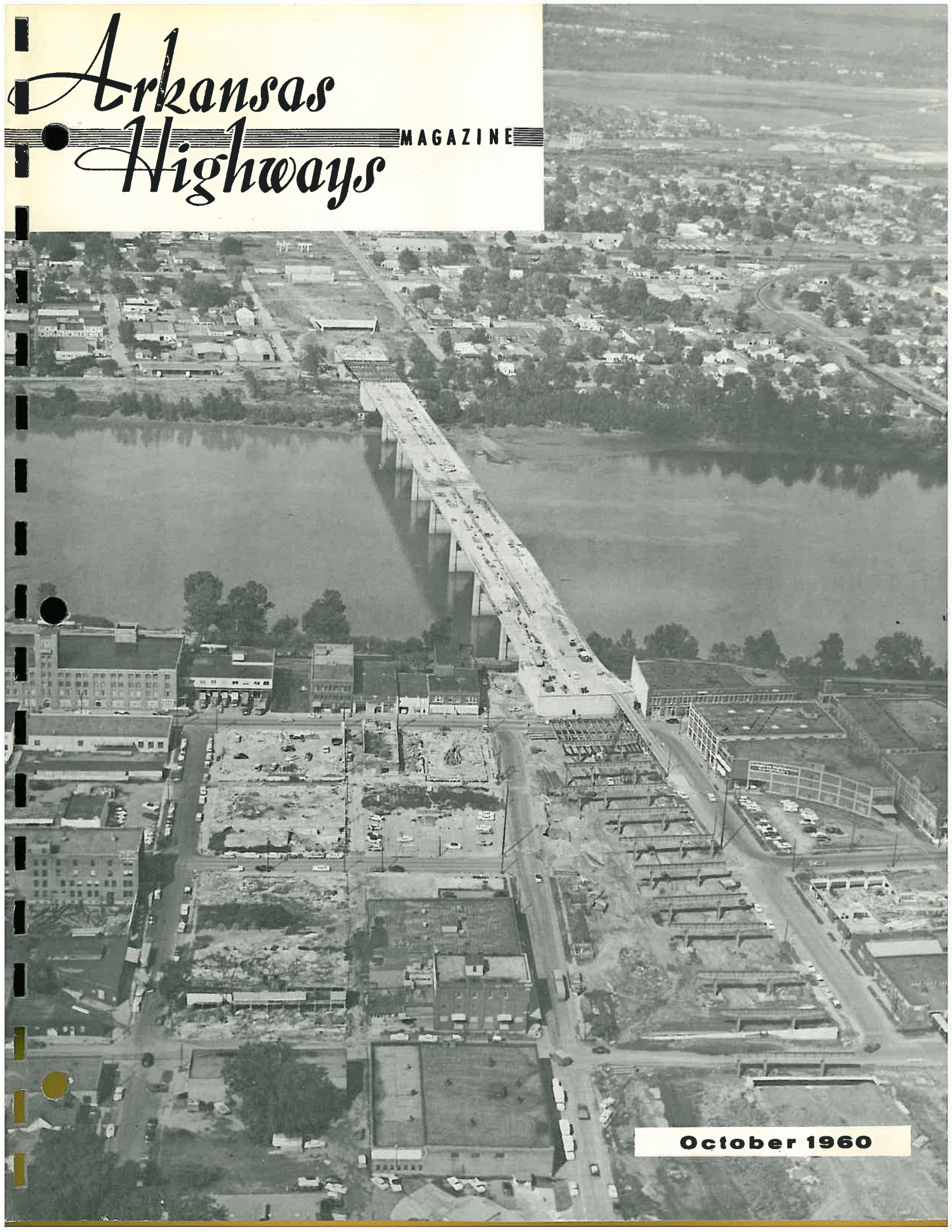


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NEWS BITS....

Director Oliver was in Washington, D. C. September 28-30 for the audit of the AASHO accounts. Mr. Oliver went in his capacity as chairman of the AASHO Committee on Uniform Accounts. While there, he also had business with the Bureau of Public Roads.

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Neill Bohlinger, legal administrative assistant, and authority on anything pertaining to the Civil War, will be in Montgomery, Alabama October 30 as guest speaker for the banquet and convention held by the Sons of the Confederates. Mr. Bohlinger is past Commander-in-Chief of the organization which has camps in California, New York, Chicago, Arizona, and Texas.

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Hi-Noon Toastmasters Club and the three other toastmasters clubs in the area, had a joint meeting and smorgasbord at the Jacksonville Air Base Officers Club.

Air-Jax Toastmasters Club played host to Hi-Noon, Little Rock, and Twin City Toastmasters Club, September 27 at the Jacksonville Air Base Officers Club when the four clubs held a joint meeting and smorgasbord to install new officers. Hi-Noon, which has several Highway Department personnel as members, elected Ward Goodman to the presidency, but he was unable to attend because of illness. Raif Smith, administrative assistant, was the outgoing president. Other officers elected and installed who are Department employees were: Jim Meredith, purchasing officer, who will be the club's new educational vice president, and Hubert (Hub) Holland, assistant engineer in the office of Office Engineer, secretary.

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Billy Cooper, traffic engineer with Planning and Research Division, spoke on "Traffic Engineering in Arkansas" at the Little Rock Engineers Club meeting October 10 at the Albert Pike Hotel. He illustrated his talk with slides. Ward Goodman, chief engineer, was in charge of the program.

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At the Commission Meeting October 5, four employees of the Department received longevity awards from Director Oliver and the Highway Commission. The presentations were made at 1 p.m. before a large audience, who were on hand to congratulate the recipients on this outstanding event. Those receiving the awards are pictured at right in the front row. They are: Nymph Jones, maintenance supervisor in District 8, 25 years; Aubrey (Doc) Bonner, engineering technician in Bridge Design, 25 years; Eddie Williams, senior bridge designer, 30 years; and George Fry, engineer of Roadway Plans, 35 years. Highway Commissioners Harry Parkin, John Crain, Lawrence Blackwell, Director Oliver and Commissioner Arnil Taylor, are in back row.



FILM ON HIGHWAY LIGHTING SHOWN

A film, "Crossroads of Light," was shown in the Commission Room September 19 to personnel in the Little Rock area. General Electric made the film in Hendersonville, North Carolina, by taking still photographs and making them into moving pictures. The film reviewed lighting by efficiency, low maintenance, size, brightness, and lumens. Safety was stressed by showing how roadway lighting, by conscientious planning, can help save lives on our nation's highways.

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Another film of a different nature was shown October 10, to Highway Department employees in the Central offices. Purpose of the film, sponsored by the Bell Telephone Company, was to show the proper usage of the telephone. Several familiar looking television personalities acted in the 30-minute film, and there was a certain amount of humor to it. Everyone agreed that it was entertaining as well as helpful.

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Jim Zinn of the Personnel Office, was appointed by North Little Rock Mayor, Casey Laman, to serve on the North Little Rock Shelter Board. The seven board members will try to raise money for the construction of three model fallout shelters in the city. The shelters will be financed by public donations and will be the first step in a drive to interest residents in building home shelters. They will be located at the Amboy and Lakewood fire stations and the Health Department at 216 West Fourth Street.



Institute of Traffic Engineers Hold 30th Annual Meeting

by Billy K. Cooper
Assistant Division Head
Planning and Research

The purpose of this report is to present a resume of the highlights of the meeting in Chicago which I attended during the week of September 11, 1960. The theme of the 30th annual meeting, "Broader Horizons for Traffic Operations and Research," was considered to be most timely since the nation is at the threshold of the greatest highway construction program in history.

