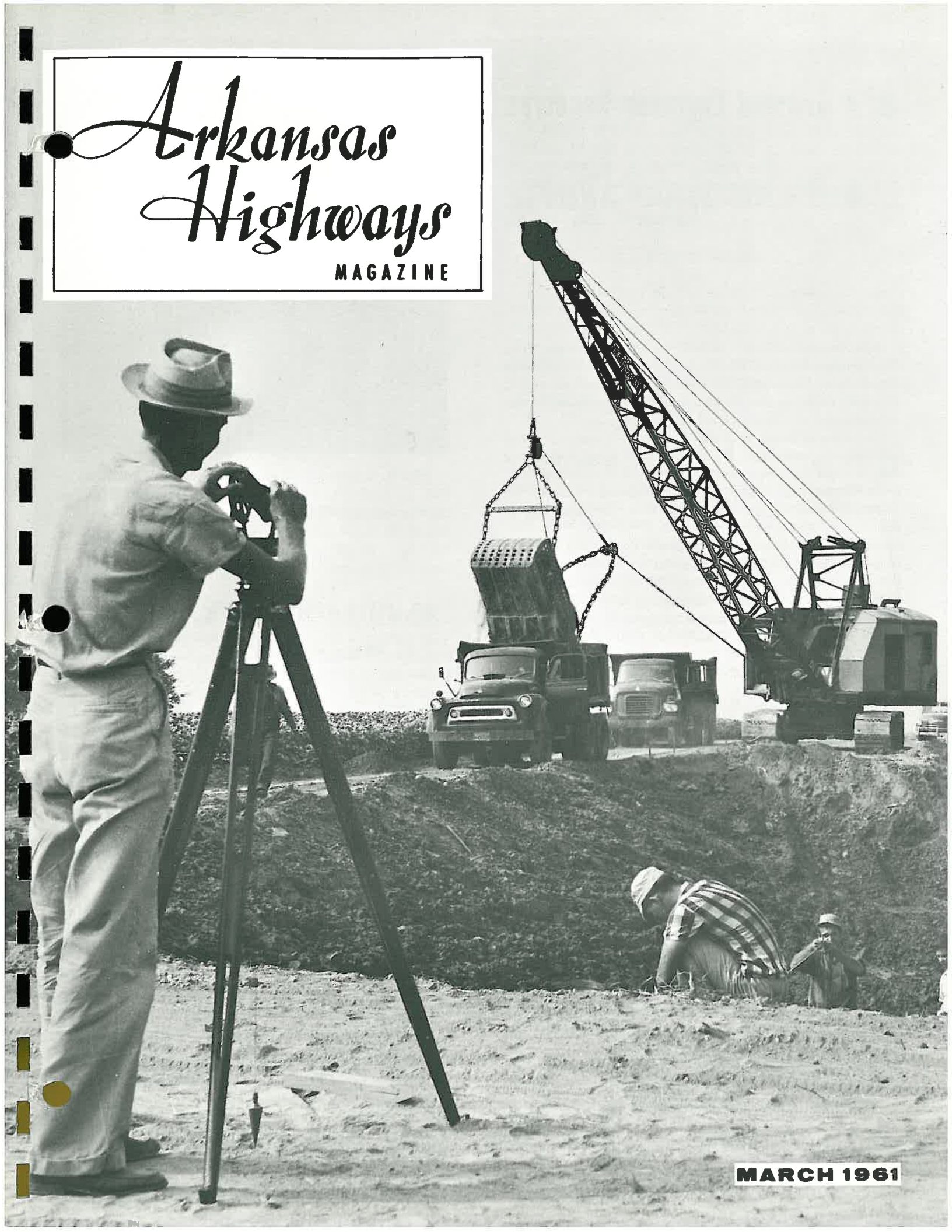


# Arkansas Highways

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## BPR Division Engineer Receives Meritorious Service Award

The Bureau of Public Roads' Division Engineer, John W. Courter, received the U. S. Department of Commerce Meritorious Service Silver Medal Award for "service of unusual value to the Bureau and the Department in the advancement of the nation's highway programs."

Mr. Courter went with the Bureau in June 1927 as a student engineer with the Division of Management and has served in progressively responsible positions for over 31 years with many excellent efficiency ratings. He is now division engineer in charge of the Arkansas Division.

Mr. Courter received his master's degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1929 where he specialized in structural engineering. He was elected to Tau Beta Pi honorary engineering scholastic fraternity in 1926. After serving as a bridge engineer in various capacities in Washington, D. C.; Denver, Colorado; San Francisco, California; and on the Inter American highway in Costa Rica, he became division bridge engineer in Austin, Texas in 1944.

As Division Bridge Engineer in Texas for six years, Mr. Courter excelled in both the technical and management phases of bridge design and construction work. During the post World War II years following a period of scarcity of materials, the highway program included a large number of needed bridges that had been delayed because of the war. He met the challenge of a high volume of complex bridge work with such vigor and enthusiasm in a highly professional way that he inspired confidence and led other Bureau and state engineers to compete and excel in this endeavor. His untiring efforts and strong sense of responsibility caused him to expend efforts and time far beyond the call of duty.

In 1950 his management and executive ability were recognized and he was called to Fort Worth regional office to be in charge of the Construction and Maintenance Branch, which covered Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and Louisiana. Mr. Courter's high caliber of technical advice gained for him the respect and admiration of the four divisions and state highway departments. He has been division engineer for the state of Arkansas since 1957.

Mr. Courter and his wife, Virginia, reside at 35 Belmont Drive, Little Rock. They have a daughter, Mrs. R. N. Pierce, residing in Sarasota, Florida, and a son, Robert, residing in Austin, Texas.



John W. Courter, left, was presented the certificate by Bill L. Andrews, of the Fort Worth Regional Office of the Bureau of Public Roads.

## Engineers' Week Observed



National Engineers' Week, held annually during the week of George Washington's Birthday, was observed February 18-25, and representatives of the Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers celebrated with exhibitions, proclamations, talks, and a banquet the night of February 24.

J. T. Pendergrass, assistant chief engineer in the Highway Department, and president of the ASPE, helped stage the celebration. Also helping to prepare the program of activities were: James A. Wellons of Little Rock, president of General Air Conditioning Corporation, and general chairman of National Engineers' Week in Little Rock, and J. L. McKinstry, field engineer of the Aluminum Company of America, publicity chairman.

"Engineering Career Opportunities" was the theme of the meeting and dinner at the Albert Pike Hotel February 24. A panel discussion was held with Dean George F. Branigan of the College of Engineering at the University of Arkansas acting as moderator. Others participating were: Brig. Gen. Robert J. Fleming, Jr., of Dallas, division engineer of the Southwest Division of the Army Engineers; Carl R. Stout of Bauxite, works manager of the Aluminum Company of America plant at Bauxite, and Harland Bartholomew of Memphis, president of the consulting firm of Harland Bartholomew and Associates.

# Excerpts From

## Rare Old Book...

### "McAdam on Roads"

Harry M. Wright, engineer of County Roads, has another addition to his growing collection of rare and old books. He recently acquired "McAdam on Roads," by John Loudon McAdam, Esq., which was published in London, England in 1824.

It's surprising to learn that the book makes a lot of sense, and if it were not for the antiquated nomenclature used throughout the book it could very well be a modern text, because its basic principles are followed today. Many of the paragraphs are not only interesting but, because of the old-fashioned terms, rather amusing.

Credibility of the text is corroborated by the following excerpts selected by Mr. Wright who added headings to fit the concept.

Coming under Mr. Wright's heading of "Commission Duties," are: "The Method of Making, Repairing, and Preserving Roads," and, "Defending the Road Funds from Misapplication."

#### Distribution of Weight Toll Regulated by Horsepower

"It must be admitted, that the wear of roads is proportioned to the weight and velocity of carriages running upon a given breadth of the tire of the wheels. - Several Acts of the Session of Parliament, 1816, where carts are required to have wheels of a cylindrical form five inches broad; and wagon wheels of the same form six inches broad...The weights will best and most easily regulated by the number of horses, or other cattle drawing the carriages: and this, as a regulation of economy, may be made, by the tolls at present payable on the cattle being levied in a larger ratio as the number increases..."

