



# Arkansas

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## AHC HOSTS DINNER FOR FORMER MEMBERS

The present Highway Commission entertained previous Commission members and their wives at dinner at Coachman's Inn, Tuesday evening, April 23. After dinner, Procurement Officer and prestidigitator Frank Caple delighted the group with a program of magic. Since it was a goodwill dinner, short talks by members of the Commission and prior members leaned to the light side and were laced with camaraderie. All the former Commissioners were generous in their praise of the present Highway Department staff and Commission.

Top picture: Mrs. Lawrence Blackwell, Commission Vice Chairman Truman Baker, of Searcy, Miss Wanda Morgenstern, Commissioner John Harsh and Mrs. Marsh of Magnolia.

Second: Harry Parkin and Mrs. Parkin, Little Rock, Senator Olen Hendrix, Prescott, Miss Willie Lawson, Little Rock and Commission Chairman Arnil Taylor of Clarksville.

Third: Wayne Hampton and Mrs. Hampton, Stuttgart, Mrs. J. D. Lambert, J. D. Lambert of Helena and and Commissioner Lawrence Blackwell of Pine Bluff.

Fourth: Director Ward Goodman, A. C. Mowery, Jr. and Mrs. Mowery, North Little Rock, and Emmet Williams, Texarkana.

Fifth: Mrs. Maurice Smith, Chief Engineer John T. Pendergrass, Maurice Smith of Birdeye, and Mrs. Pendergrass.

Below: "Miss Willie" has a distinction all her own - the only lady commissioner.







First: Mrs. John T. Pendergrass, Donald Barger of Russellville, Mrs. Barger, and A. D. Mason, Camden.



Second: Mrs. J. D. Wood, J. D. Wood of Cabot, Mrs. Henry Gray and Asst. to the Chief Engineer Henry Gray.



Third: Mrs. Dan Portis, Dan Portis of Lepanto, Charles Adams and Mrs. Adams of Hughes.



Fourth: Mrs. A. D. Mason, R. S. Barnett and Mrs. Barnett of Pine Bluff, and C. L. Denton, Jr., Tyronza.



Fifth: Mrs. Gray and Miss Morgenstern put on name tags for Truman Baker and C. L. Denton, Jr.

Right Column: Commission Chairman Arnil Taylor, Commissioner Lawrence Blackwell and Mrs. Taylor.

Right bottom: Even though Mrs. Gray and Miss Morgenstern held Caple's hands to see that the egg in the bag didn't come from up his sleeve, it came from somewhere. Mrs. Gray shows the proof.





## AWARDS PRESENTED TO THREE EMPLOYEES

Three employees were presented service awards by the Highway Commission on April 24 for completion of 35 years, 30 years and 25 years service respectively. Commissioner Lawrence Blackwell of Pine Bluff on behalf of the Highway Commission made the presentations.

HENRY W. SCHNEIDER, engineer of the Materials and Tests Division, has completed 35 years with the Department. Prior to promotion as engineer of the Division in 1960, he had worked as a laboratory assistant, materials analyst and assistant engineer of M&T since his first employment with the Highway Department in 1933. Between 1942 and 1946 he worked with the Corps of Engineers in the Little Rock and Manhattan districts.

Schneider is a native of Little Rock, a graduate of Little Rock High School and the University of Arkansas. He is a registered professional engineer, a member of the National Highway Research Board and the Committee on Materials of both the Southeastern Association of State Highway Officials and the American Association of State Highway Officials. He and his wife, Mrs. Mildred Fletcher Schneider, reside at 330 Fairfax in Little Rock.

JOHN F. PRICE, engineer for District 8 with headquarters at Russellville, received the 30-year award. He was first employed with the Highway Department as an instrumentman in 1933. During World War II he worked on the construction of both Camp Chaffee at Fort Smith and Camp Robinson at Little Rock, returning to the Highway Department in 1946 as a resident engineer.

Price a native of Nashville, Arkansas, was promoted to acting district engineer in the Paragould district in 1959, and to district engineer of the same district in 1961. He was transferred to District 8 in 1965.

He is a graduate of Nashville High School and attended Henderson-Brown College at Arkadelphia. He holds membership in the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the Arkansas Society and National Society of Professional Engineers. He is a Board member of the Methodist Church and a Rotarian. His wife is the former Kathleen Lewis of McCroy, who is a former employee of the Department.

OPIE WINNINGHAM received a 25-year award. He went to work for the Highway Department in 1940 and except for a short time, his employment has been continuous. He began as a laborer, then progressed to patrol operator before being promoted to his present position as area foreman of Van Buren County. He and his wife live at Union Hill where he serves as deacon in the Missionary Baptist Church. Opie enjoys watching baseball and basketball.



Henry W. Schneider



John F. Price



Opie Winningham



## AFTER AWARDS...PINNED...PARTIED

Thirty years, and certainly 35 years, with the same organization is worthy of note, so Henry Schneider and John Price get "pinned" by their favorite girls. Afterward refreshments furnished and shared by fellow employees provide a brief period of cordiality.



The Schneiders



All the folks in the Materials and Tests Division (Those who were in town) pose for the photographer at party for Mr. Schneider.

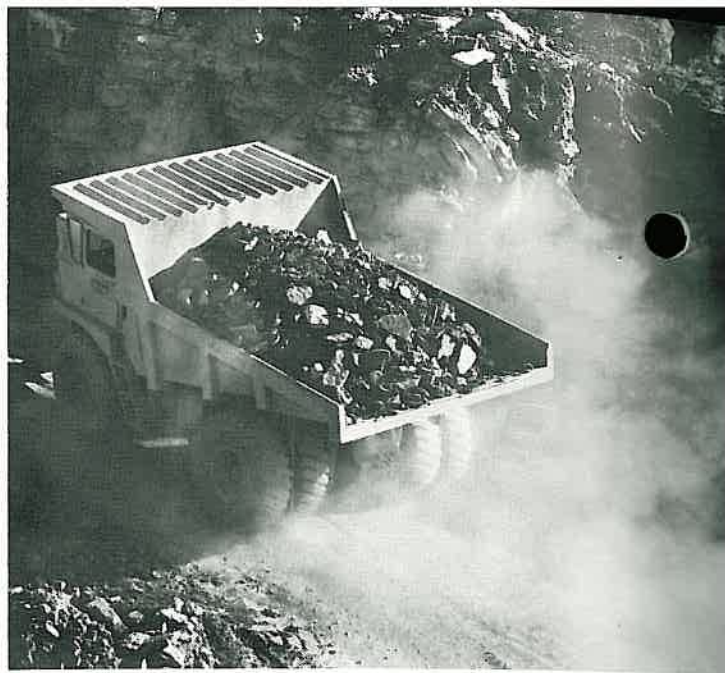


The Prices



Cohorts of District Engineer Price who came to Little Rock from Russellville to see him receive the service award were Asst. Maint. Supt. Tommy Kinslow, far left, Maint. Supt. Bernard Bice, Netha Brown (behind Mrs. Price), Mary Howell and Imogene McCoy.





## ROCK QUARRY NO PLACE FOR "SUNDAY" CLOTHES

A rock quarry is no delightful place to work but it's function is a very necessary part of highway construction. Freshour Construction Company is taking crushed stone from the Dixon Quarry near Morrilton to be used as base course material under paving on the Kenwood-Morrilton portion of I-40.

(Top Left) Rock drills making sink holes for dynamiting in the quarry are almost obscured by their own dust.

(Center Left) Photographer Johnnie Gray stood on a 230,000-yd. pile of stone already taken from the quarry to make this picture of Freshour Construction Company's crushing machine with a jaw crusher and two cone crushers. The quarry foreman is Denton Harris.

(Bottom Left) An empty truck returns from the stockpile at the construction site by the "down" road into the quarry for another load.

(Top Right) A truck loaded with 25 tons of stone comes out of the quarry.

(Bottom Right) Motor Grader operator Bruce Hainley of Marshall keeps a pile of rock near the construction site shaped up as trucks bring it out of the quarry.







## LETTERS

April 28, 1968

Little Rock, Arkansas  
Arkansas Highway Magazine

Dear Sirs:

I want to thank you for sending me the Hi-way Magazine which I enjoy and appreciate very much. I have no claim to it since my husband has passed away, but there is always a face or a name that I remember. My grandson worked with the department in drafting, until he was activated in January and occasionally his name is in print. All in all I enjoy it very much and if it isn't asking too much, would love for you to continue sending it. Thanks.

Mrs. Violet Batson

April 22, 1968

Mr. R. J. Johnson  
State Highway Superintendent  
Route 2  
Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901

Dear friend:

I want to personally thank you for the fine service you have recently performed in requiring the cleaning up of Highway 88 between U. S. Highways 70 and 270. As you probably know, I travel that road considerably in going to my place on Lake Hamilton and the cleaning up is a marked improvement in the appearance of the area.

The signs you have installed to discourage dumping and littering are also appreciated and I want you to know that I would like to work with you in any way possible in your continued effort to keep the highway free of litter.

I have known for many years of your good work in our county and I want to encourage you in any way possible in your fine work.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Thos. W. Stone, President  
Arkansas First National Bank  
Hot Springs

(R. J. Johnson is Area Foreman of Garland County).

## PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON OUTDOOR ADVERTISING

A public hearing was held at the central headquarters building of the Highway Department in Little Rock on May 15 to present the Department's interpretation of customary use of outdoor advertising displays with regard to size, spacing and lighting of signs and to hear statements from the outdoor advertising industry before drawing up an agreement between the State and the Secretary of Transportation as required by the Highway Beautification Act of 1965. The control applies to zoned and unzoned commercial or industrial areas adjacent to the interstate and Federal-aid primary routes in Arkansas. Act 640 of the State of Arkansas authorizes the Arkansas Highway Commission to enter into such an agreement after a hearing has been held.

Some 30 to 40 representatives from the advertising field across the state and one from Texas representing Arkansas interests were present. The group concurred on most points of the interpretation of control as proposed by the Department.

The main point of conjecture concerned the definition of an unzoned or industrial area, which the outdoor advertising people felt is too limiting. The definition of such an area is within 660 feet beyond and parallel with the highway right of way, and within 750 feet from either side of the outer boundaries of the regularly used area (not necessarily the property line) of one or more commercial or industrial activities, with each side of the road being considered separately.

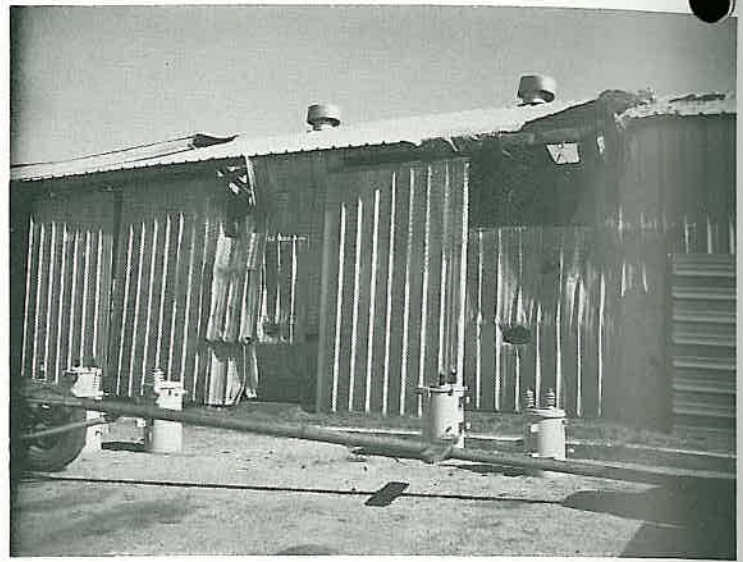


John H. Baird speaks for Outdoor Advertisers Association.

## TORNADOES VISIT



The south side was most heavily damaged. Note holes where objects were blown through the building. Doors were moved from the other side of the building and wire nailed over holes to prevent looting.



West end of the building.

### GREENWOOD AREA HEADQUARTERS SEVERELY DAMAGED

Both the area headquarters building and equipment parked in the yard at Greenwood were severely damaged by a vicious tornado which nearly demolished the town a few minutes after 3:00 p.m., Friday, April 19.

The entire south side of the sheet metal building was all torn away and the west end heavily damaged (see pictures). Virtually every beam in the building was bent. Note holes where objects were blown through the wall. Estimates for repairs to the building ranged from \$10,000. to \$18,000. and a decision has not yet been made whether to repair it or replace the structure with a new one.

Highway Department employees played an active role in the clean-up operations of the town of Greenwood following the tornado which left all highways closed. They went to work immediately and had one lane of U.S. 71 open to traffic within an hour.

AHD employees from Sebastian County and the other counties in District 4 worked a total of 2,607 hours (including 1,444 overtime hours) in 10 days helping restore Highway property and aiding Greenwood citizens clear away the debris left by the storm. Labor and equipment rental costs expended in the clean-up came to almost \$7,400. Damage to equipment, including two gravel trucks which were total losses, is estimated at \$11,870.



Both these gravel trucks were total losses.





# DESTRUCTION ON STATE

## JONESBORO AREA WRECKED

Highway Department employees in the storm-ravaged Jonesboro area help clear highways and move debris after the devastation of a tornado which swooped down Wednesday evening, May 15 hitting Valley View, Nettleton, Jonesboro, Tuckerman, Oil Trough and Mountain Home in the early evening hours, leaving 41 dead, more than 150 in hospitals, hundreds homeless and property damage estimated at \$3.5 million.



The house in the foreground is the home of Leland Kiech, an employee of the Weights and Standards Division until he recently resigned to run for public office. Kiech and his family were in the house and luckily, none of them were injured, even though it is very near Nettleton School which was almost completely demolished. The area in the picture below was one of the worst scenes of destruction.

Weight Officer Marion Showalter's home nearby was also heavily damaged. He was working at the West Memphis weight station during the tornado but his family was at home and were also fortunate to receive no injuries.

(Photos by Jay Hunnicut, Weights and Stds. Div.)



## RALPH JONES BAGS BOBCAT

Resident Engineer Ralph Jones bagged this half-grown bobcat May 7 when he ventured near where a Department crew was working on U.S. 270 between Malvern and Sheridan. He weighed about 25 pounds.



## INJURY AND ACCIDENT RATE LOW DURING FIRST QUARTER

A report from the Safety Section reveals that the frequency rate of personal injuries and accidents to equipment and motor vehicles was low during the first three months of 1968. Important statistics include:

- 61 personal injuries occurred while logging 1,931,093 manhours. Frequency rate, 15.02 percent. 29 of the injuries were lost-time.
- 5 chargeable accidents occurred to equipment during 163,977 hours of use. Frequency rate, 12.19 percent. 2 of the accidents were chargeable, 3 were not.
- 71 accidents occurred to motor vehicles while being driven 9,195,589 miles. Frequency rate, .36 percent. 33 were chargeable, 38 were not.



## MAGAZINES AVAILABLE

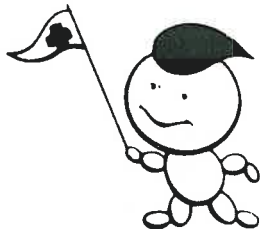
Due to a larger-than-usual overrun, the Magazine office has extra copies of the Jan.-Feb.-March issue of Arkansas Highways available for distribution on request.



## BILLY BLOODROP

### RED CROSS BLOOD

### CONTRACT IS RENEWED



Another 12-months contract for blood needed by Highway Department employees has been signed with the Red Cross. Under the employees' blood coverage program 25 percent of the employees promise to give (or get someone to give for them) one pint of blood per year. In return, the Red Cross guarantees all the Department employees, their spouses, their children under 18 years of age, their parents and their spouses' parents any amount of blood needed, for a nominal administrative charge.

This year's quota is 850 pints.

### ROAD AND STREET MILEAGES IN ARKANSAS

A compilation of road and street mileages in the state recently prepared by the Planning and Research Division breaks down the mileages thus:

	Miles
Total State Highways	20,754,156
Total County Roads	2,511,192
Total Federal Roads	39,980
Total City Streets	3,715,577
Roads Not Publicly Maintained	60,064
<b>Total All Roads</b>	<b>27,080,969</b>



"The rain dance scheduled for the 22nd has been cancelled!"

## ONE OF KANSAS' ROADSIDE PARKS IS A BIT UNUSUAL - IT HAS A WINE CELLAR

It really does! The roadside park on I-70 west of Topeka has a wine cellar! Before you declare that that's taking beautification a little too far, we hasten to add that this is a one-of-a-kind park - not standard equipment for roadside parks in the state.

Efforts have been made to preserve the wine cave (which once upon a time housed a whiskey still) because the cellar was there when the Highway Commission took over the land.

The roadside park is part of a farm which originally belonged to a German immigrant, Aloys Stech. The cellar was located behind his farm home and served two purposes, one to provide storage for canned foods and garden vegetables and secondly, to provide a place for the preparation and storage of "the grape" produced by his vineyard.

The Kansas Highway Department cleaned up the inside of the cave and installed a heavy mesh door over the opening but vandals, in their usual destructive way, forced entry into the cave through a small window opening and burned out the shelves which Mr. Stech had built for storage purposes. The Highway Department has since installed heavy wire over those openings, also.

*(From an article by Mrs. Maxine Fitzgerald in the Kansas HIGHWAY HIGHLIGHTS)*

Landscape architect, Ward Travelute, points out where a whiskey still was vented in the old wine cellar.





## RATTUS NORVEGICUS CREATES UNUSUAL HIGHWAY PROBLEM

Of all the problems which arise to be met by the Highway Department, one was discovered a few weeks ago which is uncommon to say the least.

Jim Tucker, maintenance superintendent of the Wynne district, discovered in mid-April that a scourge of Norway rats had taken over the slopes of I-30 from Ingram Boulevard in West Memphis for about 3½ miles eastward toward the Mississippi River. The rats evidently took up residence in the slopes while living on grain lost from transports using the highway.

Both the *Rattus Norvegicus*, better known as the wharf rat, and the *Sigmodon Hispidus* (cotton rat) were living in the colonies. The wharf rats, inveterate, gnawing rodents, had brought out as much as 300 to 400 pounds of sand and gravel at the entrance to the largest colonies.



