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↑ The members of the tour are shown on Ark-Mo Drive in North Little Rock, surveying the North Terminal construction project.

← Director Oliver, Highway Commissioner Glenn F. Wallace, and Leo F. Kirby, recently elected president of the AGC, are shown in the Commission Room before the activities began.

Pictured at the luncheon are (the three nearest camera at left) Ernest Valochovic, Arkansas Gazette; R. B. Mayfield, Arkansas Democrat; and Mayor Werner C. Knoop. Across the table are Gene Thompson, with Construction News; and Y. W. Whelchel, Highway Department. →



↓ At the front table are: Glenn Douglass, North Little Rock city engineer; Glen Moon, Democrat; and Gene Goss, KATV. Judge Arch Campbell is at right. Mr. Oliver, Mr. Kirby, Highway Commissioner Truman Baker, and Chief Engineer Ward Goodman, are at the back table.



→ Here are the Highway Commissioners, Ward Goodman, and Mr. Oliver as they appeared on KARK television program, "Little Rock Today."

(Opposite Page)

Pictured in Governor Orval Faubus' office to witness his signing the proclamation to declare "Highway Week in Arkansas" are: Y. W. Whelchel, Director Oliver, Governor Faubus, Chief Engineer Ward Goodman, Leon Catlett, a Little Rock attorney, and W. M. Apple, Arkansas Good Roads Association.



## Many Activities

By way of kicking off "Highway Week in Arkansas," May 21-27, the Highway Department, through the sponsorship and arrangement of the Arkansas Chapter of Associated General Contractors of America, held a luncheon at the Embers, and an organized tour of major construction projects on May 22.

The Week was formally proclaimed by Governor Orval Faubus on May 12, following the action of President Kennedy who, on April 29, proclaimed the week as "National Highway Week."

Director F. R. Oliver and Chief Engineer Ward Goodman were witnesses to the signing of the proclamation by Mr. Faubus, as were representatives of the press, radio, television, and members of the Arkansas Good Roads Association. The Governor and Mr. Oliver explained that the actions by both President Kennedy and Mr. Oliver were intended to stimulate interest in better highways for the nation and for Arkansas.

The group attending the luncheon and tour comprised high level highway officials, civic leaders, and all news media representatives in Little Rock. They assembled at the Little Rock Central Office building where a chartered bus (courtesy AGCA) was standing by to transport them on their rounds.

In addition to the luncheon and tour, the remainder of the week was dedicated to highways and related themes at civic club meetings, in newspaper coverage, and on radio and television programs. Highway Department personnel were made available for appearances and as speakers at various events. And, coincidentally, it was also the week that the Highway Commission met.

Mr. Oliver and Mr. Goodman appeared on several television shows. Mr. Oliver, Mr. Goodman, and the Highway commissioners appeared on the KARK "Little Rock Today" show, in which each was introduced and spoke on the functions of the Highway Department and the workings of the Highway Commission. Mr. Oliver was interviewed on another show at KTHV, which was taped and shown on Friday, May 26. On that same date he was appearing on station KFSA at Ft. Smith, where he spoke on "Better Highways," and took part in a panel discussion with several prominent Ft. Smith leaders, including C. F. Byrnes, who acted as moderator. Mr. Goodman was interviewed on May 25 on Channel 7, and showed a film, "Freeway Driving."

Others in the Department were engaged in activities to stimulate interest in "Highway Week in Arkansas." Bill Cooper of Planning and Research, was guest speaker at the Little Rock Engineer's Club at noon May 22; J. R. Henderson, engineer of Planning and Research, spoke at the Camden Lion's Club; Freeway Engineer John Lawrence spoke at the Park Hill Lion's Club on May 25; Johnnie Gray showed his film, "Highway Planning in Action" at the Little Rock Kiwanis Club; and Mr. Oliver spoke at the Pulaski Heights Lion's Club on the evening of May 22. The film also was shown over the Little Rock television stations during the week.

Members of the committee which coordinated the Highway Department programs were: John Pendergrass, C. Don Hayes, Dale Davison, John Lawrence, and Y. W. Whelchel. Commentary on the tour was made by Lawrence, Bert Rownd, and Mr. Hayes.

## Highlight "Highway Week in Arkansas"



## District 6 Foreman Gets Patent on Unique Invention...

by John Trawick  
District 6

In case you're wondering about the identity of the strange looking object in the accompanying photograph, it is a "Portable Seat for Sportsmen," and is the result of the ingenuity of one W. A. Hardin, area foreman in District 6. Woody applied for and received patents on this device and now it may be said by those of us in District 6, "We have an inventor in our midst."

Woody conceived the idea of the seat many months ago whereupon he built working models, both miniature and full scale. While waiting for his patent application to go through the necessary channels, the models were shown in District 6. As can be seen in the picture, the device is of the simplest construction but serves the purpose perhaps far better than a similar model with elaborate and complicated principles.

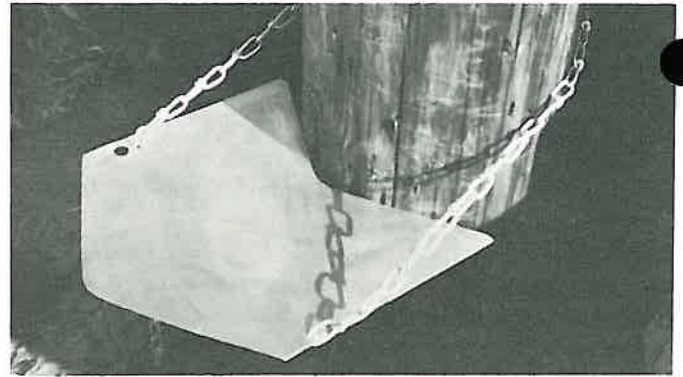
The device is of hard aluminum plate 1/6" thick. The dimensions of the plate itself are 14" x 11" and the chain is ordinary galvanized swing chain. The hole seen on one side of the plate facilitates the hooking and unhooking of the seat to the tree. Surplus chain allows the device to be attached to trees of varying circumferences and the feature of being able to place the seat at any desired height is obvious.

Weight pressures exerted on the seat itself tends to pull the chain taut against the tree while a simultaneous force is exerted by the edge of the aluminum plate against the tree in an opposite direction. The equilibrium of these forces created by static pressures exerted by the weight of the individual will prevent the device from sliding earthward.

Actually the portable seat, or rather the idea, is multi-purpose. The specifications in the patent allows for larger models to be made for use as picnic tables or for storage of food and articles above water bodies or away from the prying curiosity of animals. The seat weighs but 2 pounds; it is flat, compact, and may be carried in the hunting coat and no hands are needed. There is nothing to wear out and it is rust proof. Also, it may be painted to suit the individual.

It is interesting to note that in the patent search made by patent attorneys at Washington, D. C. for similar patented devices, the nearest thing to the portable seat was a seat which fastened to a shovel. This idea was submitted during the WPA days.

It has been said that necessity is the mother of innovation. To the sportsman...the deer hunter on the stand... or to the duck hunter in the marshes, and those on picnic excursions, the need for such a portable seat or table has long been experienced.



