ann, gave birth to a 7 pound, 4 ounce girl, Bonita Ann. Shirley and her husband, Richard, live in Wake Village, Texas, and you can be sure that Vic will be keeping the road between them busy.

Lurlene and Richard Duffy became the proud parents of baby Karen, June 17 in New Orleans. This was their third child, the other two being Mat, 6, and Kyle, 8. Lurlene is the daughter of Chloie and Clovis Tittle, our shop foreman. Karen made Clovis a grandpa for the 12th time and the score is 6 boys to 6 girls. Tittle, all I can say is "fantastic"!

We were all sorry to hear that Sid Ellis's house bummed completely down, leaving them absolutely nothing but the clothes they were wearing. He is a truck driver with our Nevada County crew and lives in Prescott. His nephew, Ronnie, who is attending school, also had most of his belongings in the house.

A bleeding ulcer forced Dub Beck, Hempstead County foreman, from work to the hospital one night during the floods. He is back at work now and feeling real well after a period of bed rest. His diet is pretty tough to live with, but it seems to be agreeing with him.

Edgar Andrews, sealing superintendent, is having a tough time because of a ruptured appendix. He underwent surgery once at the hospital in Prescott, then was moved to Texarkana where he has had two more operations. We want him to know that we are thinking about him and wishing the speediest recovery from this illness. We hear that he is improving and hope by the time this news is in print that he is at home, thinking about coming back to work.

Linda Cox, field clerk in the Interstate residency, was hospitalized with pneumonia but is back at work now and doing real well.



DISTRICT



THE SQUEALERS

Georgia Russenberger and her husband traveled to Oxford, Miss., for a visit with cousin Sallie Strachn and her children, Mike and Linda. Wonderful weekend of sightseeing and picnicking at Lake Sardis. Have you ever noticed how those lazy days in the sun seem shorter than the work days?

Joe Roland of Poyen, a truck driver with the Grant County crew, died Friday, May 17 after a long illness. Our deepest sympathies are extended to his family.

The Bill Jeters made the rounds this year on their vacation. First stop was in Indianapolis to visit his brother, Max and family. From there they went to Norfolk, Va. to spend some time with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Harrod. The last stop was in Winnsboro, S. C. for a visit with Mrs. Jeter's brother and wife. Then, as always dreaded, the trip back home.

Several employees received certificates and pins for service during June. Coy Pruitt, area foreman in Grant County, received a 20-year pin. Harvey Price, a crew leader with the North Little Rock headquarters; William D. Looper, oiler from the Hot Spring County headquarters; and Porter T. Holyfield, an asphalt raker from the Prairie County headquarters, all received 15-year certificates. Virgil C. Vailes, a truck driver with the Grant County crew, completed five years.

We are glad to have Mary Gordon with us as a summer employee. A big welcome to you, Mary.

Eileen Hoyt and friend took a few days' vacation and drove to Memphis, Tenn. She reported the Skyride at Lakeland was enjoyed most by both of them.



This cute little lady is the 10-month-old granddaughter of George Ingle, assistant maintenance engineer for District 6. Her name is Kelly Lea and George is just a little proud of her. We can't blame him.

We were all saddened by the death of L. V. Witherspoon. He will be greatly missed by all at District 6.



DISTRICT



BURNHAM & CAMPBELL

Congratulations to John Harcrow, district operator, who received his 10 year service award, and to Robert Eugene Myers, civil engineer II, Bobby Dale Reddin, crew leader, and Clyde Cecil Miles, laborer, who received 5 year awards in June.

Resident Engineer G. E. Gunn of Arkadelphia has been in El Dorado inspecting flood damage to county roads and bridges for about 10 days.

Resident Engineer Norman Pumphrey of Camden returned July 1 from two weeks military duty spent in Hattiesburg, Miss. We believe Major Pumphrey enjoyed his leave this summer, especially the weekends spent sightseeing in New Orleans and Biloxi, Miss.

Susan Burnham, daughter of Sula and Harlan Bumham left June 27 for Guadalajara, Mex. where she will study Spanish at the University of San Francisco Summer Sessions abroad. She will be living in a home of Spanish-Americans during the five weeks course. Sounds like an exciting experience for her.