Witter, Miller and Booth inspect one of the culprits doing the damage.

Tucker called in Bud Witter of the Beautification Section, who in turn brought in James E. Miller, rodent control specialist with the Agricultural Ex-tion Service and Thurman W. Booth with the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. The area was treated with a highly-toxic para-zinc formula. A recent inspection indicated that the slopes are about free of rats but the inspection team discovered that the medians for some miles in the area are also infested, so Bill Kennedy from the Crittenden County Area Headquarters and his Green Thumb crew have formed an A.H.D. "Rat Patrol", which is working toward total extermination. There is a real case of "throwing money down a rat hole" as the expression goes, but with good cause!



Alice Joe brings the Bridge Design Division up to date on points discussed at the Albany meeting. The purpose of the conference, which is jointly sponsored by the Bureau of Public Roads and New York State Department of Transportation, is to acquaint designers with new concepts of bridge design.

## BRIDGE ENGINEER ATTENDS DESIGN CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK

Alice Joe, an engineer in the Bridge Design Division, attended a conference on systems engineering for bridge design at State University of New York in Albany April 16-17. The purpose of the conference, which is jointly sponsored by the Bureau of Public Roads and New York State Department of Transportation, is to acquaint designers with new concepts of bridge design.



Tucker, (kneeling), Miller (with pipe) and Witter look to see how effective their poisoning project was while Booth looks on.



Green Thumb personnel are Percy Burnett, Walter S. Smith, Roosevelt Hodges, Colbert Caple, James Ford, Esie Davies and Lester Robinson, foreman. Kennedy is in the background.



*Mr. Ivan Medlock called 2-12-70  
to say that Mr. Ferrell's name is  
Francis instead of Joel.*

## TRIP INTO



### THE NEXT TIME YOU CAN'T FIND A PARKING METER . . .

. . . will be a good time to remember that the next pasture isn't necessarily greener. In Russia where there is an average of one car for every 225 people (compared to one for every 2.8 Americans) the government uses every method to dissuade the populace against buying automobiles. It isn't that Russia is a poor country. It is twice as large as America, has more people and is richer in natural resources. It's citizens are just as bright as those of any other country.

The simple reason why Russians can't buy cars is that the government doesn't want them to. Their basic approach to transportation is by public conveyance. Among the aggravations a car owner must endure are deliberately-set speed limits of 18 miles an hour; no shops selling spare parts (people have to get official approval, then go to a warehouse); and the astronomical parking costs.

*(Adapted from Duke Power Magazine)*

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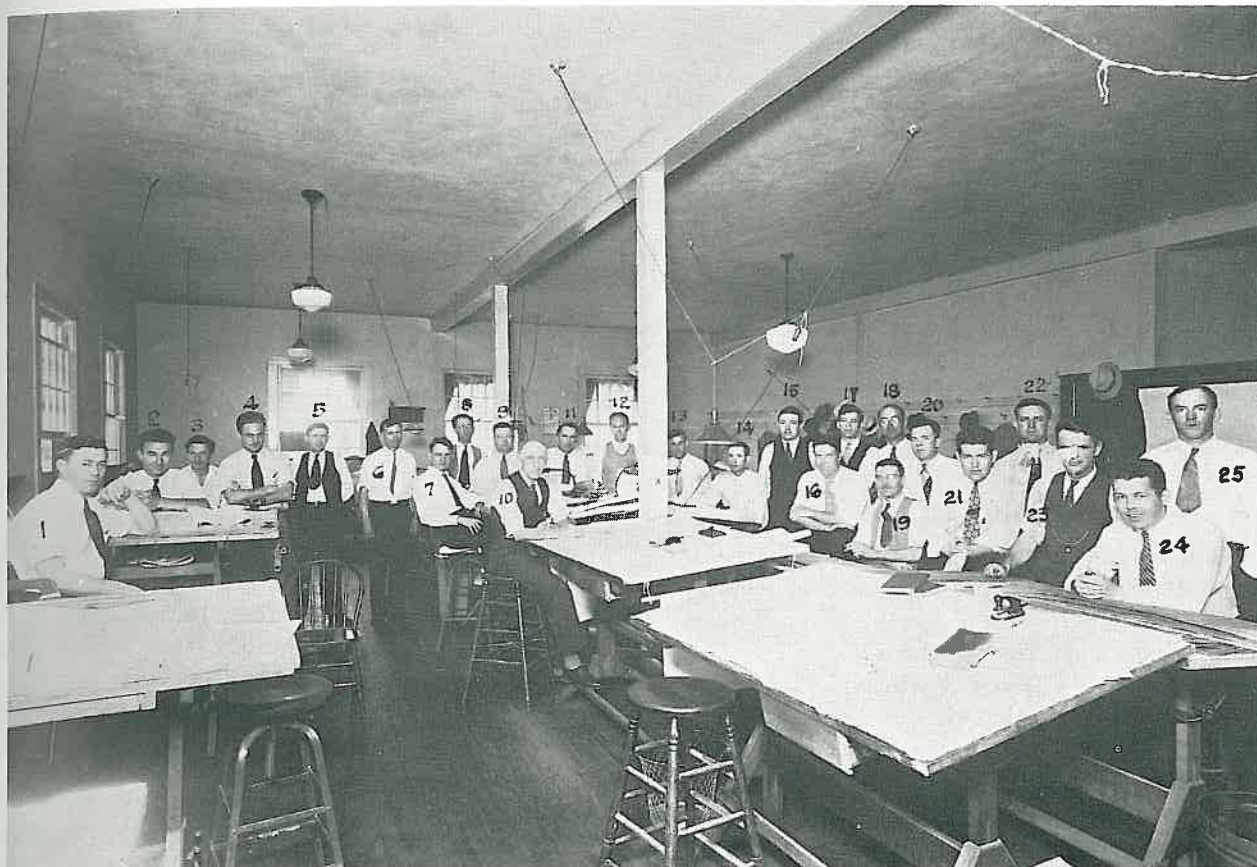
*A report just completed by the Planning and Research Division shows that the State Highway Department has 212.93 miles of frontage roads on the highway system.*

For those of our readers who have been around for a period of years like for us to dig in the archives every once and awhile. The group above left was the District One headquarters employees at Wynne made in June, 1928 and the group above right is the drafting room in 1933.

Back row, left to right, Kenneth Kimsey, draftsman (now with the Florida Highway Dept.); Joel Ferrell, draftsman (living in Memphis); Forrest Bogart, draftsman, (owner of the picture and retired from the Right-of-Way Division, and living at Forrest City); Ivan E. Medlock, draftsman (retired and living in Little Rock); Charles E. Barton, chief draftsman (deceased); Reed Misenheimer, district mechanic (deceased); and Fred Bounds, draftsman, (Construction engineer living in Cincinnati, Ohio). Front row, left to right, Miss Mittie McCrary, secretary to the district engineer (later married Barton); Miss Elizabeth Runyon, payroll clerk (deceased); Al Hiatt, construction engineer (deceased); O. L. "Oppie" Young, maintenance superintendent (retired and living in Searcy); W. G. "Cap'n Billy" Huxtable, district engineer (deceased); John E. Black, assistant district engineer (living in Atlanta, Ga.); Jack Eaton, office engineer; Miss Dorothy Newsom, stenographer, (sister of Russell Newsom of Materials and Tests, and now Mrs. Hugh W. Sanders living in Pleasant Hill, Mo.); and Mrs. Mildred Clark, stenographer (now living in Oklahoma City).



# THE ARCHIVES



Employees are shown in their office which was one of the old frame buildings behind the former Highway central headquarters building on the capitol grounds. (1) Eddie Stowers; (2) M. L. Murray (now thought to be living in San Diego); (3) Irvin Goldberg (deceased); (4) Wm. H. Moore (retired from the Planning & Research Division and still living in Little Rock); (5) L. D. Gower; (6) H. D. Stevers; (7) Jimmie Heath; (8) F. C. Bogart (retired from the Right-of-Way Division and living at Forrest City); (9) R. W. Lenhardt, Little Rock; (10) C. A. or A.C. Kolb; (11) Ed McDonald; (12) Ivan E. Medlock (retired from the Corps of Engineers and living in Little Rock); (13) C. B. Pendergraft, chief draftsman (deceased); (14) J. R. Henderson (deceased in 1967 while Engineer of Planning & Research); (15) R. B. "Bud" Smith, (deceased); (16) John Joe Russell; (17) Dabney Robbins; (18) Bob Ginocchio; (19) Fred Margrave (later worked in Bridge Design); (20) Norris Hogg with the Corps of Engineers at Little Rock; (21) Paul Orton, (with the Corps of Engineers at Ft. Worth); (22) Everett Young; (23) Dave Tate, Lonoke; (24) Travis Orton, (brother of Paul and squad boss in Roadway Design); and (25) Henry Barnes.

Other employees of the Division at that time who were not in the picture include Fred Laseter, Little Rock; Paul Keith with the Corps of Engineers at Little Rock; Bruce McCrea; Harry Adkins and a man identified only as Dean.

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## SWEDISH TUNNEL SITS ON NYLON BAGS

Highways Around the World

Sweden has just completed the first underwater tunnel in the world with six traffic lanes in the same shell. The tunnel, passing beneath the Gota River and a part of European Highway 6, may possibly also feature another first...it sits on nylon sacks.