## ...And up in District 1, the "Crawdad Bucket" is Another Innovation

District 1 proudly presents an innovation of its own in the dragline bucket field, with the "Craw-Dad Bucket." This bucket was made in the District 1 shop from an old dozer blade which originally was purchased for an Austin-Western motor patrol.

Drainage conditions in this section are such that removal of aquatic vegetation is a never-ending problem for not only the Highway maintenance crew but also the various drainage districts. The standard dragline bucket when used on this type operation, has not always proved to be successful, involving many man and machine hours, and very often with unsatisfactory results.

The picture of the bucket is self-explanatory. The blade is 9 feet wide. Four-foot wide panels were installed using a 4 inch steel spreader pipe to the front of the blade, thereby creating a bottomless bucket. Braces of 4"x4" angle iron were extended in an inverted V from the corners of the side panels and spreader pipe to the top of the blade, thus eliminating any swaying or tilting of the bucket. Nine scarifier teeth ripped down to a 1½"x1½" tooth were welded to and projected 6 inches below the bottom of the blade, producing a "rake" which drags and strains out the vegetation. The picture shows the bucket in operation, dragging the vegetation out of the ditch.

The "Craw-Dad Bucket" has been tested by District 1 in raking out dense vegetation in water-filled ditches. In an 8-hour day, a motor crane using this bucket cleaned a 2-mile stretch of ditch that had grown up with vegetation and vines to the point that no water would flow through the ditch at all. Supervisors of District 1 feel that this is about 400 per cent greater production than can be obtained with a standard dragline bucket.

District 1 realizes that the value of the bucket is not state-wide. However, until such time that chemical control of aquatic vegetation is both practicable and **ECONOMICAL** a bucket of this type should be of considerable worth to highway maintenance and to large drainage districts in any part of the state which has this problem of vegetation clogging.



#### “APPRAISAL REPORT WRITING” COURSE BEING HELD

A course in “Appraisal Report Writing,” is being conducted each Friday from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Commission Room of the Little Rock Highway Building. The course started April 21 and will continue until November 10.

Director F. R. Oliver, in announcing the course, stated that the response to informational discussions indicates considerable employee interest in how to write a better appraisal report, and that all appraisers are attending the course.

The report is a collection of technical information essential to establish the value of specific property. The compilation of this report should be in sufficient detail to carry the reader through each process the appraiser followed in arriving at his final value.

E. F. Nelson, director of the Right of Way Division in the Department is moderator for the course. Those who will lecture on the various topics which are being discussed during the course are: H. J. Sandlin, Member Appraisal Institute (M.A.I.), Bureau of Public Roads; Mr. Oliver, AHD; Fay Wallace, chief appraiser in Right of Way; H. Hooten, Sr., appraiser in Right of Way; J. D. Kunke, regional appraiser, Bureau of Public Roads; C. E. Hooker, assistant survey engineer, AHD; Russell McLean, M.A.I., fee appraiser; R. E. Hamilton, AHD appraiser; Ray E. Patterson, M.A.I., fee appraiser; W. C. Johnston, office engineer, AHD; W. E. Hinton, Jr., M.A.I., fee appraiser; J. C. Merrit, AHD appraiser; J. M. DeBardleben, Bureau of Public Roads; Mr. Nelson, AHD; J. H. Anders, chief attorney, AHD; A. L. Mashburn, AHD appraiser; W. M. Watson, Sr., AHD appraiser; and J. C. Sears, administrative manager, Bureau of Public Roads.



## Switchboard

### “Queeries”

The switchboard in the Little Rock Central Office building has its share of business calls - both incoming and outgoing - and quite enough to keep Robin Wright, head PBX operator, busy. So when the public call in with strange requests and inquiries, well, it's just too much.

Some of the calls are within the realm of possibility - for instance, not a day goes by that someone doesn't call inquiring about automobile licenses, simply because they figure that we sell them. And, others are understandable, such as wanting to report an automobile accident, in which case, the caller has the Department confused with the Arkansas State Police. It's the ones with neither rhyme nor reason that will be long remembered - if somewhat unbelievably.

A few prized ones are as follows:

A lady called in and gave Robin the crisp and businesslike information that she was driving to Boston, Mass., in a 1954 Plymouth, and would we please figure the cost of gas and oil, also figure up the number of gallons and quarts it would take to make the trip. Her answer? Well, it takes patience to be a switchboard operator, but in this case, we don't know...

Another one: A request for the name of a man who wears a bow tie, horn rimmed glasses, and has gray hair. (No other information was available.)

What is the weather forecast for the next three or four days in advance, because a trip was planned...

Requests for telephone numbers for city and county offices because they were unable to find them in the directory.

A woman from Houston, Texas called in to try to locate the son-in-law of her mother-in-law's friend. She didn't know his name except that it started with P-I-E something. It seems that her mother-in-law's friend had asked that she try to contact him and that he worked for the Highway Department. Evidently the mother-in-law's friend had failed to give her the complete name. (Maybe she didn't know it either.)

And last, but not least: A lady called to ask where she could get her eyes tested. When it was suggested that she call an eye doctor's office, she said that she did but they told her to call the Highway Department! (???)

Oh well, that's the way the ball bounces, eh, Robin?

# Featuring...

## Frank Pratt, Sr.

### Foreman at Jacksonville

To hear some of his "cronies" kiddingly tell it, there is much to be said about Frank P. Pratt, Sr., foreman of light equipment at the Jacksonville department. But, nobody's talking much. Everyone quipped affectionately: "sure we know a lot about Frank, but you couldn't print it."

We hear that phrase often, but as it usually turns out, we get quite a bit of information to print—and most of it is favorable. In the case of Frank, we are of the opinion that he is not lacking in friends, in spite of their reticence.

Frank is a native of North Little Rock where he grew up and attended schools. His father, the late Gabe Pratt, Sr., was North Little Rock's first police chief—a position he held for 16 years prior to his death in 1913. A brother, Gage, Jr., decided later to follow in his father's footsteps and served in the same capacity for 10 or 12 years. He passed away in 1950. Frank's mother, Mrs. Mary Pratt, 92 years young, resides with a sister Margaret, at the old family home at 1003 Arkansas Avenue. Two other brothers, Al, of Dallas, Texas, and Joe, of Joplin, Missouri, and another sister, Mrs. Mary Keith Rutherford round out the Pratt family.

When Frank started working for the Highway Department in January 1937, he started out as a mechanic, a trade with which he was very familiar, having gained years of experience prior to his advent with AHD. After three or four months he was made shop foreman of light equipment—his present position.

There were a few years when he was with other jobs during World War II. He became supervisor of operations in maintenance and repairs on heavy equipment at a blockbusting plant at Kingsport, Tennessee, for a couple of years. Then he went on to Oak Ridge, where he helped construct the Oak Ridge Atomic Energy plant. At the end of the war, he returned to the Department and took up where he left off—as shop foreman. Frank received his 20-year service awards in 1960.

Frank oversees approximately 12 men out at Jacksonville. His job entails supervision of overhaul jobs, major and minor repairs, all maintenance, body work, etc., in other words, everything that pertains to the upkeep of our light equipment. Frank's previous experience in mechanics included 15 years with a firm in Memphis and Shreveport, also.