It is certain, that stagecoaches, with their present system of loading, and velocity of traveling upon very narrow wheels, damage the roads in a much greater proportion than the compensation derived from the toll."

#### Gradation Mineral Aggregate

"The size of stone used on a road must be in due proportion to the space occupied by a wheel of ordinary dimensions on a smooth level surface, this point of contact will be found to longitudinally, about an inch, and every piece of stone put into a road, which exceeds an inch in any its dimensions, is mischievous..."

#### Plasticity Index

"...It was observed, that all the roads of which chalk was a component part, became generally impassable; and that roads made over chalk soils gave way in most places. This evidently proceeded from the absorbent quality of chalk, which renders it so tenacious of water, that I consider its use to be one of the most dangerous errors of road making."

#### Design, Optimum Moisture

"...That it is the native soil which really supports the weight of traffic: that while it is preserved in a dry state it will carry any weight without sinking - that this native soil must previously be made quite dry, and a covering impenetrable to rain, must then be placed over it, to preserve it in that dry state; that the thickness of a road should be regulated by the quantity of material necessary to form such impervious covering...etc."

#### Design

"The first operation in making a road should be the reverse of digging a trench. The road should not be sunk below but rather raised above, the ordinary level of the adjacent ground, care should at any rate be taken, that there be a sufficient fall to take off the water...this must be done, either by making drains to lower ground, or if that not be practical - then the soil upon which the road is proposed to be laid, must be raised by addition above the level of the water."

"...Having secured the soil from under water the road made of clean dry stone."

#### Plasticity Index

"...So selected, prepared, and laid, as to be perfectly impervious to water and this cannot be effected unless the greatest care be taken that no earth, clay chalk or other matter that will hold or conduct water be mixed with the broken stone..."

#### Typical Section - House Top Crown

The best form for a road, - in my opinion, to form it, and to keep it with just a sufficient rise toward the middle, to incline the water toward the sides; and in place of making the whole width the section of one curve, to form it by two straight lines, forming inclined planes, and joined by a curve toward the middle.

# Cantrell Road Built

## 30 Years Ago

W. C. Johnston, office engineer, recently came across a section of a yellowed and crumbly Arkansas Gazette dated October 26, 1930 which contained a picture of construction of Cantrell Road.

Coincidentally, a work order was issued last January to widen the 30-year-old road to four lanes to speed up the flow of traffic on the heavily traveled road.

The original work involved cutting away thousands of tons of rock and earth to form the roadbed for the 36 foot paved highway, according to the article, with seven feet of shoulders on each side. Because of many engineering difficulties and the cost of construction, it was one of the most important road building projects ever undertaken in Arkansas at that time.

The viaduct over the Missouri Pacific tracks, Rose Creek, and the Rock Island railroad, at the foot of Lincoln Avenue, were part of the construction. Frank A. Pritchett was engineer for Improvement District No. 508. The work was started in May, 1930 and, according to Pritchett and the article, was to be open to traffic by Christmas Day of that year.

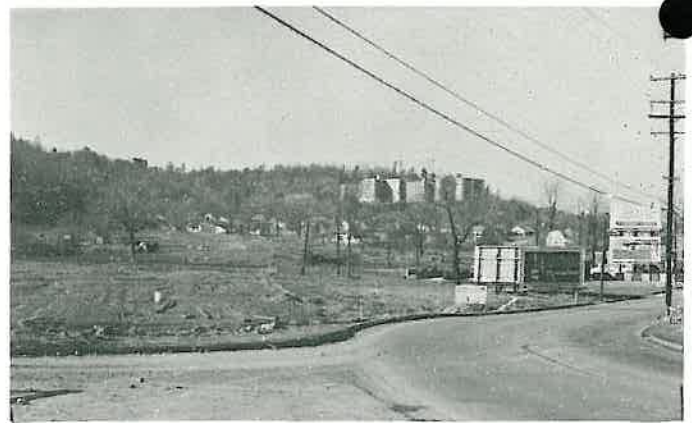
The contract for the road construction work was let to the Hogan Paving Company of Little Rock, at a cost of \$325,000. The viaduct was built by the Lutten Bridge Company of Nashville, Tennessee, which had a branch office in Little Rock under management of D. H. Daugherty. The viaduct cost was estimated at \$142,000.

Difficulties confronting the Hogan Company in development of Cantrell road was the problem of extending the highway around a hill in the vicinity of the Little Rock Country Club, where it was necessary to remove many thousand tons of rock and gravel, drilling through solid rock to a depth of 25 feet.

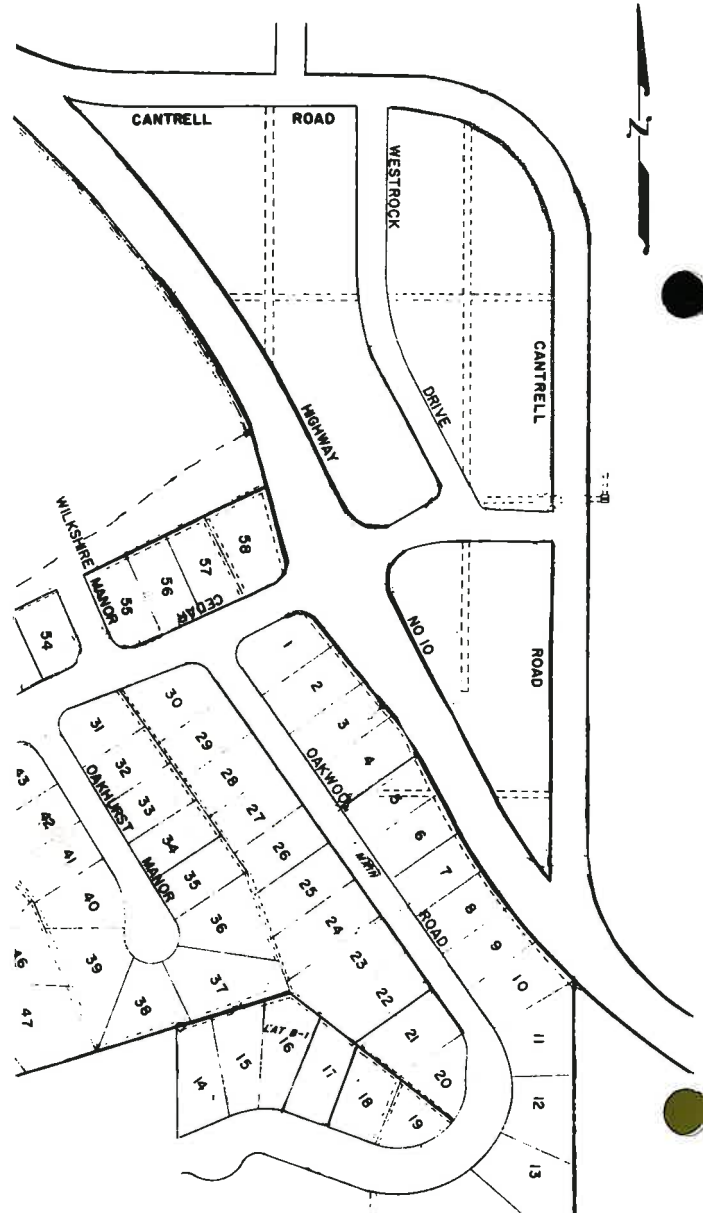
Construction of the road would shorten the distance from Pulaski Heights and the Country Club section, making it possible for motorists living in that part of the city to reach the downtown section in about 10 minutes.

The current construction project of Broadening Cantrell, from the end of La Harpe to Mississippi Avenue, began January 13 on the Lincoln Avenue viaduct. David Moore, acting resident engineer for the project, said that the viaduct will give the appearance of having four lanes but actually another one is being constructed along the old one with only an inch separating them.

On the roadbed from six to nine feet will be added on either side, to make four 12-foot lanes. The approximate cost of the construction is \$800,658. This figure excludes the cost of relocating three miles of the road. (See map.) Construction should be well under way by summer. It is undetermined as to when the project will be completed.

