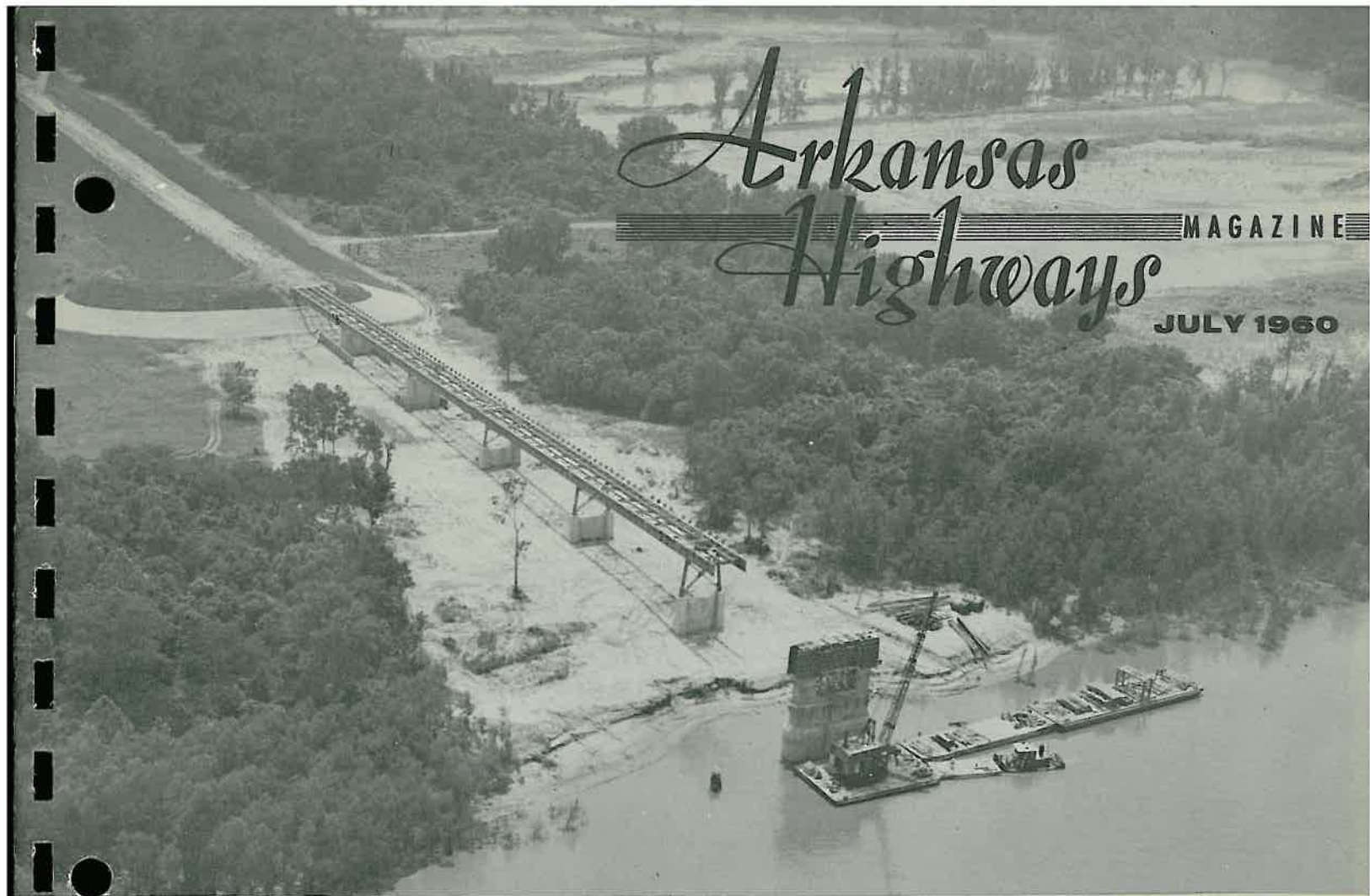


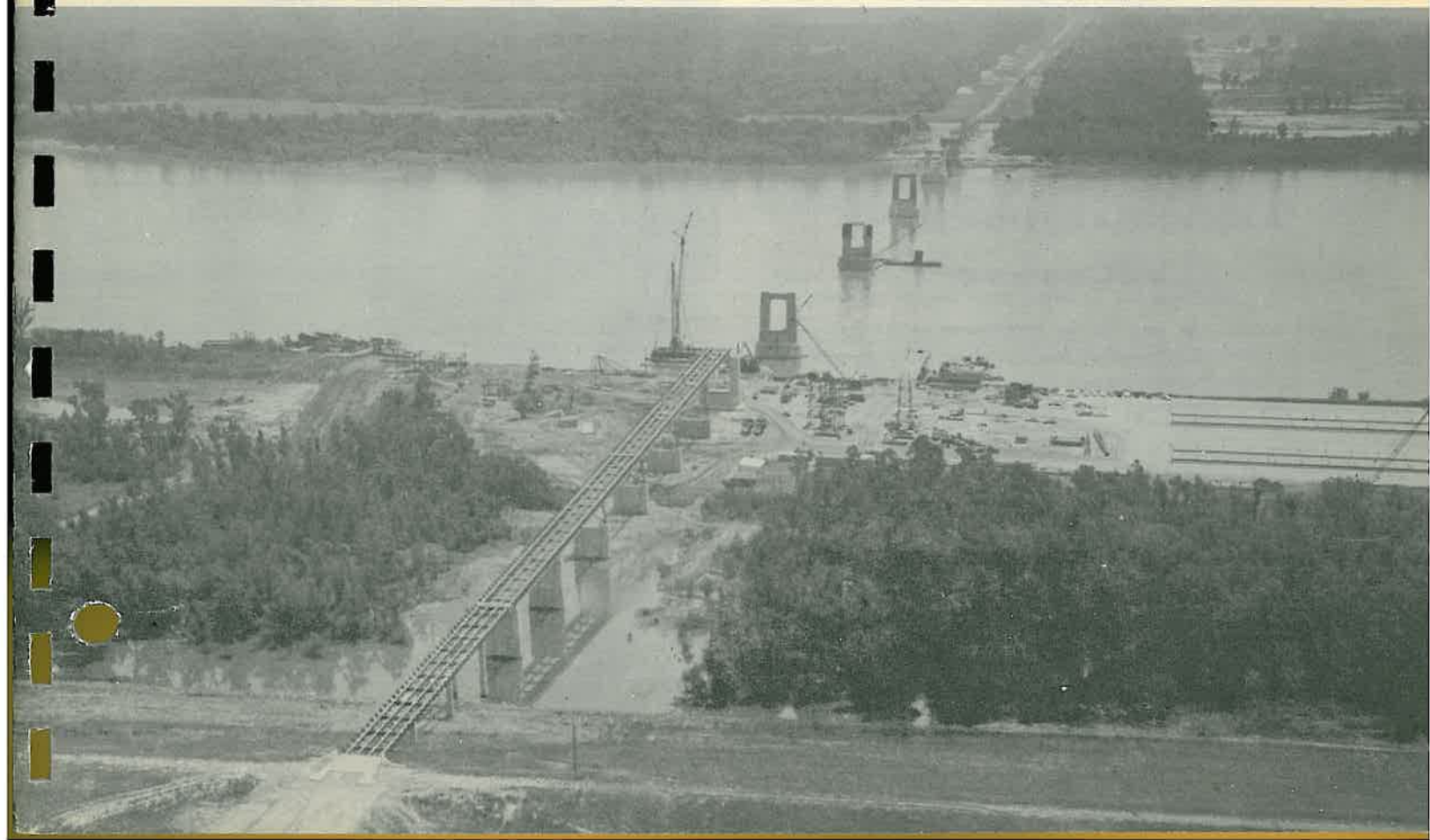
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THE HELENA BRIDGE...PROGRESS IN ARKANSAS AND MISSISSIPPI



Helena Bridge Construction

A Spectacular Operation



The East relief opening is 1,000 feet long, with pre-stressed girders in place for all spans.



Here is pier No. 11 on the main river.

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COVER



Two aerial shots of the Helena Bridge construction shows at bottom, the Arkansas side of the bridge, and the Mississippi side at top. Marvin Middlebrook piloted Johnnie Gray for the aerial shots.

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One must actually see the construction on the Helena Bridge to appreciate the excellent progress being made on the vast project, according to L. A. McCain who is in charge of the Arkansas' part of the construction.

The bridge, begun in April 1959, is tentatively scheduled to be completed by August 1961 - or 375 calendar days from now.

One of the contracts has been completed - the approach sub-structure units have been accepted and the contractor released. The Arkansas approach is 1,199 feet and 6 inches in length. The Mississippi approach is 887 feet long. The main river piers are in the process of being completed this month, Mr. McCain said.