The meeting opened with the presentation of Past President's Award to Charles Pinnell, a former classmate at Purdue University, for his paper, "Driver Requirements in Freeway Ramp Entrance Designs." Pinnell's research at Texas A & M showed that the angle of entrance should be less than 15 degrees to permit proper merging with through lanes; that length of required acceleration lane varied with approach visibility, entrance speed, etc., and many lengths of acceleration lanes were too long; and that proper deceleration (striping, signing, marking) solved many operation problems on poorly designed entrance ramps.

David R. Levin, chief of Highway and Land, Bureau of Public Roads, presented an interesting paper on "Lane Use Related to Interchange Locations." Mr. Levin pointed out the four types of land use at interchanges and some possible means of controlling them. The four uses are as follows: (1) Highway Oriented (motorists' services); (2) Major Generators (industries, etc.); (3) Community Type Enterprises (stores, service establishments); (4) Other (residences, etc.). Some controls that might be used in controlling these points of traffic generation are: (1) Acquire access rights a sufficient distance from interchange to provide good operation within interchange area; (2) Zoning (zone area adjacent to interchange for park, etc.); (3) Sub-division Control (Michigan and Wisconsin have legislation enabling them to approve all sub-division plats along state trunk highways); (4) Frontage Roads; (5) Set-back Regulations (this is a police power mechanism); (6) State Planning and Interchange Commission (Kentucky has this to control land use at interchange). None of the above are sure-cure solutions because more facts are needed to determine a fair solution. First, the interchange area must be defined (does it extend 1 mile, 2 miles, etc.); second, extent of generation of different land uses and which type of zoning would be most effective. The general feeling is that the interchange areas will be future bottlenecks on our freeways.

A paper on "Traffic Diversion Effects of an Interstate Highway Spur" on Route 195 - 36th Street causeway, Miami, Florida, was presented by Ed Mueller, assistant engineer, Traffic and Planning Division, Florida Highway Department. The predicted traffic on this spur for 1960 was 25,100 vehicles per day, and present volumes are approaching 30,000 vehicles per day. The spur was opened to traffic on December 12, 1959. The study showed that diversion of traffic from parallel facilities was much higher than predicted, while generation was about as expected. However, at the present time generation is picking up at a fast rate (first seven months of operation, 31.6% - first month only 3%). Nineteen Seventy-five predicted volume will be reached by 1960.

A. Taragin, chief, Traffic Performance Branch, Bureau of Public Roads, presented a paper on "A Traffic Analyzer: Its Development and Application." This was a discussion about new recording equipment that has been developed to study driver behavior, fuel consumption, capacity, etc., by recording the following information simultaneously on multi-lane facilities: speed, lateral placement, longitudinal position, volume, vehicle classification. This equipment is available to State Highway Departments for special research projects and may be obtained through PBR Division engineers.

A paper on "Estimating Users' Costs in Highway Network" was presented by George Haikalis, traffic engineer, Chicago Area Transportation Study. This was a discussion of methods and procedures currently in use in comparing alternate facilities and determining benefit-cost ratios in the Chicago Study. First, an assignment of traffic is made by speed-time-volume relationships, cost of delay at intersections is determined, time costs are estimated, operating costs are developed, cost of accidents and savings in accidents are estimated, and then an average cost (cents per vehicle mile) is determined for both present and design year. More study is needed in this area to accurately determine road users' costs.

A panel of city and state traffic engineers discussed the highlights of changes in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices which will be published in early 1961. Uniformity in the use of these control devices from state to state was emphasized by C. W. Prisk, director of Highway Safety Study, BPR.

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There were twelve other papers of interest presented at the meeting and a field inspection of the Congress Street Expressway via "High-Speed, High-Performance" Rapid Transit Train. The western section of the expressway is under construction (eight lanes with rapid transit trains operating in the median). The expressway has already reached practical capacity on the completed section downtown (130,000 vehicles per day). Vehicles operate at 45 mph, trains at 60-70 mph.

At the business meeting Arkansas was transferred from Southern Section to Missouri Valley Section because of geographical location. There is a possibility that Missouri Valley Section will meet in Fort Smith in December. Also at the meeting I was appointed to one of the Committees on Traffic Engineering Education.

Approximately 630 traffic engineers were registered for the meeting, representing all state highway departments, most cities of over 100,000 population, Bureau of Public Roads, most major engineering colleges, and universities, about 10 foreign countries, and most national organizations and manufacturers. The 1961 meeting will be held in Washington and will be combined with the Sixth International Traffic Engineers Study Week.

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A. G. (Lanky) Rives, holding the nice string of crappie and bream, wanted to wait until he caught a "big" string before running a picture, but we couldn't see anything wrong with this one. Lanky and his son, A. G. Jr., caught them at Harris Brake Lake September 23.

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A sign in Merrill, Wisconsin, tavern proclaims: "Every Tuesday night is poultry night. All women present will receive a free goose."

A very nice young bridge designer came up to the editor's desk the other day with a good suggestion. He had a small pamphlet titled, "Milk of the Word and Gems of the Gospel," which contained one verse from each book of the Bible or New Testament. His suggestion was to print a religious verse each month as a regular feature, with a small heading. Perhaps some of you readers have favorite passages you would like to pass on to others. If so, send them in and we shall be happy to print them. And thanks, Veral Pinkerton, for the good idea. We've decided to use your suggested title also, "Words of Inspiration." For our first verse we chose the following:

"WORDS OF INSPIRATION"

"Talk no more exceeding proudly; let not arrogance come out of your mouth: for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by Him actions are weighed.-1 Samuel 2:3

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ALASKA, LARGEST STATE, HAS FEWEST CARS

Alaska, the biggest state in the union, has the least number of registered vehicles, according to the 1959 census by the U. S. Department of Commerce.

Alaska recorded only 71,469 vehicles, which indicates that Alaskans have plenty of space in which to drive.

Hawaii, on the other hand, our newest state, boasts 214,062 motor vehicles. This is relatively a large number, in view of the fact that Hawaii's main highway, skirting Oahu, where Honolulu is located, is only about 100 miles long. The Greater Honolulu area has a strip on Oahu only about 15 miles long. The two widest sections are Waikiki Beach (near Diamond Head) and Pearl Harbor (U. S. Naval shipyard) on the opposite side of Honolulu.

Arkansas' total number of vehicles is over two times the combined totals of Alaska and Hawaii, yet the state is comparatively small in area. Total number of vehicles in Arkansas is 671,219.

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ASPHALT IN TRYOUT FOR NEW ROLE

Asphalt, often used to put a hard surface on roads, is being tested as a protective covering for young vegetable sprouts.

Special blends of asphalt have been developed by the Esso Research and Engineering Company to facilitate the growth in arid areas. Sprayed over seeded soil, they form a thin film that prevents moisture in the soil from evaporating. This gives more water to the young plants when they need it most.