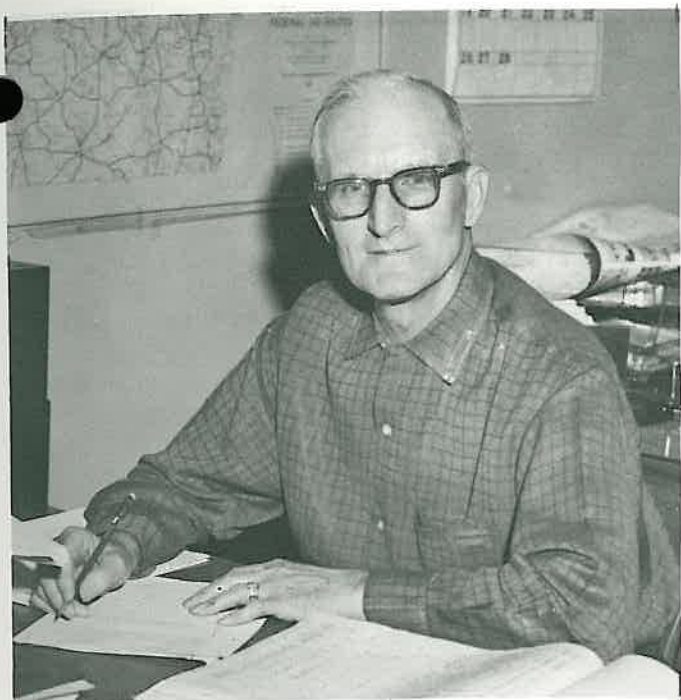


Clearing for the relocation of part of Cantrell Road can be seen here.



## Personality of the Month...

### "Cap" Boen



James Q. Boen, better known as "Cap," has been a baseball player and a school teacher during his working career, but for the past 28 years (or it will be in June) he has worked for the Highway Department in the same section, doing practically the same work.

When we told Cap we would like to feature him this month he asked if we had "scraped the bottom of the barrel." The answer is No...far from it, because Cap is quite likeable and a popular fella in the Highway Department, and particularly among his co-workers in the office of W. C. Johnston, office engineer, where Cap is an accountant.

Cap is the eighth of nine children (two boys and seven girls) born to the late G. W. and Katherine Boen. This event took place at Oark, Arkansas in 1897. Only four daughters and Cap are still living.

Cap's father, a farmer and real estate owner, moved his family to Clarksville where Cap grew up and attended schools. After graduating from Clarksville High School he went on to the College of the Ozarks for a year, studying engineering. Back in 1918 he was a student for a short period at the University of Arkansas in the Student Acting Training Corps (SATC).

He has been fond of baseball - and all other sports - since he played on the sandlots in Clarksville. He combined baseball with school teaching years ago when he taught math and history at the schools of Hatfield and Coal Hill (he eventually became superintendent at Coal Hill). During the summer months he played first base for the Northwest Arkansas League - and not only was he supplementing his income but was thoroughly enjoying the work. Later on he worked summers for a lumber firm at Warren and played on the company team. He moved to Warren in 1928 and remained there until he came to the Highway Department.

In 1925 he married Miss Lucille Floyd of Dyer, Arkansas, who was one of his fellow school teachers. She received her education in her home town and at Arkansas Tech at Russellville. Mrs. Boen has been working for the Little Rock store of the J. C. Penney Company for as long as Cap has been with AHD. In fact, she will have 28 years in June. She is in charge of the Infant's Wear Department.

The Boens have a foster daughter whom many of the employees know as she was once an employee herself, Mary Ann Bemberg. Mary Ann resided with the Boens for years and they consider her their own. Cap and Mrs. Boen dote on her two children.

Cap's nickname was acquired years ago when the Department was having softball teams. Because of his experience in baseball he was a coach, or captain, of one of the teams, and the inevitable happened, they called him "Cap." The name has stuck.

He is perhaps, one of the most ardent rooters for the Arkansas Razorbacks and, when possible, goes to all the games - usually accompanied by a couple of his buddies in the office. At home Cap is either listening to a sporting event on radio or watching one on television. Football, in spite of his background in baseball, seems to be his favorite.

The Boens are having a cabin built on Lake Norrell and are looking forward to its completion when they can spend a lot of lazy time there - fishing or boating, another of his pastimes. He hasn't gotten around to acquiring a boat yet but chances are he will later on.

Cap's sense of humor is as funny as it is unpredictable - he has been known to go into a spontaneous jig in the office, which startles no one, since they are used to his sometimes antics, but creates laughter. Cap's personality is partly responsible for the pleasant working conditions in spite of the heavy work load in the office.

The Boens reside at 3915 West 12th. street in Little Rock. Cap is a member of the Little Rock Consistory and the Albert Pike Lodge. They are members of the Highland Methodist Church.

During a conversation with him he mentioned "when I retire." We don't know that Cap is even contemplating this before it is necessary, but regardless of when it is, we feel sure that the office won't be the same without Cap.

## WHAT'S YOUR SCORE?

Ever hear anyone say, "Gee, last year went fast?" You've probably said it yourself many times. Seems that in the rush of events the days, weeks, and months have a way of slipping past before you realize it. And many times they go by before we have a chance to really get all the things done we plan to complete.

A wise man once remarked that a good beginning was 50 per cent of doing a good job. Now's the time to review the past year and do what must be done to make this year (1961) better. Did you really grow in your job last year? More important, did you help your subordinates grow? There are a lot of facets to your job, as we have agreed many times. Let's take a look at some of them and determine how effectively we performed in each category in 1960.

Use the items in the check list following for evaluating 1960 and setting your sights for a growth year. You can mark your answer to each question by using A, B, or C. Let's say that "A" means you have done a good job in that area. When you mark "B" it means that you have developed well yourself but still haven't brought your subordinates up to an above-standard rating. And "C" means that neither you nor your subordinates do the total job that should be done in the area covered. Be objective. This is your own and your subordinates' personal improvement guide for the rest of this year and the year that lies ahead. Let's start reviewing.

1. TRAINING - Were you successful in getting any new employees off to a good start? And were you continually working with the oldtimers so as to increase their effectiveness and growth on the job? Rating:

2. COMMUNICATIONS - Were you fully informed about operations, plans, and policies? Did you keep your subordinates informed and help eliminate rumors and the grapevine? Rating:

3. SAFETY - Did you really build safety consciousness last year? Did the safety record of your department improve? Rating:;

4. WORK PLANNING- Do you have each day's work planned ahead of time? Do your subordinates know their work and when it is to be completed? Have you avoided idle time by good planning? Rating:

5. METHODS IMPROVEMENT - How about better ways to do the work? Did last year see work simplification efforts successfully used in your section? Are you and your people constantly looking for better ways to get the work out? Rating:

6. HUMAN RELATIONS - Is the esprit de corps of your group really high? Are there petty jealousies among your people, or among you and individual subordinates? Rating:

7. ABSENCES AND TARDINESS - One sign of poor morale and lack of employee interest is the absence and tardiness rate. How has it been in your department this year? How does it compare with last year? Rating:

8. OVER-ALL PICTURE - Can you honestly say that last year was a year of betterment for you and your group? If there are areas that have not shown improvement, make a list and concentrate on them for the next twelve months. Rating:

--Dartnell Employee Relations Service,  
The Dartnell Corporation,  
Chicago, Illinois.

## LATEST BIENNIAL REPORT



It looks as if Planning and Research has done it again on their smart looking Biennial Report which came out a couple of months ago. It's

The twenty-Fourth Biennial Report for the fiscal years 1959-1960, is in dark brown and rich-looking cafe' au lait color scheme with touches of red interspersed throughout.

