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COVER: All the pictures were taken July 27 at Helena, Arkansas, which celebrated three occasions in a very big way. (Story and pictures on pages 8 and 9.) In the center picture officiating at ribbon-cutting ceremonies to open the Helena Bridge are Arkansas Governor Orval E. Faubus; Miss Mississippi, Pat McRaney; Mississippi Governor Ross Barnett; and Miss Arkansas, Frances Jane Anderson. At right, Inset, is J. B. Lambert, Helena businessman, an official host at the proceedings.

NOTICE

Applications are now being accepted by the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers for the examination to be conducted in October 1961. The closing date for applications is September 1, 1961, and they are to be filed with Allan Curry, Secretary, Box 1117 P. H. Station, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

An Editorial...

I fear for the freedom of this Nation. We are free men. That is, we think freely and we act freely, within the bounds of propriety and common sense. But the boundary is becoming extremely vague, and we are losing our freedom as surely as the sun rises and sets.

Mr. Krushchev has promised that our grandchildren will be servants of communism. A funny man? He is not. He is much more serious and dedicated to our enslavement than we are toward not being enslaved.

Columnist George E. Sokolsky, one of the learned newspapermen of today, recently pointed out that 44 years ago Trotzky was ridiculed. Lenin was nobody. They were Bolsheviks and they were very funny, and now their offshoots are masters of a large part of the world.

Hitler was the Charlie Chaplin of politics. We laughed at him; many laughed themselves to death.

But, we say to one another with a brave grin:

"We are road builders, and our concern is building roads. Screwballs such as Krushchev and Castro will get theirs in time."

Well, good friends, you had better look again. How about quiz show rigging, disc-jockey payola, conflict of interest, price collusion, false advertising, illegal monopolies, bid rigging, and anything else that one can get away with?

How about muck being slung all over the youth of the Nation from theaters, TV screens, stages, book stalls and elsewhere?

These days a kid is considered a square if he believes in the Bible, God, the flag, mother or anything else that was the foundation of this country.

Just recently we have seen a neighbor - Cuba - turn communistic. A clown marched out of the hills and led a whole nation to slavery. How?

One anti-Castro Cuban says that the Sovietization of Cuba was possible because the people behaved as if they had lost sight of the essential values, had turned their backs on their responsibilities to the nation and had no sense of history. This describes pro-Castro Cuba.

It also describes present day America.

This editorial appeared under the column, "Editor Speaking," in the June 1961 issue of the AMERICAN ROAD BUILDER magazine, published by the American Road Building Association of Washington, D.C. The writer managed to pack a terrific wallop of truth in just a few paragraphs. Permission granted. - M.A.

Freeway Bridge Opens at Last for Greater Little Rock Commuters

July 15, 1961, dawned cloudy, with threatening rain, but the weather was no deterrent to an event for which residents of North Little Rock and Little Rock had long awaited - the opening of the Freeway Bridge. It is the third highway bridge to span the Arkansas River in the Little Rock vicinity and the eighth across the river in the state.

The official opening was held with little pomp. However, the traditional ribbon-cutting ceremonies were held, with dignitaries on hand from the Highway Department, the Bureau of Public Roads, Governor Orval E. Faubus, the mayors and other officials from the twin cities and county - along with a swelling crowd of onlookers.

The ceremonies started at 11 a.m. Motorcades from both cities departed from their respective sides of the river and met midway of the span. Edward L. Wright, Little Rock attorney, acted as master of ceremonies and introduced Governor Faubus, the only speech-maker. He discussed briefly the strides made by the Highway Department from the time he served a short stint as highway director in 1952. Judge Arch Campbell snipped the ribbon (purple, of course), held by two young ladies representing the two cities, and the bridge was OPEN, three years and nine months after the first contract was awarded in October 1957.

Almost immediately cars were crossing over, and confusion reigned - for awhile, in North Little Rock, after the vehicles left the bridge. The Northside facilities for handling the bridge traffic are less favorable than those in Little Rock. The reason for this is that the ramps lead down to East Broadway, one of the busiest thoroughfares in Arkansas. It carries heavy local traffic, and traffic of U. S. Highways 67-70. Besides this disadvantage, there is a traffic light at the intersection of Locust and Broadway, causing further delay. The North Little Rock Police Department set about trying to solve the traffic bottleneck and have succeeded considerably.

Traffic over the new bridge has greatly eased the heavy flow over the Main Street and Broadway Bridges. Now, during the peak hours in the mornings and evenings, commuters are able to travel along at a fairly brisk clip, rather than the snail's pace which they were accustomed to for so long.



The ribbon was snipped and a picture was snapped. Judge Arch Campbell, at right, is holding the scissors which cut the purple ribbon and which officially opened the Freeway Bridge. Director Oliver, left, looks on.

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The State Highway Commission announced plans for the Freeway Bridge and the Pulaski County Freeway in March 1956. Since the first contract was awarded, the Commission has spent \$7,340,000 to build the 4500-foot stretch which covers the bridge and ramps. The entire Interstate System in Arkansas will cover 525 miles, and is scheduled to be completed by 1972.

Expressway Offices Sponsor Freeway Opening Picnic

A picnic celebrating the opening of the Freeway Bridge was held at 1 p.m. July 15, two hours after ceremonies officially opening the bridge were held.

The affair, sponsored by the Expressway engineering offices of Bob Crafton, George Peevy, H. H. Perkins, John Lawrence, Ralph Jones, and Ralph Burcham, was held at Burns Park in North Little Rock. Festivities got under way with the "Eccentric Engineers" striking up the band, and general conversation.

First of the planned activities was horseshoe pitching, and while no one was declared the official winner, it was generally conceded to be W. L. (Shorty) Bradford.

The softball game got under way at 3 o'clock but it was rained out after six and one-half innings of play with the Northside way out in front. All players were in good shape (before the game, that is), so no one can be singled out as the star player. Umpiring by contractors was strictly outlawed.

The pavilion was large enough to shelter the attendants from the rain, so from 4:30 until 6, there was much visiting and conversation, during which time the crowd was entertained by the orchestra plus the antics and songs led by Jim Little. (Continued on next page.)

The food department, handled by the ladies, was something! Such food - the table groaned under the weight of the delicious chicken and other picnic food accessories. There was plenty for "seconds" and some left to spare.

Johnnie Gray showed his movie, "Arkansas Highways - 1960," followed by a film on archery by Ben Pearson, both of which were enjoyed very much. The movie showing concluded the Expressway Engineers' Annual Picnic No. 1.

Those present were: the Ward Goodmans; the C. A. Shumakers and family; the John Tallants; the Lester McCains; the Bill Moores and family; the Mack Shavers; the Elmer Barbers; the Tony Leones and family; Powell Grantham; "Dish" and Lucy Dishongh; the Johnnie Grays and family; the J. C. Perkins, Jr.; the E. E. Hurleys; the Rex Hoots; the Mike Hedricks and family; the Tommy Ethridges.

The Bob Craftons and family; the Jim Littles and family; the Deacons; Messrs Burt, Logan, and West; the Lem Tulls, the A. F. Wallaces; the George Peevys and family; the Ralph Jones and family; the Jim Fraziers; the Jim Reeves and family; the Bill Prices and family; the John Lawrences and family; the Larry Gibbs and family.