In order to transfer the tunnel loads to the piles, the contractors devised special grout cushions - huge nylon sacks 23 ft. x 100 ft. and pumped them full of grout. They were then placed between the tops of the pilings and the bottom of the tunnel. The bags are about 7 ft. thick inflated.

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### ROADSIDE PARK IS OBJECT OF PRAISE, VANDALISM

Recently a traveler left the following note of thanks at this rest area on U.S. 79 north of Rison: "Thank you very much for the nicest place I have seen in any state. I am from Indiana."

Cleveland County Area Foreman Pink May noted that a few weeks prior all the night lights at the park were broken out by vandals. Statistics show that the major percentage of vandalism is done by persons in the locale.

Authorities have requested the cooperation of all-citizens in helping keep the rest area in excellent condition for appreciative travelers such as the one from Indiana.

### GRAFFITI

*Bud Witter - Beautification Section*

Archaeologists and anthropologists have been able to evaluate the customs, habits and even the morality of ancient civilizations by *graffiti*, the crude and often rude writings scratched on the walls of caves and buildings during centuries past.

Today, crude and nearly-always rude scratchings are seen in most all public places around us but *graffiti* somehow seems too pretty a word to describe them. Defacement is more nearly correct.

Such flanerie is not nearly so justifiable as it was centuries ago, since there weren't many educated cave dwellers, and pencil and papyrus weren't always at hand. Those users of rest rooms in our roadside parks who leave their vulgarisms seldom inscribe anything of value on the walls that should be preserved for posterity. Frequently it's like our Girl Friday said to a friend, "I wrote you a birthday poem, but the restroom attendant made me erase it."

### WIGGINS CERTIFIED BY ICET



Frank J. Wiggins of the Right of Way Utility Section, has received his Certificate for Junior Engineering Technician from the Institute for Certification of Engineering Technicians (ICET).

Certification at the Junior Engineering Technician level requires two years' technical experience or graduation from an accredited engineering program and endorsement by one professional engineer or equivalent.

He will be eligible for the second level Engineering Technician, in January, 1969.

Frank earned a B.A. degree in Business Administration from Ouachita Baptist College in 1960. Afterward he was on active duty with the Army for 2½ years. He is presently a captain in the Arkansas National Guard and the deputy finance officer of the 39th Infantry Brigade.

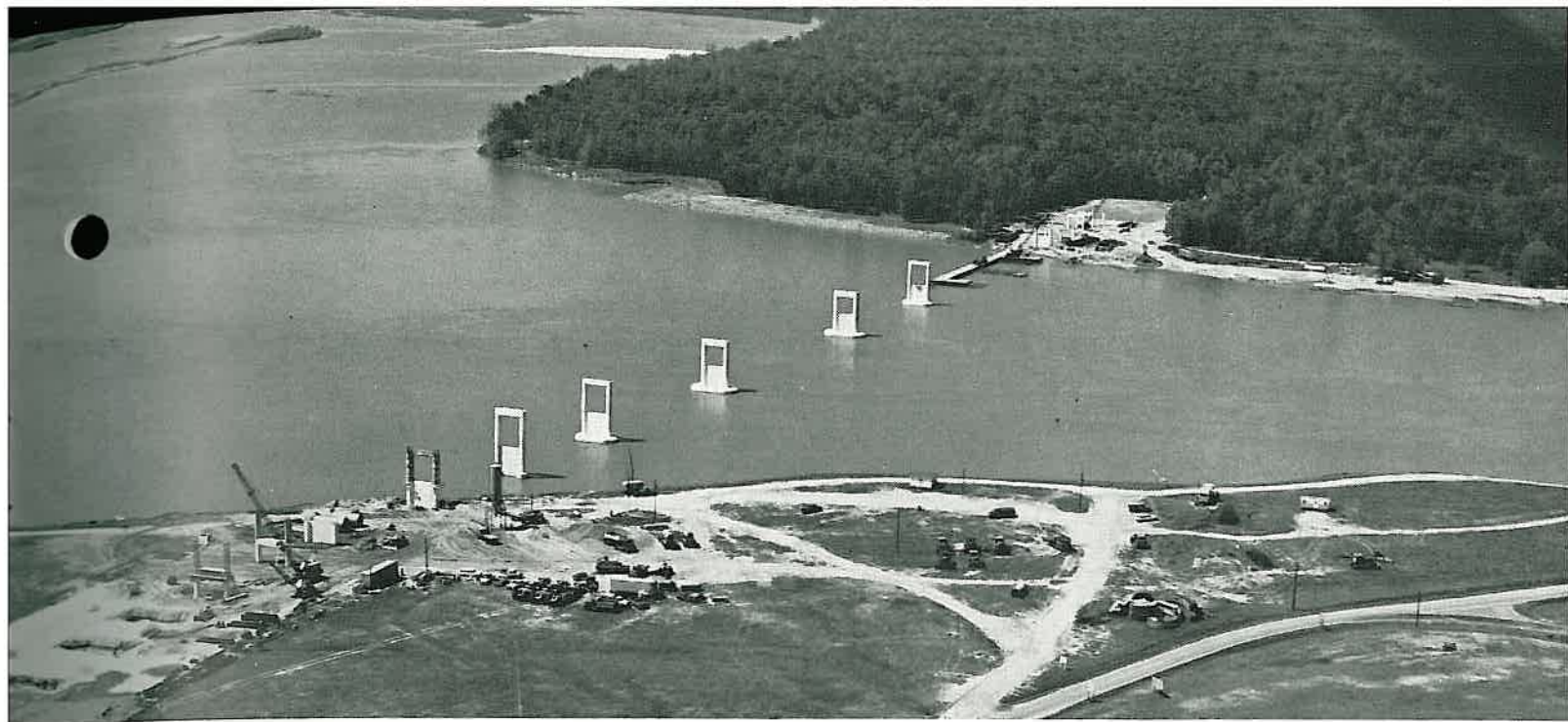
During the summers when Frank was attending Ouachita, he was associated with Edward G. Smith and Associates, consulting engineering firm. He came to the Department in 1963 as an engineering technician and is now the assistant to Utilities Chief B. A. Van Patten. He and his wife Pat, are the parents of three children, Clay 7, Curt 5, and LeAnne 4. They live on Melinda Drive in the Town & Country Subdivision.

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Too often the scrawled messages are so smuttily graphic, their filth seems to permeate the entire area to such an extent that a less callous visitor feels he has been exposed to disease.

The Arkansas Highway Department is making every effort to provide the finest rest areas possible. Will you help stamp out graffiti in our parks? And wouldn't the guilty parties be most embarrassed to find themselves photographed *flagrante delicto!*





## PIERS NEARING COMPLETION

Pier construction is about complete and approach work is in progress on the Pendleton bridge across Arkansas River between Desha and Arkansas counties where the only crossing has heretofore been by ferry. The bridge will be a part of Highway . San Ore Construction Co., Inc. & Gardner Engineering Corp. of Houston has the pier contract which was awarded October 26, 1966 for \$1,138,607.

Markwell & Hartz, Inc. of Memphis was the low bidder for construction of approaches and approach substructure. That contract was awarded August 23, 1967 for \$737,497.65. K. F. Tyler of McGehee is the resident engineer for the Highway Department. Work on the bridge is hampered at present by flood waters.

### COMING EVENTS IN ARKANSAS

- May 18–Nov. 1:  
Dogpatch, U.S.A., eight miles south of Harrison on Hwy. 7.
- May 31–Oct. 26:  
"Arkansaw Traveller" Folk Theatre, Hardy. Performances each Friday and Saturday night.  
Ozark Jubilee, Eureka Springs. Each Friday night in the City Auditorium.
- June 1:  
Old-Timers Day, Salem.
- June 14–15: Tomato Festival, Warren.
- June 14–16: Fourth Annual Arts & Crafts Festival, Greenwood.
- June 15: Arts & Crafts Outdoor Fair, Baxter County Courthouse lawn, Mountain Home.
- June 15: Baxter County Folk Festival, Mountain Home.
- June 17–July 27:  
Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony, Eureka Springs.
- July 6–7: Arkansas Hill Country Arts & Crafts Association Fair, Buffalo River State Park.

July 10–13: Miss Arkansas Pageant, Hot Springs Convention Center.

Aug. 2–3: White River Water Carnival, Batesville.

Aug. 10–11: Arkansas Hill Country Arts & Crafts Association Fair, Bull Shoals State Park.

The "Arkansaw Traveller" shows will feature a re-enactment of an original play which gained world-wide fame in the nineteenth century as an adaptation of an incident which supposedly happened prior to 1840. Col. Sanford Faulkner, a wealthy planter and noted politician, lost his way one day while traveling through the Ozarks, and came upon a squatter's cabin. The squatter was at first antagonistic, then purposely evasive in answering the Colonel's questions. The squatter then learned that Sanford could play the fiddle, whereupon he invited him into his home. The dialogue between them formed the basis for the play, the famed song, "Arkansaw Traveller" and Josiah H. Shinn's book, "Pioneers and Makers of Arkansas."