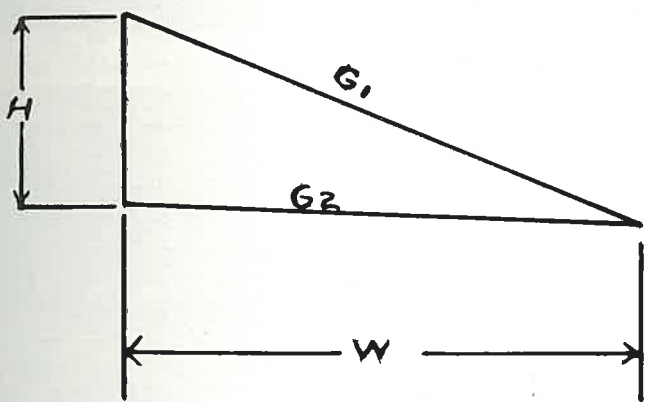
As in all the other reports, nearly all the employees had a hand in getting the facts and figures compiled and it's no small job. The last report (for 1957-59) won an Award of Distinction from the National Highway Users Conference, in recognition of a "noteworthy efforts to encourage wider public understanding of highway development and progress." Director Oliver accepted the award in Washington last May.

Congratulations to all the employees in P&R for having done another excellent job. It's sure to be another winner.

“FOR FIGURING SUBGRADE SLOPE JUNCTURES OF TYPICAL SECTIONS”

J. F. Williams, Jr., instrumentman in District 6, devised the simple and accurate formula for figuring subgrade slope junctures of typical sections, which is shown below. The diagram was submitted by Wiley Thornton, a levelman in District 6, who thought it may prove helpful to some employees.

Thornton suggested that we incorporate a section in the magazine, for the purpose of presenting other ideas which could possibly prove beneficial to our engineering personnel. We think the exchange of ideas through the pages of the magazine is a good suggestion and we shall be happy to comply with it but we will need the material. Send all ideas or suggestions to the magazine editor, Personnel Office.



$$W = \frac{H}{G_1 - G_2}$$

- W=width from shoulder to slope juncture.
- H=height of Material at shoulder point.
- G<sub>1</sub>=slope in feet per foot (steepest slope).
- G<sub>2</sub>=slope in feet per foot (flattest slope).

“WORDS OF INSPIRATION”

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life: He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:  
And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?



According to W. E. Hicks, engineer of District 7 engineer, “old steel never dies,” as evidenced by the two pictures he sent, shown here. A salvaged steel truss was used to replace a single lane untreated timber bridge on a Milum Act road, Mt. Holly to Smackover, Route 160, Section 5, in Union County.

First Aid Training School

Carl Hosack, safety officer for the Highway Department, will help supervise and manage the First Aid Training School which will be held in the Commission Room of the Highway building March 13-16.

The American Red Cross will furnish instructors and necessary equipment for conducting the school. Upon completing this special course, the Red Cross will present a card to each employee entitling him to become an instructor in First Aid.

The following divisions will select employees who are best qualified for this type of training and who in turn will be of the greatest help to serve as instructors in First Aid: two employees from each district; two for Central Offices, Little Rock; two from Central Shops, Jacksonville; two from Sign Shop; two from Bridge Maintenance; two from Materials and Tests; one from Planning and Research; and one from each Survey Crew.

Resident engineers and crew members, and Materials and Tests field employees will receive their training within the districts they are working. First Aid classes will be arranged for and scheduled by the district engineers.

This special training in First Aid will be beneficial to the Department employees, and employees will be very helpful to the traveling public in performing emergency first aid treatment when accidents occur on the highways.

Bill Headrick of Planning and Research, will be one of the instructors.

## 8 People in the News...



Lucille Dishongh, pretty (see picture) secretary to C. A. Shumaker, engineer of the Construction Division, is another of our girls who completed 15 years of service with the Highway Department. Mr. Shumaker presented the awards to Lucy in January.

Unlike many employees who have worked in other departments, Lucy has never left Construction since she started back in January 1946. Lucy said that she has worked for and with some of the very top engineering personnel during her 15 years, including Chief Engineer Ward Goodman, who was a resident engineer at the time; W. C. Ross, assistant engineer of Construction and now retired; and former engineers of Construction, Harry Wright, now engineer of County Roads; the late E. E. Mashburn; and W. E. (Pappy) Carter, now retired.

Lucy's duties are not confined solely to Mr. Shumaker as she is also "Girl Friday" to assistants: H. R. Lucas, L. A. McCain, John Tallant, H. B. Mathews, and others.

A native of Oil City, Louisiana, Lucy moved to Little Rock early enough to have attended Parham elementary school. She graduated from Little Rock High School (now Central), and attended Little Rock University for two years. She got her first job during World War II as clerk and secretary at Jacksonville with Ford, Bacon & Davis. After 34 months the war ended and shortly after Lucy came to the Highway Department.

Lucille and her husband, L. E. (Dish) Dishongh, live at No. 1 Amarillo Drive, Park Plaza addition, in a beautiful home where they often entertain some of their many friends. They have many interests but Dish is a great sports car racing fan and they have made many out-of-state trips to see some of the national events. Dish has raced his own white Jaquar a couple of times.

Lucy is not only a very attractive gal but is as generous and big-hearted as she can be, and is a favorite personality in the Department.

Our congrats to Lucy on her awards...We hope she's around 15 more!

Raif M. Smith, administrative assistant, was speaker at the National Machine Accounts Association meeting and banquet at the Albert Pike Hotel February 21. Mr. Smith also was on the program as a speaker at the Highway Short Course at Fayetteville March 2-3.



EEK! A MOUSE!

Nancy Sipe, secretary to Right of Way Engineer Eugene Nelson, is reacting to the little white mouse in a typical female manner - the chair bit and all. Nancy posed for the pic and the mouse was furnished through the courtesy of an employee in Right of Way whose young son owns the pet.





Frank Neighbors, Jr., standing in the center at left, resident engineer on the Industrial Spur, Fourche Interchange, is now a full-fledged registered professional engineer. He received his registration certificate February 24 at the annual spring dinner meeting of the ASPE held in the Albert Pike Hotel. R. Rhinehart, member of the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, presented the certificates. The two gentlemen standing by Frank also received their registration. They are Ira H. Whorton, chief engineer at the Little Rock Air Force Base, and Earl Christian with the Arkansas State Board of Health. Delbert Schmand, not shown, presided over the meeting in the absence of J. T. Pendergrass, president of ASPE.



G. W. Roark, chief chemist in Materials and Tests until his retirement February 15, was honored with a "going away" party on the night of February 11 at Hank's Log House. Mr. Roark was quite pleased and surprised with gifts presented by the employees in M&T. At right he is shown examining a new radio. Looking on are Mrs. Roark, holding another gift, and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Price Roark.



Now here's a string of fish that doesn't make it necessary to lie. The fishermen holding their nice catch are: James "Red" Goins, Olan Clark, and Havis Laminack.



Charles W. Frazier and James Edwin Hoggard shown above, are two new illustrators in the publication unit of the mapping section in Planning and Research.

Frazier, 30, is a graduate of the University of Arkansas (January) where he majored in commercial art. A native of Kentucky, he was in the Air Force for four years as illustrator in the Comptroller's Office. He, wife Lynn, and son Mark, reside at 5216 Hawthorne Road in "Mortgage Manor." His hobbies are fishing, hunting, and believe it or not, artwork; he does paintings in oils, water colors and other mediums. Hoggard has had two years at State Teachers College at Conway where he majored in pre-engineering. He is single, and resides in North Little Rock. On week ends he can be found at home in Conway where he has a great active hobby in archeology. He has a number of Indian artifacts, including beads, knives, arrowpoints, etc. He is at present listing, cataloguing, and classifying these objects. If any of you happen to have an Indian Artifacts catalogue, you will find his listed under 3FA1.



## AROUND THE DEPARTMENTS



### accounting

*Blanche Smith*

Two of our employees have left us - for greener fields we hope. Rayma Fisher transferred to the Jacksonville office which is much closer to her home in Beebe. We miss you, Rayma. Jim Watts got California fever from somewhere. Best of luck, Jim. We hope you, wife Carolyn, and your "almost new" Comet will get there (La Mesa, vicinity of San Diego) in tip-top shape.

Leslie Perry, we welcome you from Construction field office and hope you will like us. Les came in to replace Jim.

Margaret Allen, Lola Buck, Olin Randall, and this reporter attended the Saturday matinee of "The Music Man." We all gave it "raves."