The Jack Burchams and relatives; the Don Cahoons and family; Raymond Manis; the H. H. Perkinses; the Lin Hollands and family; the J. C. Hedricks; the W. L. Bradfords and family; the Ballards; the Lowell Hardaways and family; Bill Pierce; Jim Stocks; James Carlisle; Carol Winter; Freddy Wright; Ralph Ross and son; Mike McGrew, and C. H. Webb.

ROBERT O. JARBOE RECEIVES 25-YEAR AWARDS



Among other business at the August 2 Highway Commission Meeting, 25-year service awards were presented to Robert O. Jarboe, area foreman in District 2.

Jarboe was presented the awards before a fairly large gathering in the Commission Room. On presenting the Service Pin and Certificate of Merit, Mr. Oliver commended Jarboe on his ability in his work and particularly for his knowledge in asphalt work.

Pictured in the background are Dot Switzer, and Highway Commissioners Truman Baker, Glenn Wallace, and Harry Parkin.

U. of A. Graduate Institute

Offer Graduate Courses

According to a memorandum, issued July 20 by Director Oliver, the Graduate Institute of Technology of the University of Arkansas is formulating a graduate curriculum in engineering. Such a curriculum must be developed gradually; in the meantime, the Institute plans to begin offering a few graduate courses in engineering during the fall semester this year. Since the initial offering will be limited to three or four courses, they would like to initiate these courses wherever the major interest lies.

In order to help determine major interests, those who are interested in graduate work are asked to specify the courses they prefer. There is a questionnaire for this purpose, available in the Personnel Office, which lists several courses to be given. A space is on the form to write in any course desired which is not listed. The courses finally selected will be offered in the evenings or on Saturdays to avoid conflict with regular duties.

The courses listed are:

Civil Engineering:

Plastic Design in Steel
Advanced Reinforced Concrete

Electrical Engineering:

Power System Analysis I
Servomechanism I

Engineering Mechanics:

Mechanical Vibrations
Advanced Mechanics of Materials I
Theory of Elasticity
Analog Computer Theory and Techniques

Industrial Engineering:

Engineering Statistics
Technical Applications of Statistics

Further details regarding the courses may be obtained from the Personnel Office.

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FOUR RIGHT OF WAY MEN PROMOTED

Director F. R. Oliver announced the promotions and new assignments for four men in the Right of Way Division, effective August 1.

F. C. Bogart was made Special Assistant in charge of Secondary Highway Right of Way; B. A. Van Patten was promoted to Acting Section Head of the Utility Section; H. E. Hooten will be Acting Section Head of the Appraisal Section; and W. D. Luton is Section Head of the Acquisition. Mr. Luton will continue, for the present time to supervise the Administrative Section.

A. W. Hardy, Utility Section, and F. M. Wallace, Appraisal Section, will continue as consultants in their sections until they retire in January.

Two Graduate Engineers Added to Training Program



John W. Kizer



Jack R. Wofford

Two new graduate engineers joined the Highway Department last month as engineers-in-training.

John William Kizer, a graduate of the University of Arkansas this year with a BSCE, is a native of Drew County. He attended Arkansas A&M College, Monticello from 1949-1953, and in 1954, taught high school in Louisiana for nine months. He resumed his education at the University in 1958 and held part-time jobs during this time.

Kizer served as corporal in the Air Force from March 1945-February 1947. He is a member of the Student Chapter of ASCE.

He is married and has one child. His first phase of training is in District 6.

Jack R. Wofford, 30, is a native of North Little Rock. After graduation at North Little Rock High School, he entered Little Rock Junior College (now Little Rock University) and attended two years.

In 1956 he was employed by the city of Little Rock as an engineering aide, surveying, designing, etc., and worked for two years. He graduated from the University 1960 with a BSCE. He received his MSCE in June of this year, after a year of graduate work and assistant teaching under L. R. Heiple, University Civil Engineering Department head, and J. R. Bissett. He had a year of Joint Highway Research Program work in highways and soil mechanics and Public Works Research Administration in structural analysis.

Wofford was a staff sergeant with the USAF from 1950-1952, as senior construction equipment mechanic. He belongs to the ASPE and ASCE. He and Mrs. Wofford have one child.

John Hume Appointed to Highway Research Board

John R. Hume, highway economist in Planning and Research, has been appointed to the Highway Engineering Economy Committee; Division of Economic Studies; Department of Economics, Finance & Administration; Highway Research Board. The Highway Research Board is a branch of the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences.

The purpose and scope of the Committee on Highway Engineering Economy has been tentatively set out: "To stimulate research and writing about applying the principles and techniques of engineering economy to decision making between alternatives in highway design, location, programming, maintenance, and traffic engineering."

In notifying Hume of the appointment, Mr. Fred Burggraf, director of the Highway Research Board pointed out that members of scientific and technical advisory committees of the Academy-Research Council do not serve as representatives of the organizations or agencies by which they may be members, but as individual scientists, technologists, and research workers contributing their personal scientific knowledge to the National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council, which is a private, non-profit corporation, not a government agency.

Second Edition of Tourist Map Distributed

The second edition of the Department's 1961 Highway Map for Tourists has been delivered and is now being distributed. This issue has been completely revised. Some changes were made in the pictures of interesting places around Arkansas. The change to blue and black on the picture side was to give a soft, cool color combination for the cover picture of the Old State House.

All new paving, highway changes, and additions have been added to the map side. Highway changes in the border states are also shown. The new highway to the new Mississippi River Bridge at Helena and the status of Interstate construction in border states are two of the more important items.

Interstate Highway number shields have been changed to green so that they can be more easily distinguished from other highway numbers.

This issue of 200,000 is expected to supply all requests for the map until April or May of 1962.

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

"Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth.

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: For they shall be filled."

Matthew 5:5-6



Director Oliver is getting to be a regular television personality. He appeared on "Little Rock Today" on July 13, which was the second time in just a few weeks.

He discussed with Bud Campbell, host of the hour-long show, the opening of the Freeway Bridge, and the progress being made on Arkansas' Interstate Highway System.

Mr. Oliver was guest speaker at the Manilla Lion's Club at noon on July 12, and guest speaker at the Eudora Chamber of Commerce luncheon-meeting August 9.



Mary M. Day, above, joined the staff of the administrative assistant in the director's office on July 6. Mary does stenographic duties for Y. W. Whelchel, staff assistant in Raif Smith's office.

A native of Marion, Louisiana. Mary graduated from Marion High School and attended night classes for awhile at Northeast State College, at Monroe, Louisiana. She attended Weaver Airline Personnel School at Kansas City, Missouri for a month this year.

Mary and her 10-year-old son Randy, moved to Little Rock from Bastrop, Louisiana two months ago.



Dot Switzer, Raif Smith's secretary, was surprised with an informal party the morning of July 15 in the small conference room of the Central Office building.

The event was to celebrate her 5-years with the Highway Department. When Dot opened the door, there, gathered to surprise her were several of her friends and co-workers, her boss, and the attractive Mrs. Smith, who instigated the whole thing.

The conference table had been transformed into a festive party table and centered on it were two beautifully decorated (and delicious!) cake, baked by Mrs. Smith. Raif Smith made a brief speech and presented Dot with her certificate and service pin. And, it couldn't have happened to a nicer person.



This picture of General Counsel Neill Bohlinger was made on his birthday July 1 when the Legal Division honored him with a party. He looks as if he had just made the statement, "Ah, if I could only see 70 again." (See Legal Division news.)

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Dowell Anders, chief attorney, has been appointed head of the Trial Section in the Legal Division and will have general supervision over the staff attorneys. The appointment, announced by Director Oliver, became effective on August 1.