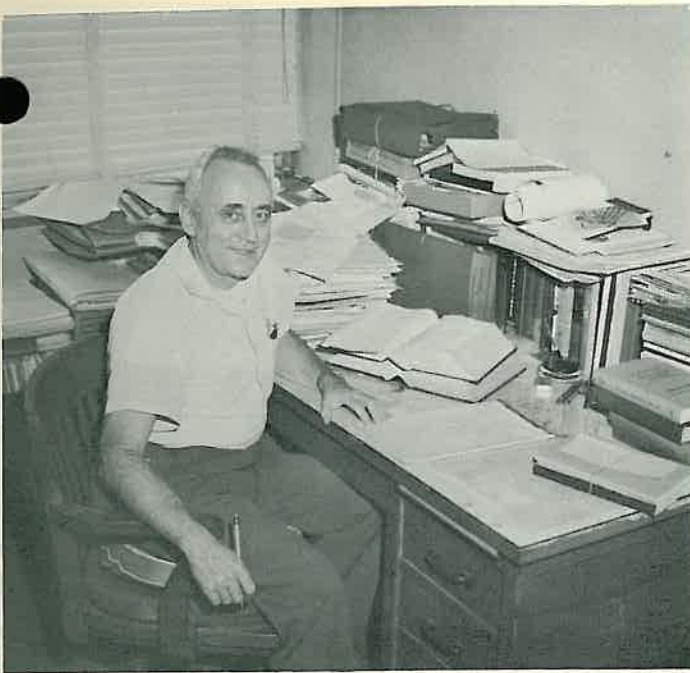
Vegetable and grass shoots are strong enough to pierce the asphalt layers, which may be as much as one-tenth of an inch thick. One of the problems in developing the blends was to make a mixture strong enough to last until the plants were mature and yet thin enough for them to break through.

Esso Research, an affiliate of the Standard Oil Company (New Jersey), is beginning field testing of the asphalt mulches at a farm test site in Tucson, Arizona. The University of Arizona is participating in the project.

John Robert Hume V...

Analyst in P&R,

Man of the Month



John Robert Hume V has often been referred to as "brainy" or a "walking encyclopedia." Both of the references would be correct but he could never be accused of being an intellectual snob because along with the high IQ in bookish matters, he is endowed with a good deal of common sense - a combination not often found.

But John came by these characteristics honestly. His father, the late Dr. John R. Hume IV, was one of the pioneers in pediatrics back in the 80's, and was hailed as one of the most eminent men in the country in that field. He was the first doctor to practice pediatrics in the Mississippi Valley after he and John's mother, Dr. Nelle E. Springer-Hume, gave up their joint practice in Detroit, to come to Missouri and Arkansas.

Dr. John was a sixth-generation American whose family dates back to before the Norman Invasion in 1029, when the family name was Gospatric. Titular head of the Hume clan is Lord Hume of England. Another prominent name in the family was David Hume (1711-1776), a Scottish philosopher and historian, who embraced Calvinism, thereby getting in "Dutch" with the family.

Dr. John, a Kentucky blueblood, was one of the old-time scholars, now gone from the scene, who believed in learning to the fullest extent, which he did. To achieve his status as mathematician, writer, university professor, pediatrician, philosopher and historian, he received eight earned degrees and nine honorary degrees. He was a graduate of Baliol College, where he took the regular art courses; and attended Oxford University in England; University of Edinburgh; Oriental University of Peking, China; Salamanca University in Spain; the medical schools of Vienna, with worth at Christ's College; Cambridge, St. Bartholomew's Heidelberg, Gottingen, Charles University in Prague; Rome; and John Hopkins. Besides this impressive listing, he held the Chair of Medical Jurisprudence and a member of the school faculty at Barnes Hospital, St. Louis, where his lectures on pedi-

atrics are still being used; a fellow of the American College of Surgeons; a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, England; and a Fellow of the Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians, London. John's mother attended Union Christian College in Indiana and the Cincinnati Observatory, studying piano and voice. At one time she was an excellent rider and took honors in many equestrian events, but after an injury she gave it up. She was a perfect complement to her husband in background, education and personality. She retired from practice about 20 years ago.

John, born at Doniphan, Missouri, was one of three children. A brother, Joseph, who was younger than John, died while he was attending Harvard University as a graduate student. His sister, Mrs. Virginia Connelley, is a fashion designer in Oklahoma City.

He intended originally to make a career of the diplomatic services, but his plans had to be shelved for various reasons, one of them his father's prolonged illness. He graduated from Highland Park High School in Michigan, after which he attended several prep schools before beginning his rather erratic college studies. John's father placed great emphasis on the professor rather than the college or university itself. Consequently, if he heard of a professor who was exceptional in a certain college, John entered that school. Hence, he attended five colleges, including Cumberland University, Vanderbilt University, where he received his L.L.B., University of the South, Northwestern, University of Michigan, and extension courses at Alexander Hamilton Institute, American Academy of Accounting, and the University of Arkansas. Besides his formal college work he received much tutorial work under his father. The formal work included majors in history, economics, psychology and literature.

John's first job was with the Illinois Central RR in Chicago as a tax analyst and transportation economist, doing field research and conference work in real estate tax economics. The next period, for about a year, he spent with his father, helping him to write history papers and doing some freelance and ghost writing. For the next seven years he was transportation economist with the War Department, Corps of Engineers at Little Rock,

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making studies for the Arkansas River canalization report to Congress, and then as administrative assistant to the Chief Engineering Division. Finally, he was legal assistant for contract review and fair labor standards litigation. In 1947, and until 1950, John did more freelance writing and spent time in Washington to prepare for the foreign service. Because of his mother's failing health John returned to Little Rock where he became research analyst in labor economics at the Arkansas Employment Security Division. When the research program was discontinued John came to the Highway Department in Planning and Research. He is an analyst in economic research and forecasting in highway and related fields.

The Humes came to Little Rock in November 1941 so that Dr. Hume, very ill at the time, could have care. He died in May 1942. John and his mother reside at 1900 Marshall Street. His foster children, nieces and nephew Ann, Susan, and John J. Hardcastle, lived with them for years until marriage and college took them away from home.

When John and his mother were in an accident a few years ago his mother suffered a hip injury which has made it physically impossible for her to do much, so John took over most of the household duties. We understand he manages it quite well, and takes it all in great stride. There is no time to dwell on what might have been a brilliant diplomatic career, and besides, he's fairly contented with his job in AHD. During any spare time at home, if he isn't following some intellectual pattern-like reading thick tomes, he is busy raising his poodles (three) and cocker spaniels (four). Dog-raising has been a hobby with him for several years and he has had champion poodles. He used to play bridge but there's no time for that now. He has a sophisticated sort of humor and there's a certain air of old-world charm about him. He gives the impression that he couldn't care less for material things.

He thinks the Golden Rule is just about the best philosophy by which we can live, but admits that not many of us follow it as we should. He gets along extremely well with his fellow workers, who have the highest respect for him. As one of them remarked to this writer: "You have a mighty good subject on which to write." We think so too.

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A ship was approaching shore at night. The bosun, on watch in the bow, got worried and approached the captain. "Sir, I hear breakers ahead. I suggest we change course." The captain pointed out that he was navigating the ship and that everything was under control and sent the bosun back to his post. In a couple of minutes the bosun was back again. "Sir, I distinctly hear breakers ahead. I suggest seriously that we change course." The captain exploded: "Listen Bosun, I'm running this ship. You take care of your part of the ship and I'll take care of mine." The bosun left and a minute later there was the sound of chain running out. The bosun reported back to the bridge: "Captain Sir, my part of the ship is anchored."

MORAL: One group cannot be dropping its anchor while another tries to get ahead. All should have a common goal, to get the most out of any industry or organization.

OBITUARIES

DAY L. COGBILL

Day L. Cogbill, 53, died September 4 at Wynne, where he was employed as bookkeeper in District 1. Mr. Cogbill had been employed by the Highway Department for over 21 years, having started out as a laborer in District 1 in 1937. Through the years Mr. Cogbill had served in many capacities from bridge painter to office superintendent. He was made bookkeeper in 1956.

Mr. Cogbill was a native of Wynne. He graduated from Wynne High School and attended Teeter's Business College at Wynne for one year.