Pat Koonce's sons, Gerry and Bobby, had the distinction and pleasure of being "Pages" in the House of Representatives during the Legislature. Pat had as guests for a week-end her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Racster from Evansville, Indiana.

Our boss, J. E. McCarthy, attended the Short Course at Fayetteville, March 2-3.

### bridge design

*Virginia Tackett*

March 4 was the big day for Ruby Wilson, wife of W. E. Wilson in Bridge Design. She flew to Washington where she was joined by son Bill Jr. who will accompany her on a two-weeks' tour of Europe. As of this printing, they may be in Rome, or even on the way home, but we know they are having a wonderful time. Mrs. Wilson won the trip for two by making a contribution to CARE and submitting a statement as to her opinion of the organization's work among distressed areas in the world. We are almost as anxious as Mr. Wilson to have her back so we can hear all the exciting details of her trip.

Mary and Veral Pinkerton are staying close to home since the arrival of Mary Denise on February 19. No trips to Europe for these proud parents. They say she's strong, clever, healthy, pretty and extremely vocal, and all at such a tender age.

It was pretty quiet around the department while all the engineers were away at the Highway Short Course in Fayetteville. We were happy to have them back again as

of March 6, and trust they picked up lots of information that will be of value to them.

Marcellus Gross and James Little finished their training program while still in Bridge Design, and Marcy decided to stay with us permanently. We were extraordinarily pleased, and at the same time we're sorry that Jim Little didn't choose this division too. However, he wanted to work in Construction and we hope he will be happily occupied there. Our newest trainees are James Eugene Belknap and Tommy Bond. Tommy was with us one summer and we're glad he's back even for a short while. Eugene is new, but fits in as though he had been designing bridges and making daily trips for cold drinks for years.

### chief engineer

*Leontee Connelly*

The past month has found many of our men quite busy. Our office was represented at the Highway Short Course, conducted at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, March 2 and 3, by Hub Holland, Bob Andrews, Bill Rainwater, Charles Freeman, and Charles Wrobleski. Chief Engineer Ward Goodman presided at the afternoon session on March 2.

One of the highlights, in keeping with National Engineers Week, was the Annual Spring Banquet of the Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers in the Albert Pike Hotel on Thursday, February 23rd. The Highway Department is well represented in this organization. Included in the membership are Assistant Chief Engineer John Pendergrass who is President of the Society. Office Engineer W. C. Johnston is Chairman of the Young Engineer Committee. Pete Daggett is Membership Chairman. Bob Andrews is Chairman of the Arrangements Committee. He was assisted by Hub Holland in making the arrangements for Engineers Week. Hub prepared the document proclaiming Engineers Week in Arkansas and submitted it for the Governor's signature. The 141 dinner guests included members of the Arkansas Society, their wives, and a number of high school students.

Have you wondered why there is so much activity in the Highway building on Fridays and why many of the men look especially nice? It's because of their membership in the Hi-Noon Toastmaster's Club which meets each Friday at Hanks Dog House. The Highway Department is well represented in this organization too.

and some of the officers and committee chairmen are from the Chief Engineer's Office. Chief Engineer Ward Goodman is President, Hub Holland is Secretary, and Bill Rainwater very ably assists Vice President Jim Meredith with the program each week.

Nancy Rankin and husband, Bob, motored to Tulsa on a business trip February 24, then on to Wichita, Kansas, to visit Bob's parents.

Mrs. Jim Boen was called to Clarksville because of her mother's illness. Last report was that she is much better.

Virginia Deckard's mother-in-law is in the Baptist Hospital recovering from surgery.

June Dillon's father-in-law has been seriously ill but is much improved.

Welcome to Dale Spencer, engineering trainee, who was transferred from District 6 to our office on March 1. He is a native of Kansas and a graduate of Kansas State University.

Goodloe Hampton spent a week end at Fordyce recently visiting friends.

John Pendergrass, accompanied by his wife, left Little Rock February 18 for Washington, D. C. for two weeks' duty. From Washington they went to Atlantic City, New Jersey, where they represented the Highway Department at the American Road Builders Association.

Virginia Deckard's husband finished his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood and is permanently stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas. Virginia plans a trip soon to visit him.

Dan Morgan clerk in Office Engineer's office, just finished a half-term at Little Rock University and has three hours to his credits. We are proud of Dan - he is still attending and that's what it takes to get ahead.

Les Evitts was busy the first week in March taking his bar examination, and we're wondering where he will hang his shingle.

Mrs. J. Fred Kenny honored her sister and brother-in-law, Ferol (Ward Goodman's secretary) and Jimmy Jones, with a reception and open house on their Silver Wedding Anniversary Sunday, February 26 in their new home at 5336 C Street. Upon arrival, guests were greeted at the door by Mrs. Kenny and guided through the new house by Ferol's son, Jerry, and received by Ferol and Jimmy in the living room. Punch and coffee were served by Mrs. I. N. Brundrett and Mrs. William Phelps, from a table covered with a cutwork linen burlap cloth, centered with an arrangement of white carnations, stock, and silver leaves in a silver bowl, flanked by silver candleabras. Alternating at the guest book were

Jo Ann Almond and Ferol's daughter, Judy, assisted by Frances Phelps. The house was bright with flowers sent by absent friends and one of the happiest greetings was a call from Jimmy's sister Dean, and her family in London, England. About 100 guests, many of Ferol's co-workers at the Department, called during the afternoon. Ferol wore a beige satin sheath dress with bronze iridescent jewelry and an orchid corsage.

## county roads

*Zelda Riggs*

We are happy to welcome David Patrick "Pat" Herndon, of 711 Herndon Road, Little Rock, as a new draftsman in our office.

Max and Mary Hall visited the Bill and Gwen Userys and young son of Fort Worth, Texas on a recent week end. The week end of March 3 they visited with sister, Irma Schuh of Paragould, and will go to Atlanta the week end of March 18 for a visit with daughter, Helen Ann and husband, Donald Banks. A former employee of the Highway Department, Don is just completing his Junior year at Georgia Tech and they are awaiting the arrival of their first baby some time in April.

Zelda's mother, Martha Anne Allen, who lives with Zelda at 111 Dennison, spent a week with Zelda's daughter, Eunice M. Johnson on Pine Valley Road in Little Rock while Zelda vacationed the last week of February. Mother Allen returned home to be home with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Holder E. Hudgins of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and daughter, Mrs. Ella B. Hurst of Fayetteville, and the Freeman L. Johnsons of Texarkana, who all came for the celebration of Mother Allen's birthday on March 1, when she reached 86 years of age. (Editor's note: Mother Allen is pictured on page 15 with her birthday cake and gifts. The poem was written special for Mother Allen by her niece, who resides in Hot Springs and is a freelance writer.)

## data processing

*Ne'dra Barton*

Our boss, Art Johnson, traveled to Chicago the week of February 20-24 to attend the National Directors' meeting of the National Machine Accountants Association, held at the Palmer House. About 150 directors, representing over 100 chapters in the United States and Canada, attended. Art is national director of the Central Arkansas Chapter, which has 44 machine accountant members, most of whom are located in Little Rock.

Carolyn Reddin transferred to our department from Personnel March 6. She attended IBM school for a week and then became a full-fledged member of our DPC gang. We're happy to have the little one with us.

## director's office

*Marie Rossing*

Dorothy Switzer celebrated her birthday on Sunday, February 19, but some of us honored her on February 17 with a luncheon at Browning's and presented her with a gift. Helen Lane, a former employee of the Highway Department was a guest. Others present were Ceceil Byrns, Marie Rossing, Joyce Spencer, Birdie Wright, and Ferol Jones.

We had an office luncheon for Joyce to celebrate her birthday February 20. Those present were the same as above except for Helen Lane. We presented Joyce with a gift. We hope Dot and Joyce have many, many more.

Why was this writer wearing a beautiful red corsage one Monday morning recently? On the Friday night before, her sorority, Alpha Delta Tau, gave her a dinner party at the Sam Peck Hotel honoring her as having served as their president during 1960. She was presented a silver compote, also.