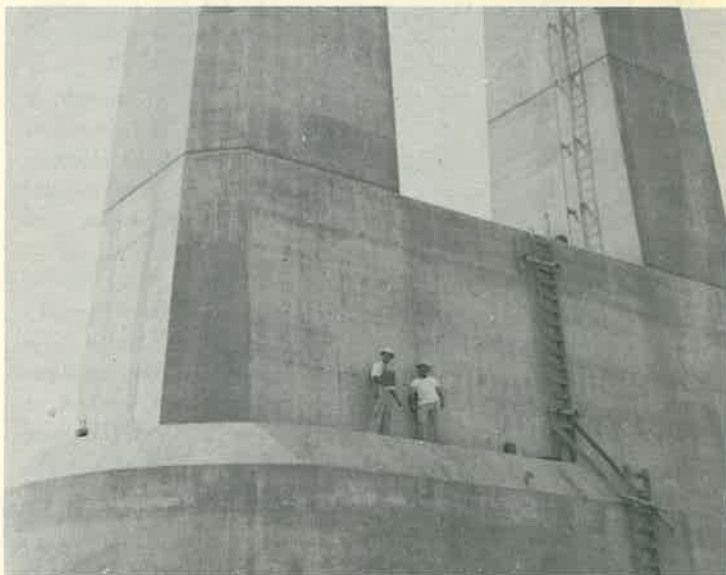
The cost of the bridge will be slightly higher than the \$10,216,870 which was the original estimate.



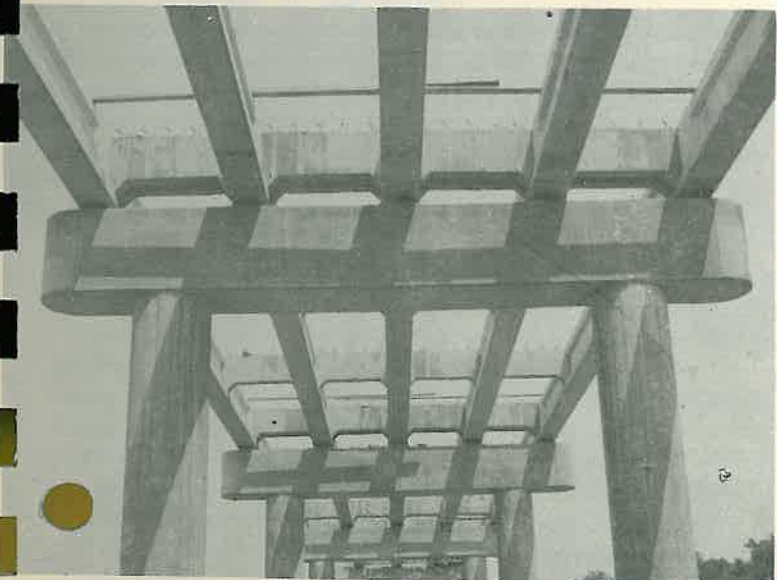
Here are piers No. 10 and No. 11, and part of the West approach to the main river bridge.



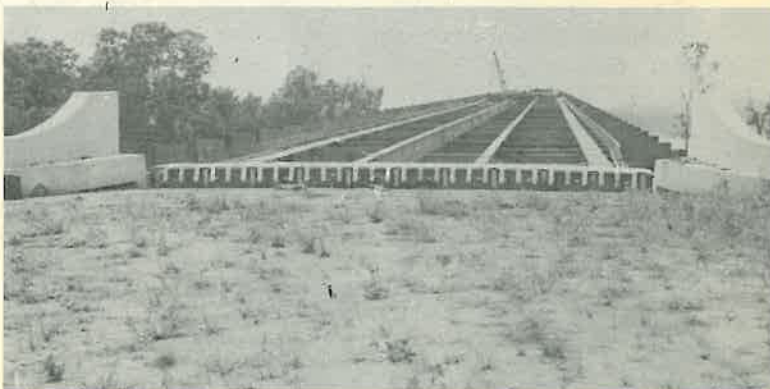
Here is the east approach showing concrete sand rip-rap on slopes.



The two construction workers are dwarfed by the huge caisson section on pier No. 12, which is the highest of the piers. It is 210 feet from the top of the caisson to the bottom. The part that will be above water is 150 feet tall.



Prestressed concrete girders in east relief opening.



Here is the east end of the main river bridge looking west, to the Arkansas side.

J. G. Orton, Sr....

Call Him What You Will - "Workhorse" or "Producer" - Travis Gets The Job Done

Last month Travis Guy Orton, Sr., squad leader in Roadway Design, received his Service Pin and Certificate of Merit from the Highway Commission and Director Oliver, for 25 years of service with AHD. At the presentations the biographical sketch which is given on each recipient is necessarily brief since a certain amount of time is allotted for the ceremonies. We have set aside more space here, so let's find out more about Travis.

Travis is one of four boys and two girls born to Maude Orton and the late Oliver Orton, at Ft. Smith. The elder Mr. Orton was a superintendent of one of the Ft. Smith furniture factories for years before his death in 1946. Mrs. Orton still resides in Ft. Smith. Of the four boys, two others besides Travis are registered professional engineers: Paul, who is recreation director for the U. S. Corps of Engineers in Little Rock; and Kenneth, a civilian employee with the Fourth Army in San Antonio, Texas, both of whom are former employees of the Department, having practically grown up with it. The two daughters are Mrs. Margaret Angwin, Wichita, Kansas, and Mrs. Juanita Strode, Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

A year after his graduation from high school at Ft. Smith in 1927, Travis started working for the Highway Department in the old District 4 office at Ft. Smith as a draftsman. Since that time he has had various assignments and several short "layoffs" for one reason or another. The first one came in 1931 when the depression hit. During the nearly two years that he was out, he did whatever was available, from driving a taxi to harvesting fruit and wheat - or what have you.

Upon re-employment in 1933 he was assigned to the Central Office as a draftsman in the Little Rock office. In 1937 he was made a squad leader and remained for six years when he resigned to work on the construction of THE BIG INCH pipe line in Texas. Other outside work Travis has done included three and one-half years helping to design and construct Fort Chaffee at Ft. Smith. At that time he was in charge of the design of all roads, streets and drainage. Each time he returned to the Department he was made squad leader as he has the knack for supervising others. Some of the late projects in the vicinity of Ft. Smith which were under Travis's design supervision were the Van Buren to Alma road and the Towson Avenue widening.

Travis has been married to the former Miss Wilma Louise Lane for over 32 years. The Ortons have four children: Donald Wayne, with the Navy, John Sydney, employed by Crow-Burlingame in Little Rock who lives at home; Travis, Jr., who makes still another Orton to join forces with the Department since he is following in



his father's footsteps and is a member of Roadway Design; and Mrs. Wilma "Billie" Faries, who is a nurse. Travis, Jr., or Buddy, as he is more often called, attended Arkansas Tech School of Engineering and graduated from the University of Arkansas with a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering. Buddy, who is married and has one daughter, served in the Navy for two years in Guam. The other three grandchildren - all girls, belong to Mrs. Faries.

Sports and practically all outdoor activities are Travis' hobbies. An ardent and patient fisherman, he will spend all day on a lake to catch his share if they are there. Anyone who goes along with him on a fishing trip expedition will say that they certainly had a full day of it. And golf...he's a nut about it. On Saturday mornings, sometimes as early as 5:30, you will find him on the golf course. Asked why he gets up so early, he will tell you that he wants to get through so he can get started on something else - maybe bowling or fishing. A few years back it may have been softball. He was manager and played on several teams for years.

Wilma decided a little over a year ago to go to work since her children were grown so she did just that. She works at Blass Department Store, but that doesn't keep her from being a fishing partner to Travis. They often go out to Maumelle where she only recently caught a good size bass. Travis said that she is an excellent cook - nothing real fancy, but good Southern fare. Which is the best kind.

The Ortons don't entertain much. They live quietly at 3220 Lamar where Travis works in the yard and is somewhat of a "putterer," when he isn't engaged in a sport. He is a member of the Arkansas and National Societies of Registered Professional Engineers; a member of the American Congress on Surveys and Mapping; and he is a Third Degree Mason.

Travis has a reputation of being a very hard worker and those who know him will vouch for that. But, that is

part of Travis' make-up. He believes in doing an honest day's work to earn his way and expects his men to do the same. The men will all tell you that he sets the example and everyone else strives to follow.

That his reputation for being a worker is well known we cite the following: several years back when the Department was in the throes of politics, the chief engineer at the time brought the governor by and introduced Travis to him as the "workhorse." And, only recently the chief engineer introduced him to one of the commissioners and referred to him as the "producer." Travis is living up to both of these titles.

New Engineers - In - Training....

Three new engineers have joined the staff of AHD. The three are engineers-in-training and all are graduates of the University of Arkansas, with Bachelor's Degrees in Civil Engineering.

Lawrence Herman Fletcher, a native of Dardanelle, began working in the Construction Division as his first assignment. He attended schools at Wells Bayou and is a graduate of Dumas High School. His past experience includes instrument work, field notes, and cross-sections with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers at Dardanelle and Barksdale Air Force Base. He is married to the former Miss Pat Christenbury. He is the son of the Mrs. Mary Nell Fletcher of Dumas, Arkansas, and the late Herman Fletcher. He is 23 years old.