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The four Accounting employees at left received their service awards July 21. From left are: Johnny Beavers, Lola Buck, Margaret Allen, and Irene Hawkins. (See Accounting news describing the cake shown.)

(News bits continued on page 15.)



READY - STANDBY

By Dale Davison
Personnel Officer

With the recent Presidential request to increase the Armed Services and approved by Congress, a question frequently heard is: "Are you ready or standby?"

To obtain basic information to answer this question, certain Selective Service regulations must be consulted. The Armed Forces Reserve Act empowers the Director of Selective Service to issue regulations to insure equal rights for all persons covered by this Act.

There are two broad classifications of reservist: Ready, and Standby. The Ready Reserve is composed of persons who are immediately available for military service upon call by the Armed Service of which they are a reservist. In other words, the Ready Reservist has no connection with Selective Service but is an *inactive* member of a branch of the Armed Service and is available within authorized numbers for active duty when called by that service.

All other males from eighteen (18) through twenty-five (25) years of age who were formerly or are members of the Armed Service or a reserve component, are assigned to the Standby Reserve. Those who have never had a service connection are a separate group. The various draft classifications of these persons have been publicized by newspapers recently. Therefore, no attempt will be made to cover their status herein.

Classifications

Many men and their supervisors are under the impression that the Standby Reservists are safe from immediate call. This may not be true! The individual assigned the Standby Reserve has selected a branch of the Armed Forces. However, the Selective Service classifies all men in, and those transferred to the Standby Reserve, and some are immediately available for call by the appropriate Armed Service in the event Congress declares a national emergency, the same as a Ready Reservist. Standby Reservists are classified in I-R - Available to the Armed Service of which they are members; II-R Deferred for Occupation; III-R Deferred for Dependency; or IV-R Status Undetermined.

The employee who is classified as a Standby Reservist is controlled by the S. S. for all classifications except Class I-R, who has been pre-classified for a specific branch of the Service, but can only be called to active duty when an emergency has, in fact, been declared by Congress. The Class IV-R (Undetermined) individual represents a relatively small group who may have been requested by a branch of the Armed Services or are not eligible for full active duty for one or more reasons, including physical disability in varying degrees. Retired personnel are a separate group having completed their obligation to a specific service; they are covered by separate laws and most laws class these personnel in general, similar to the Standby Reserve, i. e., available

the event of a Congress declared national emergency. Where do you stand? The Director of Selective Service System for Arkansas coordinates the availability of personnel for active service. Your Personnel Officer, in an effort to assist you, has discussed several typical

situations with the Director of Selective Service, who stated that actually the anticipated Armed Forces draft needs in Arkansas will be filled during the next few months, with persons who were born during 1938. Physical examinations will be ordered shortly for personnel who were born during 1939. Congress has approved of additional personnel but the present situation has not been defined as a national emergency to date. Thus, Ready Reserves can be called to active service by the service of which they are a member. Properly classified Standbys who continue in Standby status are not expected to be needed at present.

Changes in Status can Affect Availability

What can you do? The category to which an individual is assigned is the key to his future active service requirement. Report changes in status which can affect availability such as marriage, birth of first child (or doctor's statement regarding pregnancy), which can change the person's classification from I-R or IV-R to III-R (Dependency). Change of job type (not individual positions from location to location within the same area) could be cause for re-classification to II-R (Occupation).

It is the responsibility of each male employee between eighteen (18) through twenty-five (25) years of age to personally advise the local Selective Service (Draft) Board of any fact or change in status which may affect his draft classification. Supervisors at all levels should periodically discuss each employee's status with him to insure that all facts affecting his classifications is promptly reported to the local draft board.

CARL L. JENKINS

Carl L. Jenkins, 43, an employee in District 6, was killed in an accident while on the job August 1. He was struck by the rim from a road grader while on which he was working, Mr. Jenkins, a motor patrol operator, was employed by the Department in 1958.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lillian Choate Jenkins, a son, Bobby Jenkins, both of Little Rock; his mother, Mrs. Dora Turner of Plainview (Yell County); three brothers, and three sisters.

Funeral services were conducted August 3. Burial was at North Hills Cemetery.

CARROL W. BAGLEY

Carrol William Bagley, a front end loader operator, died of a heart attack July 18 at his home in Botkinburg (Van Buren County).

Mr. Bagley had been employed in District 8 since June 1960.

His survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lizzie Bagley, a daughter Carolyn, and two sons, Jerry and Larry of the home.

HELENA CELEBRATES!

July 27, 1961



Governor Orval E. Faubus shakes hands with J. B. Lambert, Helena businessman who had such a big role in the development of the bridge.



Governor Ross Barnett of Mississippi

Over 25,000 persons converged on the twin cities of Helena-West Helena, Arkansas, July 27, 1961, to participate in a colossal celebration staged for the opening of three new edifices totaling \$60 million.

The three events were: dedication of the new \$14 million Helena Bridge, which spans the Mississippi River and links Helena with Coahoma County, Mississippi; the dedication of the \$44 million steam-electric generating plant; and dedication of a new \$1,100,000 federal building to house the post office and federal offices in Helena.

Top officials from Arkansas and Mississippi, nationally known leaders in private power, plus thousands of citizens from Arkansas, Mississippi, and Tennessee were there. Governor Orval E. Faubus hailed the three-fold dedication as "perhaps the greatest day in the history of eastern Arkansas."

Mississippi Governor Ross Barnett said the bridge "will serve to stimulate the economic development of both of our states.

"I cannot help but feel most optimistic of the future of the South and the Southern peoples," he said.

Arkansas Democratic Senators John L. McClellan and J. W. Fulbright headed the congressional delegation which included Representative E. C. Gathings of West Memphis and Representative Dale Alford of Little Rock.

Helena businessmen and the Arkansas Power and Light Company shelled out \$12,000 for the dedication ceremonies, but feel that their investment will turn into a bonanza for the economic future of the area.

The 90 some-odd degree weather resulted in a dozen or so cases of heat exhaustion but did not hamper proceedings. The city went all-out for the colorful celebration. Every lamp post was be-ribboned in multi-hued bunting, a parade with bands and floats was held, a fried chicken luncheon with lemonade and all the trimmings were served, and there were speeches.

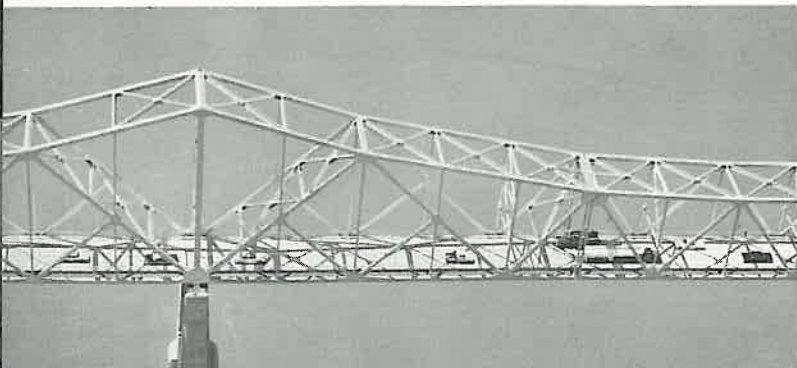


Governor Faubus, Miss Arkansas, Frances Jane Anderson, and Highway Commissioners John E. Crain, Sr., and Harry W. Parkin.



Director F. R. Oliver, at right, is listening to speech at the power plant ceremonies. Representative Dale Alford is seated second from left.

