

# arkansas highways



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### COMMISSIONER TAYLOR FETED AT BANQUET

Highway Commissioner Armil Taylor was honored at a banquet which highlighted a week end of activities on Mt. Magazine July 14-15. Arrangements were by Ray Blair of Paris and his committee. Jetta Taylor of Ozark acted as master of ceremonies. Both are members of Highway 309 Association.

Principal speaker was Mr. Taylor, who gave a very fine short talk. Others representing the Highway Commission were Mrs. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. John Harsh and family, Truman Baker, and Chairman Wayne Hampton and Mrs. Hampton. Each commissioner spoke briefly.

Others attending were Acting Director Ward Goodman and Mrs. Goodman; Assistant Chief Engineers Bill Moore and J. T. Pendergrass and their wives; District 4 Engineer J. P. Clayton and Mrs. Clayton; Johnnie Gray, and Ed Ray.

Approximately 225 persons attended.



At top picture, left, are Highway 309 Association members with Commissioner Armil Taylor. Left to right, they are: Homer Hall, vice president; Ray Blair of Paris, president; Jetta Taylor of Ozark; Armil Taylor; Afton Mitchell of Paris; Vel Wiggins, Paris. top, right, are: Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hampton and Mr. and Mrs. June Clayton. At left, center: Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Pendergrass and Mrs. Bill Moore. At right, center, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor. Bottom row, left to right; Mr. and Mrs. Ward Goodman; Commissioner Hampton with Roxanne Harsh and Mrs. Harsh; Dorothy Collier, who was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harsh, Amy Harsh, Mr. Harsh, and Roxanne.



# Highway Finances

Highway Director (Acting) Ward Goodman gave a full account of the Highway Department's financial status for the 1963-64 fiscal year July 18 at the Little Rock Rotary Club meeting at Hotel Marion.

Goodman gave his audience no reason for ambiguity as he used as a backdrop and reference the accompanying chart which clearly states how the money is spent.

From the year's revenues of \$64 million, the Department must allocate these fixed costs, Mr. Goodman said:

The State Revenue Department's collection fee, about \$1,900,000.

Bonded indebtedness, \$7,175,000.

Weights and Standards Division operation, \$800,000.

Agricultural tax refunds (refunds to farm purchasers of gasoline used in equipment that makes no use of highways), \$1,000,000.

Counties' aid, \$8,400,000.

Aid to cities, \$5,500,000.

This leaves \$39,290,000, Mr. Goodman said, and of that sum, there are further expenses:

Administration, \$1,200,000

Maintenance, \$13,800,000

Highway operation, \$1,300,000

Engineering and legal services, \$3,100,000

Equipment outlay, \$1,000,000

Other capital outlay (office equipment), \$100,000

Betterments, \$3,000,000

Buildings, \$1,200,000

Emergencies and contingencies, \$1,000,000

All of this leaves the Department \$13,500,000 for construction, and it isn't enough - by far - to meet the need, Mr. Goodman said.



Y. W. Whelchel, administrative assistant; Highway Commissioners John Harsh and Wayne Hampton; Mr. Goodman, and Grainger Williams, president of the Rotary Club.