Carolyn Milner's nephew, Brad White of Dallas, has been her guest during the month of June. Brad, a very clever and cheerful 11-year-old, also paid our office a visit. He said he was enjoying fishing and Carolyn's chocolate cake.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Slaton are enjoying having their children visit them. Their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Slaton, are enroute from Florida to make their home in Monticello, where he plans to enter school. M/Sgt. and Mrs. A.M. Nunenmacher (the Slatons' daughter) and their three girls, Crystal, Sheila and Janet, are home from Ramey A.F.B., Puerto Rico after a 3 year tour of duty. Their next assignment is to Offutt A.F.B., Neb. The Slatons have one son, a college student, at home.

Word has just been received that Floyd Dean Hearnberger, mechanic, and his wife are elated over the arrival of a brand new son born July 1 (right on our news deadline!). He has been named Kenneth Dean.

Byron Eugene Coston, truck driver in Ouachita County, is improving in the Ouachita Hospital after a heart attack. We are all pulling for you, Gene, and hope you will soon be back with us.

It is good to have Donald Beard, construction inspector, back after several days in the hospital.

Accountant Larry Hollis says his wife Carolyn, is "good as new" after an appendectomy June 2.

Best wishes to Claddie A. Dumas II, engineering aide at Magnolia, and his new bride. They were married in Texarkana in May and are at home in Magnolia.

J. W. Millican, engineering aide, El Dorado; J. E. Cates, laborer in Union County, and Don E. Buck, laborer in Clark County, are all on military leave from District 7.



Mary Nell Carlson, clerk-typist, is our "Miss Monitor", operating the new radio. Business really picks up when the intercom, telephone and radio all come on at once.

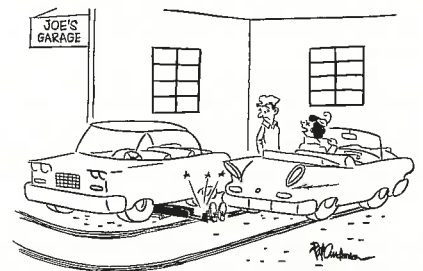
District 7 families have several men serving our country. 1st. Lt. Stanley Harrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse C. Harrison (Dallas County), stationed with the U. S. Army Artillery in Germany.

Spec. 5 Travis Kitchens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kitchens (Bradley County), is stationed in Vietnam. Travis flew home April 26 to be with his mother who was in the hospital. He returned May 26. Another son, Pfc. Terry M. Kitchens, recently left for Korea.

EN3 Jerry Lynn Madera, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Madera (Calhoun County) is with the Navy, stationed in Bermuda.



Gene Naugle, civil engineer I, seems bewildered by the latest note from Final Estimate. Gene has been with the Department since 1962 and has the distinction of being the first certified senior engineering technician in the Highway Department.



"...and now there's a new noise in the rear ... sounds like a blood-curdling scream."



DISTRICT



SHIRLEY MORTON

Ira Dodson, area foreman in Newton County, has retired due to ill health after 23 years of service. He will be missed by his many friends in the Department and we wish him good luck, good health and much happiness in the years to come.

Vemie Berry was promoted to area foreman to fill the vacancy. He has worked for AHD in Newton County many years and we know he will be a "top-notch" foreman.

Happy motoring to Cy Auman, who is the very proud owner of a sporty maroon two-door Chevrolet Impala!!

J.L. Owens is also a new car owner - his is a gold Ford Galaxie. Beautiful auto, J. L.



Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Jones

Ronald Jones, stock clerk, was married at 7:00 p.m., April 20, to Kathleen Nielson at the Mater Dai Catholic Church in Harrison. Rev. Micek officiated at the impressive double ring ceremony in the presence of the immediate families and friends. A reception followed at the Church rectory. The newlyweds are living at 512 South Hickory in Harrison. Our congratulations and best wishes to Ronald and Kathy.

Raymond Holland, one of our retirees, has been in St. John's Hospital at Springfield, Mo. for treatment. We are happy to report he is getting along fine.