When he was a young man of 17, he was married at Ft. Worth, Texas, to the former Miss Lillian Roberts and the marriage lasted 40 years. Mrs. Pratt died in 1955. Their only child, Frank, Jr., is a former employee of the Highway Department, having worked for three or four years in Statistics and Analyses (now Planning and Research). He is now employed as office and business manager of Allsopp and Chapple, and resides in Little Rock with his wife and two children, a girl and a boy.

Frank resides in the same apartment at 208 E. 10th. in Little Rock, to which he and his wife moved over 39 years ago. And while he keeps many social engagements, he is somewhat of a homebody he said, and enjoys television to a certain extent but he owns a set primarily for the sporting events—particularly baseball. He is a great enthusiast when it comes to hunting or fishing; he belongs to a hunting club at Stuttgart, and spends quite a bit of time at Bear Skin Lake at Scott. When he is not engaged in any of the activities mentioned above, he may be found playing poker "with the boys" in either of the two poker clubs to which he belongs. He is a member of the North Little Rock Elks Club, and was born of the Catholic faith. As a child he was altar boy at his church, but states quite honestly that he doesn't attend services much anymore.

Frank is conscientious in his work and does everything he can to keep it rolling along smoothly, but said: "sometimes I'm wrong and when I am, I try to profit by them (mistakes)."

There is nothing pretentious about Frank. He's as honest and down to earth as he can be and he has the type of personality that makes even a stranger feel as if he had known him for years.

His co-workers think he is tops.

# People in the News...



Two employees received longevity awards for 25 years of service by the Highway Commissioners and Director F. R. Oliver at the Commission Meeting May 24.

W. K. "Bart" Bartleson, at left on the front row, came to the Highway Department on May 1, 1936 on a "temporary" basis, and has been here ever since. He is a section head in the Planning and Research Division. During the past 25 years he has served in practically every capacity and phase of work in P&R, which was formerly Statistics and Analyses. He has had experience in traffic counting and analysis, road inventory, destination surveys, and for a time, was draftsman in the mapping section.

Brewster Shalmy, at right, is maintenance superintendent at Pine Bluff, in District 2. He started out as a laborer in 1935 and through the years advanced to foreman, asphalt job, heavy maintenance superintendent and others, to his present position.

In the back row are Highway Commissioners, John E. Crain, Truman Baker, Armil Taylor, Harry Parkin, and Glenn Wallace, and Mr. Oliver and Chief Engineer Ward Goodman.

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Neill Bohlinger, general counsel of the Legal Division, made the dedicatory speech at ceremonies held at the restoration of the blacksmith shop at Washington, Arkansas May 31. The shop was restored by the Pioneer Washington Restoration Foundation for tourists, as part of the Civil War Centennial celebration. It was to a Mr. James Black, the village smithy and owner of the shop, that Jim Bowie took a crudely whittled knife, with explanations as to how he wanted a knife designed. Black made the famous knife and the rest is history.

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Messrs. J. R. Henderson, Bill Looney, and John Hume, Planning and Research, and Dan Watt and Ken Cox, Bureau of Public Roads met in Helena, May 18, with Mississippi Highway Department and BPR personnel to discuss methods for measuring the economic impact of the new Helena Bridge.

On May 17, a meeting was held in the Planning and Research Division to discuss the Jonesboro Comprehensive Street and Highway Study. Among those present

were W. S. Bonner and Melton Lombard from the City Planning Division of the University of Arkansas; Mr. Frierson and Mr. Dulaney of the Jonesboro City Planning Commission; Leland R. Edmonds with the Housing and Home Finance Agency in Fort Worth, Texas, and Dan Watt and Ken Cox from the Bureau of Public Roads.

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M. Earl Campbell, engineer of Economics, Finance, and Administration of the Highway Research Board visited the Highway Department the week of May 22. The primary purpose of his visit was to inventory current and proposed research projects, but he was also interested in highway planning, programming and administrative practices. Mr. Campbell is well known to members of the Highway Department through his many years of work with the West Virginia Highway Department prior to joining the Highway Research Board.

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Johnnie Gray, our Department photographer, was "guest" speaker at the Kiwanis Club of Little Rock recently - or rather he was according to an article in a Little Rock paper. The article of May 23 stated that he would speak on "Highway Planning in Action," and show a highway film at the noon meeting at Hotel Lafayette. Now, with all due respect to Johnnie and his capabilities, it's hard to visualize him making a speech. But he did! It consisted of one sentence, which went something like this: "If you gentlemen will turn off the lights, I'll get the show on the road." Meaning, of course, his film, which is titled, "Highway Planning in Action."

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The gentlemen pictured on the first row, with a combined total of 165 years of service with the Highway Department, received their longevity awards at the March 15 Highway Commission Meeting. We're sorry we're so late on printing a picture of the group, but the truth is, we didn't have one to print before this issue.

At left on the front row are: William F. Deaderick, District 1; Homer L. Snodgrass, Jr., District 9; William O'Guinn, District 10; Floyd A. Lansdale, District 7; William R. Shay, District 9; and Jeff Davis, District 9.

## Six Engineering Graduates Join Highway Department Staff

Six young men received civil engineering degrees this spring and started working for the Highway Department. Five of the new engineers will be in the Engineering Training Program, and one became a permanent employee in District 9. All except one are graduates of the University of Arkansas.

**RUBEN C. McCONNELL**, 30, started working in one of the districts on June 5. He is a native of Dardanelle where he received his early education, and was employed by several firms in that area, but has had no engineering experience. For a short period he served in the Air Force as a pfc. A member of the student chapter of ASCE, McConnell is married and has one child.

**JAMES L. BRILEY**, 23, is a native of Fort Smith but received his early education in North Little Rock, and graduated from North Little Rock High School. Before entering the University of Arkansas he attended Little Rock Junior College (now Little Rock University). His engineering experience includes two summers as a student trainee with the U. S. Corps of Engineers. He is married. He began work in the Construction Division on June 5.



McConnell



Briley



Baird



Hensley

**JAMES D. BAIRD**, 22, is a native of Little Rock where he was graduated from high school. He attended Cornell University for two years prior to entering the University, and worked three summers with the Corps of Engineers. He is a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity, ASCE, and is married. He started training in Materials and Tests June 12.

**M. J. HENSLEY**, 23, has been working since November 7, 1960 as an engineering technician with the Freeway Engineer John Lawrence. A native of Texarkana, he also attended Southern State College at Magnolia for two years, and worked as a summer employee with the U. S. Corps of Engineers. He is a member of the 489th Engineers, Army Reserve and unmarried.



Owen

**JOHN E. OWEN**, 23, is an Oklahoman by birth but moved to Texas and graduated from Texas High School at Texarkana. He entered Texarkana Junior College in 1955 and remained for a year before transferring to Texas Tech, where he graduated last August with a degree in civil engineering. He has been attending the Baptist Seminary in Little Rock since graduation. Owen is a



student member of the ASCE, and a member of the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve on an inactive status. His work experience includes architectural drafting with the U. S. Corps of Engineers at Galveston, and construction work with firms in Texas. He resides in Little Rock.