## equipment

*Avalee Padgett*

Welcome to the following new employees at Jacksonville: Mac Laman, clerk in Central shop; Tony Schmelzer, mechanic in Light Equipment Shop; Sally Crook, clerk in Equipment Office; Bill Tanneberger, who replaced Lee Roy Rateliff, clerk in Central Warehouse; and Rayma Jean Fisher, who transferred from Accounting Division to replace Earlene Patterson as clerk in Procurement for Equipment Office.

George Lewis has moved into his new home on Thayer street in Little Rock. We know he is glad to have completed the construction.

Patsy Navens with friends, Kitty Kirkpatrick (daughter of Lem Kirkpatrick), and Carolyn Lipton, spent a recent week end in Dallas and Denton, Texas visiting friends.

Bob and Bonnie Hill attended the races on February 22, but don't think they fed the horses too much hay.

The Equipment Office celebrated Mr. Hayes' birthday on February 16 with coffee and cake. Guests were Earl Bowman and

Sam Gray, who were on hand to watch Mr. Hayes blow out his "40" candles.

Frank Pitts was honored with a birthday party on February 24 by the Procurement Office. He was presented with a gift and refreshments were served.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Lee Hoffman on the death of his father, and to Clifford Hillman, whose mother passed away in her home in North Little Rock.

## legal

*Betty Grimes*

Our new employee, who will assist in the preparation of exhibits for condemnation trials, is Caleb Morris. Cabe, an artist, has returned recently to Arkansas from Acapulco, Mexico, where he lived comfortably on two dollars a day. He says the only reason that he returned was he ran out of money...and that's a pretty good reason.

Carolyn Wilkerson spent her vacation in the Arkansas Baptist Hospital where she underwent minor surgery. That's a poor way to spend your vacation, Carolyn, so we're glad you are recovered and back at work.

Our hats are off to Norman Smith for the minimum inconvenience we had to endure in the Legal Section in spite of the rather extensive rearranging of offices and partitions.

George Green, staff attorney, and Clay Robinson, claims attorney, attended the Third Annual Institute on Eminent Domain. The session, sponsored by the Southwestern Legal Foundation, was held at Southern Methodist University Law School in Dallas, Texas March 9-10.

We have enjoyed visits recently from Assistant General Counsel Henry Krevor, Bureau of Public Roads, Washington, D. C., and Regional Right of Way Engineer J. M. DeBardleben, BPR, Fort Worth, Texas.

## microfilming

## & supplies

*Helen McCook*

The nicest thing happened to your reporter on Valentine's Day. Lucille Dishongh and Margaret Weathers gave me a "shower" in the Commission Room because I moved into an apartment all by myself. The first time in my life that I have lived alone. I received a lot of beautiful gifts and am so proud of all of them. I want to thank the girls again for everything. The party was at noon so the girls in the building brought their lunches and Margaret had baked a cake which she

decorated with white icing and red hearts and it was served with ice cream. Jimmy Meyer won the door prize; a pot of African violets.

By the time this goes to press, Betty Ray will be Mrs. Wade Graham. The happy event took place at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4 in the Church of Christ at Sixth and Izard. Hope you all saw the pretty bride...

"Uncle Dale" he is known as these days...Dale Hoggard's sister, who lives in Washington, D. C., has a son and Dale's mother reports that he is the "most."

We all miss Verna Daes since she left, but she dropped in the other day with Ray, her little boy, and he is a darling!

Nebraska's brother has been seriously ill in the Missouri Pacific hospital recently, but at this writing we can report that he is much improved.

## Personnel

M. A.

Things around Personnel have been quiet lately. Everyone seems to be pretty fed up with winter and are biding their time until spring and warmer weather arrive...

We have had several celebrations in the office in the last month or so...Jim Zinn had a birthday January 31; Sibble Cox had one to roll around February 6; and Jim Higgins' was February 26. We celebrated each with cake, coffee, and a gift. Sibble was given a birthday luncheon by several of the gals on the fourth floor.

Jackie Wallace's 15-year service awards presentation was cause for another celebration. And, if any more events come around soon we're all going to be as wide as the door because we had the inevitable cake. Dale Davison, our boss, presented the awards to Jackie on February 21. Hope you have many more, Jackie.

Jim Higgins was off a couple of days with a swollen, and painfully sore jaw - the results of having a wisdom tooth cut out. He subsisted on soup for over a week.

Carolyn Reddin, one of the records clerks transferred to Data Processing Center early in March after going to IBM school for training for a week. We miss Carolyn, but we still see her around...Mildred Jane Greenlee replaced Carolyn. She reported to work March 1, and seems to be very pleasant. She is a native of Waverly, Tennessee, is married, has two boys, ages four and seven, and the Greenlees reside at 7822 Ascension in Little Rock. Welcome to the fold, Jane.

Mrs. Dale Davison, wife of our boss, was in St. Vincent's Hospital for over a week last month. We are very happy that she is improving...She said that she was very glad to get out of the hospital and that there was truly "no place like home." One of the Davisons' young daughters also suffered a broken arm.

Hoyt Thomas spent the week end of March 10 in San Antonio visiting an uncle... He and another uncle drove down in a 1960 T-Bird, so they had very smooth going.

Dale Davison and Jim Higgins drove up to Fayetteville February 27 to interview engineers and to take in the Short Course.

Jackie Wallace spent the week end of February 24 at Heber Springs, visiting her family...Lavona Croft spent the week of March 3 in Evening Shade.

This writer and family had as guests over the week end of February 24, her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Stanford, Jr., and their little daughter, Rinda, from Memphis, Tennessee. Also, her brother, W. M. Hancock, from Memphis, was an overnight guest while in Little Rock on a business trip.

## planning

& research

Bonnie Liner

J. R. Henderson attended the Seminar of Urban Transportation Planning for Region II in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, February 6-8.

Mr. Henderson, Bill Cooper, and Robbie Parker attended the Annual Highway Short Course at the March 2 and 3. Cooper served as moderator for a panel on Cooperative Urban Transportation Planning. Parker was a panelist on the program and spoke on the Traffic Engineer's Viewpoint and Responsibility in Urban Planning. Other panelists included: Professor William S. Bonner of the City Planning Division of the University; Charles Frierson, attorney and chairman of Jonesboro Street and Highway Committee; and Frank Hawley, assistant regional planning and research engineer, BPR, Ft. Worth.

Y. W. Whelchel is working on legislative liaison during the present session of the General Assembly.

A group of new faces have joined our force recently here in Planning and Research. They are Edwin Hoggard and Charles Frazier who are working in the Mapping and Drafting section; Ken Graves who is employed in Road Inventory; and Carroll Mathis working for the Traffic Section.

During the month of February, Dale Loe and Thomas Bond were in Planning and Research on the Engineering Training Program. This month we have Lawrence Fletcher and Ralph Steifvater with us.

Several of our employees have been sick during the past month. Many of us have had colds or flu. Neal Morehead was off on sick leave for a couple of weeks after an operation, but is feeling better now and is back at work although 17 pounds lighter.

Helen McNutt and Ruth Cantley were in the hospital; both are back at work again.

J. C. Longcoy took his wife home from the hospital February 22, and on the morning of February 23 had to go himself after having a car accident on his way to work. He spent a few days in the hospital and at home. We are glad to have him back with us again, cuts, scratches and all.

The W. K. Bartleson family have moved into their new home in Briarwood addition. "Bart" has extended an invitation to all of us to visit him.

We are very proud of Lester Jester in our Traffic Engineering section who has received an offer of a fellowship to attend Purdue University this fall to work on his master's degree in Traffic Engineering.

Congratulations to Mr. Henderson for the wide-spread recognition he has received for his paper, "Cooperative Planning in the Smaller City," which he presented at the American Association of State Highway Officials in Detroit last December.

## right of way

Nancy Sipe

House payments, utility and grocery bills are somewhat in arrears in some households of Right of Way; the men just won't let their wives squander their money on frivolities while the ponies are trotting over at Oaklawn. Post time has found the following rooting for their selection: Mr. Nelson, Dwight Little and wife, Doris Lee, Retha Griffin, Nancy and Kenny Sipe, Glendol and wife, Jerry.