Mrs. C. Don Hayes, C. Don Hayes, and Marie Rossing, are shown at the power plant dedication. Don is Equipment director and Marie, his sister, is secretary to General Counsel Neill Bohlinger.





The small fry weren't interested in adult activities, but showed enthusiasm for the fried chicken.



Governor Faubus



Senator J. W. Fulbright



Senator John L. McClellan

The opening of the Helena Bridge, just a few inches short of a mile in length, culminated more than a quarter of a century's by such men as J. B. Lambert, former Highway Commissioner, and the late John C. Sheffield, who died in 1959 without seeing his dream realized. Both were members of the bridge steering committee and had been active for years in working for its completion.

Arkansas Highway Commission Chairman Harry W. Parkin and Roy Adams, North Mississippi District highway commissioner, hailed work which led to the opening of the bridge. And, prominent among the many dignitaries were many top officials of our Arkansas Highway Department who played such a tremendous role in this work.

The initial step taken toward the ultimate construction was made in 1956. At that time, a large delegation from Helena came to Little Rock for an invitational meeting with the Highway Commission. The crowd was so large the meeting was held in the Game and Fish Building, and the man the delegation retained to present the hopes, dreams, and ambitions of the people of that section was our General Counsel, Neill Bohlinger, who made a stirring speech. Mr. Bohlinger was retained by the Highway Department the following year to serve as general counsel.

The final action to be made before construction started was when Chief Engineer Ward Goodman left Little Rock bound for the Federal Reserve Bank at San Antonio, Texas on June 8, 1959. The purpose was to check and seal the bonds to finance the bridge. When he returned he had a check from the Housing and Home Finance Agency for

\$7,134,409.72, and a check for \$500,000 from the Mississippi Highway Commission. It is anticipated that the bonds will be retired by toll collections in about 30 years.

Those attending from the Little Rock offices were: Director F. R. Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Goodman, Highway Commissioners Parkin, John E. Crain, Sr., Glenn F. Wallace, and Truman Baker; Mr. and Mrs. C. Don Hayes, Marie Rossing, Johnnie Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Jim McCarthy, Pat Koonce, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. McCain, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Shumaker, and C. M. Matthews. There were probably others from the districts.

The two Governors were joined by Miss Arkansas, Frances Jane Anderson of Pine Bluff, and Miss Mississippi, Pat McRaney of McComb, for the ribbon-cutting ceremonies. Shortly thereafter, vehicles started crossing the bridge, which for 18 hours, was toll-free. During that time, a total of 10,838 cars and 120 trucks crossed over. The toll charges began at 12 a.m. July 28.

J. D. Bryant, supervisor of the toll collectors, said a man from Jackson, Mississippi paid the first west-bound fare. The toll rates vary on many determining factors - such as size, type of vehicle, etc. The automobile rate is \$1.

The Helena ferry - long the only means of crossing the river - ceased operation as soon as the ribbon was snipped to open the new bridge, thus, a new era was born for the citizens of Helena, eastern Arkansas, and western Mississippi.

Chairman Harry W. Parkin
Arkansas Highway Commission



Johnnie Gray, center, staff photographer, was busy snapping pictures most of the day but took time out to enjoy lunch of chicken, etc. At left is Lee Garrett, who pilots Johnnie for aerial shots, and at right is Bill Vickers, instrumentman in District 1.



CAR-LT. TRUCK 2 AXLES 4 TIRES	\$1.00
MEDIUM TRUCK 2 AXLES 6 TIRES	1.50
VEHICLE WITH 3 AXLES	2.50
VEHICLE WITH 4 AXLES	3.50
VEHICLE WITH 5 AXLES	4.50
HOUSE TRAILER PER AXLE	.75
BUS 2 AXLES	2.50
MOTORCYCLE 2 AXLES	.50

STOP PAY TOLL

AROUND THE DEPARTMENTS

accounting

Blanche Smith

A five-fold purpose gave us a good excuse for a party July 21...It was the last day Velma Marsh was with us as she resigned to move to Texas. She was presented with a gift and all expressed regret at her leave.

Our other four reasons for the party were service awards presentations by Jim McCarthy to the following employees: J. T. Beavers, 10 years; Irene Hawkins, 10 years; Lola Buck, 10 years and Margaret Allen, 20 years. Ice cream - the good old hand-cranked kind - made by Pat Koonce, and a most unusual cake, designed by Ann Porter and Jimmy Meyer, were served. On the white icing were chocolate figures - a beaver for Johnny, a hawk for Irene, a buck (deer - not a dollar, although that would have been appropriate since she is payroll clerk) for Lola; and, of all things, a chair for Margaret (hers collapsed recently while she was in it). For Velma, there were replica maps of Arkansas and Texas.

F. L. Wagner and family spent the first two weeks in July visiting his parents in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Lee says he spent the whole time working (on his golf game, that is!)...he won't say whether or not any improvement was noted.

Lee gave us a graphic description of a harrowing experience he had on the way to Iowa. It went something like this: "On the way to Iowa, we got caught in a real old fashioned wind and rain storm up near Canton, Missouri. About the time we decided to stop and wait out the storm, a strong gust of wind hit the car and pushed it off the road onto the soft shoulder. There was no damage but we were stuck. After about 30 minutes, the storm subsided and a Missouri Highway Commission maintenance crew came along and assisted in getting the car out of the mud and back on the road." Whew! Makes one think of the freakish and destructive storm we had back in April and how scary it was.

We have three new employees - Carol Wilson, Pat Wheat, and Annette Copeland - and one helping us out temporarily on Retirement, Laura Hixson.

If anyone caught a glimpse of Mr. McCarthy modeling or carrying uniform paraphernalia, as well as money bags, coin sorting and counting equipment, a bag of coins for a change fund, stacks of forms and procedures for the toll collectors tickets and hand punches for same, etc., he was on his way to the Helena Bridge Grand Opening on July 27. There are rumors he even had a bottle of nail in order to paint numbers on some of the equipment.



Velma Marsh

bridge design

Virginia Tackett

Everyone in our division came back after July 4 unscathed; but the Vinsons, Anne and Baldy, came closest to disaster. As they were loading the car for the return trip from New Iberia, Louisiana, Baldy was the victim of a temporary heart malfunction and checked into a New Iberia hospital where they kept him under observation for a few days. They released him with the good word that his heart is perfectly sound and undamaged. They returned to Little Rock shortly after his release and he was back at work in fine condition in an unusually short time.

Newest summer addition to Bridge Design is Phil Johnson. He's the bachelor type you've seen driving the blue Corvette, and during the winter season he can be found in the Civil Engineering Department at the University of Arkansas. When he isn't busy teaching, he's working on a project having to do with the design and construction of a Hyperbolic Parabola, or "HP" as it's called around the campus.

John Sage has finished his military duty at Fort Sill and is back in the training program, taking up where he left off - in Bridge Design. We're glad to have him back. He was only with us a week when he had to leave and we had hardly begun to think of him as a Bridge Designer.

buildings

and grounds

Hazel McKim of the Buildings and Grounds section, was presented her 10-year service awards July 3 in the Commission Room.

The presentation, made by Norman Smith, was climaxed with a celebration. Cake and coffee were served to all the night crew members who were present and participated in the event. Hazel has been a good employee during her 10 years of service and is popular with her co-workers.

Those attending were: Robert Arnold, Effie McKim, Erodia Quiller, Jessie Mae Vance, Rosie Burks, Ralph Post, Roy Caldwell, F. O. Brady, and Julia Bell Davis. Jessie Vance has since resigned to move to Beebe with her family.