KENNETH W. RICHEY, 32, has worked for AHD during the summers of 1956 - 1960, and is not an engineer in training, but will start work in District 9. He is a native of Siloam Springs but was educated in Benton County, graduating from Rogers High School. From 1950 - 1952 he served in the Army and is a member of the Army Reserve. While employed in the Department he was assigned various duties, including utility inspector, field work surveys locations, etc. and worked in Districts 5 and 2. Richey and his wife reside at Lowell. (A picture of Richey was unavailable.)

## Arkansas

### Highway Department

#### Helps Our County's Economy

The Arkansas Highway Department's nice looking Area Maintenance Shop in the North Lewisville Community is another interesting and busy place on Highway 29 north.

The all metal building completed two years ago measures 100x40 feet. It is located on a level plot covering two acres.

Virgil Cleveland, who lives in the North Lewisville area, is foreman. Cleveland had been with the Highway Department fourteen years, first as a dragline operator then three years ago he was promoted to foreman.

Cleveland has already begun a landscaping program at the Maintenance Shop which includes shade trees, shrubbery, and rose bushes. The American Flag as well as an Arkansas State Flag flutters proudly in the breeze every day from a tall flag pole in front of the building. This gesture is appreciated by Lafayette county citizens.

The large Maintenance Shop provides ample storage for supplies and cheerful well lighted office space. The building is large enough that repair work can be done on equipment inside during bad weather. All the road equipment used in the area is carefully stored and kept in the yard when not in use. Gasoline pumps are erected on the site to provide fuel used in all motor vehicles. Strict records are kept on all fuel and supplies used in the working day as well as work done and locations of work in the county. These records are mailed in each night to the district office in Hope.

Equipment used on Lafayette County's state maintained roads include four dump trucks, two motor patrols, one asphalt roller, one front end loader, one asphalt kettle, and other smaller tools. The yard is well lighted at night and the entire area is enclosed with a strong and high cyclone fence. A front gate to the entrance is kept locked at night.

Virgil Cleveland said that he would appreciate greatly if citizens would call him by phone, either at his home in Lewisville, or call the Arkansas Highway Shop concerning dead animals on the highway. He will see to it that the animals are cleared away immediately if he knows where to find them.

The men employed in the up-keep of state highways in this county, work five eight-hour days each week. The men besides Cleveland are: L. L. Thomason, Otis Brown, Woodrow Brown, J. E. Redmon, O. H. Green, O. B. Foster, Errol Arledge, and P. D. Morton. The salaries of these men represent a sizable amount and the money spent in this county, thereby helping to promote the prosperity of the county.

Visitors are welcome any time at the Arkansas Highway Maintenance Shop in the North Lewisville area. The men are extremely proud of the nice new building and delight in showing visitors around. The district office at Hope is also proud of the building and the men who are in charge of the district office, J. E. Lowder and A. M. Clark, are happy for folks to stop by their office and express appreciation for the area shop in the North Lewisville area.

(Editor's note: The above article was reprinted from the March 23 issue of the Democrat, of Stamps, Arkansas. The Highway Department realizes the value of such publicity as a means of informing the local public of the functions of the Highway Department and how it helps in the communities.)

#### HOW'S YOUR ATTITUDE?

Attitude is a peculiar thing - and it goes a long way.

The manner in which you approach your associates will pretty much determine whether you actually enjoy your job or just endure it.

\* If you are rude, they'll respond rudely.

\* If you are suspicious, they'll act suspiciously.

\* If you find people enjoyable to be with, they will in turn enjoy your presence.

This attitude-response behavior is an important thought to keep in mind.

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#### RUSSELL ENOCH HOPPER

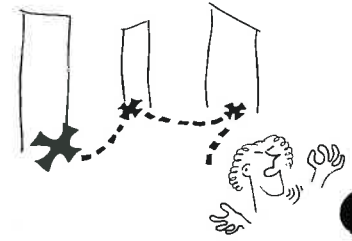
*Russell Enoch Hopper, a crane operator in District 7, died May 16 after an illness. He was on leave from the Department at the time of his death.*

*Mr. Hopper, 55, was a native of Louann, in Calhoun County, and had been employed by the Department since July 1953.*

*Our sincere sympathies are extended to his family.*

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# AROUND THE DEPARTMENTS



## accounting

*Blanche Smith*

Joe Schamer made a trip to Cincinnati to visit his mother for the first time in six years. He said it was good to get back to the "old home town," and there were lots of visiting and eating, with all the relatives and friends bringing in potluck at every opportunity. (And he didn't gain an ounce - the lucky stiff.)

Velma Marsh came up with a bad sunburn on her first skiing expedition this year. She looked like a boiled lobster, and for a few days she felt like one. She's o.k. now.

Margaret Allen attended a family reunion at Milan, Tennessee. Besides Margaret, there were her sister from Ft. Worth; a brother from Ohio; and another brother in eastern Tennessee. It was their first reunion in four years.

Peggy Yielding's brother, Benny Eldred, had two very important events to take place the week end of May 26. He graduated from high school on Friday night, May 26, and was married the following Sunday afternoon. Love, your magic spell is everywhere, but particularly in the hearts of the young. You know, June, Moon, Spoon - usually followed by "let's marry soon." Peggy went over on Saturday to be on hand for the wedding at Memphis, where Benny lives. (Editor's note: Our apologies to JIM McCarthy for having (twice, yet) called him Joe. We don't know why, as we certainly knew all along it was Jim. -Ed.)

## bridge design

*Virginia Tackett*

Hazel and Harold Bastian drove up to Meriden, Iowa for the wedding of his niece. While there they attended a Bastian family reunion and had the pleasure of seeing relatives they hadn't seen for 30 years in some instances. This is the second trip in recent weeks for Harold as he represented the Bridge Design Division, along with Reid Beckel, at the Minneapolis Seminar of the AISC.

Mrs. Mattie Douglass, sister of Etta Bonner, has left the hospital after surgery and is recuperating with Doc and Etta for a while. She made a wonderful recovery and is enjoying the chance to visit with them as they are enjoying having her.

Marcy and Darlene Gross moved into their new home on Central in West Heights near Rosedale just off the Upper Hot Springs Road. It has seemed a long wait for the contractor to finish, but now that they're in it, it was worth it.

Frank Battisto and Helen are at the beginning of their house-building ordeal. The contract has been let, the lot is staked, and the foundation is going in, and they expect to be in their new split-level house by fall.

Since Mr. Carlson was still recuperating from his stay in the hospital and was unable to attend the Bridge Committee of SASHO, of which he is Chairman, Baldy Vinson represented him at the May 16 meeting in Birmingham. Mr. Carlson will preside over the Committee when the SASHO convention is held in Little Rock next fall.

## construction

*Lucille Dishongh*

Judy Matthews, daughter of H. B. (Fat) Matthews, continues to excel in activities at Henderson State Teachers College at Arkadelphia. The Glenda Zimmerman Scholarship Award was presented to Judy by her sorority as the highest scholastic freshman this year. Judy attended this year on four scholarships from scholastic honors in North Little Rock High School. We are all mighty proud of Judy.