Another retiree, W. B. Hawkins, had an accident with a barn door at his farm south of Harrison, suffering cuts, skins and bruises. He had a very narrow escape but we are happy to say he is recuperating nicely.

Phil Deakins, son of the Clell Deakinses, and Kenny Watkins, son of Hillman and Reba, were among the delegates chosen from Harrison High School to attend Boys' State at Little Rock the first week in June.

Jerry Thomason received several honor awards from Valley Springs High School including the Athletic Award and Safety Award. Jerry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Thomason and a star player on the Valley Springs basketball team, was also a delegate to Boys' State.



Randy Jackson was recently selected to represent Region 1AA in the annual Arkansas High School All-Star Basketball Game to be played in Barton Coliseum at Little Rock in August. Also a member of the Valley Springs team, Randy averaged 15 points per game and was chosen on the All-Region 1AA team. He was selected as the outstanding athlete by the Valley Springs Booster Club. Randy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Voyt Jackson, plans to attend college this fall.

Nancy Young graduated from Harrison High School in May and was awarded a scholarship to Arkansas Tech at Russellville as a result of making the highest grade on the SCAT test. Her brother, Ronald received his B. S. Degree in Business Administration at the U. of A. in June. Their proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Oral Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Cooper are the proud parents of a boy born May 17. Little Ronnie Joe weighed eight pounds and 15½ ounces. Congratulations to the happy family.

Recipients of 10-year service awards in June were: Thuman Kelly, Oscar Shelton, James "Bud" Wilson and Adrian Skaggs.



Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Selby of Fayetteville accompanied two of their children to Jonesboro for the State Baptist Music Talent Festival. Their seven-year-old daughter, Denise, was rated superior in piano and Jerry, age 15, rated excellent in the trumpet division. Needless to say, the Selbys are very proud of their talented son and daughter.



Mrs. Judy Watts graduated from Hillcrest Medical Center School of Nursing at Tulsa, Okla. in June. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Owens and the wife of Larry Watts. Baccalaureate services were held June 2 at First Baptist Church in Tulsa. Judy is a 1965 graduate of Harrison High School. She attended the University of Tulsa where she was class president during her freshman year at the nursing school, class representative to the school's Public Relations Committee, Library Committee chairman, member of the Student Council and was a candidate for cotillion princess in 1966. Judy and Larry live in Tulsa where both are employed.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Tillman Fancher, Carroll County, foreman, upon the death of this mother, Mrs. Joe Fancher, June 17.

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT --

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Diane Feimster is back with us again as a summer employe, working on a project she began last summer - getting the Library organized. From the looks of the room, she will have enough to do until time to go back to school, and then some. The Highway Department has never had a formal library but it will be of great value seemingly when all the material is catalogued and shelved so that we can tell what it's contents are. Heretofore, the filing has been by the cardboard box method, using the "F & F" system (file and forget).

Those of us in close association with A. G. "Bo" Cruce extend heartfelt sympathy to him and his family at the passing of his wife, Maxine, after a lengthy illness during which she displayed such admirable courage. Their daughter, Jackie Barringer, who lives in Great Britain was home for a month. We were happy to meet her when Bo brought her to see the building before she returned. Bo's niece, Sandra Smith of Warren was also a recent visitor at the building.

Coming Events

- Continuing: The Passion Play, Eureka Springs. Every night except Thursday and Saturday
- Aug. 2-3: 25th annual White River Water Carnival, Batesville
- Aug. 10-11: Arkansas Hill Country Arts & Crafts Assoc. Fair, Bull Shoals State Park
- Aug. 17: Homecoming & Pioneer Day, Cane Hill
- Sept. 28-29: Muzzle-loading Gun Shoot, Berryville
- Oct. 18-20: Ozark Arts & Crafts Fair, War Eagle
- Thru Oct. 26: "Arkansaw Traveller" Folk Theatre, Hardy
- Thru Oct. 26: "Ozark Jubilee, Eureka Springs. Each Friday night in the City Auditorium
- Thru Nov. 1: Dogpatch, U.S.A., eight miles south of Harrison on Hwy. 7.