Mrs. Essie Mae Cogbill, his wife, is his immediate survivor. Our sympathies are extended to the family.

MRS. IVA HEMPHILL

Mrs. Iva Hemphill, a former employee of the Planning and Research Division, died Sunday, October 2. Mrs. Hemphill retired in March 1957.

Mrs. Hemphill was of a Highway Department family as her two sons and one of her two daughters were employees of the Department at one time and her late husband, O. L. Hemphill, served as Highway Director for a short period in 1927.

Our sincere sympathies are extended to her family.

WESLEY L. WRIGHT

Wesley L. Wright, an employee of the Highway Department for only three months, was killed in an automobile accident September 2 at Mayflower. He was 23 years old.

Mr. Wright, a truck driver in District 6, was a native of North Little Rock. He attended schools at Mayflower where he made his home. He was a Navy veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Charlotte A. Wright, and a small daughter. Our condolences are extended to the Wright family.

FRED H. STANFILL

Fred H. Stanfill, employee in District 10, Paragould, died October 7 at Paragould.

Mr. Stanfill has been employed by the Highway Department since February 1958. He was a native of Senath, Missouri.

Our sympathies are extended to his family.

How Would You Like Your Highways??

Tinted, or Talking ?

Tinted

According to a bulletin issued by the Bonn Government a project being worked on by West Germany road specialists may prove to have considerable merit from a traffic standpoint. The project calls for tinted highways to help motor vehicle drivers to find their way easily.

The suggestion is that drivers arriving at the outskirts of a large town and wishing to drive to the center would, for example, follow a yellow-surfaced road. Light blue roads would lead to the main arterial highways.

Certain dyestuffs would be added to the paving material before it is applied to the road surface, the bulletin pointed out. It is understood that one chemical firm has marketed a new product called "white asphalt" which can be used for permanent highway surface markings to avoid constant repainting.

The "white asphalt" is poured on the road surface at a temperature of about 170 degrees centigrade (338 Fahrenheit) and the road can be used as soon as it has cooled, the bulletin stated, adding that such road markings are highly dirt-resistant and extremely durable.

Talking

A recent issue of Highway Research Abstract reports the experimental use of asphalt to increase safety on the highway.

The method involves surfacing the pavement with a mixture of slag and asphalt, which sets up an audible noise as vehicles pass over it. The article terms it "highway hi-fi".

The experiment has been used successfully in Cook County, Illinois on approaches to intersections to warn motorists of stop signs, and also to better stopping conditions.

Here is how the report explained the new development:

"The 'rumble' surface first tested by the Cook County Highway Department at three stop sign intersections has been put down at 62 selected locations throughout the country.

"The treatment consists of an asphalt layer containing sufficient particles of slag to cause an audible rumble when a car approaches a stop sign intersection. The unexpected noise causes a driver who might not be aware of the sign to become observant. The pebbled surface also affords better stopping conditions, and in winter, better starting.

THINK YOU'RE A GOOD DRIVER?; MEET 'MR. AVERAGE MOTORIST'

Think you are a pretty good driver? Well, just how well do you stack up with the average motorist?

A portrait of the average motorist, based on accident and traffic ticket statistics across the nation, has been compiled by the Automobile Club of Michigan.

So, meet "Mr. Average Motorist":

He has one moving violation ticket every 3.7 years, a violation which occurs while one's vehicle is moving and including everything from speeding and improper or illegal turn to improperly leaving the curb, and one-arm driving.

He has a serious moving violation, such as running a red light, or reckless driving, every 9.2 years.

He has a negligent property damage accident costing \$100 once in 10 years.

He has an accident involving a non-fatal injury every 68 years.

He would have to drive 16,400,000 miles before having a fatal accident. An average driver drives 500,000 miles in his lifetime.

He drives 9,357 miles a year and 1,400 miles on vacation each year.

He gets a parking ticket every 2.8 years.

He gets a reckless driving ticket every 69.5 years.

He gets a speeding ticket, from one mile over the speed limit up, every 15 years.

And, he gets a ticket for being under the influence of alcohol while driving every 436 years.

Still think you are a better-than-average driver? Think about it next time you're tempted to step-on-it, or have a little snort for the road.

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SOLVING THE MONDAY PROBLEM

Nothing spoils a week end like Monday. Even when we get to a three-day work week and a four-day week end, as we surely shall, Monday will still be there casting its ominous shadow. I suggest some sort of calendar reform.

After all, there has been no significant change in the calendar since 46 B. C., when Julius Caesar established the 365-day year, divided into 12 months. It was he who invented the week end and foolishly stuck it in front of Monday. Probably he wasn't thinking. His mind was on aqueducts or Cleopatra or something.

My suggestion is so simple that it frightens me. Why not remove Monday from its present place in the week and put it after Tuesday? Or, if you really want to bury it, after Wednesday? Still better, merely transpose Monday and Friday.

Just think of people saying, when they get up in the morning and know that once they stagger through the day they'll have the week end ahead, "Monday, thank God."

One thing at a time. I'll leave it for someone else, if this goes through, to cope with the Friday Problem.

--Richard Armour

Some Transfers Made Among Key Personnel...

Three New Men Added to AHD Roster



William L. Moore



H. R. Lucas

H. R. Lucas, who has been engineer in District 9 at Harrison since his transfer from District 2, Pine Bluff, last November 1, has been transferred to Construction Office at Little Rock as assistant engineer. Mr. Lucas has had a wide variety of engineering experience. He's been with AHD for 13 years, beginning as resident engineer in Jefferson County in 1947. He is a native of Mammoth Springs. He attended the Missouri School of Mines and has a degree in civil engineering.



John Lawrence

John Lawrence, another up-and-coming young engineer, who has been resident engineer on the south by-pass, takes over Bill's duties as expressway engineer. Lawrence has been employed since 1948, starting out as rodman in Surveys Division. He received his education at Little Rock (elementary), and was graduated from Columbia Military School. He has a civil engineering degree from the University of Arkansas. Lawrence is married and has three children.

William (Bill) L. Moore, will serve as acting District 9 engineer at Harrison. Bill, who has been expressway engineer for the last two years, replaces Mr. Lucas. A native of Booneville, Bill has been with the Department since 1952. He attended Arkansas Tech for two years, and went on to the University of Arkansas to receive his civil engineering degree. Bill taught science at Booneville Junior High School at one time, plus serving as the school's athletic coach. Bill, in spite of his comparative youth and service with the Department, has been very successful in his career with the Department. Bill is married and has two sons.

Don Martin, formerly with the Office Engineer, was transferred September 15 to the Right of Way Division where he will assume duties as assistant engineer. Martin, a native of Chester, Illinois, has been with the Department since 1956. He attended secondary schools at Dallas, Texas. He has a bachelors degree in liberal arts from Hendrix College and has completed Division Bridge Engineering from I. C. S. Martin was with the Missouri Pacific Railroad for 10 years prior to coming to the Department. He is married and has four children.



Don Martin

Frank Caple, analyst at Jacksonville, under the supervision of Equipment Director C. Don Hayes, was transferred to the Little Rock Procurement Office October 1 to act as assistant to Procurement Officer Jim Meredith. Frank has been with the Highway Department for 9 years doing work as auditing equipment, bookkeeping on equipment, inspector of equipment, and accountant. Frank graduated from Benton High School and attended Henderson State Teachers College for one year. He is a native Sherrill, married, and has two children.