The original script of the play has been expanded to include a program of folk music. The outdoor theatre, located one mile south of Hardy on U.S. 62–167 has seating for 375 persons. Curtain time is 8:00 p.m.



# AROUND the DEPARTMENT



Does spring fever grip us more strongly each year, or do we just become more sensitive to the beauty and newness of spring as we ourselves become older? Judging from the comments of various reporters, I assume I am not the only victim who needs to be outfitted with blinders in order to during April and May. Our Maker surely knew what he was doing when he washed away the last winter snow with a drenching rain then dried the rain with warm March breezes so that every little rose, no matter how neglected, could bloom it's head off in April and May.

Mildred Harness in Accounting is a modest soul who gets very embarrassed at any special attention, so sensing that something was afoot, she firmly put out the word that she wanted no recognition of her birthday on May 9. So, her friends in the building bowed to her wishes — technically, at least. They arranged a potluck luncheon for her on Wednesday, May 8. Like Alice in Wonderland, it was sort of an un-birthday party, you might say.

That was such a lovely floral birthday greeting which the fellows in Beautification gave secretary Billie Carlton on May 7.

If the Beautification and Green Thumb personnel who are at work on the development of the court garden behind the main building were as anxious to get it completed as those of us who are sidewalk superintending, they would have finished weeks ago. The goldfish pool and fountain have been completed and workmen were in the process of putting in topsoil and plantings. But then...the rains came... and came...and came. Ah, well, in about a month it will probably be dry enough for them to resume work. With summer heat rapidly approaching, finishing work to be done and grass to be replanted, the area likely will not reach it's zenith this year, but by next spring it should be a place of beauty and restfulness.

Work is also being done in other places on the grounds and the overall effect is that some of the stark newness is being replaced by a look of planned, though simple, elegance.

Construction of a photo lab for use by the Photogrammetry Section is under way near the District 6 office.

Do any of you know how to demolish a house, a car and two bicycles, all at one fell swoop? Brooks Nichols' wife, Linda, didn't, but she can tell you how, and she came upon the formula inadvertently. To set the scene — the morning after Brooks bought a new Oldsmobile, Linda got in the car to go to work. When she started the engine it idled very fast because it was cold. Brooks came out to tell her that in a few seconds the motor would be warm and if she would "pat" the accelerator, the engine would idle more slowly. She did pat the accelerator, and wham! into the bicycles parked in front of the car. It seems she had forgotten that the car was in "drive" instead of "park" or "reverse". You

know how unexplainable things happen to lady drivers sometimes — don't we, ladies? Fortunately the only damage was to the bicycle. Not a scratch on the car. Brooks, sounds like she's been seeing too many Phyllis Diller movies.

Anyway, Linda got to the brake before the car got into the house, which is probably just as well...the door would have been too small. Linda got out of the car laughing at her near mishap but Brooks, looking on aghast and considering the damage that might have resulted in the wink of an eye, quite frankly said he didn't see anything so funny. Linda, who must have a terrific sense of humor, said, "Well, you would if you could see your face!"

Kristi, Paige and Blair Beavers are spending a few days with their grandparents, Johnnie and Mollie Beavers, while their parents, Charles and Kay Beavers relocate to Jackson, Tenn. where he is employed by Consolidated Aluminum Corp.



Kristi, left, Paige, right. Blair is a little young to worry about smiling for the camera.

Among the situations I can't imagine is Personnel's Sibble Cox taking three days' vacation in April without fishing a single one of them! Did you break your line or something, Sibble?

It was good to have former Safety Officer Bill Huie, now with ABF at Fort Smith, pay some of us a visit at the main building May 14. Hale and hearty as always.

It's a-missin' ya, we'll be, Bill Mullen, especially all those wisecracks behind such a straight face. But good luck and lots of insurance to you at Pyramid.

Personal sympathy is extended to Estal Curtis who works out of District 5 at Batesville upon the death of Mrs. Curtis April 24. I visited Mrs. Curtis numerous times while she was a burn patient at University Hospital from January 15 until her demise. She was a courageous Christian lady.



Betty Claude

We were sorry to see Jim Hillis leave our Department May 1. He is moving to Jackson, Miss. where he will be with Michael Baker Company. We wish Jim good luck in his new position, and hope he and Joan will come back to see us when they can.

I think all of us have spring fever these days with this wonderful weather we have been blessed with. Makes vacation days look even more inviting, don't you think?

This time of year stories of fish catches, how many, where, what kind are as commonplace as ants at a picnic but I can personally vouch for one Secondary Roads angler. Those Marvin Griffin brought me were delicious.



The cute little boy is Jay Whitmire, one year old son of Willie Whitmire. Isn't he a picture of health? Needless to say, Willie is quite proud of him, and is teaching him to ride horses already, at this tender age.

Our deepest sympathy to L. P. Carlson in the death of his brother, Walter Carlson, who lived in Iowa, and also to John Dickinson, in the death of his mother after a lengthy illness.





## COMPUTER SERVICES

Fay Sullivan

First, we extend congratulations and best wishes to our Chief, Pat Huddleston, who moved into his new home in Pleasant Valley early in April.



We welcome a new employee, Barbara Smith, who began working for us on April 16. Barbara attended the University of Tennessee and has several years' experience in computer programming.

Donna Carson, along with her husband and his parents, took their first trip up in the Ozarks this past weekend. They enjoyed it very much, the scenery was beautiful.

Our sympathy to Martha Langley and family on the loss of her father-in-law recently.



## CONSTRUCTION

Luci Dishongh

After working 38 years with AHD, always using vacation time to paint the house, H. B. "Uncle Fat" Matthews and his wife Gladys finally took time to take a real vacation, the kind most of us dream of: two full weeks of fun, relaxation and sightseeing, combined with family visiting in Puerto Rico. They left Little Rock at 7:00 a.m., March 10th, accompanied by Mr. Matthews' sister, Mrs. Opal Shirley, and arrived in Puerto Rico at 4:30 p.m. Atlantic standard time (two-hour change), 5½ hours' flying time for 2500 miles.

The Matthews' older daughter, Margaret June, and her husband, Lt. Com. Harlan E. Murray, Jr. and their children are stationed at Roosevelt Roads Naval Base on the eastern coast of Puerto Rico, where he is in charge of all stores on the base. They went there in July of 1966 on a three-year assignment and hope to spend the balance of Commander Murray's naval career there.

Puerto Rico was discovered by Columbus in 1493 and settled by the Spaniards. A section of the old part of the city is the same as the first settlement but American dollars have expanded the ocean front so that it looks very much like Miami Beach. The temperature in winter ranges from 70° at night to 80° in the daytime. Summers are a little warmer with the nights being 75° and the days around 90°. A 20-mile an hour east wind blows so constantly that all trees lean toward the west.



Because Puerto Rico is hurricane country, houses are built almost altogether of concrete, having five-inch thick concrete roofs and walls. Inner walls and floors are also concrete. An interesting observation to the Matthews was that since the buildings are all concrete, termites nest in the trees and some nests are as large as five feet in diameter!

Among the places they visited was the old Ft. St. Christopher which has been restored, El Morro Castle where the British government had planned to move the Queen of England in the event that Germany overran England during World War II, and three of the naval stations around San Juan. Mr. Matthews was delighted that a sticker on the windshield of the Murrays' VW rated a salute from all the guards whether his son-in-law was in the car or not.

The Matthews and Mrs. Shirley left San Juan at 10:30 a.m., March 23 on the return trip, arriving in Miami (1300 miles) in two hours and 15 minutes. They arrived in Memphis shivering in summer clothes to find 17 inches of snow on the ground! Uncle Fat says, after seeing three worlds - old, modern and ultra modern, "Argenta" is good enough for him!!



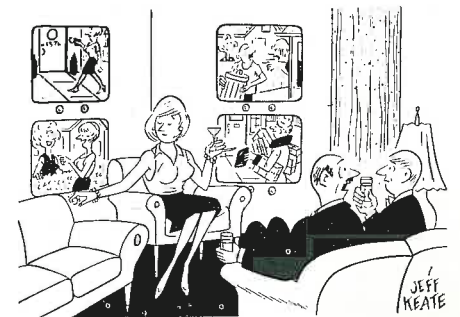
It was fun while it lasted! Mrs. Matthews and Uncle Fat share a container of "cocos frios" (coconut milk) at a fruit stand in Puerto Rico. Mrs. Shirley watches "the birdie".



Doyle and Phyllis Carson's Christmas present, Jeffrey Doyle, is now 4½ months old. He was born Christmas Day. Isn't he a sweet one?

Best of luck to B. D. Mulhollen who left us May 1 to join the staff of First Pyramid Life Insurance Co. We welcome Don Cahoon in his new work as assistant construction engineer.

Geraldine Kissire and Margaret Weathers took to the air recently - enjoyed their first airplane trip to visit children and grandchildren.



"Grace saw my interoffice TV. She likes to keep tab on the neighbors"





## EQUIPMENT AND CENTRAL SHOP

Tyronza Hines

Mike Pitts, 14 year-old son of Frank Pitts, recently became a member of Jr. National Honor Society. Mike is an eighth grader at Fourth Street Jr. High School in North Little Rock. As a member of the track team he is on the 440-yd. and 880-yd. relay teams, and also runs the 100 and 220-yd. dash.