Robert Henry Seay, a native of El Dorado, is in District 9 as an engineering technician. He attended elementary and high schools in Fayetteville. Seay worked in the Highway Research Lab at the University and was a draftsman with an appraising firm in Lincoln, Nebraska, and one in Hurst, Texas. He is a member of the Arkansas Society of Civil Engineers and the American Meteorological Society. Seay is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Seay of Fayetteville.

Reuben McCain Pate, engineer-in-training in Materials and Tests, also started working on June 8. He is a native of Pine Bluff but attended schools at Star City. He had over two years at Arkansas Tech, Russellville before he transferred to the University of Arkansas. He is a member of the student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers. His past experience includes instrument work and drafting with a construction firm in Springdale, Arkansas; U. S. Forrest Service at Russellville; and a construction firm in Calumet City, Illinois. He is married to the former Ruah Lee Atkinson of Deer, Arkansas. His parents are Mrs. Mary Pate, Star City, and Reuben Pate, Sr., Booneville, Arkansas.



Fletcher



Seay



Pate



NEWS BITS...

Director F. R. Oliver spoke before all the civic clubs of Paragould at a joint meeting held at 7 p.m. on June 22.

Director and Mrs. Oliver spent the Fourth of July holiday week end at Kansas visiting relatives. Enroute back to Little Rock they stopped off at Harrison where Mr. Oliver addressed the Harrison Lion's Club at the noon meeting on July 6.

Neill Bohlinger, legal administrative assistant, was in Jackson, Mississippi in June for the reunion of the Sons of the Confederacy. From there he went to Birmingham, Alabama where he was guest speaker at the observance of Jeff Davis' birthday, by the Sons of the Confederate Veterans. Mr. Bohlinger is past commander-in-chief of the SCV.

Mr. Bohlinger was speaker at Girls State in June, at Lloyd England Hall, Camp Robinson. He spoke also at the Pioneer's Club luncheon June 15 at Hotel Marion.

LONGEVITY AWARDS representing 185 years of service, were presented to seven Highway Department employees at ceremonies in the Commission Room June 29.

Those receiving the awards from the Commission and Director Oliver were: 30 years: C. M. Matthews, District 9 engineer, and John C. Hicks, Roadway Design; 25 years: Travis G. Orton, Sr., Roadway Design; Walker C. Haigh, Bridge Design; Herbert Burns, Equipment, Jacksonville; W. C. Wood, District 2; and Charles G. Apperson, District 10.

On behalf of all personnel we congratulate these men, who so faithfully have served the Highway Department.



Recipients of service awards June 29 are: (front row, left to right) Burns, Matthews, Orton, Haigh, Hicks, Apperson, and Woods. The commissioners, Director Oliver, and Chief Engineer Ward Goodman are in back row.

RETIREMENT BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED

J. T. Beavers, executive secretary of the Arkansas State Highway Employees Retirement System, announced that C. A. Shumaker and C. Don Hayes were elected to serve as Board Members by a clear majority of all votes cast.

The panel of election judges met on June 7, 1960, to tabulate and report the results of balloting on nomination of the Board Members.

Mr. Shumaker will serve for the term July 1, 1960 to June 30, 1961; Mr. Hayes will serve from July 1, 1960 to June 30, 1962.

Since the Board Members won by a clear majority, there is no necessity of a run-off election, the election judges declared.

BUREAU MAN FEATURED IN BPR BULLETIN

John L. Vanden Berg, Bureau of Public Roads Program and Planning engineer, was featured as "The Six Shooter of the Week" in a recent issue of "The Six Shooter," a weekly bulletin published by the BPR Regional office in Ft. Worth. Mr. Vanden Berg has been with the Arkansas Division of the Bureau since January 1946. He is currently working in the Division of Planning and Research in order to have a closer contact with the Highway Department as the work on the Revised Interstate Cost Estimate progresses.

Quoting directly from "The Six Shooter": "In 1959 Mr. Vanden Berg was presented with a cash award of \$250 for Sustained Superior Performance and 'for outstanding performance of his official duties, his leadership and guidance in the programing, planning and research activities of the Division and the State, particularly in the handling of the special studies directed by the Congress in the Federal-aid Acts of 1956 and 1958, as well as his responsibilities as office engineer, including emergency relief and Civil Defense activities'."

Mr. Vanden Berg is a fellow-member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers. He is a Lieutenant Colonel, USAR (retired), a Mason, a Shriner, and a member of the Baptist Church.

The members of Planning and Research Division who work with him think Mr. V. is quite a guy!

The American Business Womens Association member who are AHD employees are: Dorothy Switzer, Marie Rossing, Birdie Wright, Joyce Spencer, Ferol Jones, Lucille Dishong, Katherine Jones, and Olin Randle.

Girls State Members Visit AHD



Several members of Girls State visited the Highway Department during their week of activities at Camp Robinson.

The girls, coming on the heels of the Boys State group, allowed a similar tour of the divisions and offices, escorted by Fred Tanner, personnel officer.

Posing on the steps with Chief Engineer Ward Goodman are nine of the group. Carole Sue Cunningham, Hazen, Arkansas (front row, right), was named Highway Director of Girls State. Others pictured are: Sharon Baker, Marion, Arkansas; Marilyn Orts, Little Rock; Susan Branigan, Fayetteville; Phyllis Stanberry, Fayetteville; Marilyn Stratton, Stuttgart; Patsy Leath, Arkadelphia; Paula Brown, Lonoke; and Betty Stevens, Harrison. Two other members: Claudia Ewing, Little Rock, and Jane Bourland, Ft. Smith, arrived too late to get in the picture.



Carole Sue Cunningham, Girls State Highway Director.

Data Processing for the Future

With an ever-present eye to the future, the Arkansas State Highway Department is now investigating the newest idea in automated record-keeping and report making - the TOTAL SYSTEMS CONCEPT.

Significant characteristics in the growth of data processing are the transitions from manual to mechanical, and from mechanical to electronic methods. The Highway Department basically employs mechanical methods, utilizing electronics to some extent by the use of an IBM 604 electronic calculator for accounting and statistical work, and an IBM 610 electronic computer for engineering work. By far the greater part of the work load, however, is performed by mechanical methods.

The next step forward to be considered will be the IBM 1401 Data Processing System. This system seems to have been designed for our problems, needs, space, and financing. The cost is comparable to our present equipment.

Instead of the present method whereby much card-handling is necessary before reports can be prepared, the "1401" is loaded with "stored program instruction" cards preceding the conventional punched-data cards, and all processing is performed internally from beginning to end with a minimum of card handling by the system operators, and at much higher rates of speed.

Punched cards can be introduced into the "1401" at a maximum rate of 800 cards per minute, with printed results obtainable at a maximum rate of 600 lines per minute. Calculating time within the computer is reckoned in microseconds, a microsecond being a millionth of a second. By way of contrast, present machine speeds vary from 100 to 150 cards per minute in-put, and 150 lines per minute print out-put.

Art Johnson, Data Processing Center chief, will attend classes in St. Louis on the "1401" July 11-22.

Traffic Operations Studies

City officials and the Highway Department, through their cooperative efforts on Traffic Operations Studies, are not only developing good will and understanding, but are helping to relieve or eliminate many traffic problems in our cities. Each study is a cooperative project with the city of study furnishing personnel for making necessary traffic counts and our Traffic Engineering Section analyzing the data, preparing the report, and making recommendations.

The Traffic Engineering Section has recently completed reports on comprehensive city wide Traffic Operations Studies at Searcy and Stuttgart. The published reports which contain recommendations pertaining to major streets, one-way streets, parking, channelization, traffic signals, signs and markings, were presented to the cities at public meetings and received many favorable comments.

ANCIENT VEHICLES TAKE SPOTLIGHT AT CONVENTION ATOP PETIT JEAN



by Betty Grimes
Right of Way

ARKANSAS HIGHWAYS briefly witnessed a return to the romantic era of the past when 130 antique automobiles converged on Petit Jean Mountain June 17-19.

The event was the result of months of planning on the part of the Arkansas Traveler's Antique Auto Club (ATAAC) which was host for the second annual tour of the Mid-American Old Time Auto Club (MOTAA).

The reward of their planning was that the convention was reported to have been the most successful of its type ever held, and the only one which has received national news coverage.

Antique auto enthusiasts, 50 strong, representing the states of Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, Missouri, Oklahoma, Kentucky, Illinois, and Indiana were in attendance; the farthest distance traveled by means of ancient conveyance being 460 miles from Mt. Vernon, Indiana in a 1932 Brewster. The oldest cars traveling to the convention was a 1906 Reo, owned by Elbert Fausett of Little Rock; a 1906 Renault, owned by C. B. Wilson, Little Rock; a 1906 Ford, owned by Harry Walker, Memphis, Tennessee; and a 1908 Buick owned by C. H. Wortz of Ft. Smith.