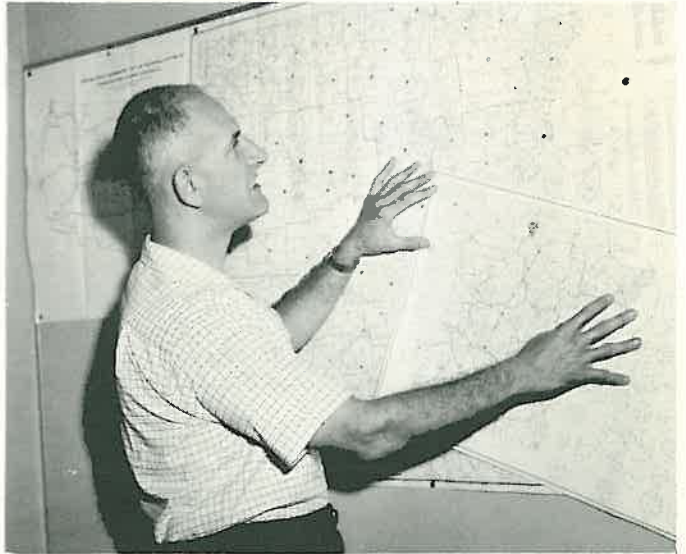
Charles Van Freeman

Clarence D. Page is the Department's new communications officer who will be in charge of the communications system which will be set up in the Maintenance Division. Page is a native of Little Rock. He attended Little Rock schools and Little Rock Junior College. He was formerly with the Motorola Corporation as supervisor of radio systems for the Little Rock Police and Fire Departments, and the Pulaski County sheriff's office, with the Civil Aeronautics Administration in New Orleans in communications, and was communications officer with the Little Rock Police Department for 12 years. Page is married and resides in Little Rock.



Frank Caple

Charles Van Freeman, employed in the Department since July, was transferred from his duties as senior instrumentman in District 6, to the Office Engineer September 16, as an assistant engineer. Freeman replaces Don Martin. A native of Harrisburg, Arkansas, he received a bachelors degree in geology from the University of Arkansas in 1950. For the past ten years Freeman has been employed as geologist for several firms, and his work took him to many countries. Freeman, his wife and one child reside on Park Hill, North Little Rock.



Clarence D. Page

Charles F. Wroblewski, a native of Omaha, Nebraska, is the newest engineer to come to the Department. He began working in the office of J. T. Pendergrass, assistant chief engineer, on October 1, after serving four years in the Air Force, three of which were spent at the Little Rock Air Force Base as 1st Lieutenant. Wroblewski attended Omaha University and Nebraska University at Lincoln where he received his degree in civil engineering. (Continued next page)

ing. He also has taken correspondence courses in spherical trigonometry at Iowa University, and a Civil Engineering Technical Supervisory course from Air University. His previous engineering experience included working with the City Engineers of Lincoln, the Nebraska Highway Department, as an engineering student, for one year; and with the Douglas County Engineers of Omaha. He is a student member of the ASCE, Lincoln Engineers Club, and Theta Chi, an alumnus fraternity. Wrobleski, his wife and four children (two boys and two girls), reside in North Little Rock.



Charles F. Wrobleski



Here is Nancy Rankin with "Fang," Nancy and Bob's "baby," which is a rare breed - a Lhaso Opso.

THE OFFICE ENGINEER GROUP

Leontee Connelly, who works in the office of Office Engineer, kids around some to, as she put it, "get a little fun out of life." Not long ago the editor was down at the office on the scent of news when Leontee, or "Mrs. C." as she is most often called, said jokingly: "here you are, writing about this one and that one - why don't you write about some good folks?" Meaning the employees in her office, natch. So we decided that we would and here it is...

We'll start off by stating here and now that they are a good group. There are fourteen employees in the office which is headed by Office Engineer W. C. (Bill) Johnston, an extremely capable and likeable fellow - rather quiet and reserved. A rundown on the rest of them goes something like this:

Mrs. C.: a most attractive, well-dressed gal who is in her element when she is planning, or giving dinners or parties - which she does with all the ease in the world whether they are for six or sixty.

Dan Morgan: Mrs. C.'s Chief Helper, a young man who has been with the Department over a year.

Bob Andrews: Should we say seemingly mild-mannered and shy? Nice, too.

Bill Rainwater: Popular with the ladies, this one. An incidentally Bill, how come you missed the football special train on its return trip from Fort Worth over the weed end of October 1? H'mmmm???

Hub Holland: Thoughtful, and very popular with everyone.

Goodloe Hampton: Benevolence itself, as well as considerate.

Nancy Rankin: a fairly new employee to the office but was once in Right of Way, who has a - get ready - Lhaso Opso. That's a breed of dog. Nancy and husband Bob, dote on "Fang," the dog's name.

Les Evitts: A great little kidder - good sense of humor who aspires to be a Benton Lawyer.

Virginia Deckard and Edith Garland: Both pretty and cooperative, and sorta' on the quiet side.

June Dillon: Home awaiting the stork, due any minute... The office force is looking forward to her return in January.

Charles Van Freeman: New employee, whose travels for the past ten years as a geologist took him to so many foreign places he seems to have picked up a faint accent - a potpourri of all the countries in which he worked.

H. J. Williams: The vault custodian, who is so cooperative and kind. He comes in the office several times a day to see if there is anything he can do for somebody.

Cap Boen: Last but not least by any means, quiet, reserved, and loves to listen to ballgames. Plays dominoes every day during the noon hour.

O. K., Leontee?

AROUND THE DEPARTMENTS

Accounting

Jimmy Meyer

Ronald Keene, his family and his in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Adams and their twins, Donny and Diane of Hutchinson, Minnesota, spent two weeks vacationing in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Margie Wallace recently purchased a 1961 Ford Falcon in laurel green. We are going to lose Margie on November 4, when her husband, Al, will return from Golena, Alaska where he has been stationed this past year. Al and Margie will move to Oklahoma City where Al will be based at Tinker Air Base. We all wish Margie the best of luck.

Welcome to Eleanor Henry, our new girl who will be doing the reporting from now on. Yours truly is taking over Margie's job. Eleanor is a native of Little Rock and graduated from Joe T. Robinson High School in June. (Jimmy, our thanks for the good job you did on reporting the Accounting Division's news, and good luck on your new assignment. Ed.)

Carl Morris' mother, Mrs. R. O. Morris, is doing well, we're happy to report, after suffering a heart attack. She was hospitalized but has returned to her home.

chief engineer

Leontee Connelly

Bob Andrews and Bill Rainwater stopped by the office between trips to Fayetteville and Fort Worth where they watched the Hogs play. Everyone was happy to see them and commented on how well they are holding up under the strain of their travels. Other Hog-Watchers who journeyed to Fayetteville recently were Cap Boen and Hub Holland.

As of this writing, W. C. Johnston is moving into his new home on "I" Street and by publication time should be well enough established to have everyone drop by to see him.

Virginia Deckard reports that husband Don, is now stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri but she is hoping for his early transfer to Alaska or maybe even Korea. (?) (?)

Jo Ann Almond, late of the Office Engineer's section, has been promoted from typist to secretary to Mr. Pendergrass. Our loss is the assistant chief engineer's something or other.

Newest addition to the Office Engineer's staff is Charles Van Freeman. "Chuck" is a native of Harrisburg, Arkansas but for the past ten years has been circling

the globe as a geologist. His travels have taken him to North Africa, Central and South America, Europe, and the Middle East.

Edith Garland, steno, was married August 6, but that's her problem...she's wearing a smile at any rate.

Chief Engineer Ward Goodman was elected president of Hi-Noon Toastmasters Club recently. Raif Smith, administrative assistant, was the outgoing president of the club which has as members several other Highway personnel.