Margaret Weathers awaits with pride the graduation of her son, Jim, from Central High. Jim has been a very busy boy what with graduation activities. We congratulate Margaret in the part she played in this accomplishment.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester A. McCain and son enjoyed a well-deserved vacation motoring to the Great Smokey Mountains, covering a dozen or so states. And, yes, Les did take his fishing gear.

This division found a jewel when Geraldine Kissire came to work in the office. Welcome, Gerry.

This writer and husband Dish, attended the stock car races down at Atlanta, Georgia. Just took off a week and drove down-visited friends, and since Dish didn't participate in the races, it was very enjoyable.

(Lucy is modest, so didn't mention that she has replaced her black and white Buick with a new good-looking red Chevrolet convertible. She looks like a real cool cat driving around in it...Ed)

## data processing

*Carolyn Reddin*

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Springer are the parents of a baby girl, born May 17, at Baptist Hospital. Cynthia Len weighed in at 7 pounds, 1 ounce. She is the Springer's

first child and they are mighty proud of her.

Billie Jean Ohlendt and husband Robert, have a baby boy born May 21. Billie Jean worked in our office until January. Congratulations to the Ohlendts.

Nedra and Joe Barton spent the week of May 29 vacationing in Liberal, Missouri, visiting Nedra's parents.

Erma Jetton and husband Robert, spent the week end of May 20 at their cabin on Lake Conway. On the Saturday night Robert and a friend decided to go frog gigging, and while they were out an 18 pound buffalo fish jumped in the boat. Erma baked the fish and said it was really good eating.

Lenora Lister, Roy Shelby, and Jim Springer attended school on the 1401, held in the Commission Room the week of May 16.

## equipment

*Avalee Padgett*

Bill Tanneberger and wife Paulette, made a "flying" trip to Fort Wayne, Indiana, where Paulette bowled in the WIBC National Bowling Tournament. They left Jacksonville after 5 p.m. on May 5 and returned around 5 a.m. on May 6. Paulette is in fifth place in the singles at the present time. They had a nice trip but Bill was hunting for toothpicks to hold his eyes open all day Monday.

Max Nailling with his brother, W. R., spent a week in Shawnee, Oklahoma visiting their sister, Mrs. Estelle Callan, whom they had not seen for some time.

Jacqueline Hollingsworth was presented 5-year service awards on May 5 by C. Don Hayes and John Millender. Congratulations, Jackie!

Lem Kirkpatrick has been on the sick list for several days. He isn't able to return to work at this time but is feeling better we hear. We miss you, Kirk, and hope you will soon be your own cheerful self again.

Welcome to J. W. Rometry, heavy equipment mechanic in Central Shops.

Doris Healy was presented gifts from the Equipment Office and also Procurement for Equipment Office on May 19. The reason? Doris is leaving to await the arrival of (she hopes) a bouncing baby boy.

Among those from Jacksonville who went to Harrison to lend a hand on "operation clean-up" after the flood damage were: Mr. Hayes, Thurman Payne, Carl Colvert, Leroy Newton, J. T. Shaw, Carl Hillis, and Parker Harden.

We extend our sincere sympathies to Carl Colvert and family on the loss of his

father, Lewis A. Colvert, who passed away April 26 in a Little Rock hospital.

## Anderson ferry

*Plas Lovelady*

The recent rains have brought the Norfork Lake up 14 feet in one week's time. It came up approximately a foot an hour on Sunday May 7, and before the men could get around to move the North Dock, the water around it was too deep to let cars on and off. So, the ferry operation on 101 was delayed approximately an hour until the dock was pulled in.

We are sorry about Bill Perryman's son Gayle, who got his hand badly mashed by a falling rock in April. He had to be taken to the Boone County Hospital at Harrison for surgery. The accident happened at his home. At this writing he is doing fine.

Ted Brown's son was in from Wichita, Kansas and I understand he caught a good string of fish. Ted just went along to carry the fish we think, because he didn't catch any.

Charley E. Jones and Johnie M. Arnold received their 10-year service awards in April. Now, all they are waiting for is their 67th birthdays so they can retire.

Our sympathies are extended to all the peoples of Harrison on the tragic events which took place May 7. The devastating wash flood caused damage to some of the highway equipment, and also flooded the District 9 shops.

## materials and tests

*Julia M. Halliburton*

E. L. and Hilda Wales of Ft. Myers, Florida, were visitors in Little Rock and the Highway Department the week of May 22, for the first time since they moved down in May 1960. Mr. Wales or "Noody," as he is known, was with the Highway Department for 35 years until his retirement, and was head man here in M & T. They are enjoying living in Florida and both had nice tans. Noody is getting to fish all he wants and he has been considered one of the best by experts for many years.

Another former employee, G. W. Roark, and his family, motored to Missouri for a week's vacation.

We have several new faces around here... Tommy Bond is our only engineer in training this month... Two new regular employees are Carroll Guffey of Sheriday, and Frank Besancon. John D. Whitlow is our first summer help. He attends Ouachita Baptist College. Welcome to all of them.

R. C. Turney, supervisor of the basement lab, had a scare recently but his doctor pronounced him o.k. He diagnosed his case as over-eating. Watch it, Turney. Donald Younger is on a diet because of

ulcers. Maureen Rodgers has been on the sick list with poison ivy, but is back at work now.

On May 23 and 24 a group of engineers from the Bureau of Public Roads toured our lab on a "material refresher course." It was a pleasure to have this cordial group; W. P. Grantham, E. V. Aldrich, Anthony Leone, H. O. Thompson, Kenneth Cox, Jim Carney, J. D. Rice, J. R. Alexander, Merrill Nelson, Bill Boydson, E. L. Shaw, and H. I. Berg. Out of courtesy to Mr. Rice, who is a Texan (an Aggie - Class of '13), all jokes about Texas were omitted.

We have had two resignations since the last issue: James Welch and R. C. Thomas.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to John and Jo Storey, whose infant son was buried at Mountain View on May 27.

## personnel

*M. A.*

Summertime is for carefree activities - swimming, fishing, golf, and all that jazz, and all of which are just dandy. But for the Personnel Office, it sometimes means more work. And this year is no exception. Employees are putting in for vacation, which necessarily calls for more leave slips; and the office is having its yearly deluge of summer employment applicants, all of whom are interviewed and their applications processed. And we have new projects to crop up pretty often. So it's busy up here on the fourth floor of the Central office building...

Sibble Cox, who decided to "get away from it all," returned after a week's vacation with her family down in Texas and Mexico. She stated in a card that the highways were just beautiful there. Well, we'll concede that. But you and I know (now don't we?) that ours are just as pretty.

Hoyt Thomas was hit with the realization that his graduation date is not too far away when he received recently his class ring from Little Rock University. It is a handsome thing and he was pretty excited about it. Hoyt lacks one semester having his degree in psychology, but by going to night school it will take him into next year before he has all his requirements completed.