Hazel McKim

equipment

Avalee Padgett

Carol Hilton has been quite busy with guests the past two week ends. Her mother, Mrs. Ivan T. Welch, from Colchester, Illinois, spent several days visiting Carol and Charles and shortly after her departure, Charles' sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Don Brake from Decatur, Illinois, came for a week end visit.

Charles Keathley, who works in the Little Rock Central Office's gas station, and Frank Pitts, clerk in Procurement for Equipment Office, are doing their bit for Uncle Sam. Charles is taking his two weeks' annual training in the Reserves, and Frank is at Ft. Polk for two weeks with the National Guard.

Two of our men are patients in Baptist Hospital: A. G. Jackson, night watchman and Floyd Copeland, mechanic in the Heavy Equipment Shop.

Parker Harden and wife Vera, with daughter Andra Kay, are touring the Ozarks and plan to go to Rockaway Beach and Silver Dollar City near Branson, Missouri. Parker's return should afford us some new stories...

James E. Hardcastle was presented his 15-year service awards on June 14 by C. Don Hayes and John Millender. Since we didn't report any news last month, we naturally didn't get in this important item.

W. E. Ripberger will be laid up for some time...He let his hammer slip while working July 21, and broke his left foot. (And they talk about women not being able to drive a nail or use a hammer.) Seriously, though, we are sorry and hope he won't be off too long.

The following employees are working with us this summer: Ronnie Harnes, Scott Hamilton, Jim Johnston, Eddie Laman, Jim Lea, and Mike Nash.

Marty Adams, editor of the magazine, visited with us July 25.

freeway bridge

Gibbs and Crafton

Jack Hollingshead, of the south terminal interchange, and wife Duffie, returned from a trip to Monterey, Mexico and points in Texas and Louisiana. Accompanying them to Mexico were his sister and brother-in-law.

Jack Burcham and wife Frances, recently spent a week end in Ft. Scott, Kansas, Jack's hometown. His cousin, Tommie Walker of Ft. Scott, returned with them for a visit.

Mrs. Henry Ware is at home after a visit to the hospital. She's improving.

Official opening of the Freeway Bridge on July 15, was hailed as a dream come true by many twin city dwellers, long in need of another bridge. All the freeway personnel feel very proud to have played such an active part in helping make this dream come true.

We are all glad to see George Peevy, resident engineer, back on the job after a brief visit to the hospital for surgery.

M. J. Hensley, engineer-in-training, has been transferred to Materials and Tests in accordance with the engineering training program. His presence will be sorely missed. At the present time he is on military leave.

legal

Betty Grimes

Our division is subsidizing one of the local bakeries with frequent orders for mouth-watering cakes...

The most recent excuses for having the cake parties were the celebrations of Neill Bohlinger's birthday on July 1, Les Evitts' 5-year service awards presentations, and Helen Hackett's birthday on July 15.

Mr. Bohlinger was most surprised by the king-size cake decorated in red roses, and the beaming faces singing the "Happy Birthday" song. As the party was ending he sighed loudly and commented, "Ah! If I could only see 70 again."

On the Monday morning following, as everyone was relating their week end activities, it came Carolyn Wilkerson's turn and her report was, "Oh, I didn't do anything exciting. I just got married." We have ordered her a new name plate for her desk to read Carolyn Vance.

office engineer

Our reporter, Leontee Connelly, is on vacation in Colorado Springs. She wrote that she was having a wonderful time and enjoying beautiful, colorful Colorado.

The office held a farewell party for Nancy Rankin who left us to move out of

the state. Good luck to Nancy and her husband, from all the crew.

Millie Houston is taking Nancy's place in Office Engineers. Millie is married and has one son.

A birthday party was held for Mr. Goodman on Thursday, July 14. Punch and a cake, which held 7 candles, were served and the staff wished him a happy birthday.

The Assistant Chief Engineer's Office has a new employee - Ralph Steifvater - who has just completed the 12-month engineering training program.

Vacationers recently included Jo Ann Almond, who, with two of her girl friends, spent a week vacationing at the Royal Orleans in New Orleans...Charles Wroblewski and family, who spent a week fishing, swimming and enjoying the sun at Bull Shoals.

Bill Rainwater is undergoing two weeks' military training duty at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

personnel

M. A.

August already! By the time the next issue of the magazine comes out, our kids will have returned to school and we'll be on the threshold of another autumn...Which suits me fine...anyone who wants the heat can have it...It gives me about as much pep and bounce as last year's girdle.

Activities of our folks in Personnel have been fairly mild so far. There have been no postcards from Europe or the Riviera, but as of this writing, Birdie Wright is in Canada with other members of the Little Rock PBX Club, of which she was recently elected president. Last year Birdie and some members took a trip to Honolulu. We'll have more details about her trip later, perhaps.

Jim Zinn is feeling right perky after his operation in May, but does have to check with his doctor regularly.

Ruth Foll took a week of her vacation - she spent a couple of days at her home in Mountain View, then with parents and sister, drove to Hot Springs for a few days. She shed a few pounds while off and said she'd like to gain it back. How many of us could make such a statement?

Hoyt Thomas and his good-looking brother, Earl, who recently arrived in the U. S. after a three-year hitch with the Paratroopers in Germany, have moved into an apartment at 17th and Park. The arrangement is evidently temporary since Hoyt will be getting married - no date set yet. Hoyt said "tell all the girls that we have a back entrance." The line forms to the right, girls.

Margie Davison, wife of Personnel Officer Dale Davison, stopped by the office one Friday afternoon, bringing

their youngest daughter 6-year-old Debbie (the spittin' image of her dad), and attractive 19-year-old Brenda from Waukegan, Illinois, who was visiting for a few days. Brenda works for the telephone company in Waukegan. It was nice meeting the two young ladies.

Jim Higgins returned from his week's vacation feeling pretty good, he said. He fished several times - caught some nice ones - and returned tanned, and sporting a moustache.

Jane Greenlee was feted in an informal sort of way on June 26, when we presented her with a gift and served cake and coffee, to commemorate her birthday. She was 18, she said. (And that's our joke for this month, folks.)

August 2 was the birthdate of two employees in Personnel. So, we had cause for a double celebration to honor Robbie Ingle, who reached the ripe, old age of 19, and Personnel Officer Dale Davison, whose age we aren't revealing. We served cake and coffee and presented them with gifts.



A late news item, and one of importance, is the engagement of Lavona Croft. Vona came to work the morning of August 1 with a beautiful ring adorning her third finger, left hand. We all knew an engagement was in the offing, but we didn't know when. We're very happy for Vona and her fiance, Stanley Yancey, but do hate to see her leave us. She will be married this month in Memphis, where they will live. Our very best wishes to Vona (pictured above) and Stanley.

planning and research

Marjarine Turner

Dr. Vincent Cangelosi of the University of Arkansas, will be in Planning and Research for the remainder of the summer, continuing and completing the work begun by Dr. Jared Sparks who has returned to the University.

Ed Johnson, head of the Traffic Survey and Analyses Section, and a captain in the National Guard, spent the last two weeks in July in summer camp at Fort Chaffee.

Buddy Lewter and Ken Graves, of Road Inventory Section, are at home after several days of hospitalization... Ken for surgery, and Buddy for a checkup. Both are reported in good condition and anxious to return to work.