Other new employees of the Chief Engineer's Office include Velma Marsh, Nancy Rankin, and Les Evitts. Nancy and Les are both former Right-of-Way employees who resigned but couldn't stand to be away from old AHD so returned.

Neill Bohlinger, legal administrative assistant, reports that the happiest hour of his day comes at 2 p.m. over his cup of coffee in the Chief Engineer's Office. His wit, humor and quick comments are always welcome.

Don Martin, who was assistant engineer, was promoted to assistant director of Right-of-Way. His friends in the office gave him a well-wished party and a good time was had by all.

The employees of the Chief's office gave a surprise birthday party for Ferol Jones, Mr. Goodman's secretary, on September 26. A blue and yellow motif was carried out in the arrangements. The table, covered with beautiful cut-work cloth, held lighted tapers which cast a lovely glow over the silver service and serving tray. Coffee, sandwiches, and birthday cake were served.

Don't miss next months' thrilling episode which will expose the life and times of W. I. (Jolly Cholly) Rainwater, Jr.

EXTRA! EXTRA! Anybody wanna' dog? We understand that J. T. Pendergrass, assistant chief engineer, Navy reserve officer, suburban dweller, and now kennel operator, has some to offer, (Could this be a joke? Ed.)

data processing

Billie Jean Oholendt

Erma Jetton and husband Robert, attended the Tulsa-Arkansas game at Fayetteville September 24. They spent the week end with friends at Fort Smith. They flew down to Fort Worth for the T. C. U.-Arkansas game October 1. While there Erma did some shopping.

We are happy to welcome to our office Francis Richardson. She will be taking Joyce Fryer's place. Hope you will be with us a long time, Francis.

About three weeks ago Erma Jetton was sitting comfortable in her home on Park Hill watching television when a loud

crash was heard and the house shook. Robert and Erma got up to investigate and they found in the front bedroom a pair of headlights of an automobile. They went outside and later heard a man, who was running behind the shopping center, say: "Someone stole my car." Erma told him that if he was looking for his car it was in her house. Erma is getting her bedroom redecorated.

Nedra Barton just returned from the hospital where the doctors had to re-break and re-set her nose, broken when her son threw a line drive and hit her smack on the probocis. She's doing fine.

Tony Yandell is very "fashionable" these days because he has an ulcer, but we're sorry to say that he will have to give an operation for it. Sure hope it's a success, Tony, and you won't be hospitalized long.

Lana Holland, a former employee in our section, had a 7 pound, 5 ounce baby boy September 17. They named him Robert Scott. She brought "Scotty" by one day and he sure is cute. The Hollands are moving to Fort Smith where Bob will work for an optical company. Good luck to the three of them.

equipment

Avalee Padgett

Doris and Shirley Healy spent the week end of September 23 in Shreveport, Louisiana viewing their new nephew, Edward Thomas Freedom. Eddie, with his mother and big sister, Rebecca Ann, returned to Jacksonville with them.



"Which one has the screw loose?" That question was kiddingly thrown to Carl (Dub) Colvert and Leroy Newton, mechanics at Central Shop, by their boss, C. Don Hayes, when he happened by while they were both busy with screwdrivers.

(Turn page for more news)

Mack Skelton spent a week of his vacation in completing a new storm celler in his back yard. This reporter would like to say here and now that she's glad he lives in her neighborhood.

Our boss, Don Hayes, and Johnnie Gray, photographer, spent a few days relaxing and fishing at Bull Shoals and Table Rock Dam. They were joined at Harrison by Jewel Whitaker, maintenance superintendent in District 9. It rained nearly all the time they were gone but they reported a very nice time, and caught a few fish at Table Rock.

Joe and Ava Nell Stinson moved into their new home on Faulkner Lake Road while Joe was on two weeks' vacation.

Walter C. Sneed, father of Leon Sneed in our department, passed away in a Little Rock hospital September 3. We extend our deepest sympathies to the family.

materials & tests

Julia Halliburton

We received word from the E. L. Waleses, who moved to Florida early in the year, that two windows were broken in their home and the trees in their yard were uprooted when Donna, the destructive hurricane, passed through Ft. Myers.

Several of the boys who worked for us during the summer have returned to college, but we have two new employees. R. C. Thomas, one of the new ones, entered the Missouri Pacific Hospital for surgery October 6. Dale Gathright is the other new man. Welcome, fellas.

H. W. Schneider returned from Washington, D. C. where he attended a committee meeting and promptly took off for a weeks' vacation.

George Peevy was on military leave in California early in the month.

Congratulations to Roy and Barbara Rosin on the arrival of a new addition to their growing family. A 6 pound, 6 ounce baby girl, Laura Louise, was born September 28.

H. F. Uhrman received his 5-year Service Pin and Certificate of Merit recently. Congrats!

Joe and Bonnie Magness motored to Fort Worth for the TCU-Arkansas game... had a good time. Johnny Dunbar won two tickets to the Baylor-Arkansas game at Fayetteville October 8. He made good use of them.

personnel

M. A.

Everyone is quite happy over the cooler weather now that lovely autumn has arrived, and we all seem to have more pep, which is good since Personnel Office is having its usual quota of work. Our news is rather scarce, however, for some reason or other.

Our new bride, Roberta Ingle, and husband Herston, are ensconced in their apartment and have been happily fixing it up the way they want it, with new drapes, etc. All of her wedding gifts are coming in real handy.

Football is the main topic of the day and several in the office have been attending the games. Fred and Dorothy Tanner, Martha and Harry Adams, and Jimmy and Maxine Higgins all attended the Baylor-Arkansas and the Ole' Miss games. Jimmy Higgins, who has a bachelors degree from ASTC, attended Homecoming Game at Conway October 1.

When asked if he would travel to Fayetteville to see Baylor-Arkansas, Hoyt Thomas replied no that he would be thinking about moonlight and roses - the reason being that Miss Wilma Stover from Chattanooga, Tennessee was the guest of Hoyt and his parents over the week end October 8. They attended the livestock show while she was here.

Jackie Wallace went to her home town of Heber Springs one week end recently, to visit her grandmother. She has been back over to Hot Springs also.

Ruth Foll and her roommate, Lynda Rowe, moved into another apartment recently. The two gals spent the week end of September 24 at Ruth's parents' home in Mountain View. Lavona Croft had as her guest for a week end trip to Evening Shade, Claudia Rudkin of Morrilton, a former roommate of "Vona's."

Carolyn Reddin finally got a desk she can call her own! She's very happy about it and so are we. Carolyn has been using a table for her work except when someone was off work for a day, then she used theirs. She readily admits that it's much better this way, and she feels that she has "arrived." Carolyn had a birthday October 8...we presented her with a gift and had cake and coffee.

Birdie Wright said that she had a call from former Highway Commissioner "Miss Willie" Lawson, who said she was very happy about Birdie's trip to Honolulu, having read the article in the last issue. In fact, quite a few people told us how they enjoyed it.

Well, that's all for now. And we'll see you next month??

planning & research

Marjarine Turner

Congratulations to J. D. and Jane Patton on the arrival of a baby son, Jay Guin, who was born at St. Vincent's October 2. All are doing well.

The Smiths (Peg and Bill) journeyed to Fort Worth to see the Razorbacks whip a good TCU team. The Stuart Pattillos (Eleanor and "Pat"), and Peg and Bill, attended the Baylor-Arkansas game at Fayetteville October 8.

Ed Jeter, a road inventory employee, is driving a bright red 1961 Volkswagon-- a fine looking auto.