Jim Zinn and his distaff half, Grace, were state delegates of the United Commercial Travelers of America Convention in Hot Springs May 18-20. Gracie was elected Grand Counselor of the Ladies Grand Auxiliary of Arkansas. Congrats, Grace. Jim functions as Grand Chairman of the Youth Activities Committee. The Order of UCT is strong in its support of the Children's Colony at Conway and numerous other children's diversions such as Little Leagues, Boys and Girls State, Boy Scout troops and safety programs.

Birdie Wright, chief operator of the switchboard, was elected president of the Greater Little Rock PBX Club at a meeting May 8. Congratulations, "Robin." She "escorted" Dale Davison to another bosses' banquet the night of May 18 at Coachman's Inn.



This little doll is Kathy Feroe, pictured here at 8 months old, who is the great niece of Martha Adams. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Alan Feroe of Arlington, Virginia. Her maternal grandfather, Irvin Goldberg, an engineer with the CAA in Washington, is a former AHD employee.

## planning

### and research

*Bonnie Liner*

W. K. Bartleson, better known as "Bart," received his 25-year service awards on May 24 from the Highway commissioners and Director Oliver. Congratulations to a well-liked and deserving person.

Bob Kessinger and Gary Whittington of Road Life and Road Inventory Section, received their bachelors degrees from Arkansas State Teachers College on May 21. Congratulations, fellas!

Bill Smith, Mayo White, Ed Johnson and Pat Patton, along with several other employees in AHD, attended the IBM School which was held during the week of May 17-21.

Several of the field men in Traffic Section have been spending two days each in the office to study methods and procedures of analyzing field data. It was nice to have the men in the office because we see them so seldom.

We are glad to have John Owen with us for the next few weeks. John just started on the Engineering Training Program and his first assignment is with us.

Fish tales fill the air and the car-trading bug has bitten some of our men so summer can't be far. Joe Lovell is sporting a Volkswagon and Mayo White

and Pat Pattillo can furnish us with a good fish story after a profitable day on Lake Conway.

On his rounds recently the stork left a bundle of joy - a baby boy, for Mr. and Mrs. Ed Johnson. His name is Kerry Brinton. Congratulations on the new arrival.

Several of our group have attended various functions around over the state during the past few weeks and details are elsewhere in the magazine.

## right of way

*Kenneth Brown*

"Afishin' we will go" was the cry of the fellows in R/W Engineering Section as they left May 12 for Lake Norrell. The group was comprised of Bob Yada, Glendol Jackson, Don Reed, Bill Bradley, Carl Fowler, Fred Williams, and Ken Brown. After an evening of fishing and water skiing, they were glad to get back home Saturday afternoon, even though a good time was had by all.

Blue Monday was appropriate for all the employees in Right of Way on Monday, May 15, as Nancy Sipe, secretary to E. F. Nelson, prepared to leave. Nancy had worked for the Department for almost 5 years. She previously worked in the office of Office Engineer until she transferred to R/W in 1959. On the previous Friday May 12, we had a surprise party for her and she was presented with an FM radio and a pet hamster, "Myrtle" by name. She was very pleased with the radio but as for the hamster...well. Nancy's smile and cheerful hello will be missed in Right of Way. The best of luck and good wishes to Nancy from all of us in AHD.

Maurine Taylor replaces Nancy. She is not a new employee, however, as she worked in the Permit Office before she accepted a job in the circuit clerk's office at the courthouse. Welcome back, Maurine.

It seems as though a plague of losses has hit our division. Leon Evans and Bernard Henry left us during the past month. We will miss both of them in the Appraisal Section. Also, Brenda Pruitt has taken leave to start a family. This will be Brenda's and Buddy's first child and we wish them good luck.

Speaking of additions to families...we have had a few of these. Henry and Gwen Williams were blessed with a daughter, Sherry Lynn, on April 18. She is their first child and both mother and daughter are doing fine. As for the father - well, people are having to remind him of his work - they even made up a verse about it yet. (Sorry we didn't have room to print it.)

Henry isn't the only one perturbed! Virginia "Gramma" Lewis hasn't come down to earth yet. "Gin" and Clay Vandenberg, "Gramma's" daughter and son-in-law, become parents of a 7 pound, 10 ounce baby born on May 13. Edward Curtis made an early, but very fine Mother's Day

gift for Gin. Of course, Gramma had to go down a couple of days later to see that "Curt" was started out on the right foot.

Due to an oversight, we failed to mention a new employee, Bill C. Smith in the Engineering Section. Bill came to work on April 17. He is from North Little Rock where he played football for the "Wildcats," attended Arkansas A&M College and is now a night student at LRU. We welcome Bill to AHD.

It is hard to express in words the feelings one has towards a friend who has lost a loved one. All of the employees in Right of Way wish to express deepest sympathies to Arthur Emmerling in the loss of his wife, and to W. D. Little in the loss of his mother.

## roadway plans

*John Dunn*

The Hendersons (Shelby I.) are lullabying a fine baby boy. The new one's name is John Ira, and mother and baby are doing fine, thank you. Young John weighed in at 7 pounds, 7 ounces at Baptist Hospital March 27. Best wishes to the Hendersons.

Glenn Trammel, our squad boss, was in the hospital some time ago, but he's back now at his same old stand and doing fine.

The John Adamases are also parents of a new arrival...Nancy Lynn, who weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces when she was born April 17 at St. Vincents Hospital. Congratulations, John!

## district 1

*Janet McElduff*

There's nothing like a little publicity! We were overwhelmed with the way we looked in print in the May issue, and from now on we will probably be crowding you for space! Having assigned each area foreman and resident engineer as a deputy reporter, we expected a deluge of news to forward this month, and bless 'em all, we have not been disappointed.

Vacation time is upon us again and among those whose faces have been missed: Fred Rock, Pat Russell, Alfred Crumley, J. A. "Shorty" Jacobs, Loman Baldwin, J. B. Young, J. W. Melton, H. L. Tripp, and Rosemary Weeden...Some have fished, some have rested, some have really lived it up, and at this point, the grass isn't the only thing that is green around here...

Among those we welcome back on the job is Willie Midget. Willie has had an enforced vacation to correct a serious eye condition, but is back with his usual smiling countenance...

While we are welcoming, may we take this opportunity to welcome all the new employees in our district. This is the beginning of a busy season, and the hiring of many new personnel. It isn't possible to name each one individually, but we are glad to have you all with us.

Marvin O. "Tex" Lewis took a flying trip to Dallas in May to visit his grandchildren, five in number. We are sending along a picture of one of his prides and joys, little Joy Love of Mesquit, Texas, and we hereby nominate her as "District One's Doll of the Month." Isn't her name apropos?



Joy Love

Princess Thompson is back on the job at Brinkley, being secretary for Billy Cline, acting resident engineer there. Princess has "served time" before in Construction, and is definitely an asset to that office.

James Ford, crewleader at Elaine, brought us news of Grover Carter, mower operator, who was recently injured seriously in an auto accident in Elaine. We hope with this writing that Grover is on the mend and will be back with us soon. We heard news too, that Lowell Layton, motor patrol operator, had a heart attack on May 21. We wish you a speedy recovery, Lowell, and hope you are soon back on the job.