Avalee Padgett is really beaming over her new granddaughter, Kandace Marie Moore born April 15 at Washington General Hospital in Fayetteville. The new parents are Jane and Dickie Moore. Jane is Avalee's older daughter. Avalee spent a week in Fayetteville helping to take care of the new baby. She is really an expert in child care now.

Leon Sneed's son, Bill, and wife Phyllis have been visiting their parents here prior to his departure May 10 for a year in Turkey. He has been stationed at the Pensacola Naval Air Station. Phyllis, will remain in the states with her parents.

Mumps and chicken-pox really seem to be going around among the school children. Jo Ann Wolfe's daughter, Paula, just had a bad case of chicken-pox and now Sue Fuller's daughter, Susan, has come down with mumps. Fortunately school will soon be out for the summer.



## FINAL ESTIMATE

The Staff

We welcome Joel Bradley back to our section. Other new employees are Kathey Gault of North Little Rock, who attended Arkansas Tech and State College of Arkansas, and Larry Pumphrey of Sheridan, who attended Henderson State Teachers College.

Gene Ashcraft's daughter, Deborah Ann, a student at Ridge Road Junior High in North Little Rock, won a Division One rating playing the piano at the Arkansas State Music Festival held at Hot Springs, April 18. The Division One rating is the highest achievement.

Having submitted proof of qualification to the Board of Registration, Mike Herndon was recently licensed as a Registered Land Surveyor.

The Third Annual Meeting of the American Society of Certified Engineering Technicians was held April 18, 19, 20 in Little Rock at the Marion Hotel. The Arkansas Chapter of ASCET was the host and Gene Ashcraft, senior engineering technician, was the coordinator of the Program Committee. Mike Herndon, engineering technician, also attended the workshops and discussions.

The Arkansas Chapter of the ASCET invites all technicians to the meetings and encourages them to become certified. The chapter will be host to the national convention in 1970. Can we expect to see YOU?



## HELENA BRIDGE

George Cloud

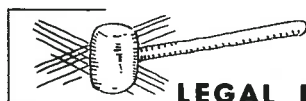
There has been quite a bit of sickness among the employees here recently. The boss diagnosed each case correctly as fishing fever and refused to grant sick leave. This seems to be more acute when it rains on our days off.

Luther Ellenburg, a man who can take fishing or leave it, took his annual trip recently and came back with tall tales of long stringers filled with fish. Bill Morton gets up to his place on Greers Ferry Lake frequently but is real coy about his luck when he returns.

Luther Morris, our "Secretary of Agriculture", gets that old desire to farm again when he sees the earth being turned and would like to acquire a mule, turning plow and double shovel to show us how it's done. Any offers?

Boss Archie has sold his house in West Acres and bought another on Alice street in West Helena. We've been trying to get him married off for a good while and this may be the first sign that he is weakening.

You'd be surprised at some of the alibis employed by people to try to cross the bridge when temporarily out of funds. One salesman of baby clothing left a dozen baby pants with Bill Morton in lieu of a dollar until he could return. A Texas couple asked later what happens when a person is broke. When told that some baby pants were being held, they laughed and drove away, then backed up and the man said, "my wife would like to know how old that baby was."



## LEGAL DIVISION

Joyce Porter

W. D. Kelly has been ill for the past several weeks. We hope he makes a speedy recovery and is back with us real soon.

Robin Harrison is still having teeth problems. I can sure feel for her. I have been having them myself lately but glad to say that my problems, with teeth that is, are about over. Robin is the daughter of our Ethyl Harrison.

Not much has been happening around the Legal Division lately. I do have a new purchase that I am very proud of though...a home entertainment center of color T.V. - stereo and AM-FM radio.

Since we only got it a little while before my birthday, I suppose it is to be my birthday present, and I don't mind a bit except that it will probably wind up my Mother's Day and Christmas present this year. It's worth it, though.

Annette Youtz is the only person in Legal that I heard of receiving an Easter gift. Phillip bought her a cute little duck. I don't know what they have named the duck, but they also have a dog, Susie, and a newly acquired puppy. They are accumulating quite a menagerie.

Speaking of puppies, I think pretty soon we will be the new owners of some part-German Shepherd puppies. Anyone like a dog?

Helen Hackett and her husband, Wayland visited the Iris Garden out on Base Line Road last week. Helen reported that they were all lovely but would be more in bloom in a week or so. For all the flower lovers, that would be just the place to visit.

Gloria Carraro, daughter of our Hazel, has been ill for the past few weeks. We hope that she feels better soon.

By the time that this magazine is printed, it will be a little late for this but I would like to say "A BELATED HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all the mothers out in Readers Land...and a VERY HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to all the fathers. We (or most of us) don't appreciate our parents enough and I would just like to remind all of you to be kind to your parents, not only on these special days but every day of the year.

I must make a correction of names which was printed in the Jan.-Feb.-March magazine. Former employee Betty Grimes' grandson's name is George Henry Hill instead of Huddleston. Please excuse this error. My apologies to George Henry's mother, Doris Jean, also.



## MAINTENANCE

## RADIO

Shirley

## BEAUTIFICATION Dunegan

Spring has sprung with lawn mowers going, dogs barking, kids playing and birds singing. Sure makes for a very severe case of spring fever and, my, how contagious it seems to be!

A new member of our staff is Bennie Robbins who transferred to Maintenance from Equipment. Welcome to the Division.

Jim Francis, asst. maintenance engineer, was home with a sprained back for a few days. After a trip or two to a Chiropractor he was back with us, with the same smiling face.

We in the Radio Section have lost Alan Kuykendall who operated the radio in the evening. He has gone into the aviation world of radios.





Raymond Holland, right, of the Beautification Section was presented a five year service certificate and lapel pin May 1 by boss Ben Hogan.



This natty looking youngster is Ben and Jeannie Hogan's Mike. Looks like a good prospect for a 1988 rowing team.

What a beautiful fountain and pool we have under construction in the area between our buildings. The Beautification Section has really been working hard to achieve a park-like setting for us to look at when there is a slack in our duties. It sure makes a person want to put his foot in when the temperature goes up, up. Nice work, boys.

Guess you know that Beautification Engineer Ben Hogan has a new addition to the family. His name is Michael David. And as you might imagine, Ben and Jeannie are so-o proud.

Bryan Davis, landscape architect and Ben Hogan attended a meeting of the AASHO Committee on Roadside Development this month in Baton Rouge, La.

Bud Witter, our staff specialist, purchased a new party barge and has it moored on Lake Ouachita. Happy eating, fishing and just plain loafing, Bud.

Maintenance Engineer Jim Lowder and his wife, Ethel took a day off to go fishing and guess what? It rained! Wouldn't you know it! Well, better luck next time, Boss.

Clarence Page took a few days' vacation and drove to guess where? Albu-

querque. We just don't know what he finds so attractive about that city unless it's the home of those grandkids.

The old saying "Age creeps up on you fast" is becoming a fact in the menagerie of yours truly and family. We recently attended a horse sale and purchased what they said was a year-old horse colt, half Shetland and half quarter horse. So, thinking he would grow considerably by the time he was two years old, we bought him. The next day a neighbor looked at him and said that he thought the horse was just about two years old. So we were a little let down. Then a couple of days later we had a veterinarian over to look at our other horses and decided to have him checked over. Well, you guessed it. He is over three and a half, in fact almost four. We are hoping he won't die of old age before we get him back to the sale. That's what I call aging fast. Wouldn't you?

Here is one you can tell the kids. "Knock Knock? Who's there?" "Cheap Gasoline." Bye now.



Billie Whiteside

The P&R Mapping Team, captained by Henry Mercer, won second place in the Highway Bowling League. Other members are Marlin Powell - who also won a trophy for highest series score above his average; Gary Foughty, a former employee; Jim Ryan of Gibson's; and Robin Rye of Teletype. Ken Bynum of Traffic Engineering, member of another team, won a trophy for highest game score above his average; and Wilbert Chapman received a trophy as a member of the team that had the highest score in a series. We're very proud of all of them.



P&R welcomes two draftsmen. Jimmie D. Saunders comes to us from the Air Force, is married, and is assigned to the Mapping Section. Transferring from Secondary Roads is Charles Rain, also

married, and the father of two children; he is assigned to Traffic Engineering.

Congratulations to Larry and Marcie Johnson on the birth of Tracy Lain, their new baby girl. Larry is an economist.

Leroy Beckett recently attended the 1968 Convention on Photogrammetry and Surveying in Washington, D.C. He said it was very informative but he was glad to be back in Arkansas.

Ruth Cantley visited her daughter, Alyce and family, the John E. Cagles, formerly of Little Rock, in Shreveport the last of April. The primary purpose of her visit was to hear granddaughter Betty sing the lead role in "South Pacific", the Woodlawn High School senior class production. Betty must have made a good "Nellie Forbush from 'Small Rock', Ark.", as she received a standing ovation.