Florida seems to be the favorite vacation spot for Planning and Research personnel. The Mayo White family spent a week there visiting, sightseeing, and fishing. Mayo returned to work relaxed and full of praise for the Gator State.

Bonnie Liner (the regular reporter) and Mignon Besancon were on vacation the last two weeks in July. By the time this comes out, they will have returned, but when they left their plans were to spend some time in Florida and some in New Orleans. From all reports they were having a wonderful time.

The Leroy Beckett family spent 10 "too short" days on Treasure Island at St. Petersburg, Florida, just swimming, tanning, and eating fish of all kinds. Also, they visited some of the nearby tourist attractions missed on previous trips. A deep sea fishing trip with the two girls from P&R had to be called off on account of the offshore storm "Anna." This just made the surf more exciting for swimming and all had fun.

purchasing

Amy Tedford

Busy is not the word to describe the situation in this office. With the closing of the old year and all the new allotments, we have been buzzing!

Linda and Fred Schmidt returned from a wonderful trip recently which included such scenic points as Washington, D. C., Atlantic City, N. J., Philadelphia, and Gettysburg, Pa. Linda took time out to remember us all here "slaving" with little souvenirs. However, they purchased a couple for themselves which they had just as soon left there: a couple of new tires. She acquired somewhat of a tan but she didn't get it at the beach in Atlantic City because it rained all the time they were there. They are looking forward to making the trip again sometime.

Roger Gray was in to see us recently and he sure looks good...He's the son of Willene Gray. By the time this is in print he will be on his way to Spain. Much good luck goes with Roger.

Lewis Wade and family are, at this writing, spending a few days in Pensacola and Panama City, Florida. They were also going to visit Lewis' parents, the J. B. Wades in Alabama.

Pam Caple, who underwent surgery on July 14 in Baptist Hospital is doing fine. Pam, Mrs. Caple, and Debbie Caple, all

stopped by the office to visit us one afternoon and it was nice meeting Frank's family.

This writer's son, Mike, will be winding up a three weeks' stay with my parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Marshall, at their farm home near Humphrey. The nursery school that Mike attends has been closed for vacation. After that length of time with PopPa and MamMa there will be quite a change in Mike. He really enjoyed himself.

right of way

Kaye Green

Our regular reporter, Ken Brown, has been on military leave the past two weeks at Camp Polk. His absence, along with the departure of Bob Yada and Fred Williams for their two weeks' service duty, has made the Engineering Section unusually quiet.

Engineering Section is also minus George Lewis, who is at home awaiting an operation as soon as the hospital has a vacancy. We hope to have George back with us in the near future.

Vacationers this month have been many: Mary Beth Walton spent a week with her family and their new boat on Lake Ouachita; Don Martin went to Dallas for a week; Jim Bartlett and his wife enjoyed a wonderful vacation touring six southern states, in which they visited such sites as Rock City, Tennessee, the Cumberland Gap, and the Smokey Mountains. Dick Audry spent a week in Hot Springs. J. C. Merritt and Bob Hamilton also have been on vacation.

We have had two resignations in the Appraisal Section. Pete Orsburn left July 1 to accept a position with the FHA. He was given a party with coffee and cake, and was presented a cigarette lighter. We will miss him. Shirley Leeds, a summer employee, resigned July 6 to marry Jimmy Porter of Harrison on July 9.

Engineering Section welcomes two new employees - Carl Johnson and Harlin Johnson. Both had worked in Los Angeles, California previous to joining AHD, and left there to be with their families here in Arkansas. We are all so glad to have Brenda Pruitt back with us in the Accounting Section.

Hazel McPherson, who resigned in March to have her baby, finally did - a girl, Debbie Charice, 7 pounds, 14 ounces. Congratulations to Hazel and husband John.

You could have seen Virginia Lewis' grin a mile away the day her daughter Ginny brought that nine-week-old grandson to the office for "Grandma" to display. He is an awfully cute baby. Virginia has every right to be proud of him.

On Friday, July 21, service awards were presented to the following: Dwight Little, 5 years with the Engineering Section; Mack Wilson, 5 years, and George

Howell, 15 years, Acquisition Section; and A. C. Ledbetter, 5 years in Accounting Section. After presentation of these awards by Gene Nelson, coffee and cake were served.

Our sympathies are extended to Fay Wallace, whose son-in-law, J. R. Richardson, passed away recently.

district 1

Janet McElduff

Various occasions in District 1 have cropped up which warrant congratulations. In the service awards department we have Jerry Jayroe, foreman in St. Francis County, who received his 20-year awards last month...Matrimonially speaking, there are two new bridegrooms in Crittenden County. Murry Wright married Margie Marie Brown of Gilmore, and Shelby Brewer married Bertha Mae Wright of Marion, both on July 11. And last, but not least, in the stork department, we have the arrival of five Chihuahua puppies at the home of Dee Miller, who is proud as punch of his little Chihuahua mother dog.

Resident Engineer Sam Smith is in the process of moving his office and crew to Wynne. Work has already begun on Highway 64, and Sam hopes to have his move completed by August 1. Office space has been secured and with the hiring of several new employees, Sam's work will be going with full steam ahead.

Folks are off right and left on vacations. B. J. Altman and son Robert, got in a lot of fishing on B. J.'s vacation, but we understand they ended up buying fish on St. Francis Bay. Howard Pittman and O. R. Bennett were fishing also, but O. R. said he spent a good part of his time rocking his little daughter, Mary Ann. Leroy Curtner has been on vacation and is sorely missed in the stockroom. Bobby Alford reported that he spent his vacation canning peaches...

The most exciting news in our district this month is the opening of the Helena Bridge, which will be reported in full next month!

district 2

Ouida Grimes

Mr. and Mrs. John Stroble have a new baby daughter, born recently at Jefferson Hospital in Pine Bluff. They are very proud of her.

C. R. Gaddy received his 15-year Service Pin and Certificate of Merit on July 1.

Lucky Sam Doss put a quarter in the cold drink box and his reward was an empty bottle and three nickels.

The W. L. Wrights and daughter Carol, made a trip recently to Athens, Alabama for the wedding of their son, Lt. Wilton

Wright. W. L. served as his son's best man and Carol was a bridesmaid. W. L. and Mrs. Wright entertained the wedding party with a rehearsal dinner July 7 in Athens.

Harold Kelvin Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow K. Wilson, married Jo Ann Doggett of Malvern July 14. Keith Wilson served as his twin brother's best man. The young Wilsons will make their home in Monticello where both are students at Arkansas A&M College. Good luck and our best to the two newlywed couples.

district 3

Olive Jackson

Jimmie Lewis and Franklin S. Paige, who are with the 153rd. Infantry, left July 30 for Fort Polk, Louisiana for two weeks' training.

Service awards were presented to the following employees in July: Roy W. Payne, Arthur Pilgreen, 15 years; and Robert Bert Spence, Jr., 10 years.

This office had the pleasure of meeting Carl Hosack's lovely daughter, Mary Lou Billingsley of Little Rock, who accompanied her father down in this area. Mary Lou's husband, Marcus, a member of the National Guard, was at Fort Chaffee for two weeks' training. Also from Little Rock was Ed Orsini of the Accounting Office in Little Rock, who was here for a brief visit.

Three of our employees retired in July: Earl Pope of Nashville; Welcome D. McAteer of Prescott; and Cleo Powell of Hope. Good luck, fellas.

Floyd and Earline Pharris, with daughter Linda, have returned from a trip to Abilene, Texas. While there they visited their daughter Ann, and husband Doyle Mauldin, and little granddaughter, Stacey Lynn. They also visited the Dyess Air Force Base, located at Tye, Texas.