This is the time of year for graduation, scholarships, honors, and the like for our children, and time for the parents to get a proud gleam and talk about their offspring's accomplishments. There are many Highway Department "children" who are to be congratulated. Among the graduates are Wayne Halbert, son of the Gazola Halberts; Charles Lee Voyles, son of the J. D. Voyles; and Jerry O. Altman, son of the B. J. Altmans. Charles and Jerry will have summer jobs as laborers with the Department, working with M. J. Jordon, area foreman in Wynne.

Richard Hartness, son of Mrs. Dick Ethridge, our fuel clerk, and Charlotte Matthews, daughter of District 1 Engineer C. M. Matthews, both juniors this year, were honored along with 40 other students at a Scholarship Banquet recently in Wynne. All honored guests were students in the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades who had an average of 4.6 or above. Also, these two have been selected as delegates to Boys State and Girls State in June. If we have failed to congratulate a graduate or honor student, please accept our apologies, and blame your reporters!

The children in the lower grades are concerned with school picnics, zoo trips, plays, and such. Three little first-graders who whooped it up on the bus trip to the Memphis Zoo were Stephen Jacobs, son of Morty Jacobs; Michell Ethridge, son of Dick Ethridge; and Bob Stacy, son of Mildred Stacy.

Adler Williams, area foreman of Lee County, has had a blue face since his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Odia Williams, and his two grandchildren left for Germany. They had been staying with Adler and Mrs. Williams several months, while waiting to join husband and father who is stationed overseas with the Army. They left in May to be gone two years.

Our 30 rose bushes, planted this spring, are beginning to produce, and our three huge pinoaks, across the front of our well-kept lawn, have put out now.

We extend our sincere sympathies to Bobby Wright of McCrory in the death of his father, Robert D. Wright. Mr. Wright, a former employee of the Highway Department in Woodruff County, died on May 6.



Since the employees in District 1 have been almost strangers to us (until they started sending news), we thought it only right to introduce some of the "girls" to the readers. Bottom row: (left to right) Mildred Stacy, bookkeeper, Janet McElduff, secretary to Mr. Matthews. Second row: Maxine English and Rosemary Weeden, stock room clerks. Top row: Dick Ethridge, fuel clerk, and Glenda Grafton, payroll clerk. (And a handsome group it 'tis, now.)

## district 2

*Ouida Grimes*

Newt Suitt, who works in the Construction Division, and Mrs. Suitt, have every reason to be proud of their son John, on his athletic prowess in Dumas High School. John, stellar end for the 1960 Bobcat football team, has been selected to play in the All-Star Football Classic in August. He became one of the select few to make all-district both in football and basketball. He believes in giving the game 100 per cent effort from the practice field to the playing field. He averaged 17.5 points per game during the basketball season, and

won the rebound award for garnering the most rebounds during the season. Johnny is also active in other student events at school and is vice president of the student council. Congratulations to John and the Suitts.



John Suitt

Congratulations also to Deanna Sue Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow K. Wilson of Monticello. Deanna is an honor graduate of Monticello High School, a member of the National Honor Society, and a majorette. She has received an academic scholarship to Arkansas A&M College and a band scholarship. Deanna will be leaving as soon as school is out for Florida, a graduation gift from her aunt.

Mack L. Walker killed a 19 pound turkey during the past season. He made his kill in the Saline River bottoms about 5 or 6 miles west of Rison. Mack is a great lover of the outdoors - hunting and fishing. (Mack is pictured below with his prize)



Charles Gaddy and James Pierce went fishing a few Saturdays ago. They claim they had good luck, but we're wondering how many times they will have to go in order to have enough for a fish fry.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Robert Merritt, whose wife passed away May 23.

## district 3

*Olive Jackson*

On May 15 we were very happy to have W. E. Hicks and G. E. Nunnally of the Camden district as visitors in our office. They were here to attend the showing of pictures of heavy equipment, shown by Carl Rosenbaum of the Rushing and Mason Equipment of Little Rock.

Charles Ray Tittle, son of Clovis and Nettie Tittle, was one of 98 outstanding college seniors who have won Danforth Fellowships. This is a four year fellowship and Charles Ray has the privilege of attending any college of his choice. He is a sociology and history major at Ouachita Baptist College and has won many honors during his college tenure.

Those receiving service awards for May were: Elbert S. Burke, Horace Lee Ellen, and Rowland F. Greeson, 20 years; Howell Robert Baker, James A. Ellis, and Roy Ward, 10 years; Clinneth O. Adams and James E. Redmon, 5 years. Congratulations, fellas!

Gene Pendergraft and Sam Huckabee, first aid instructors, have started their series of first aid classes. Their first class is comprised of employees in the office and shop personnel. Each class consists of five two-hour sessions and there will be about ten classes over the entire district.

Ardell and Nellie Clark attended the band concert in Arkadelphia on May 4. This was presented by their son Bill, who is band director of the Arkadelphia schools. There were five bands that took part in the concert before a large audience at the Arkadelphia High School auditorium.

Mary and O. C. Mitchell of Nashville, are the very proud parents of a little son, Rodney Oscar, who arrived April 18.

We are happy to have the following new employees join us: William T. Smith and Thomas Chris Petre, Hope; Robert Clarence Stell, DeQueen; James Grady Hallmark, Ashdown; and A. L. Tipton and F. O. Monroe, Fouke.

Laurice and Gilbert Honea are parents of a little girl who arrived May 6. She has been named Linda Diane and is their first child. Congratulations to the happy couple.

Ray Faris, one of our mechanics, has been displaying unusual skill at the Arkla Village Bowling Alley at Emmet. Ray, who has been bowling only about a year,

broke two all-time records at Emmet with a 259 game and well over 600 for three game series. Congratulations to Ray on his bowling ability.

Your reporter is taking several days' vacation leave which will be spent with the Hugh Pettys in Marianna and the Bob Fleishmans in Memphis.

## district 4

*C. Barber*

Hello to all of you from all of us here in District 4. It's been a long time. Maybe we can get back into the swing of things and let everyone know what's going on...

Herb Gregory, our Crawford County foreman, has been in the hospital. After having his teeth pulled, he landed in the hospital with an ulcer. He got back on his feet though - he thought - but then landed back in the hospital with a ruptured appendix. If all goes well, he should be back to work by the time this issue hits the "stands." We hope so.

Loyde Dukes, one of our mechanics in the shop, is vacationing at this writing and dropped by to see us one afternoon to report on the fishing. So far he has caught two catfish, but what catfish! One weighed 28 pounds, the other 38 pounds!

Helen Butler's daughter Carol, is getting married June 16. No need to tell you that Helen is in a dither. Carol plans to be married at home which calls for redecorating and Helen being the wonderful seamstress she is, is making Carol's wedding gown. Best wishes to the bride and groom and loads of aspirins to Helen!

We have had quite a few visitors here this past month. The ones that made the biggest impression are the people from Right of Way. They stayed a couple of days. They were: Don Martin, Fay Wallace, Mr. Watson, Colonel Shafer, and Dennison Yates. You know, one wonders what the other people do in their jobs and divisions. We got a taste of what goes on in Right of Way, and we say: Maintenance is Wonderful!