We received a letter recently from Pfc. Paul Edwards, now serving in Vietnam. He says the temperature there is widely various from 100-120° in the daytime to cold at night. The terrain is mostly swamp. He said there had been no rain since last October but the monsoon season will soon begin and last for three months. The only thing he mentioned liking about Vietnam is that he likes to ride in helicopters and has the opportunity to. Even though it will be some months before he is eligible, Paul is already looking forward to a visit from his wife when she meets him in Hawaii for his rest and recreation leave. He was in our Mapping Section before induction into the service.

Helen McNutt enjoyed a visit from her daughter, also named Helen, an Air Force nurse assigned at San Antonio.

The new owner of a black Volkswagen is Jeff Munson.

A recent vacationer - Dodson Leonard, who entertained his brother John and wife from Texas City, Texas.

We have lost several employees. Fred McCormack resigned from Mapping; he went to the Defense Intelligence Agency in Arlington, Va. Edith Garland, of the front office, left at the end of April, infanticipating. A luncheon was given in her honor at Paul's Lamplighter, and she was presented a number of gifts. Both were good friends.

And we regret to report the retirement of Don Mount. He left without fanfare, his last day at work being April 25th. Most of us were taken by surprise, as he had kept it a secret. We were truly sorry to see Don leave. We found him to be a conscientious, thoughtful, pleasant person to work with and a gentleman in every sense of the word. He will be much missed. The rest of us will have to work a little harder at being courteous and friendly in order to try to fill this loss.

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Woman to dinner companions as they scan the menu: "I'll do the ordering, Emily. You keep track of the money, and Leona can count the calories."





## RIGHT OF WAY

ACQUISITION SECTION      The Staff



We welcome our new employee, Linda Randolph, secretary to L. M. Elledge. She is single and resides in Little Rock.



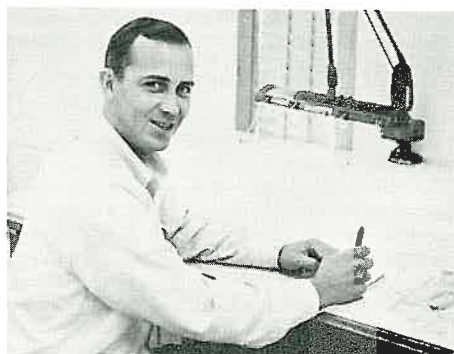
All of us are missing Carolyn Brinkley, who left us May 1. We wish her the best of luck in her new job and hope she remembers to come back for a visit. We had coffee and cake for Carolyn and presented her with a little remembrance from Acquisition. She also received a gold charm from all the girls in Right of Way.

**APPRAISAL SECTION** - Bob Shockley served as sargeant-at-arms during the Midwestern Regional convention of Sertoma, Int'l. held at Hot Springs March 28-30. The Midwestern region is comprised of the States of Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas. During the convention Mrs. Shockley was elected Arkansas District governor of La Sertoma for 1968-69.

It was the Shockleys' pleasure to escort the visiting international president, Jim Burchfield and his wife of Columbus, Ohio, to the races.

Henry Williams is sporting a 1968 Chevrolet Caprice. He and Gwen are real proud of it.

**ENGINEERING SECTION:** We welcome two new employees to our Section, Jim Smith and Dick Wallace, both draftsmen.



Jim and his wife Sue have two daughters, Susan who will be five in June and Karen, four months. Both Jim and Sue are originally from Russellville but are now residing in Little Rock.



Dick and his wife Jean are the parents of a three-month-old baby girl named Christy. Dick is from North Little Rock but they now make their home in Little Rock.



## ROADWAY DESIGN

Virginia Ashlin

The Brooks Nichols family are the proud owners of a new Oldsmobile. The car is gold with an ivory top. Sounds real pretty.

We were sorry to lose Donnie Hutchinson who resigned April 30th. Donnie was only with us a short time but he made a lot of friends and will be missed.

Jim Cottingham and family are enjoying their vacation camper. They spent the weekend of May 4th at the Albert Pike National Park. Jim and his son caught "enough" fish. I don't know just how much enough is, but when I asked him how many they caught, that was his answer.

Rick and Sharon Henriksen are getting settled in the house they just bought at 5113 Allen in North Little Rock, Ark. Hope they will be happy in their new home.

We're real proud of our bowling team! The competition was too rough for top place and since they couldn't be first, they finished last. Hey, guys, did you ever think of taking up baseball?



## Secondary Roads

Barbara Oldham

Max Hall took an extended personal business and pleasure trip during the month of April. He was in New York City seven days and in Washington, D.C. three days. He flew on an American Airlines Astrojet which, he says, is the shortest distance between two points. Even though the trip was very enjoyable, Max was glad to get back to his kind of people, Arkansans.

The welcome mat is out this month for Larry Johnson, a native of Conway and the newest addition to our engineering section. Before coming to the Department he attended State College of Arkansas with a major in math and served four years with the Air Force at Travis Air Force Base in Calif.

Larry is married and likes to ride horses and work with them. He is also a fisherman. We extend an invitation to his wife Leona to pay us a visit.



Ramona, 3, Pamela, 5 and Michael, 8 are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey Bellomy. Michael is a third grader at Sheridan Elementary School and a Cub Scout. Lindsey is a draftsman in Secondary Roads.



Charles Rain, a draftsman in the division, transferred in May to the Planning and Research Division. We wish Charlie all the luck in the world at his job. Come see us soon, Charlie.



## DISTRICT

# 1

Janet McElduff

The most exciting thing that has happened around here in many a month is the beginning of the beginning of the beginning of our new District Headquarters building. If we just had some control over the weather situation we probably could really be on the real beginning, but the rains have come and gone and blast if they're not back again! We'll keep you up to date, for we are all getting anxious.

Recipients of five-year service awards in this District are R. O. Thompson, T. E. Martin, Clyde Clements, all in Maintenance, and R. H. Clark of Construction.

Mr. John Fanning, who has been one of our night watchmen since 1957, retired March 31 after 15 years' service with the Department. We wish the best of health to Mr. Fanning in his retirement and invite him to come by whenever he can to see us.

Two of our Construction personnel who received their Land Surveyor's certificates earlier this year were left off our list last month. They are V. H. Shassere, resident engineer in West Memphis, and B. G. Martin, assistant resident engineer in Wynne. Good work!

Talked with James Leonard, one of our mechanics, the other day about his first love, country-style music, and learned all kinds of interesting things. I knew he had a group, and knew they had cut one record, but I didn't know that James wrote music, has a new one coming up, and the group is working hard toward perfection before they make their recording date. Another source of information says that James' son, who is graduating from high school this year, and who plays with the group, can really "out-play" his dad on the guitar. One of these Saturday nights I hope we can go and hear them, and then we'll give you a first-hand account. Who knows, one of these days we might be saying we knew them when!

Danny Curtner, middle son of Leroy Curtner, suffered a mild concussion in an automobile accident early this month. Danny and a friend commute to Arkansas State University and on one of those curving hills between here and Jonesboro the tie-rod went out. Fortunately neither boy was seriously hurt. Leroy's oldest son, Tommy Lee, is now stationed in Germany after serving for more than a year in Korea. He had several weeks at home with his folks before embarking for Germany.

Red Smith made granddaddy twice all within a few days. Now let's see...his boy had a girl and his girl had a boy. I think. Jerry, Red's son, and his wife are proud parents of a little girl. Jerry lives close to his mother and father, and I'll bet the path between gets shorter and shorter since the arrival of this little girl. Red's daughter, Paula, lives in Pennsylvania, and believe me, it kept

Grandmother Nancy hopping to know which grandchild she would welcome first.

The nicest thing that has happened at my house recently is the notification that Janet, our eldest, has received a traineeship in Special Education at State College of Arkansas for next year. This will be her senior year and to know that this traineeship will see her through is great news to us!

We bade farewell to Mr. Andy English upon his retirement with a fish-fry and hushpuppy eatin', and a nice lawn chair for him to rest in while waiting for the fish to bite. Mr. Andy has been with us about 24 years and it's time he got a chance to rest his bones. 'Course he had to cook the fish the other day, along with Earl Mauppin, but we told him he could come back and cook again any time. We'll surely miss him and hope he does come by often.

**THIS IS A FRANTIC BULLETIN TO ALL PERSONNEL IN DISTRICT ONE.** If we're going to continue to have news in the magazine I'm going to have to have some help. There's not much to learn sitting at this desk, and if you all out in the District don't send in any news to me, then District 1 will just be a big blank spot in the magazine. Don't forget - we're interested in all our employees! (Ditto! - Ed.)



Miss Sara Johnson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. W. P. Johnson of Monticello, has been awarded the John McGinnis Faculty Scholarship at Arkansas A&M College for this semester. Sara was also elected to Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges and to senior membership of Alpha Chi. She will graduate from A&M in May with a Bachelor of Music Education degree.

## DISTRICT

# 2

Leslie Long

State Trooper Jim Wooten, assisted by Troopers Bobby Weaver and Marion Taylor conducted the Defensive Driving Course at District 2 Headquarters in February. There were 182 employees who completed the course and were awarded certificates. The course was very well presented and we are glad to have had the opportunity to receive this instruction.

Elbert Martin, job superintendent of Monticello, born February 29, 1904 celebrated his SIXTEENTH this year. He has been with the Department 25 years. (A good example of what Leap Year can do for you)

We congratulate our recipients of Certificate of Merit Awards: E. J. Rabb, asphalt plant supt., 25 years; Garlon C. Tidwell, inspector with the McGehee residency, 15 years; Dwain W. Miles, crane operator with the Sealing Crew, five years; and Ben F. Walker, carpenter in the Bridge Crew, five years.