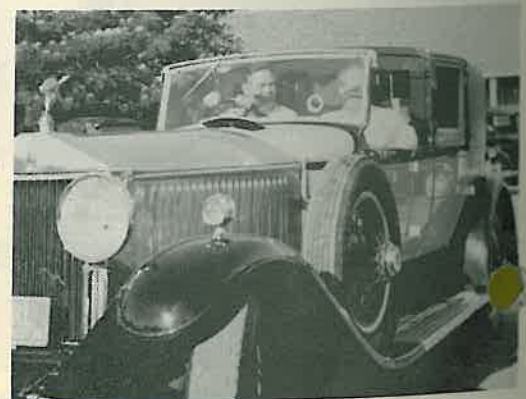
The car exciting the most curiosity was a 1921 Stanley Steamer, the only one in the State of Arkansas, which was restored and is owned by T. J. Housley of Hot Springs. The Stanley Steamer has held the speed record for 20-hp, 2 cylinder engines since 1907 when a record 197.8 (!) miles per hour was hit by Fred Marriott on a Florida beach.

Antique autos are classified into 3 categories: Classics, the luxury or custom built limousines; Antiques, those built prior to January 1, 1915 (the date Ford stopped making brass radiators); and Vintage, those sufficiently old to be considered curios, but not falling into the other two categories. The majority of the restored autos fall into the Vintage classification and are just as proudly cared for and displayed by their owners as those of the Classic and Antique models, which are not so numerous.

An 80-car caravan, traveling from Little Rock; fashion shows of period costumes; races between the time-honored vehicles; and tours of the scenic Petit Jean State Park were among the many activities scheduled for the members and guests. The highlight of the activities was a banquet and program held in the show barn of Winrock Farm, where the bill of sale for the collection of old time cars owned by James Melton, Metropolitan Opera tenor and past president of the Antique Auto Club of America was presented to Winthrop Rockefeller. The 35 vintage vehicles and other relics of a bygone era are valued by collectors at an estimated \$300,000 and will be housed in a museum atop Petit Jean Mountain.

Entertainment in the form of a musical program was provided by Melton and soprano Barbara Meister of the New York City Center Opera, and the Saxon Singers, a professional choral group of Little Rock who opened the program with a lively rendition of "In My Merry Oldsmobile."

Pictured at the extreme left, below, is a Ford made prior to 1915, and one at which to shout, "Get a horse!" The exact year of the old automobile is not known. The second picture is a "later" model Ford; and the third, in which James Melton and Winthrop Rockefeller are seated, is a 1920 Rolls Royce, considered to be the very finest of all automobiles.



A little known fact is that since the turn of the century there have been more than 360 makes of automobiles manufactured in the United States, two of which were built in Little Rock: the Curtis, and the Climber.

One of the few Curtis automobiles to roll off the assembly line in Little Rock after the close of World War 1, was owned by Charles F. Bizzell and was a familiar sight on the streets of Little Rock until about 1937 when it was sold to a farmer and used to power a sawmill.

The one-hour drive from Little Rock to Hot Springs over the recently completed divided highway is a far cry from that made by Fred E. Sutton, the owner of the first Ford coupe in Little Rock which took 14 hours. The road then closely followed the Old Iron Mountain Railroad and crossed the railroad a total of 17 times, and the Saline River was crossed by means of a hand-operated ferry. (Mr. Sutton still is a resident of Little Rock and is 89 years old.)

The ATAAC is dedicated to the promotion of the historic, educational and scientific study of the antique automobile, their accessories, archives, and romantic lore. It is hoped that the participation by Mr. Rockefeller in establishing a museum on Petit Jean will bring to Arkansas a parent club for this section of America.



Bob Williamson, Little Rock, president of the Arkansas Travelers Antique Auto Club (extreme left), is pictured with other old-car enthusiasts: James Melton, Metropolitan Opera singer, and past president of the Antique Auto Club of America; Winthrop Rockefeller, Petit Jean Mountain; Doug Toney, Little Rock, president of Mid-America Old Time Auto Club; Lon Pickens, Ripley, Mississippi; (seated) J. C. McMurry, Belmont, Mississippi; and Richard Tollevar, Caruthersville, Missouri. Pickens, McMurry, and Tollevar are board members of Mid-America Old Time Auto Club.



THE CURTIS FOUR

VEHICLE TRAVEL TO RISE 93% IN 20-YEAR PERIOD

ONE HUNDRED FOURTEEN million registered motor vehicles will be driven 1.2 trillion miles and consume 97 billion gallons of fuel in 1976, according to forecasts of Highway Departments of the respective states.

Total population in 1976 will be 230 million and will include 154 million persons of driving age, 15 to 74, according to estimates. A vehicle will be available for every two men, women and children or three vehicles for four persons of driving age.

Alaska and Hawaii had not been admitted to statehood when the studies were compiled by the Bureau of Public Roads and are not included in the totals.

The forecasts in general show that the recent trends in population, living standards, density of vehicle ownership and characteristics of vehicle use will continue. Indicated are a 37 per cent increase in population over 1956, a 75 per cent increase in motor vehicle registration, a 93 per cent fuel consumption increase.

Although not a part of the forecast studies, 1959 estimates are, for comparison, a 176 million population, 70 million registered motor vehicles, 696 billion miles of travel and 55 billion gallons of fuel consumed.

The average travel per motor vehicle in 1976 is expected to reach 10,562 miles and the average vehicle will consume 855 gallons of fuel. The current fuel consumption rate of 12.4 miles per gallon for all vehicles is expected to remain constant through the years.

The forecasts were made by the State Highway Departments, with suggestions and guidance from the Bureau, as basic material needed in the highway cost allocation study being made for Congress.



These two cuties smiling so prettily are Patsy Roling and Hess Gordon, who are in the reproduction section of General Services Division.

LETTING DATES SET FOR LAST HALF OF '60

Dates for the last half of 1960 are scheduled as follows: July 28; August 31; October 5; November 9; and December 14.

An interesting note comes from an editorial of a paper in a neighboring city. Out of three states, two of which are Arkansas' neighbor states, Arkansas is second in interstate system construction, and ahead of the largest of the three.

Around The Departments

ACCOUNTING DIVISION

Jimmy Meyer

Lola Buck had visitors from St. Charles, Missouri. They were her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Stemburg. They stayed a week, during which time they all went to Hot Springs several times. Lola said they had a very wonderful time.

Lee Wagner's father-in-law, Mr. John Oehrli, was in Baptist Hospital in critical condition, but we're happy that he's doing much better now.

The John Allens (Margaret) recently bought a new 1960 Impala Chevrolet, cascade green with power steering, Margaret said she is pleased with it - and well she should be, it is very beautiful.

Two of our employees have been to summer military camp. Carl Morris went to Russellville with the Army Reserve, and Jim Watts was in Camp Pendleton, California, with the Marine Reserve. We know they both had an enjoyable stay.

Irene Hawkins has had visitors from Memphis, Tennessee and Houston, Texas: sister and family, the J. R. Grahams, Memphis; and Bob and Gene Hackney, Houston.

Pat Koonce's grandmother, Mrs. Myrtle Racster, passed away on June 9. Funeral services were held in Albion, Illinois. Our sympathies are extended to Pat.

BRIDGE DESIGN

Virginia Tackett

At its June 29 meeting, the Commission presented Walker Haigh with his 25-year pin, and later on in the afternoon Mr. Carlson presented Frank Battisto with his 10-year pin. We had a couple of anniversary cakes with our coffee in honor of the occasion.

The next biggest thing that has happened in this division is the 5 and ½ pound bass Larry Carlson caught while fishing with his father on Cache River. Larry wasted no time getting it to the taxidermist and we hope to see it in the flesh (?) soon. A week or so later, the Carlsons, fishing with Harold Bastian, caught some nice 3 and 4-pound bass but after Larry's big one it all seemed rather anticlimactic, if it's possible to say that about catching bass that size.

Peggy and Bill Price have moved into their new house in North Little Rock. Ben and Jeanie Hogan finally got the carpenters out of their new house near Jacksonville and moved it, but Curt and Lucille Mahla haven't been able to move into their new house in Sheraton Park, however, by the time the magazine is in print they expect to be in.



Walker Haigh and Frank Battisto are congratulated by L. P. Carlson, bridge engineer, on receiving their service awards.

Doc Bonner will enter the hospital in a day or two for surgery. We will be glad when it is all over and Doc is back with us.

Ruby and W. E. Wilson's sons were able to be home at the same time recently. Their younger son is on his way to Hawaii to take a post as professor of psychology at the University of Hawaii in the fall.

We may have to install swinging doors on the Bridge Design Division. Melton Odom, an instructor at the University of Arkansas is with us for the summer, as is Larry Carlson. Frank Harrison who was with our division about 3 years ago is returning; Jerrell Chapman, our most recent trainee has moved on to Construction as scheduled; and Bob Oberle has transferred to Construction. It's hard to see fellow workers go, but there's compensation in welcoming back our old friends.