Hazel McPherson has just been notified that she won a \$25 gift certificate from the Maternity Shop at Pfeifers of Arkansas. Congratulations. And incidentally, it's quite apropos, for after March 15, Hazel will be at home impatiently waiting for their first baby. We'll miss you, Hazel, and our best wishes to you.

Welcome to two new employees in the Engineering Section—Benny Walden, whose home is in Russellville, and Paul L. Broyles from Bauxite. Glad to have you mid our crew.

Recent Arkansas foul weather (imported no doubt by touring Yankee horse followers) is playing havoc with the health of some of the employees in Right of Way. Remond Schafer, Dwight Little, Art Emmerling, and Carl Fowler have taken recuperative time at home nursing their individual ailments. We are happy to have all these ailers back aboard.

Don Martin and Herbert Hooten attended the Engineering Short Course at the University of Arkansas.

It is often seen at weddings that  
The something blue  
Is the bridegroom no one pays the  
Least attention to.

-Imogene Fey

**district 2***Ouida Grimes*

We were happy to have Arlene Davis and Victor Stone from Camden come to our office recently to see how we have our sur-charge program set up in the stock room. Come back to see us any time.

Elmer Blasengame of Star City stopped by to see us February 27. He had a back operation a few months ago that was not successful...We hope things look brighter soon for him and he can come back to work for the Department.

We had another good fish fry and barbeque at Hamburg on February 10. It was in the Area Headquarters building just completed. Speaking on behalf of all the ladies present, we certainly enjoyed visiting with each other while the men did all of the work - they did a fine job. Joe Savage, area foreman, was in charge of the gay affair. Thanks for inviting us, Joe.

We are happy to report that Louise Harris (Mrs. John S., Jr.) is home from the hospital and improving. We send our best get-well wishes to Roy O'Briant of Monticello who had surgery recently.

**district 3***Olive Jackson*

Our boss, J. E. Lowder, who is director of the Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers of District 3, attended the ASPE on February 24 at the Albert Pike Hotel in Little Rock which was held at 7 p.m. The keynote feature of the meeting was a panel discussion on career opportunities in engineering. The panel was composed of three outstanding engineers representing government, industry, and the consulting services with George F. Branigan; director of engineering at the University of Arkansas, as moderator. Each director was authorized to invite two outstanding high school math-science majors from his district to attend the dinner meeting as honor guests of the society. Mr. Lowder selected a boy from Hope High School, Bill Bright and one from the Hot Springs High School, Jerry Craig. The society also had an ASPE board meeting at 3 p.m. on the same date.

Congratulations to the following employees who received 5-year service awards in February: Sidney Alfred Flowers, Jr., Uther Crystal Rhodes, Wilburn T. Tallant, and Ralph Waldo Wylie.

This office enjoyed visits from the following last month: R. B. Winfrey, A. G. Rives, Kent Brown, Van Campbell, Jake Elements, and Carl Hosack.

We are very glad that A. A. Hodges, who was severely burned and was in the Branch Hospital for several weeks, was released January 24 and returned to work

March 1. We are also happy to report that Alton Self, who was in the Veteran's Hospital in Little Rock for several months, is now back on the job. Others in the hospital in the month of February with flu and check-ups were: Charlie Carter, Murfreesboro, and Earl Hampton, Hope.

The welcome mat is extended to Harold Dean Hall, a new employee who is working at our warehouse in the district yard.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Barrow of DeQueen, announce the marriage of their daughter, Nannie Barrow, to Paul Turner of Gillham. The ceremony was performed at the home of the Reverend D. A. Fox in Delight, Arkansas on February 26. Paul is one of employees in Sevier County.

Congratulations to William and Anna Mae Cobb, who are the proud parents of a little son, William Tracy, who arrived February 18.

Those in our district who went to Fayetteville for the Highway Short Course at the University of Arkansas were: James E. Lowder, our boss; Ted Maryman, assistant maintenance superintendent; and R. V. Wilkison, Millard Lynn, and W. A. McDonnell, resident engineers.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Frank Cogbill in the loss of his mother, Mrs. Josie Cogbill, who passed away January 27.

**district 5***A. L. Moser*

Service awards were presented for the month of February to: Montie Harold May, 10 years; and Ulis Franks, 5 years. Congratulations, fellas!

We were pleased to have as visitors this month Thomas B. Keys, A. G. Rives, Bill Baugh, R. B. Winfrey, Bert Rownd, and L. A. McCain.

Mrs. Harold Mays underwent surgery at the North Arkansas Clinic February 24, and is improving nicely.

Mrs. Arch Jones, mother of our payroll clerk, Mary Lee McCown, underwent surgery at the Methodist Hospital in Memphis and is back at home now doing fine.

B. D. Anderson is on the sick list at this writing with the MUMPS! We thought that was for kids...maybe it's second childhood...Carl Flippo is also on sick leave. Hope they both get well soon.

We had our second big snow on February 7 which was six inches deep. Our hats are off to the highway crews, who did such a nice job of keeping the highways passable, as the work involved a good many hours of overtime work.

Our sincere sympathies are extended to F. F. Warren and family in the loss of his mother February 4; W. R. Bolin and family in the loss of his brother-in-law February 16; and to George C. Cavanaugh and family in the loss of his father-in-law February 13.

**district 6***Jones-Trawick*

It's racing time again at Hot Springs and we have several ardent fans in our district who will be going over. We understand our Shop Foreman B. E. Woodyard, is a specialist in daily doubles, while others, including L. V. Witherspoon, are more or less "jacks of all trades" and winners of none. If the "also rans" were the big money winners, every fan in this district would be wallowing in riches. In reality, the only returns enjoyed will be those returns to Little Rock from Oaklawn.

The tide has turned at District 6! Colgate is now buying the cokes for Deadeye; Squirrel Head has a Red Bone coon dog that he would part with for a hundred bucks...of course the dog gets lost pretty often but he always shows up in a couple of weeks.

We are glad that Glenn Appleby is much improved and is able to be up and around. He paid us a visit the other day and plans on being back on the job sometime this month.

We were sorry to hear that Shorty Williams' home burned recently. We understand that they were not able to save any of their possessions. Shorty is a former employee of the sealing crew.

Congratulations to Richard Stanton who received his 20-year service awards.

We are glad that Mrs. C. W. Edge is recovering nicely after surgery

**district 7***Burnham and Campbell*

F. A. Lansdale, area foreman for Dallas County, was awarded a 30-year Service Pin and Certificate of Merit by the Highway Commission at the March meeting in Little Rock. Congratulations, Bill! Service awards presented in February went to: W. C. Booth and John Charles Gossett, 15 years; and Clifford W. Smith and Benjamin F. Walsh, 5 years. March awards were presented to Burrell V. Gresham and Doyle P. Jacks, 10 years; Hershel F. Harwell and John Calvin Wheelington, 5 years.

Samuel Dundee, levelman, has been transferred to Hope in District 3. We will miss you, Sam, but know you are happy to be back home.

Miss Judy Hicks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hicks, spent her eighteenth birthday in the hospital. We are glad that Judy is back in school and feeling fine.

Billy Prince of Pine Bluff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Prince, was in an automobile accident on Saturday, February 18. He received severe face lacerations and is in the hospital at Arkadelphia. Billy is much improved at this writing and we hope he will soon be able to come home.

G. C. Hunter, Bradley County motor patrol operator, has been off from work the past several days due to illness. We wish him a speedy recovery.

George Moore reports that Ike Lansdale is building a pasture fence, however, if it doesn't stop raining it will probably turn out to be a frog pond and Bill can move his rocking chair from his fish pond. (?)

We understand that Boyd Hatridge has a new daughter-in-law. His son, Boyd Edwin, a college student-employee of the Department last summer, was recently married to Miss Lynda Richardson of Camden.

Larry Hollis, not to be outdone by other employees of J. C. Webb, now has a 1959 Chevrolet.

Dan Carrier was in an automobile accident and is in the hospital at this writing... hope you can soon be back with us, Dan.