**NEW ARRIVALS ARE:** Nancy Sue Slaughter, born to the B. W. Slaughters, March 4. She is the sixth child for the Slaughters. B. W. is our service attendant at Lake Village. Angela Rancee Morphis, daughter born to the M. V. Morphis', also on March 4. This is their first child. M. V. is a mower operator in our Chicot County Crew. The report is that both mothers and babies are fine, but the fathers are still nervous. The Fred O.



Mrs. Joyce Sims, another daughter of the Johnsons, is the president-elect of the Killeen Local Unit of the Texas State Teachers Association. Mrs. Sims is a second grade teacher at Meadows Elementary School in Killeen, Texas. This summer she and her husband, Jack, will continue working on their Masters degrees at State College of Arkansas in Conway. W. P. Johnson is a crane operator who has been with the Highway Department 34 years.

Sherri Lynn Smith, nine-year old daughter of J. C. Smith, recently underwent surgery for an emergency appendectomy. We wish her a speedy recovery. J. C. is a truck driver in Chicot County.





Carole and Margaret Wright, granddaughters of Will and Polly Wright, all dressed up in their "grown-up" attire. Will is our payroll clerk and he is very happy to have the granddaughters move closer to home. They and their parents recently moved to Natchez, Miss. from Mobile, Ala.

WOE IS ME - I neglected to reset my clock at 2:00 a.m., Sunday, April 28, 1968. Consequently when I arrived for Church services, the congregation was leaving.



Asst. Safety Officer Frank O'Donell, District Engineer John Harris, Troopers Wooten and Taylor and three of their "pupils", Ouida Grimes, Leslie Long and Barbara Widder.

## DISTRICT 3

Sharon Bailey

I'm sorry folks but I just haven't heard of much news for this month. It isn't really all my fault though - there just isn't much happening within the three rooms I stay in. How about dropping me a line or coming by and talking with me whenever you know of something that would be of interest to us. If you're not sure it's interesting, tell me anyway. (Especially you Area Headquarters people in that District. Ed.)

There has been one happening that I know of and we are all just tickled pink about it (or I should say, blue). Betty Penny, our fuel clerk, jumped the gun and had a little boy, John Gregory, Tuesday, April 30. Both mother and son are doing fine and Clay, the older brother, is happy about the whole situation, as he definitely didn't want a "sissy" around the house. We all say congratulations to the Penny family and hope to be seeing Betty back at work soon.



Some longer toenails and a bit of mountain-climbing experience would have served District Engineer Bob Mattox well while making this inspection of the U. S. 67 bridge across Red River at Fulton on U. S. 67. This isn't Bob's most photogenic angle but it points up to what extent our engineers strive to make the highways and bridges safe for motorists. The only thing left to say is "This is the End."

## DISTRICT 6

The Squealers

Butch Garner, stock clerk, is driving a new Gulfstream Aqua Ford Torino. We know it rides good, because he took us for a ride in it one afternoon.

Recently we enjoyed a visit from Pat Venable, and her two little dolls, Bobby and Lisa. Come back and see us real soon, Pat. She was the former Payroll Clerk for District 6.

Our permit man, Cap Witherspoon, is at this writing in the Veterans' Hospital. We are all hoping that he will be back with us real soon. Hurry back Cap, 'cause we miss you.

We have a new employee in the stockroom. His name is George Henningsen. The other boys in the stockroom say that George likes to sing and whistle a lot while he's working. Stay happy George, and a big welcome to you.

## DISTRICT 10

Isabelle Psalmonds

Congratulations to those receiving service awards and pins in April and May. They are: Raymond Hamilton,

Mechanic I, Paragould, 15 years; Aaron Pannell, crew leader from Osceola, and Henry Zollner, asphalt raker from Paragould, 10 years; Bud Sims, truck driver; Eugene Morton, crew leader; Victor Adams, crew leader and Jimmy Lashley, heavy roller operator all of Paragould, 5 years.

Jackie Black, clerk for Resident Engineer at Paragould, was called home in mid-afternoon, May 1st. Her house was on fire. The house was saved for the most part, but there was several thousand dollars' damage to the house and its contents. No one was at home at the time and they are not sure how it started.

Dewayne Combs, storekeeper, took a week's vacation and he and his family drove to Dallas in their new Pontiac Tempest. It is a beautiful blue with white top. He says it drives like a dream.

Speaking of dreams, Radio Operator Jo Ann Carlile has just returned from a dream vacation. She and her husband Don went with a group via TIA Airlines to Nassau on Monday Morning and returned Friday afternoon. She reports a wonderful visit. One of the most exciting parts of the trip, she said, was when they went deep sea fishing, but as usual the big one got away when a shark cut their line.

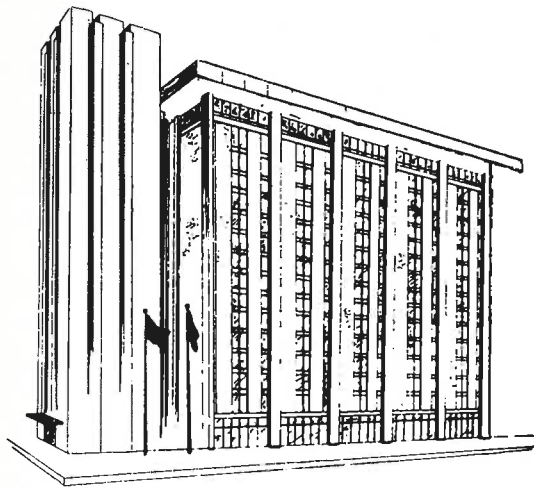


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Deborah M. Sale, a 19-year old philosophy major at Southwestern, won the title of Miss Memphis on April 26th. Debbie is a graduate of Piggott High School, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Sale and the niece of Maurice "Frosty" Sale, engineering aide III at Osceola. She plans to enter law school after graduation from Southwestern. Needless to say Maurice is proud of her.

We extend our sympathy to Deward Zumwalt, sign man at Paragould, in the loss of his wife May 5th; to Kenneth Lovelace, distributor driver at Paragould, who lost his mother in April. And a personal loss was that of my father-in-law, W. L. Psalmonds, April 11.





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Bill: "Why are you never worried about your vacation?"  
John: "It's quite simple, the boss says when and the wife says where."

Boss to new worker: "I imagine the foreman told you what to do."

New Workman: "Yes, sir, he told me to wake him up when I saw you coming."

We talk of equality of the sexes but who in the world ever saw a retired housewife.

"So Ethel returned your engagement ring?"

"Yes, she mailed it to me, and even had the nerve to paste a label on the outside of the package: Glass, handle with care!"

Harassed husband: "Bills, bills, bills, I wonder why we never manage to save anything?"

Distraught wife: "It's the neighbors' fault. They're always doing something we can't afford."

The doctor's new secretary, a conscientious girl, was puzzled by an entry in the doctor's notes on an emergency case: "Shot in lumbar region," it read.

After a moment she brightened, and in the interest of clarity, typed into the record: "Wounded in the woods."

The young farmer was proudly admiring the brand new tractor for which he had spent his year's profits. Noting the dust on it, he called to his wife: "Honey, do you have an old rag?"

"Why yes, dear," she replied sweetly, "but I'm wearing it."

Father: "You talk too much, son. You just watch me. You'll notice I'm generally pretty quiet."

Boy: "Yes, pop, but you got a lot more to be quiet about."

The teacher had just given her second-grade class a lesson on magnets. Now came the question session and she asked a little boy: "My name starts with an 'M' and I pick up things. What am I?"

Instantly the boy replied, "A mother."

The fastest growing thing in nature is a fish - from the time a guy catches it until he tells about it.

Small Boy: Did you lose a dollar bill, mister?

Passer-by: Why-er-yes, I did. Have you found it?

Small boy: Nope. I just wanted to check up on how many were lost this morning. Yours makes ninety-six.

Chivalry: The instinct which inspires a man to protect a woman from all men other than himself.





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In the aftermath of a seven-day deluge of rain, an estimated 3000 yards of earth broke loose and slid down the side of Granite Mountain in mid-afternoon of May 13. The slide, which took trees up to 10 inches in diameter, power and telephone lines with it, spilled over onto a railroad spur line and Highway 367 (Arch Street Pike) at the site of Big Rock Stone and Material Co's. quarry southwest of Little Rock. Three hopper cars on the rail spur, which serves Big Rock, were catapulted from the track into the highway with all wheels being knocked from two of them. Another landed on its side with one end of the car crashing into the side of a sheet metal building on the opposite of the

road where at least one man was working. One automobile was overturned but no one was injured.

The slide began at the peak of a hill approximately 200 feet high. Both the railroad and highway were buried beneath 15 to 20 feet of debris.

Big Rock Stone immediately moved in heavy equipment to clear the highway and tracks, and a long-looked for day of sunshine the next day aided workmen to clear the roadway so that traffic could move. However, less than a mile further south backwater flooded the highway near Stauffer Chemical Company so that passenger cars could not cross.