Bill Price and Dallas Vire have received word that they passed their exams and they are now, or will soon be registered professional engineers.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S OFFICE

Leontee Connelly

The Robert Andrews and little daughter spent their vacation in Texas. Bob reports the fish were really biting.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Boen spent their vacation in Florida. "Cap" came back brown as a berry.

We were glad to have Don Martin back with us after a week off recuperating from his recent operation. Welcome back, Don.

We are happy to welcome back Joe Hughes, who is with us again this summer. Joe has been in med school.

Our little soldier is finally out of the Army. Jimmy West, an ex-employee of Office Engineer staff received his discharge the first of May. He's back with the Department working for Bob Crafton,

resident engineer in North Little Rock. We're glad to have him back.

Ferol Jones is getting a new home. Plans are underway now. Her sister, Thelma, formerly of New York, is coming back to Little Rock to live since her husband passed away.

Bill Marshall, in the Assistant Chief Engineer's office, was ill for a week but is back at work now and feeling much better. Since he's back we call him the "Stamp" man of the Highway Department since he supplies us with postage. Welcome back, Mr. Marshall.

We welcome Jane Czeke and Nancy Rankin to our staff in the Assistant Chief Engineer's office. Jane is replacing Jean Ashford who resigned to await the arrival of the stork. Jean and husband Jimmy, moved to McGehee. Nancy, formerly our Nancy Conrad of Right-of-Way, is replacing Lou Warford who resigned to become a bride. Lou and her husband-to-be will reside in Kansas City after the wedding. We wish them much happiness.

Some of the girls from the various offices gathered in the little Commission Room to honor Jean with a stork shower. She received many nice gifts. Also, we had a going-away party honoring Lou, Jean, and Gail Gibbs, who worked with us in the Office Engineer's section for two weeks.

COUNTY PROGRAM

Zelda M. Riggs

Harry M. Wright, County Program engineer, and wife Grayce, are spending most of their week ends at their place on Lake Hamilton, enjoying the outing, and entertaining their friends.

Max Hall will welcome daughter and son-in-law, Helen and Don Banks, for a week in July. Helen is employed in Atlanta, while Don, a former employee of AHD, is learning to become a civil engineer at Georgia Tech.

Don L. Legate spent a week of his vacation in the windy city of Chicago recently. He reports a wonderful trip and visit.

A. G. Wilson, engineering assistant in County Program for the past three years, has transferred to field work in Construction in District 2. Al will be located temporarily at DeWitt. We miss Al, but trust that he is very happy in his new work.

Wayne Glover, our new draftsman, was transferred to our office from Construction. Welcome, Wayne.

Your reporter received her 10-year service awards recently, and Max C. H.

The wife of our Maurice F. Cooper, Carolyn, formerly with the M. M. Cohn Company, is located at Feinsteins Cal-

Zelda's mother, Martha Anne Allen, is spending a week with her granddaughter, Eunice M. Johnson at 1216 Pine Valley Road, while she is on vacation and all Zelda's children, grandchildren, and Mother Allen's children will join them for a days reunion over July Fourth.

Arlie Gassaway, engineering assistant, who is also a member of the Air National Guard, will leave July 23 for two weeks in Alpena, Michigan (Air National Guard Encampment).

DATA PROCESSING CENTER

Billie Jean Oholendt

Lana Holland will not be with us any longer. She will have a visit from the stork the last of September. We are happy for Lana but hate to see her go.

Gladys Plunkett went to the hospital June 21 for an operation but is doing fine now. She was put on the maternity floor of the hospital and since Fred works there, his friends and co-workers have carried him high.

While returning from lunch not long ago, Gail Hamm had an automobile accident, which wrecked her car and tore up the front of the other car involved. Lana Holland and this reporter were passengers, and it shook them up. The accident occurred in front of Griffin and Leggett Funeral Home. We're glad there was no necessity call them, or the hospital.

Nedra Barton's son Tony, is playing ball with the Little League this summer. Good luck, Tony.

Art Johnson, chief of Data Processing, took his family on a two-week vacation to Chicago to visit his wife's family.

Sue Plunkett, daughter of Gladys, will soon go to work for Arkansas Louisiana Gas Company in Pine Bluff as a home economist.

Fourth of July activities:

Tony Yandell and family visited his family in Yell County and got in some fishing...Joyce Fryer and husband, with friends, went to a lake to water ski...Erma Jetton, with husband, Bob, spent the week end at their cabin on Lake Conway, enjoying their baby granddaughter and friends... Billie Jean Oholendt and husband went to Murfreesboro with friends and camped out with the mosquitoes and other pests. They did manage to fish, ski, and get suntanned...Grover (Smitty) Smith spent a quiet week end at home - sleeping...Nedra Barton, Billie Ratcliff, and Jimmy Stringer also played it safe and stayed at home over the week end...Wade Graham spent the week end with his parents in Camden.

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Marie Rossing

Dorothy and husband, Drummond, have as their guest for the summer months, Drummond's mother, Mrs. Ada Switzer from Jackson, Mississippi.

Ann Smith (Mrs. Raif) invited several of the girls out to her house for luncheon on June 22. It was very enjoyable. Those attending were: this writer, Dorothy Switzer, Ferol Jones, Joyce Spencer, and Pat Koonce.

Joyce and husband and son, "Gik" and Billy Roe, are vacationing at this writing at Glazier National Park, Montana. Will be gone for two weeks.

The same group of girls that attended Ann's luncheon, took Ceceil Byrns to the Sam Peck Hotel on July 1, and gave her a small gift to commemorate her birthday.

This reporter had sister-in-law and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Blumfield from Houston, Texas, as guests over the week end of June 23.

EQUIPMENT DIVISION

Shirley Leeds

C. Don Hayes, director of Equipment Division, was re-elected to the Highway Department Retirement System Board for a two-year term. Mr. Hayes received 479 of 643 votes cast for this position by Department employees. We are proud that our boss is held in such high esteem by fellow employees of AHD.

You can't miss Kay Bonnell these days. She and husband, Joel, have purchased a new, bright red Valiant. We think it adds a touch of glamour to our parking lot, Kay.

The Equipment Division waves the 'welcome back' flag to J. L. Barnes who has been absent because of a broken toe.

We hope that Sam Neelly, our new employee in the Central Shop, has a long and happy stay with us.

Our "Arkansas Traveler" for this month was Patsy Navens, but somehow she wandered into Texas. Patsy, accompanied by her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Farley Hill, visited Sulphur Springs, Tyler, and Waskon, Texas. After a little prying, we discovered that the real reason for the Texas trip was a bachelor named Eulin Downing.

The cigar smoke was thick in the division on Monday, June 20. The indirect cause of the fog was Gordon Keith Hoffman, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, who arrived June 19, to Lee and Mary Jo Hoffman.

Our congratulations are extended to N. E. (Eddie) Stewart, Central Shop superintendent, who was married June 25 to Flora Smith of McRae. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend Clem Pool, former Highway Department employee, at his home in Austin, Arkansas. P. L. Harris, employed in Central Shops, served as best man.

(Welcome back to Shirley, who is helping out in the Equipment Office this summer. Shirley, an Arkansas State Teachers student, was employed in the Procurement Office last summer and resigned to enter college in the fall.-A. Padgett)

MATERIALS AND TESTS

Julia M. Halliburton

Raymond Lynch and family of Conway, visited his son Bill, in Amarillo, Texas recently.

Jay Crabtree is taking his military leave at Camp Robinson.

Several new employees who have been added to our group are: Will Banks, Johnny Dunbar, Dan Thraikill, Elliott Tyler, Roger Garner, George Knight, and Reuben Pate. Banks and Dunbar are summer employees and Pate is an engineer-in-training.

Congratulations to Fred Clark and Joe Magness, who received their 5-year Service Pins and Certificates of Merit.

Otis Sneed, former employee of Materials and Tests, now residing in Alabama, paid us a visit recently.

G. W. Roark took a week of his vacation to attend a reunion in Neosho, Missouri. There were 150 out of 500 persons attending. Spokane, Washington, a distance of 1,980 miles, was the farthest that any one traveled. They were all descendants of John Houston Price.

PERSONNEL OFFICE

M. A.

We have two new employees to add to our roster. Hoyt DeWayne Thomas joined us on June 22 to work on maintenance of personnel records. Hoyt, a native of Ider, Alabama, attended the University of Arkansas for three years and plans to attend night classes at Little Rock University for his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. He was in the USAF as a personnel specialist for three years until his discharge in 1957.

Jimmie Higgins reported to work Friday, July 1, as a replacement for Bill Hays who resigned June 15. Jimmie is a native of Vilonia, Arkansas. He has a BS in economics from Arkansas State Teachers College, Conway, and a MBA from the University of Arkansas majoring in management and marketing. Jimmy lives at Sylvian Hills, North Little Rock, with his wife and three children. Welcome to Hoyt and Jimmie.