## Where The Money Goes

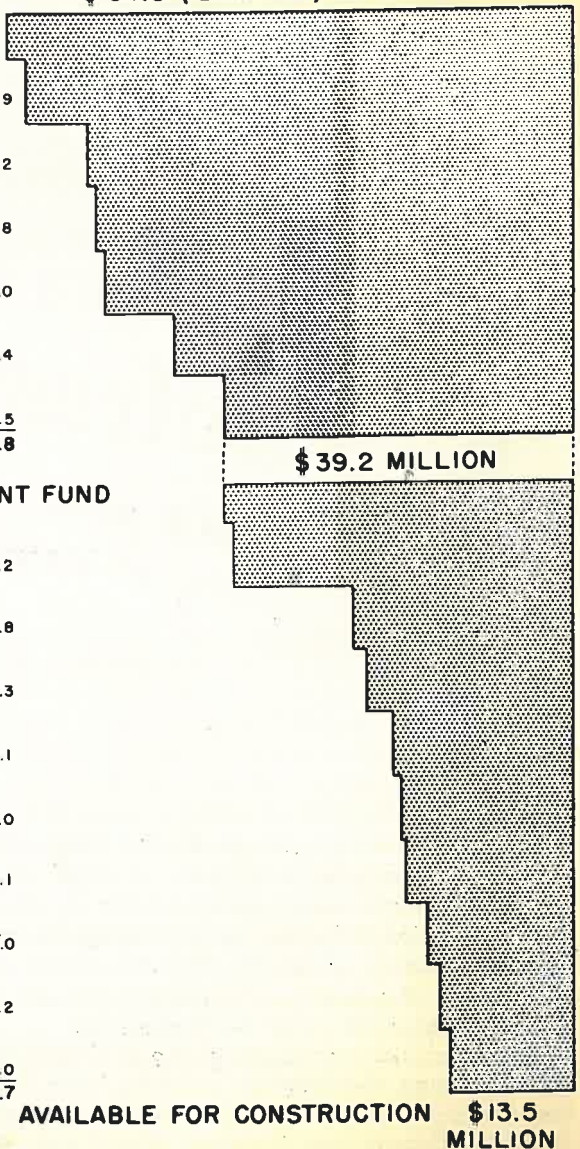
\$ 64.0 (Estimated) MILLION

### USER TAXES - GROSS DEDUCTIONS & TRANSFERS:

COLLECTION COSTS	\$ 1.9
BONDS	7.2
WEIGHTS AND STANDARDS	0.8
AGRICULTURAL TAX REFUNDS	1.0
COUNTIES	8.4
MUNICIPALITIES	5.5
<b>TOTAL DEDUCTIONS</b>	<b>\$ 24.8</b>

### STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FUND FISCAL BUDGET 1963-64

ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1.2
MAINTENANCE	13.8
OPERATION	1.3
ENGINEERING AND LEGAL	3.1
CAPITAL OUTLAY - EQUIPMENT	1.0
CAPITAL OUTLAY - OTHER	0.1
BETTERMENTS	3.0
BUILDINGS	1.2
EMERGENCIES AND CONTINGENCIES	1.0
<b>TOTAL NON-CONST. BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 25.7</b>



AVAILABLE FOR CONSTRUCTION \$ 13.5 MILLION




Arkansas Professional Engineers


to Certify that


has been duly registered as a




Professional Engineer

In testimony Whereof, this Certificate No. 5116 has been issued and seal affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 1

  
 G. F. Draney  
 P. E.





TEN Graduate engineers in the Department became registered professionals in May when they passed the examination administered by the Arkansas Professional Engineers Licensing Board. Allan Curry, secretary of the Board, also announced that Charles F. Wroblewski successfully passed the EIT examination at the same board meeting.

Highway Director (Acting) Ward Goodman stated that this was the largest group to have ever taken the tests at one time. The men are: Jimmy Irby Brannan, Donald Lee Cahoone, Coy Campbell, Jack

Coleman, Shelby I. Henderson, William Winborne Hope, Donald Robert Mitchell, Dale Clinton Spencer, Richard Vance Wilkison, Jr., and Kenneth F. Tyler.

BRANNAN, 32 is a native of Greenbrier where he graduated from high school. He attended Arkansas State Teachers College at Conway before transferring to the University of Arkansas where he received his civil engineering degree in January 1959. He has had experience on both bridges and roadways, and for the past year has been working as





Spencer



Wilkison



Tyler

engineering, instrument work, and he has been in charge of three primary, two secondary, and one county job. A veteran of the Navy, Coleman was promoted to resident engineer in District 4.