Charles Rampley and Noel Word are getting to be quite expert bowlers from all reports. However, we understand Noel is very easily beaten when a certain young lady is among the onlookers.

W. E. Hicks, G. E. Nunnally, J. C. Webb, C. L. Baucum, and E. W. Bartel, represented District 7 when they attended the Highway Short Course sponsored by the University of Arkansas and held at Fayetteville March 2 and 3.

### district 9

*Hulsey and Morton*

Bill Moore, our acting district engineer, is the very proud owner of a beautiful new 1961 Ford Galaxie, white, with a snazzy looking red interior. We are sure Jo Nell and the boys are equally proud of their new car and will enjoy it very much.

Since the opening of the new Harrison Bowl, several of our employees have become great enthusiasts and are beginning to rack up pretty good scores. Bill Moore, Jewell Whitaker, Gary Godfrey, and J. L. Owens tried their luck at the game one evening and we understand that Jewell managed to come up with high score. How about it, Jewell? W. H. "Slim" Porter is an 'old hand' at the game, being a member of the Methodist Church league. Forrest Williams and Marion Downs roll a pretty good game and are on the scene quite often.

Dick Hinchman recently won a prize at the Hill Top Grange meeting with his rendition of "A Cowboy's Lament." Dick is a mechanic at the district shop.

Congratulations to the following employees who received service awards in February: Harvey K. Scandrett, Henderson Ferry, 15 years; Guy Brashears, Fayetteville, and Fred O. Loghry, Springdale, 10 years; Burl Lamphere, Springdale, and Paul Whitley, Harrison.

After 35 years with AHD, J. A. (Leck) Owen retired, effective February 28. Leck had been maintenance superintendent assistant at Springdale for the past year and a half. On February 24, employees of District 9-Springdale, had a farewell party for Leck and presented him with a gift. We join his many friends throughout the Department in extending best wishes for many contented years ahead.

Rue Madle retired on February 15 after many years as patrol operator in District 9. We will miss Rue and we extend our best wishes to him.

Pete Redman, mechanic, was hospitalized February 13. We wish you a speedy recovery, Pete, and hope you will be back on the job soon.

Eugene Rogers, truck driver, was hospitalized also, recently, and will be away from his work for a couple of weeks. Tillman Fancher, Carrol County foreman, is also a hospital patient. Get well wishes to both of them. (We understand that Hillman knows of a special diet for anyone interested in becoming G-Men!)

### district 10

*Katherine Booher*

Congratulations to the following in our district who received their Certificates of Merit and Service Pins during the month of February: G. E. Gunn, 20 years; and C. S. Hopper, 10 years.

Belated birthday greetings to Golvie Lou Light and Essie Porter, both of whom celebrated in February. Hope they have many, many more...

Visitors to our office from the Little Rock offices during the past month were: G. W. Stanford, R. B. Keene, Tom Dixon, Bert Rownd, and Kent Brown. We always enjoy having visitors and hope they will come back to see us soon.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Ladd and daughter to Paragould. Mr. Ladd was formerly area foreman at Pocahontas and has been promoted to job superintendent to fill the vacancy created when Guy Tate was forced to resign due to ill health. We hope Mr. Ladd will be happy on his new assignment.

We had Guy as a visitor to our office recently. He seems to be improving nicely and we hope he will drop by to see us as often as he can and that he continues to improve in health.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to James Carr Cobb and family in the recent passing of his mother, Mrs. W. D. Cobb, Sr., of Jonesboro. Mrs. Cobb had lived a long and useful life in Jonesboro, being 90 years of age and a charter member of the Mount Oliver Order of Eastern Star and the only living charter member of the First Christian Church of Jonesboro.



Except for a "few" years, the little gal on the left hasn't changed at all... CLUE: She's been working almost ten years and is a secretary.

Answers to last month's crossword puzzle:

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"Would you like him to supply you with a little background music?"

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## THIS'LL KILL 'YA...

by Jimmy Zinn



A little boy was sitting behind a bald-headed man at church, who was scratching the fringe of hair on one side of his bald pate. The old gentlemen kept it up so long that at last the little boy became interested, and, leaning over, said:

"Say, mister, you'll never catch him there. Why don't you run him out in the open?"

The real estate salesman was showing a piece of property. He had waxed very eloquent as he described all the advantages of the place, and when asked about the climate (in California), he had a better line than a barker at the circus. He finally wound up with such expressions as "Best in U. S. A.- Why no one ever dtes here." About that time, down a nearby street, a funeral procession came into view. The salesman removed his hat and said solemnly, "Poor old undertaker, starved to death."

On board a ship a magician was entertaining the passengers - all except a parrot hanging nearby. Everything, including a pigeon that was made to disappear, was greeted by a shout of "Faker!" from the bird. Suddenly an explosion blew the ship into fragments, and the parrot landed on a raft occupied by the magician. After two days of sitting and staring at the man, the bird finally admitted, "All right, you win! What did you do with the ship?"

The man was late and chased the departing train to the end of the platform, but failed to catch it. As he walked slowly back, mopping his brow, an onlooker quierles, "Miss the train?"

"Oh, not much," came the reply, "You see, I never got to know it very well."

Professor: "Jones, can you tell us who built the Shinz?"

Student: "I-I-I did know sir - but I've forgotten!"

Professor: "Great guns, what a calamity! The only man living who knew, and he has forgotten!"

After attending the weekly church service, a woman with a reputation for being critical, was talking to her neighbor. She said the seats in her pew were hard, the hymn singing wasn't very good and the preaching was poor.

At that point, her little girl, who had gone to church with her spoke up.

"But, Mamma," she said, "what can you expect for a nickel?"

Little Billy was saying his prayers in a low voice.

"I can't hear you, dear," his mother said.

"Wasn't talking to you," said Billy.

A girl getting hurriedly out of her car approached the filling station attendant: "Do you have a ladies' waiting room?" she asked. She was plainly uncomfortable and embarrassed. "No mam," said the attendant politely, eyeing the fidgetting girl, "but we do have a room for ladies who can't wait."

An Indian buck with youngish ideas managed to swap off his 40-year-old squaw for two 20-year-old maidens at the annual tribal pow-wow.

The next year he returned and asked for his former wife back.

"Ugh," say he, "me not wired for two 20."

"Congratulations, my boy! You will always look upon this as the happiest day of your life."

"But I'm not getting married until tomorrow."

"Yes, I know."

Blondie: "I sure enjoyed the opera last night with Bill, and say, he has the most powerful binoculars."

Redhead: "He has? Say, I'd like to meet him. I just love those strong, virile men."



Mrs. Martha Anne Allen

Eighty six, they tell me?

Don't believe it's true!

When I recall the fun it is

To sit and talk with you.

Alert as folks of fifty!

Kind and tolerant!

Clear of mind, with wisdom

Well spent years have lent!

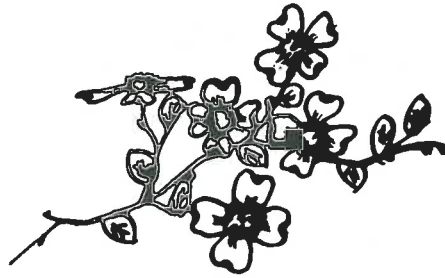
Eighty six? Well, maybe...

If years enrich and bless,

Anyhow, here's wishing

Every happiness.

-Mary Dingler Hudgins



#### THE LEGEND OF THE DOGWOOD

THERE is a legend, that at the time of the Crucifixion the dogwood had been the size of the oak and other forest trees. So firm and strong was the tree that it was chosen as the timber for the cross. To be used thus for such a cruel purpose greatly distressed the tree, and Jesus, nailed upon it, sensed this, and in His gentle pity for all sorrow and suffering said to it:

“Because of your regret and pity for My suffering, never again shall the dogwood tree grow large enough to be used as a cross. Henceforth it shall be slender and bent and twisted and its blossoms shall be in the form of a cross...two long and two short petals. And in the center of the outer edge of each petal there will be nail prints, brown with rust and stained with red, and in the center of the flower will be a crown of thorns, and all who see it will remember.”