We all enjoyed the long Fourth of July week end - but for some it brought the usual results - sunburn and chigger bites. Some of the activities reported were:

Sibble Cox and family: boating, fishing, swimming, at Harris Brake Lake where they rented a cabin and had fun.

Lavona Croft went home to Evening Shade and got sunburned but said it was worth it. Ruth Foll visited parents at Mountain View. Carolyn Reddin and husband, Jimmie, drove down to Hampton, their home town, to spend the week end. Jackie Wallace spent the holiday at Lake Hamilton with friends. Dave Johnson also went to Lake Hamilton where he got his first sunburn of the season. He came to work on Tuesday following in misery and afraid that everyone who came near him

would touch him. But, aside from that, he spent some time at a certain night spot listening to one of his favorite combos and it was "the greatest."

The Fred Tanners, who usually spent the Fourth of July at home, did just that. Fred lolled around the back yard on the chaise lounge with lemonade near by, just taking it easy. They also had access to Howard Johnson pool as relatives came in and registered there.

Betty Ray, who is over at the vault in microfilming section, went down to Baton Rouge to visit her good friend Theresa Power. Had a bang-up time. Sarah Neel, also in microfilming, and husband Walter, spent the week end at Memphis with son, W. B., Jr. and his family.

Pat Wheat celebrated the Fourth of July and her birthday which fell on that date. She overate she said, but had fun. Best wishes for many more happy birthdays, Pat.

Birdie Wright said that she "liked to worked my fool self to death - that's all. Didn't do a cotton pickin' thing but work." Which means, of course, that she stayed at home.

This writer's family were all in for a reunion - the first one in many years and it was much fun. Fran Goldberg flew in from Washington, D. C. for a two-week visit which was the reason for the reunion. Others came in from all over and would take up quite a bit of space to mention since there are so many of us.

PLANNING AND RESEARCH

Marjarine Turner

Wesley Reese is a new employee in the Traffic Surveys and Analyses Section. He is a University of Arkansas graduate and taught last year at Southwest Junior High School.

H. L. Woolsey has been employed in the Traffic Surveys and Analyses Section as a traffic recorder operator.

Summer employees in our division include Scotty Bacon in the Mapping and Drafting Section; Bill Jeter in the Road Inventory Section; and Ken Graves and Michael Rody in the Traffic Surveys and Analyses Section. Ken and Scotty will return to Little Rock University in the fall; Bill will return to the University of Arkansas to complete work on his degree and begin graduate work; and Michael is planning to attend American University in Beirut, Lebanon.

Tom Warden and Anna Kay Snow were married June 10 in Baring Cross Methodist Church of North Little Rock. They spent their honeymoon in New Orleans and are now living in North Little Rock.

After two and one-half years in the Road Inventory and Road Life Section, Bill Trickett resigned to accept a job as assistant auditor with Western Arkansas Telephone Company in Russellville beginning July 1. We miss Bill but wish him

much happiness and success in his new job.

Mignon Besancon is back from her vacation with a beautiful sun tan and a sore toe.

Bill and Peggy Smith and Pat and Jane Patton spent the Fourth of July week end in St. Louis.

Lester Jester, a civil engineering graduate of the University of Arkansas, and a participant in the training program, spent the month of June in the Division of Planning and Research.

Linda Graham, secretary in the Game and Fish Commission, is wearing a diamond. The lucky man is Jimmie Williams in our Road Inventory Section.

Katie Brasel is going to eat her emergency supply of beans. She has decided that the ICBM installation will make Little Rock such a prime target that she won't have time to eat them in case of attack.

RIGHT OF WAY

Betty Grimes

Rest well in your beds at night. The Right of Way Division is guarding its country. There will be someone from our forces at camp most of the summer, beginning with Captain Dowell Anders who reported to Ft. Hood, Texas on June 23 and SP-4 Clay Robinson, to Ft. Sheridan, Illinois on June 27. First Lt. George Green and SP-5 Bob Yada report to Ft. Chaffee on July 10, and SP-5 Fred Williams to Ft. Polk, Louisiana on July 30. George O. Green is the commanding officer of the 219th Medical Company (ambulances) of DeWitt which consists of 70 enlisted men and 4 officers.

June is the month of brides and we had a share of them. Susan K. Donathan and Dudley M. "Mickey" Bumpass III were married June 15 in Stilwell, Oklahoma. The couple plan to continue their studies at the University of Arkansas this fall where Mickey will be a senior. Mickey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. (Lois) Dudley Bumpass II. Lois is in the Acquisition Section of our division.

Margaret Hunter Scott and George Weaks Hayes were married June 26 in the First Methodist Church of Prescott. After a wedding trip the couple will reside in West Monroe, Louisiana. Margaret is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Scott. Charles is in the Appraisal Section.

F. C. "Bogie" Bogart has returned to work after a brief stay in the Forrest City Memorial Hospital in time to celebrate the completion of 33 years with the Highway Department.

News Flash! The launching of Barney McCright's boat has been postponed until Labor Day. Actually that's a more fitting date because Barney says he has really labored over the building of that cabin cruiser.

Leo Evans is the latest addition to our appraisal staff. He is a graduate of the

University of Arkansas and was formerly associated with the Farmers Home Administration. His home is in McNab where and his father are breeders of Black Angus cattle. He is married and the father of two children.

At a meeting of the Central Arkansas Chapter of the Society of Residential Appraisers, last month, Bob Hamilton was presented with a silver serving tray in appreciation for his service as president of that organization for 1959-60. Congratulations, Bob.

We are sorry to lose Leta Thomas, Acquisition Section, who has resigned to accept a position with Mullins Engineering Company.

George Foster has been elevated to the position of "chief cook and bottle washer" since his grandson, Tommy Hodges, is spending the summer with him. Tommy is working for Ben Hogan Construction Company and his working man's appetite is a wonder to George. Tommy will be a freshman at the University of Arkansas this fall.

We all enjoyed a visit from Ed Boyett while he was in Little Rock to attend a family reunion. Ed, who was formerly an AHD staff attorney, is now associated with the BPR in Washington, D. C.

DISTRICT 2

Ouida Grimes

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. H. Murphy, who are the proud parents of a new son, Gary. Gary weighed in at 7 pounds when he arrived June 7 at the Drew Memorial Hospital, Monticello.

Elmer, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Morgan (retired Jefferson County foreman), joined our happy highway family June 16.

We send our best get well wishes to little Marsha Faye Rabb who had a tonsillectomy recently. Also to Mrs. Bob Hooks, who had surgery at the Davis Hospital, and Willie Bustie, who had surgery at the Lake Village Hospital on June 9.

We celebrated John Harris' birthday with coffee and cake in the district office June 2. Also, Ouida's birthday on June 18, was celebrated with coffee and donuts in the district office on June 17.

Congratulations to Janice Cockrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Cockrell, and Hardy McKinstry, who were married recently. All are from Wilmar, Arkansas. The newlyweds are making their home in Monticello.

Olan Clark's son and a daughter took mates in a double ceremony June 2, at the Harmony Baptist Church of Pine Bluff. Congratulations to both couples.

DISTRICT 3

Olive Jacks

We are happy to have as visitors recently: G. W. Stanford, R. B. Keene, and Ed Orsini, who were auditing in our district. Also, Carl Hosack, who was here in

the interest of his Safety Program.

Sgt. and Mrs. John Guidos and two small daughters, Lisa Ann and Shay Elizabeth, have now returned to the States from Verona, Italy, where Sgt. Guidos has been stationed for the past three years. They are visiting her parents, Clovis and Nettie Tittle. Sgt. Guidos will report soon to a missile base in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Edna Lewallen had a nice visit from her daughter, Carolyn Stephens of Dallas, who was accompanied by a small son Russell (Rusty), who remained for a longer visit with his grandmother.

Margie Nell Clark, daughter of Ardell and Nellie Clark, and Frank Bennett Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wood of Indianapolis, Indiana, pledged their marriage vows on June 18 in the Prescott Church of Christ. At the double-ring ceremony, the officiating minister was Raleigh Wood of Memphis, Tennessee, brother of the bridegroom. The couple will be at home in Memphis where Bennett is employed.

Clyde and Juanita Tullis and son, Randall, have returned from a visit with Juanita's sister, Mrs. John R. Stover and Mr. Stover in White Sands, New Mexico. While they went over into old Mexico and saw their first bull fight.

We have two new employees in Pike County: Jerry Lee Linzy and Marion Dillard Lingo, who started on June 16. Welcome, fellas.

Employees receiving Certificates of Merit and Service Pins in this district were: Luther Sidney Dingler and Roland Marvin Miller, 15 years; John Franklin Gray and William C. Tullis, 10 years; and Elbert Joshway Carlton and Billy W. Stewart, 5 years.

We wish the best of luck to J. D. Halcombe, one of our mower operators, who has resigned to accept employment in another state; and L. E. (Ernie) Withem, who has resigned to go into the service station business.

Our deepest sympathies to Imon Hamric in the loss of his brother, J. T. Hamric, who passed away in a Shreveport hospital on June 24.