In modern America's frantic flurry and scurry there still remains a few quiet places. I recently visited what must surely be the most tranquil of all - Arkansas Post National Park south of DeWitt in Arkansas County. Highway 169 winds through a mostly wooded area for about three miles from Highway 1 to the park. By means of a push-button camera in the rustic little park office you can see slides of an artist's conception of what the Post looked like during the years of its history. Then you drive around a curve and suddenly you come upon a clearing containing only a circular drive around a little lake, with historical markers placed at intervals alongside the drive that tell the history of Arkansas Post.

As I drove around the park reading the markers in mid-afternoon of a still summer day heavy with humid heat of the lowlands, there were only two other people in sight, a couple of fellows maintaining the grounds. Several rabbits scampered across the drive ahead of me, seemingly more aggravated at the invasion of man and machine than frightened.

The wildlife, protected in the park, is abundant. The surrounding forest seemed to literally vibrate with countless chirping of myriad birds, locusts, tree frogs and numerous inhabitants of the wood. I stopped the car and just listened for a few moments . . . to the sounds of silence. At another time and in another place such silence might have been strange or lonely, but not here - just peaceful.

In such a setting it was difficult to contemplate thousands of Confederate troops amassed there to try to keep the Union troops from capturing the fort on their way to lay siege to Vicksburg. The Post was all but destroyed by fire from Federal gunboats and artillery during the battle on January 19-11, 1863.

Arkansas Post County Museum at the junction of Hwys. 1 and 169 south of Gillette is also an interesting place to spend an afternoon. The County residents built the buildings to house memorabilia and artifacts of historical interest in the area. Among them is the first issue of the Arkansas Gazette and a drinking glass used at Arkansas Post in 1809. An old mud-chinked log house erected in the 1870's has been moved to the County Museum grounds and is in the process of restoration.



**THIS'LL
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Mrs. Smith: Where did that naughty little boy of yours get that gash on his forehead?

Mrs. Brown: Your little angel hit him with a brick!

In an inspection at a Boy Scout camp, the director found an umbrella neatly rolled inside the bedroll of a small camper. Since the umbrella was not listed as a necessary item, the director asked the lad to explain.

"Sir," said the young Scout with a weary sigh, "did you ever have a mother?"

The popularity of the automatic dishwasher is due to the fact that most husbands would rather buy one than be one.

A canny Scot was engaged in an argument with a conductor as to whether the fare was to be five or ten cents. Finally the disgusted conductor picked up the Scot's suitcase and tossed it off the train just as they were crossing a bridge. It landed with a mighty splash.

"Hoot mon," screamed the Scot. "First you try to rob me and now you've drowned my boy!"

Why doesn't Internal Revenue offer us our money back if we're not satisfied?

Politics make such strange bed-fellows because all kinds of people enjoy the same bunk.

Little junior walked round and round his mother looking quizzically, until she finally stopped him and demanded to know the reason.

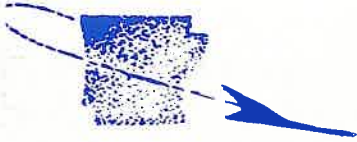
"I'm trying to see if what Pop says is true," explained the youngster. He always tells the maid, "Be careful. My wife has eyes in the back of her head!"

Golf is the game that turned the cows out of the pasture and let the bull in.

If a person looks tired and careworn, don't suggest a vacation - the odds are that he just had one.

At the traffic window at City Hall the man looked displeased as he paid his fine. When the clerk handed him a receipt, he growled, "What am I to do with this?"

"Keep it," replied the clerk. "When you get 10 of them, you get a bicycle."



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MISCELLANY: *Flame-out at 5. Some unknown pre-schooler apparently had a bad day when his sports car (it says so on the side) left whatever road it was traveling and came to a crashing halt beside a water-filled culvert, the dash and radio laying crazily to one side. The chipped corners of the culvert at left were likely damaged by some other source than the youthful hot-rodder.*



Where is it?



Can you guess what and where it is?
Answer next month.