Joseph Roy Craig of Nevada County, is a new employee, working with our sealing crew.

On July 19, Arthur Pilgreen of Miller County, had the misfortune of losing his home and all the contents when it was destroyed by fire. He and his family were out of town at the time on a vacation, but had to cut their trip short upon learning of the disaster.

Mack and Dovie Hicks have recently returned from a little vacation to Fort Worth and Brownwood, Texas, where they visited relatives.

Two of our employees who received arm injuries are back on the job. Hiram Hatfield and Kenneth Kidd each received severe and painful sprains of the right arm.

Oscar Mitchell and F. B. Lee are taking several days of their vacation leave, harvesting their peaches at Nashville.

Our new Hempstead County Area Headquarters is nearing completion. Area Foreman Sid Flowers, is looking forward to moving into the nice new building.

district 4

Carolyn Barber

We have recently acquired a new resident engineer - Kenneth Carpenter. His office will be in Van Buren. Kenneth transferred from Paragould - and their loss is our gain...Calvin Peevy, who was recently transferred to work for Kenneth, was in the office July 26, Good luck, Calvin, on your new assignment.

Visitors last month were: Jim McCarthy, Johnny Beavers, Bill Baugh, Russell Henderson, and several others whose names this reporter didn't get. Come back soon, all of you.

We have also, a new area foremen in our district. His name is Curtis Oliver and he replaced Dennis Payne who retired July 1.

Marge Pamell's daughter (Marge is our fuel clerk) recently took the Red Cross Life Saving Course at our local pool. Pam is only 10 but she passed with flying colors, the Beginner, Intermediate, and though her age kept her from getting a certificate, she took and passed the Junior Course. Pam, how about teaching me how to swim...

We are all on pins and needles again - Bill Gibson, stock clerk, and his wife are expecting another baby. She (they have two boys so this one has got to be a girl) is expecting to arrive August 1. Wonder who is going to get up for those midnight feedings.

We extend an invitation to anyone who visits in our district to drop in to see us - the coffee pot is always on.

(Editor's note: Carolyn, tell the employee who suggested we list the name of the town in which the district is located, that it wouldn't be a bad idea if we were all strangers to the Department, but we're supposed to know. Besides, by reading the news one can determine the location since a name or county is usually mentioned.)

district 5

Carl Davis

Harold Mays is back in the shop after being absent several days due to illness... Ludie Massey had surgery June 23 and is not yet able to be back at work. He visited the shop a few days ago and we think he had fishing on his mind instead of working, but we do hope he is back with us soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Thomas Sweet have a Sweet addition...little baby daughter, Jannie, was born July 13, weighing 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

Lawson Johnson is back with the Highway Department as an employee.

Sally McMillan, clerk in the stock room, and her husband Russell, and daughter Sallye K. have just returned from a vacation trip to Denver and other parts of Colorado. While there, they visited another daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Huddleston, Jr., and son Rusty.

district 7

Burnham and Campbell

Five-year service awards were presented to Byron Eugene Coston and Robert Austin Jennings.

Visitors in the district office and on construction projects were C. A. Shumaker and Henry Schneider, from the Little Rock offices on July 24, and Peggy Millican, clerk for C. L. Baucum in El Dorado on July 28. It was nice meeting Peggy... Hope you can visit us again soon.

Julia Ann Hicks, daughter of District Engineer and Mrs. W. E. Hicks, is recovering after recent dental surgery in Texarkana.

The W. V. Bradshaws journeyed to Tulsa, Oklahoma via Little Rock, to visit their daughter Virginia, who has been sick. They said that she is much improved and they had a pleasant trip.

There have been two new arrivals to our Highway family personnel...William Mark is the son of W. R. and Vernell Tanton, born July 7, and weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces. Terry Dean, weighing 6 pounds, 7 ounces, was born May 26 to Mary Ann and W. M. Rowland, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Anderson have as their guests their daughter, son-in-law, and two grandchildren from Orlando, Florida. The two families enjoyed an interesting week end touring northern and western Arkansas. We understand the two grandsons had the best luck fishing - with a total of 5 fish weighing around 7 pounds.

John Livingston was a few pounds ahead of the two children...He reported exceptional luck with drum and catfish at Lake Chico on a recent week end. He and friends returned home with around 150 pounds of dressed catfish!

Employees leaving for military camp during August are: Shelton Adams, Jr., working for maintenance in Bradley County; Donald Beard and Jimmy Wynn, both employed under Baucum in El Dorado.

Althea and Elwood Campbell and daughters, Barbara and Marcia, enjoyed a vacation and reunion of family and old friends in Guthrie and Oklahoma City. The Campbells with son Robert, attended the Arkansas Archery Tournament in Crystal Springs July 22 and 23. Elwood received second place in his division and was the recipient of another trophy for being chosen the person who has done

most to promote archery in the state during the past year.

Bryant Hatridge is home with the flu at this writing.

Charles Rampley spent his vacation taking several short trips with the family... Mary Nell and Jo Carlson with children, and Mary Nell's mother, Mrs. Eddie Beasley, spent the week end of July 21 in Ripley, Tennessee visiting sister and family.

The asphalt work is completed on Job 7553, Junction Highway DA-NR 1-North Reconstruction work. Edgar Winters has been checking the work there so long we doubt if he will be able to drive in another direction. He is getting things cleaned up there as of this writing.

district 8

Netha Brown

The new area headquarters building at Clinton has been completed and the foreman, Noah Moody, with his crew, has planned a "house-warming" for the near future. We're looking forward to visiting in Van Buren County.

Bobby and Shirley Hillis have the first addition to their family. Seven pound, 7 ounce Randal Fieldon arrived July 6 at St. Mary's Hospital in Russellville. They are mighty proud of him, naturally.

Arch Waldo, a long-time employee of District 8, is recuperating from surgery at our local hospital. His condition is listed as satisfactory at this time, and we hope he continues to improve.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Mrs. C. W. Bagley and her family on the loss of her husband, Carrol William, an employee in Van Buren County, who passed away unexpectedly the morning of July 18 of a heart attack.

district 9

Hulsey and Morton

Welcome from the "lower office" to the now defunct "upper office." All kidding aside, we are glad to have the district engineer's office back at the District Maintenance Headquarters Office. Also, Resident Engineer Gary Godfrey and his crew, who have moved into new quarters at our headquarters building.

Bill Moore, district engineer, attended the dedication and opening ceremonies of the new Freeway Bridge in Little Rock. Bill was freeway engineer prior to his transfer to District 9.

Al Foster, rodman in Huntsville, and wife Virginia, have a new baby girl, born in July.

Bill Hawkins and Curtis Gardner have moved into their office in the new stockroom. They had "open house" and served cake and coffee to the office and shop

personnel. The cakes were delicious - and baked by their wives, Mae Hawkins and Claudette Gardner. Bill and Curtis have been busy building new shelves, tire racks, etc. Really looks nice, fellas! Bill and Curtis express their appreciation to Ottle Pillow, Paul Byrom, Dwight Cantrell, and all others who gave a hand toward helping them get moved.

Curtis Pangle, resident engineer at Huntsville, and his family, are enjoying a vacation in Texas visiting relatives and friends.

Minnie Shinn has returned from a 10-day vacation in Colorado Springs at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Lt. Col. (ret.) and Mrs. John McCurdy. One of the highlights of her trip was the annual Range Riders pancake breakfast, which was served strictly in western style, even to being seated on bales of hay.