DISTRICT 5

A. L. Moser

Visitors to our district in June were: R. B. Winfrey, Bill Baugh, Bill Shumaker, R. N. Newsom, Cecil Elliott, C. O. Robinson, and Luther Bearden. Always glad to have you.

Brooks Barnes, who works with the bridge crew, was injured while painting on the White River Bridge. A half-ton pickup ran through the barricades...G. J. Hartwick, who has been off for three months due to an accident, is back on the job. Glad to have you back with us, Hartwick. Bertie Isley of our district, had a light heart attack recently, and we send our best get-well wishes to Uncle Bertie. Frank Ray Clark, son of Wade Clark, has been a patient in the Clinic Hospital, but

is at home now and improving nicely. E. W. McElrath is in the Veterans Hospital in Little Rock undergoing treatment.

Bill Huff was on vacation in June. Hope you had a good fishing trip, Bill...E. H. McClure and family vacationed in June down in sunny Florida, where they had a fine time...Y. C. Nast is vacationing at this writing - probably someplace fishing - good luck to him.

A. L. Moser, Sr. was on vacation the second week of June. His son, Master Sergeant A. L. Moser, Jr., and family were home on furlough from Ft. Bliss, Texas. Moser, Jr. is rounding out his twentieth year in the Army.

Three Highway Department trucks from District 5 went to Marshall, Texas to bring back asphalt tanks for the district. The drivers were: C. M. Defreece, J. C. Thompson, and V. C. Nast.

E. H. Cuzzort received his Certificate of Merit and Service Pin for 20 years of service, and we hope he has 20 more years with AHD.

Helen Carpenter, daughter of Kenneth Carpenter, entered the Arkansas Children's Hospital at Little Rock for an operation on her leg. This is the thirteenth and final operation. We hope for a fast recovery.

H. L. Grubbs, station operator at the area shop in Jackson County, retired June 22 with nine years of service.

Mary Haney, secretary to acting district engineer, George C. Cavaness, resigned June 1 to await the stork. We miss you Mary. Deloris Rust replaces Mary and we are glad to have her.

DISTRICT 6

Jones - Trawick

We celebrated the birthdays of our bosses E. E. Hurley and W. T. Jeter during the month of June, with coffee and cake.

Glenda Appleby, our sealing superintendent's daughter, was married June 26 in the Berean Baptist Church, North Little Rock, to Jerry Golden. We wish Glenda and Jerry much happiness.

Several of our employees have been vacationing during June. Jesse Goins spent a week in Pine Bluff and at Lake Ouachita. Billie Jones just returned from New Orleans and the northern part of Florida. Others on vacation were Paul Mahoney, Henry Laws, I. H. Nute, and R. L. Lybarger.

Larry Carter returned from two weeks of summer camp at Camp Robinson in North Little Rock.

Welcome to James R. Chaney and J. C. Perkins, Jr., who came to our district recently.

Congratulations to Van Bratton who was promoted to acting resident engineer.

We extend sympathies to George Ingle, whose mother, Mrs. Earnest Ingle, passed away June 25. Also to J. O. Burcham, night watchman, whose father passed away.

DISTRICT 7

Burnham and Campbell

Ten-year Service Pins and Certificates were presented to James Cheatham, instrumentman, and Jewell Tackett, inspector, who are working with C. L. Baucum, resident engineer in El Dorado.

Bouquets to Charlie Henderson, who is responsible for the beautiful lawn at the maintenance office, and the rose garden and all the beautiful flowers in bloom at the district office. We are proud that Charlie takes so much interest in our grounds. Charlie has two grandchildren, Charlie, Jr., and Sherie from Springhill, Louisiana for a visit.

College students employed for the summer months in Construction are: Ted Daniel, John Bullock, John Wright, Carl McMahan, and Richard Warnock, Camden; and Robert Corn, chainman, from El Dorado.

Noel C. Word, rodman, has been transferred from El Dorado to J. C. Webb at Camden.

The Elwood Campbells (Althea) and children, Robert, Barbara, and Marcia, with some friends from Little Rock, spent a recent week end at Lake Breeze Resort on Lake Norfolk. Althea has been dreaming about the wonderful time they had swimming, boating, fishing, and skiing. Not too much fishing was done because the other sports were more fun but they did catch several bream and goggle-eyes.

We are happy to have Mary Silliman join our group as fuel clerk. We hope she will be happy with her new job, just as we are glad to have her.

T. H. Thompson is back at work, we're happy to report. He was bitten twice by a ground rattler which required treatment for several days at the Ouachita County Hospital.

The six-year-old daughter of John Waller also was bitten by a snake and had to have treatment at Warner Brown Hospital at El Dorado.

DISTRICT 8

Netha Brown

Congratulations are in order to Jess M. Rush and B. R. (Bonnie) Littleton. Jess came to District 8 from District 10 in February as our assistant maintenance superintendent. Upon the retirement of Reese Batson he was promoted to maintenance superintendent, and "Bonnie" his assistant.

We are happy to have two new girls in our office. Linda Cline replaces Celia Riney as Mr. Turner's secretary, and Imogene McCoy is working in our stock room.

Will M. Wade of Perry County, and Guy Edwards of Pope County, have retired this month to take advantage of the benefits of Social Security.

We would like to share the following letter with you:

"Dear Friends:

It is with deepest regret that I am forced to sever my connections with the Arkansas Highway Department. I have enjoyed my work and relationship with you and I love and respect each and every one of you for your loyalty and cooperation. I deeply appreciate all the many nice things you have done to add to my pleasure through the years of our association together.

In leaving, I want to wish each of you the best of everything - health, wealth, and happiness."

Sincerely,
Reese Batson.

Mr. Batson, our division maintenance superintendent, retired June 13 after more than 17 years of active service with the Department. We do not think it is necessary to say "goodbye," for we know we will see him often. His home is in Dardanelle. Everyone is looking forward to his visits with us. We're sure missing him.

DISTRICT 9

Hulsey and Morton

The following employees received their Certificates of Merit and Service Pins recently; Leo Rule Hudson, 15 years; Wayne Anthony Coonfield, Alva Albert Fennell, Elmer Jordan, and Arley Fay Keeter, 10 years; and Emery Everett Harrell, 5 years. Congratulations, fellas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Lucus have been enjoying a visit from their granddaughter Hannah Ray from Yazoo City, Mississippi.

Jim McConnell and Bennie Edwards have transferred from Harrison to Lee Hudson's crew at Huntsville.

Jim Caviness and family have bought a beautiful new mobile home and have moved to Benton. Jim recently transferred to District 6. Prior to the move, an earring shower was given at the home of Mrs. Ray Crouse in honor of Oweta. We will miss the Caviness family and wish them much good luck in their location.

Curtis Gardner was hospitalized on Memorial Day for an emergency appendectomy but we are glad to report that he made a speedy recovery and returned to work on June 16.

Bill "Unc" Hawkins was on the sick list a few days, also.

Gary Keeter and Curtis Fangle became fathers of bouncing baby boys recently! Congratulations!

Ben Case, a long-time employee of Newton County, retired on June 2. Good luck, Ben.

Curtis Gardner, "Slim" Porter, and Ertie Lawrence spent a recent Saturday night fishing on Lake Bull Shoals. No pictures, though. Guess we'll have to get Paul and John to catch the "picture-size" fish!

We are all very glad to see Dennis Fouts at work again. Dennis returned June 16 after being off since March 4, when he was injured while working on icy highways in Baxter County.

James Troy Richardson spent two weeks' at an Army Reserve Camp in Texas.

Several of the employees in our district have been enjoying vacations. Gary Godfrey, resident engineer, and his family, motored to New Orleans and Kansas City, spent a few days camping out on the lake, also. Omel Fields and family visited in Little Rock, Ft. Smith, and Tulsa...Marion Downs spent a week of his vacation fishing on Bull Shoals Lake...Henry Hollensworth, materials inspector at Fayetteville, took ten days, but no reports as to where he went.

Welcome to the following new employees: V. L. Baker, C. L. Clayborn, W. D. Henderson, J. T. Hurley, T. D. Jones, J. M. Nickols, R. Shaddox, J. E. Wacaster, W. D. Reifsteck, L. C. Mathis, and M. E. Moles.

DISTRICT 10

Kathryn Booher

Charles H. and Patsy Mitchell of Lepanto are happy to announce the arrival of a 7 pound, 8 ounce, baby girl, whom they have named Elizabeth Mitchell. She arrived on Sunday, May 22. Congratulations!

Visitors to our district from the Little Rock offices during the past month were: Director F. R. Oliver, R. B. Winfrey, C. A. Shumaker, R. M. Smith, Bill Baugh, J. T. Pendergrass, L. A. McCain, R. B. Keen, and G. W. Stanford. Always happy to have them and hope they will come back again soon.

Congratulations to Gleniece and Joe Easley of Blytheville, who were married on May 6. We wish them the best of luck and happiness.