L. R. Williams is back after being off due to a heart attack. We were all wondering about Lou, but you can't keep a good man down.

Bud Hodnett, assistant district maintenance superintendent, and family, are having to go to Paragould to attend their son Larry's wedding. Larry announced to us here that he was going to marry Kay, a girl from Paragould. She and Larry were sweethearts before they came to Ft. Smith. We aren't sure of the date but think it will be June 3. Congratulations to the happy couple. Bud, looks as if you're going to gain another daughter.

Director and Mrs. Oliver paid us a surprise visit May 26. Mr. Oliver was here to appear on a television show, celebrating National Highway Week. The show turned out to be a panel discussion with

the panel popping questions at Mr. Oliver. There were several distinguished Ft. Smith citizens on the panel. C. F. Byrns, Ft. Smith editor, was moderator.



Charles Rampley, at left, inspector for J. C. Webb, District 7, Camden, had the high average bowling score for his team, Lindsey Brothers Motors. The team won the championship of the Southern League for the third straight year. Rampley had an average of 170. The other bowlers are unidentified. (District 7 news reached us two days past the deadline and too late for printing.-Ed.)

## district 8

*Netha Brown*

Mrs. W. F. Turner, our boss's wife, brought three delicious cakes to the office on May 19, in celebration of Mr. Turner's birthday. The cakes were served with coffee to the employees. After singing the birthday song to Mr. Turner, he was presented with a leather scrapbook with his initials tooled on the front. We enjoyed it and would like to have celebrations such as that more often. And many more happy birthdays to Mr. Turner.

R. B. Winfrey and C. Don Hayes visited our office May 9. They were returning to Little Rock after visiting the flood-wrecked district office at Harrison. We extend our sympathies to the Harrison employees. It is heart breaking to see years of work destroyed so suddenly.

The move into our new stockroom was made with the greatest of ease. Virgil Eggleston, Imogene McCoy, and Bobby Hillis, have a very attractive place in which to work. The old room, which is being converted to office space, has had a face lifting and we should be able to use it by June 1.

The employees of District 8 were saddened by the death of Joe S. Hall, at Clinton. Mr. Hall was area foreman in Van Buren County before his health forced his retirement.

## district 9

*Shirley and Morton*

It's pretty common knowledge now - only in Arkansas - but nationwide, about the severe flooding conditions at several locations in District 9, but particularly in Harrison. We can only say that it was a most tragic chain of events and which we are not likely to forget. During the period between midnight and 3:30 a.m. of May 7, approximately 6 inches of rain fell on the Crooked Creek watershed, resulting in the flash flood, however, the rains began on May 5, and the ensuing results were extensive damage - and by extensive damage, we mean around \$10 million! The District 9 maintenance headquarters in Harrison suffered considerable damage, which was estimated at approximately \$33,000. Numerous trucks, mowers, electric motors, and other pieces of equipment were inundated and required dismantling and cleaning before they could be put back in service. The water reached a depth of approximately 3 feet and 4 inches in the offices, and records were damaged as well as office furniture, office equipment and parts in the stock room. All Highway Department personnel participated in the clean-up operation and are to be highly commended for their untiring efforts and outstanding spirit of cooperation. (We agree, and this applies to all the residents of Harrison. Here's hoping that they build bigger and better.Ed.)

All personnel in District 9 express their sincere appreciation to R. B. Winfrey and C. Don Hayes, and other personnel in the Little Rock offices, who were very sympathetic and understanding, not to mention their assistance in every manner possible.

Marion Downs recently had surgery in the Boone County Hospital and is now recuperating at his home in Alpena, Arkansas. We hope Marion will be back with us soon...Gladys Shaddox returned to work May 1 after an extended illness. Others on the sick list lately have been Bentley Wade, who spent a few days in the Boone County Hospital, but is now back on the job; Ora Robbins, who suffered a heart attack May 8 and is recuperating - we're happy to say - in the hospital and Leslie "Dick" Hinchman, who is at home mending after recent surgery.

We had the pleasure of meeting Martha Adams and her husband Harry, who dropped by while Harry was on a business trip to Harrison. We hope it is possible for you to get up this way some time soon, Martha, and stay longer. (Thanks, and my sentiments about you all were expressed in the last issue, and they still stand. -MA.)

Our sincere sympathies are extended to Mrs. Rue Madle and family on the loss of her husband and father, Rue Madle, a long time, but recently retired employee of District 9.

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COVER: The attractive abstract design was done by Charles Frazier of the art unit in P&R. All the members, Bill Moore, head of the section, Charles, and Edwin Hoggard, are a real help to the magazine staff and we appreciate it. The small picture on the cover has been selected for use on the Department's new letterhead. The other photo shows the completed steel work on the Edgemont Bridge across the Little Red River, 16 miles upstream from Heber Springs.

## WHO??



What a mean expression! However, through the years it has been replaced by a benign and pleasant one. And it belongs to a long-time employee who has a responsible position in the Central Offices.

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Answers to last month's crossword puzzle.

# THIS'LL KILL YA

By  
Jimmy Zinn



Drunk: "You've got two good-looking legs."  
 Lady: Insultingly, "And how do you know?"  
 Drunk: "I counted 'em."

Their cars having collided, Jack and Mike were surveying the situation when Jack offered Mike a drink. Mike drank and then Jack returned the bottle to his pocket.

Mike: "Aren't you going to have a drink?"  
 Jack: "Not until the police have been here."

King Arthur: "I've heard you've been misbehaving lately."  
 Knight: "In what manor, sir?"

Doctor: I see your cough is better this morning.  
 Patient: It ought to be. I've been practicing all night.

Country Constable: "Pardon, Miss, but swimming is not allowed in this lake."

City Flapper: "Why didn't you tell me before I undressed?"  
 Country Constable: "There ain't no law against undressing."

When a reporter on a midwestern daily was sent out to round up opinions of the man of the street concerning the modern woman, the first person he queried on the subject was a man who had just passed his 101st birthday.

"I'm afraid I can't be of much help to you," replied the centenarian regretfully. "I quit thinking about women almost two years ago."

A young lady on a vacation cruise stopped a sailor at his job and said, "I'd like to see the captain of this ship."

"He's forward, Miss."  
 "Well, I don't mind. This is a pleasure trip."

"I used to be terribly conceited," said the young man, "but my psychiatrist straightened me out, and now I'm one of the nicest guys in town."

Sales manager called a meeting of his staff.

"Men," he announced, "I am dictating a new rule. From now on, no more vodka martinis at lunch. Gin martinis, fine. But no vodka."

"What's this?" brushed a salesman. "A slap at the Russians?"  
 "No. Fact is, vodka doesn't smell on your breath. When you talk to customers, I want them to think you're drunk, not stupid."

Did you know you can cure almost any female complaint quickly by suggesting that her symptoms are signs of old age?

In the interest of promoting sanity and longer life, and privacy, a prominent executive is establishing a new society, to wit: Organization to Encourage People to Quit Organization.

"Be a Quitter" is the motto of his association - which boasts no officers, no dues, and no meetings. Join now!

Arkansas

".....land of pleasant driving."