New employees are: Jean Wilson, in the traffic section, who is from Shreveport, Louisiana; Ralph Pack, in drafting, who is from Little Rock; Gary Whittington, in road life, from Conway; and Bob Kessinger, also from Conway. Whittington and Kessinger have been studying mathematics at State Teachers College, Conway, and will have their degrees. Welcome to all these new people.

procurement

Amy Tedford

On October 8, 1960, Linda Vassaur and Fred Schmidt were married in Reynolds Memorial Baptist Church. After a short wedding trip, the couple will be at home at 1504 Allen in North Little Rock. The office honored Linda with a luncheon and presented her with a gift.

A new employee in our office is Frank D. Caple from the Jacksonville office. He is the assistant procurement officer. We are glad to have Frank join our office force.

Birthdays this month include one for Jim Meredith and Willene Gray. The numbers are 29 and 39 respectively, (So we hear). We wish them both many more happy birthdays.

The Meredith's made a rush trip to the Gulf over the Labor Day weekend, visiting Pensacola, Florida; Mobile, Alabama; and Bellingport Gardens. They visited friends in Gulfport, Mississippi and Waterproof, Louisiana.

roadway plans

John Dunn

Buddy Orton and his family enjoyed a nice trip touring some of the eastern states. They went through Pennsylvania, and the New York area, going on up to Niagara Falls. On the trip Buddy attended a baseball game between the Cleveland Indians and the Boston Red Sox.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Haydon have a new member of the family. Mark Leigh, weighing 6 pounds, 8 ounces, made his arrival at 8:10 a.m. October 2. The Howard Webbs also have a new addition...Allen Dale, weighing 6 pounds, 14 ounces, arrived September 27. Congratulations to the parents.

Welcome to Reuben Pate, our latest engineer-in-training, who will be with us a couple of months. Reuben is a June 1960 graduate of the University of Arkansas.

Robert Morgan is another new member of the drafting room. He will be with us for a year and then return to the University of Arkansas to finish his civil engineering course.

Field glasses: Something surveyors drink out of.

district 3*Olive Jackson*

"Dock" and Opal Greeson have returned from a wonderful trip to points in California. In Richmond they visited "Dock's" two sisters and in Garden Grove they visited his brother and Opal's brother. While in San Francisco they went to Chinatown and crossed the Golden Gate Bridge. On their return they made stops in Old Mexico. Delbert McGraw, employee of Little River County, received a painful eye injury recently when hot asphalt splattered into the right eye.

Employees receiving Certificates of Merit and Service Pins in the month of September are as follows: George Washington Cox, 15 years; Pierce Watson McCorkle and Cleburn Lester Skinner, 10 years; Carol Burnett and Elmer Doyle Tolley, 5 years. Congratulations!

Lester and Hester Purtle enjoyed a recent week end visit with their daughter, Margaret Alexander and her husband Marvin, their family in Crossett. From there they drove over to Eudora for a fishing trip. Lester reports they had real good luck.

We are happy to report that the following employees who have been on the sick list have now returned to their jobs: Ray Farris, John Burke, and Bob Bonds.

Construction of the new addition of three offices to the district building is now in progress. We are all looking forward to having more office space.

district 4*Carolyn Barber*

Fred McLaughlin's oldest daughter, Maxine, was married to Thomas Hicks September 9 at the Grand Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Smith. It was a beautiful single ring ceremony with the father giving the bride away. Fred said everyone at the wedding was nervous but him. (Ha!)

The Oscar Gwyns are holding Open House Sunday, October 2, for their many friends in the Department. This will be our last chance to get together with our old buddy, as we are going to lose our youngest mechanic, Oscar, who was 70 September 18. Oscar is a crackerjack mechanic who will keep you running at all costs. If it takes a piece of baling wire, a safety pin, or a piece of sand paper, Oscar knows just where and how to use it. He is just like the postman...rain, sleet, snow, or hail, he is always on the job with his know-how and his jokes. He has a wonderful sense of humor, is courteous, and dependable. We who are left behind want to know how we feel. Oscar, our hats are off to you!

Relatives are inherited critics.

district 5*A. L. Moser*

Asa Duncan, equipment checker from Jacksonville, paid us a visit last month. Asa is always welcome in District 5.

Bert Mathis, area foreman in Fulton County, his employees and their families, enjoyed a chicken supper last month at the area headquarters. They all had a big time, so it was reported, and we're sure sorry we couldn't make it.

Freece Kimmer, bookkeeper, is still getting the big bass. He caught six one Saturday, the biggest weighing 5 and 3/4 pounds; three weighed 4 pounds each, and one 3 pound one. The big ones got away though, and he has two broken rods to prove it. This reporter can vouch for all of his fish stories because he gets the fish.

Our boss, George C. Cavaness, had a birthday September 28 and as a nice surprise, the girls baked a cake, so we all enjoyed cake and coffee. Sure wish him many more happy birthdays.

We had a couple of lucky employees to vacation recently. A. L. (Dugin) Jones was off for five days. Neal Pendergrass and his wife visited in Washington while he was off.

Homer Moser, truck driver, leaves the Department October 1 to devote full time to farming and looking after his dairy cattle. Wish you luck, Homer.

Carl Davis, a new employee in the shop, replaces Uncle Bertie Isley who retired last month. Welcome, Carl.

We are very happy to have the following employees with us again after being off due to illness: C. A. (Buck) Qualls, who has spent the last two months in the hospital; E. G. (Gordie) Hicks, who burned his legs while using an electric welder (just like a boy); and R. L. (Sundown) Simmons, who was out four weeks because of a bad sprained ankle.

We wish a speedy recovery to the following who are off at this time because of illness: Edgar Hightower, who received a couple of broken ribs but is out of the hospital and recuperating at home; Lester McGinnis, who underwent surgery September 26. He was improving nicely at the time of this reporting.

Mrs. A. J. Courtney was admitted to the Clinic Hospital September 25. We hope for a fast recovery for you, Mrs. Courtney... Mrs. J. N. Carter was taken home from the hospital where she had been for some time due to another heart attack. She is reported to be doing better at this time.

district 6*Jones-Trawick*

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Laws who are the proud parents of a baby girl, Becky Lorraine, born September

11, weighing 6 pounds. Henry says she is the most beautiful child he has ever seen and has more hair than he has. (Henry and his wife have waited many years for this happy event.)

Welcome to Marcellus Cross, J. A. Sage, and J. R. Little, who are all engineers-in-training.

Service awards were presented to the following: R. J. Lybarger, 15 years; C. M. Benz, 10 years; R. J. Roe and Buster Thompson, 5 years. Congratulations, fellas.

We helped O. G. Diffee celebrate his birthday recently, with coffee and cake. (It was his 39th, of course.)

We are sorry to report that Walter Hudspeth, Lester Holiman, Thomas Buie, and H. E. Adcock were injured recently on Highway 270 when a truck struck their vehicle while they were at work.

We extend our sincere sympathies to R. D. Stanton, whose mother-in-law, Mrs. Eliza Wallace, passed away recently; J. C. Perkins, Jr., who lost his son, Dickey; Mrs. W. L. Wright, whose husband was killed in an automobile accident near Mayflower; and O. M. Battie, who lost his mother recently.

district 7*Burnham and Campbell*

Ollie Baugus received his 5-year Service Pin and certificate of Merit in September. Congrats!

Bill Anderson has joined the Air Force. He was an inspector at the time of his resignation but has held several positions over the district and will be missed by all of us. Good luck, Bill.

Carter Howard was transferred to District 2. New employees for C. L. Baucum are: James L. Williams, Bobby G. Sweeney, R. E. Holiman, Jr., and O. A. Ballard, inspector, who was formerly employed with the Highway Department several years ago. New employees for J. C. Webb are: Dan Carrier, John H. Harvey, Larry E. Hollis, Thomas E. Mitchell, and Sam Dundee, who also worked for the Department before.