Those receiving 5-year service awards during the month of June were the following: Bill Batey, Emma Jean Cole, Joseph Wayne Horton, Samuel Granger McDaniel, John Taylor Penn, Maurice William Sims, and Willard Smith.

David Barnes, employee in the Blytheville area, is sporting a 1960 Pontiac convertible. Sure is pretty, David. We know you're proud of it.

Wayne Alexander, husband of Johnnie Alexander, clerk in the Blytheville construction office, left July 5 to serve a 2-year hitch with the U. S. Army. We know Johnnie hates to see him leave, and we wish both of them good luck during the stint.

On June 22, this office was honored with a visit from Director Oliver. The entire afternoon was taken up in interviews with newspaper reporters and with delegations who make appeals to Mr. Oliver to certain projects within our district. Mr. Oliver gave an excellent talk at the meeting of Paragould business men, which was sponsored by the Paragould Chamber of Commerce. Also attending this meeting was Highway Commissioner J. H. Crain, from Wilson, Arkansas. On June 23, Mr. Oliver made a talk to all foremen, as well as shop and office personnel of District 10.

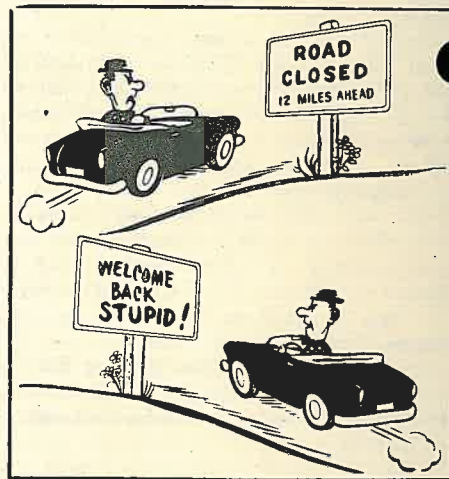
We feel that Mr. Oliver's visit was well timed and that his speeches will reap definite benefits as a result of his visit.

Graham Apperson received his 25-year Service Pin and Certificate of Merit at the Commission Meeting on June 29. Mr. Apperson is a highly respected employee and we are pleased to offer our congratulations to Graham upon receipt of this distinctive award.

Congratulations to Rex Hall who was advanced to area foreman for Greene County on June 1. We feel that Rex has the experience to qualify him for this advancement and we hope he will be happy in his new position.

Mr. and Mrs. Price were saddened by the recent loss of "Butch," their wire-haired terrier. Butch had been a constant companion of Mr. Price for 11 years and was well known to many people throughout the state.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Essie Porter and her niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Koch of East Carondelet, Illinois, in the loss of the Koch children, Jimmy 7, and Tommy 9, who were killed instantly in an automobile accident near Memphis recently. Mr. and Mrs. Koch were hospitalized as a result of the accident. Our wishes are extended for a speedy recovery.



There's a line on the ocean where, by crossing it, you can lose a day. There's one on the highway where you can do even better than that.

WORDLETS:

Chicket: A small hen.
Couplet: A demi-tasse.
Cutlet: Just a scratch.
Goblet: A young turkey.
Hamlet: A child a ctor.
Pallet: A short friend.
Pullet: A little jerk.
Skillet: A prodigy.
—M. J. McDonald.

DAFFYNITIONS:

Flunkey: A failing student.
Indigo: A departing aborigine.
Mandate: Poker tonight.


LETTERS

June 30, 1960

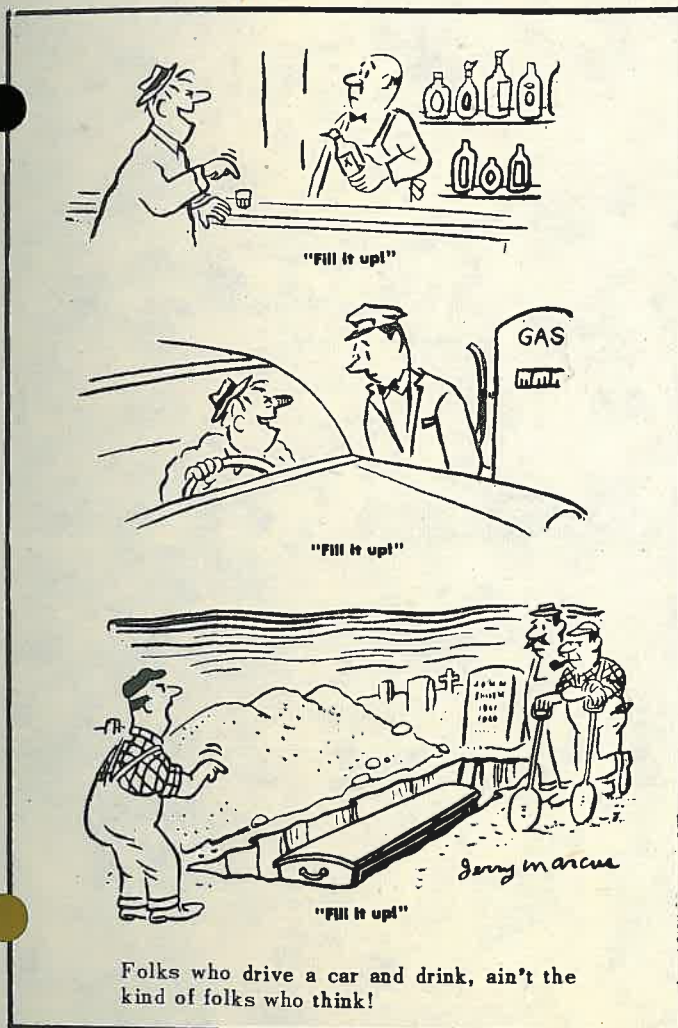
Dear Marty:

The June issue of *Arkansas Highways* arrived yesterday and the insurance business was temporarily suspended while the magazine was devoured. I have enjoyed the *Highways* magazine from the time it was simply a mimeographed bulletin throughout its evolution to its present journalistic triumph.

The friendships I made during my years in the Highway Department will always be treasured, and your magazine is an excellent medium through which I may receive information about my friends.

Please accept my thanks for placing me on your mailing list. I shall look forward eagerly to each forthcoming issue.

Sincerely,
Leslie Evitts
First Pyramid Life Insurance Company

**THIS'LL KILL 'YA...**

by Jimmy Zinn

Mr. and Mrs. Wong, a Chinese couple, became parents; and to the consternation of Mr. Wong, the baby was white. When he saw the newcomer, Mr. Wong was taken aback. Confronting his wife, he commented acidly, "Missy, two Wongs don't make a white."

With complete aplomb, she answered, "It was purely occidental."

This happened at the last Senate investigating session. After the man who was to be questioned took his oath and sat down, the chairman inquired, "Have you a lawyer?"

The man declared, "No sir. I decided to tell the truth!"

The big-time Charley said to the well-stocked Indian girl, "I've got two-bits that says I can take you out and show you the best time you ever had."

"I've got a buck that says you can't," retorted the girl.

A man advertised for a wife and got 200 replies - most of which said, "You can have mine."

The arrogant and egotistical ham actor was causing his director plenty of trouble and delaying completion of the picture. Now as the camera started to roll again, after the tenth interruption of the day, the actor yelled, "Just a second! You're not photographing me with my best side!"

The director, completely fed up, put his megaphone to his lips and said: "How can I, old pal, when you're sitting on it!"

Everard, the neighborhood braggart, loved to boast to the other men about his conquests as a great Lover-Boy. One night he was at Jim's house giving a dazzling description of the ways to woo and win the lady fair. Just as he finished, his wife walked in from the next room.

Everard was embarrassed, as Jim was, and both of them sat there and blinked. Finally the frosty silence was broken by Everard's wife who smiled at Jim and said: "Don't take Everard's stories too seriously. Remember: them as can, does - and them as can't, talks!"

The man took the object of his affections to attend an open air opera on a beautiful clear and warm summer evening. During the first act, he found it necessary to excuse himself. He asked an usher as to where the men's room might be found.

"Turn to the left and walk down to the big oak tree and there it is."

The man did as he was told. In due time he returned to his seat.

"Is the second act over?" he asked his girl.

"You should know," was her haughty reply. "You were in it."

The young man looked at the high prices on the night club menu and turned to his date and said: "What will you have my plump little doll?"

The police sent out pictures of an escaped convict in six different poses. A constable sent the following wire: "Have captured five of them and on the trail of the sixth."

The foreman on a political job ran short of shovels and wired Washington for more. The next day he received this reply: "Have no more shovels. Tell men to lean on each other."

"I'd move heaven and earth to be able to break 100," the golfer said sadly.

"Try heaven," the caddy said. "You've moved enough earth already."

"She isn't my best girl - just necks best."

In the course of a medical examination a man was asked to stretch out his arms in front of him with the fingers of each hand extended. What the doctor saw was not a mere tremor but such a quivering as to be positively alarming.

"Good Lord!" he cried. "How much do you drink?"

"Scarcely anything at all," answered the examinee. "I spill most of it."

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