Walter Kirk, Boone County foreman, returned to work July 17 from an extended illness, to find that his new office was all ready for him. During his absence the new Boone County Area Headquarters Building has been completed and his crew had everything moved and in full operation. Now when are you going to have 'open house,' Walter?

W. H. (Slim) Porter was called to Galveston, Texas on July 17, where his daughter, Mary Helen, underwent serious heart surgery. She is recuperating nicely as of this writing.

district 10

Light and Wycoff

Director Oliver visited us July 11 and 12. On Wednesday, he and District Engineer J. F. Price attended a noon meeting of the Lions Club at Manilla where Mr. Oliver was guest speaker.

Mr. Price was guest speaker at a meeting of the Wilson Lions Club the night of July 17. The club had also as a special guest, John E. Crain, Sr., of Wilson, vice chairman of the Arkansas State Highway Commission.

Isabelle Psalmonds replaced Betty Kathryn Booher as steno in our office. Kathryn resigned June 15. We welcome Isabelle.

First Aid Classes are being taught at the area headquarters in Paragould and will continue to be taught over District 10 until each county has completed 10 hours of work. J. C. Cobb, district inspector, and N. B. Ladd, job superintendent, are the instructors and are doing an excellent job.

The new area headquarters building soon will be completed at Marked Tree in Poinsett County. With the exception of Blytheville, all of our areas have these facilities now.

K. J. Carpenter, resident engineer, has been transferred from Blytheville District 10 to District 4 at Ft. Smith. Work at

Blytheville has been assigned to G. E. Gunn.

We congratulate our boss, J. F. Price, on his promotion to district engineer from acting engineer. The change was effective July 1.

Visitors besides Mr. Oliver in July were: R. B. Winfrey, C. A. Shumaker, Bert Rownd, and Tom Smith.

District 10 construction employees who received service awards were: Ralph E. Lewis, George A. Surbaugh, 10 years; George Moss and Wayne Smallwood, 5 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Eubanks are proud parents of a new arrival. Tanya Christine was born July 19, weighing in at the Community Hospital in Paragould at 7 pounds, 15 ounces. Cecil is assigned to the area headquarters at Paragould.

blytheville office

Johnnie Alexander

We've been rather short of personnel in our office this month...A. J. Blaylock and Dick Avery were transferred to the Joiner office, effective July 16.

Three of our boys, Donald Baines, Billy Hyde, and Donnie Wright, have gone to National Guard Camp. Also, Al Kilburn, is on sick leave due to minor nose operation. We hope he'll be back with us soon.

Welcome to Sonny Linam, a summer employee, who has worked with us one previous summer. Sonny will return to Fayetteville in the fall as a junior at the University of Arkansas.

Visitors to our office this month were Curtis Hutchins and Bob Hamilton of the Right of Way Division; L. A. McCain, of the Construction Office in Little Rock; and J. C. Cobb and John F. Price of Paragould.

henderson ferry

Plas Lovelady

Fishing in these parts hasn't been so good lately - at least we have failed to get reports on any large catches.

Tommy Richmond, one of the outstanding "cowboys" in the Henderson Ferry group, fell from his horse a few days ago while he was practicing calf roping and sprained his ankle. We suggested that it might be better if he learned to ride first.

We noticed that Cleo Copeland had his dental extractions completed...He will probably be on a soup diet for a while. He claimed that he still can handle that tobacco though.

We have completed one class in First Aid Training. Everyone in this class seemed to be very much interested and they cooperated nicely.

That's all there is...there isn't anymore.

(News bits continued from page 6.)

Bowling League in AHD a Possibility

Director Oliver issued a memorandum August 1 regarding the possibility of forming a Handicap Bowling League among male employees in the Department.

Mr. Oliver noted that several employees had expressed a desire for such a league which would promote morale and goodwill among the employees.

To provide an opportunity for the greatest number to participate, a Friday evening league would appear most desirable. This would permit bowlers of any age, quality or job to be members of a team.

The expenses of such a league would be borne by the members of the league and financial rules would be included as a part of the by-laws.

Mr. Oliver's memorandum included a questionnaire to be completed by interested parties, and returned to the Personnel Office by August 10.

Truck Weight Study This Month

The Annual Truck Weight Study is being conducted this month. Data on trucks will be collected for 8-hour periods at 15 locations scattered throughout the state. Information to be obtained on each truck includes: weight of each axle, dimensions of truck, registered weight, commodity carried, and origin and destination. Twenty-four-hour manual classification counts of all vehicles passing each weighing station will be made. This field work is being handled by an 11-man crew supervised by Asa McCord.



Ruth Foll, efficient secretary to Dale Davison, personnel officer, was caught in the hilarious moment at left, just before shutter snapped and we couldn't resist showing it. At right, she had managed (though it wasn't easy) to settle down enough to put on a more serious expression. Thought to be shy and somewhat reserved at first, Ruth has displayed a terrific sense of humor and dry wit.

THIS'LL KILL YA

By
Jimmy Zinn



The sermon went on and on and on in the heat of the church. At last the vicar paused and asked:

"What more, my friends, can I say?"

From the back of the church came a voice:

"Amen."

After an active morning of play outdoors, a little boy came in and asked his mother, "Who am I?" "Tarzan?" she guessed. "That lady down the street was right!" exclaimed the lad. "She said I was so dirty even my own mother wouldn't know me."

The fussy lady in the pet shop had inspected every dog in the place but insisted the price of each was too high.

"Well, Madam," said the clerk finally, "Perhaps you should look up a used car dealer."

"I'm not particular about the style or color but I do want low heels," said the tall blonde to the clerk.

"To wear with what?"

"A short, fat, elderly executive."

"I hear Sam Tweedle turned down his divinity degree."

"Yeah, he didn't want to be called Tweedle, D. D."

A group of tiny tots were discussing their arrival into the world. Billy claimed that his folks had bought him in a department store. Johnny said the stork brought him. Diane said the doctor had brought her. The very tiny miss piped up but very modestly, "My folks were too poor to buy me, I was homemade."

A sailor went wearily into the barber shop early one morning and slumped down in a chair. "Give me a shave," he said.

The barber told him that he was too far down in the chair for a shave.

"All right," sighed the sailor, "then give me a haircut."

Impatient diner: "Look here, waiter, I ordered chicken pie, but there isn't a bit of chicken in it!"

Walter: "That's all right, sir. We also have cottage cheese, but so far as I know, there's no cottages in it."

License applicant: "But sir, I don't think I deserve a zero."

Patrolman: "I don't either, but it's the lowest mark I'm allowed to give."

A Texan told his wife: "I think the kids are old enough to know the facts of life. Let's tell them about Alaska."

The stranger ambled into the farmyard and was greeted by the farmer. The visitor produced his card and remarked, "I am a government inspector, and I'm entitled to inspect your farm."...Half an hour later the farmer heard screams from his alfalfa patch, where the inspector was being chased by a bull...Leaning over the gate as the inspector drew near, the farmer cried, "Show him your card, mister - show him your card!"

The Sunday School teacher was reviewing the lesson. "Who led the children of Israel out of Egypt?" No answer. She looked around and pointed to a small boy at the back of the room. "Oh no, it wasn't me, mam," he spoke out, "We just moved in here from Tulsa."

F. B. I. Agent: "He got away, you say? How did it happen? Didn't you guard all the exits?"

Local Cop: "Yep, sure did. He must have got out one of the entrances."