R. V. Wilkison, resident engineer, who is supervising construction of a lake project on White Oak Creek for the Game and Fish Commission, states that the lake is being allowed to fill and that it may be suitable for duck hunting this fall.

Frank Mulligan and Harry Bennett, truck drivers, deserve a special mention for performance beyond the call of duty in pulling the district engineer's car off a pile of sand at Reader.

J. C. Webb has returned to work after taking a weeks' vacation visiting his daughter, Loray, and family, in Texas. He and his wife also spent several days sight-seeing in northern Arkansas. Mr.

Webb is sporting a new Chevrolet Impala - it's a beaut! Boyd Hatridge also has a new Impala and Bryant Hatridge a new Pontiac with all the "extras."

Jewell Tackett, inspector for Baucum, has been quite ill and in the hospital. He is at home now and is a little better at this time. We miss him and wish him a speedy recovery. Jerry Stringer is in the hospital at Magnolia having a few tests run and we hope there is nothing serious.

Charlie Henderson has been enjoying a visit from his brother and wife from Fort Worth. R. V. Wilkison took his daughter to Fayetteville where she is enrolled as a freshman at the University.

E. W. (Dick) Bartel's daughter, Julia Anna, was married September 24 in Texarkana.

We are sorry to lose Jimmie Nell Gilbert, payroll clerk. Jimmie is moving to Port Arthur, Texas where her husband, Tom, is working with the Custom Agent Department. Good luck to both of them. We shall miss Jimmie's smile and wonderful personality but the old saying that all good things must come to an end applies here. Virginia Finley will replace Jimmie and we welcome you Virginia...hope you will be happy as a member of our "family" in our Department.

We are glad to have Hamp Wilson back on the job after spending several days at the Ouachita County Hospital. We missed Hamp during our coffee breaks and the men in the shop missed him.

Travis Pipes has joined the maintenance division in Bradley County. We are happy to have you with us Travis.

Hope the hurricane season is over in Florida. Alene Davis and Mary Silliman have just returned from Panama City where they reported a wonderful time just playing...We have their word that they made more noise than hurricane Donna.

district 10

Kathryn Booher

Congratulations to the following in our district who received serviceawards in September: John F. Price, 20 years; W. L. White, 10 years; A. J. Blaylock and John Henry Howard, 5 years.

Birthday greetings to John Sanders, Graham Apperson, H. O. McFall, and Thad Crowley who celebrated recently. We hope they will have many, many, more.

We are sorry to hear that Guy Tate, job superintendent, suffered a heart attack September 24 and is presently in the Community Methodist Hospital in Paragould. We miss you, Guy, and hope you will get well real soon and be back with us.

Bill O'Guinn, our shop foreman, has been on the sick list but we are happy that he is now back with us.



Bet you're going to have a little trouble identifying the person in this picture. We know, but we're not telling. Not now, anyway...Clue: He has received his 25-year service awards, and he works in the Central Offices.

RIGHT OF WAY-- LEGAL

The Right of Way - Legal offices, which have many employees, are not represented in the issue of the magazine. Seems they didn't have time to write it - or something. Anyway, we do have the picture of Barney McCreight's boat, which we mentioned previously and which Barney thought was never going to be launched. But, here'tis, in all its glory and good-looks. Barney is right proud of it, and who wouldn't be?



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COVER

Our cover picture shows the latest construction development on the Third Bridge at Little Rock. The deck pavement has been completed and from here on, work will be concentrated on the approaches so that it will be ready for use by mid-1961.


LETTERS
THIS'LL KILL 'YA...

by Jimmy Zinn

October 3, 1960

Dear Mr. Oliver:

During the months of June and September I tried quite a number of condemnation cases involving the right-of-way on U.S. Highway 82 in Miller County. Attorney Paul Johnson handled this litigation for the Department. The appraisers who were involved in the appraisals of various tracts, and who appeared as witnesses, were Watson, Hamilton, Scott, and Williams.

I want to go on record as commending each and every one of these gentlemen for the very excellent work they did in preparation for trial and the efficient and courteous manner in which all of them conducted themselves in the course of the proceedings. Public servants, as you know, so often are not recognized for their accomplishments, whereas a slight mistake is held up to public ridicule.

I did not inquire as to the immediate superiors of each of these gentlemen and I will appreciate it if you will pass on to their superiors my commendation of their excellent work.

With the kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,
Lyle Brown, Circuit Judge
Eighth Judicial Circuit
Hope, Arkansas

September 29, 1960

Mr. F. R. Oliver
State Highway Department
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Oliver:

I had an occasion early this morning to drive from Jonesboro to Russellville. It was a joy at early dawn to drive down Highway 67 and see what great improvements you are doing to beautify the roadside.

I can also make the same comment about Highway 64. You have made great improvements in the last few months on your roadside development. I just hope that this good work can continue until it will reach every road in Arkansas.

Sincerely yours,

Marvin Melton, President
Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce
Little Rock, Arkansas

When little Jimmy returned from summer camp his parents asked him if he had been homesick. "Not me," replied little Jimmy. "Some of the kids were though - those that had dogs."

Two hillbilly draftees were taking their first train ride. A vendor came through the car and each bought a banana, a fruit they had never seen before. One of them just started to eat when the train went into the tunnel. "Lem," said the one in a strained voice, "you started to et yours yet?"

"No," came the reply from Lem.

"Then don't - I started to et mine and I've gone blind."

Voice on telephone: "How are you this morning?"

Answer: "All right."

Voice on telephone: "I guess I have the wrong number."

Julius Caesar seeing Cleopatra for the first time remarked, "Wow! a perfect xxxvii, xxii, xxxvi."

A navy recruit lost his rifle on the firing range. When he was told he would have to pay for it, he protested.

Suppose I was driving a navy jeep and somebody stole it, would I have to pay for it, too?"

He was informed that he would have to pay for all government property that he lost.

"Now," said the recruit, "I know why the captain always goes down with his ship."

The latest underprivileged children are those whose parents have two cars but no speedboat.

"If you like to travel," the manager of the employment office told the job applicant, "I have a job open in Florida. Can you pick lemons?"

"I sure can," came the reply. "I've been married five times."

A school inspector, to get an idea of the standard of the teaching, entered a classroom while the lesson was in progress and decided to ask the children some questions.

Calling on one small boy he asked, "Who broke down the walls of Jericho?" The boy answered, "Not me, sir." The inspector turned to the teacher and asked, "Is this the usual standard in this class?" The teacher replied, "The boy is usually quite honest so I believe him."

Leaving the room in disgust the inspector sought out the headmaster and explained what had transpired.

The headmaster said, "I've known both the teacher and the boy concerned for several years and I'm sure neither of them would do a thing like that."

By this time the inspector was furious and reported the incident to the director of education.

The director said, "I feel, you, know, we are making a mountain out of a molehill in this case. I suggest we pay the bill and write the sum off."

The president of a large association was addressing a group of members. Suddenly the microphone went out of order. The speaker raised his voice and asked a man in the back row if he could hear "No," replied the man.

Immediately a man in the front stood up, "I can hear and I'll change places with you."

"How quickly can I learn French?" asked the young woman.

"That depends on you," replied the teacher. "Why are you in such a rush?"

"We've just adopted a French baby only six months old," she answered, "and we want to be able to understand him when he starts to talk."

Reader: "Do you make up these jokes yourself?"

Editor: "Yep, out of my head."

Reader: "You must be."