HENDERSON, 30, has been a designer in Roadway Design since he came to the Department in 1959 after receiving his BSCE from the University of Arkansas. A native of DeWitt, he graduated from DeWitt High School and attended Henderson State Teachers College for two years. Henderson served in the 82nd Engineering Company of the Army. He has shown considerable ability in highway design.

HOPE is an engineering assistant in District 6. He came to the Department in 1958 but his work was interrupted when he entered the Air Force to serve second lieutenant with the Civil Engineering Corps. During his service stint he was stationed in Alaska where he gained engineering experience such as design for construction, route surveying, cross-sections, triangulations and azimuth determinations. Hope was born in Prattsville, Ark., in 1935. He graduated from the University of Arkansas in May 1958.

MITCHELL, 31, is a native of Erie, Kan. He received his engineering degree from Kansas State University in 1959. His work in engineering has included supervision of level and transit surveying parties in Merced, Calif. He also has worked for the California Division of Highways at San Bernardino, and the Kansas and Missouri Highway Commissions. A veteran of the Navy, Mitchell has been engineering assistant in District 8 at Leslie.

SPENCER completed the AHD Training Program in 1961. A native of Kansas, also, he graduated from Kansas State College in 1959 after attending Iola Junior College. He came to the Department in 1960. Prior to that time he was employed with the Missouri Pacific RR and the Missouri Highway Commission. He is assistant resident engineer in District 4. Spencer is 27.

WILKISON came to the Highway Department in 1955 as acting resident engineer in District 7. A veteran of the Air Force, he served in the Pacific Theatre. For several years he worked for the Corps of Engineers in Little Rock. He was born in McCrory in 1924 and attended Oklahoma A&M College.

TYLER was promoted from bridge designer to resident engineer after passing his registration examination. He was recently assigned to District 2. A native of Haskell, Ark., he is a graduate of the University (1959), and attended Henderson State Teachers College for a year. He has been with the Department since receiving his degree. While in the Air Force he served as aircraft and engine mechanic.

engineering assistant in District 5. He was promoted to acting resident engineer. Brannan is a veteran of the Air Force.

CAHOONE, who has been acting resident engineer in District 6, was promoted to resident engineer. He received his BSCE from Kansas State in 1959 University and joined the staff of AHD in April 1960. A native of Cottonwood Falls, Kans., Cahoone is a veteran of the Air Force. His work includes construction of the Freeway in Little Rock-North Little Rock. Cahoone is 30.

CAMPBELL, 27, had been resident inspector in District 3 but was promoted to resident engineer as a result of his registration. A native of Lead Hill he attended Finlay Engineering College in Kansas City, Mo., with a BSCE in 1956. His work has included computation of roadway and bridge grades, and supervision of more than \$2.5 million on Interstate, primary, and secondary projects.

COLEMAN, a native of Little Rock, is 31. He attended Ft. Smith Junior College then transferred to the University of Arkansas where he received his civil engineering degree in 1959. His engineering experience has been varied but has included office

## BEFORE



## AFTER



The old Creek Bridge on Highway 96, east of Lavaca (District 4), had certainly seen better days before it was torn down to make way for the new one. The old bridge was erected in 1899. The new one was completed last October.

## RETIRED



Ezra Francis Baldwin  
Route 1  
Lonoke, Arkansas

Luther Bearden  
1188 College  
Batesville, Arkansas

A. J. Bonner  
204 McMillen Trail  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Kent Brown  
6015 Longwood Road  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Lola R. Buck  
607 Midland  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Elbert Stanton Burke  
1312 South Main St.  
Hope, Arkansas

Thomas Henry Clay  
Box 313-A  
Cabot, Arkansas

William Cobb  
Rt. 2  
Ashdown, Arkansas

W. H. Cook  
222 Park Place  
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Roy Tilley  
101 B Route  
Flippin, Arkansas

Edgar Lee McPherson  
General Delivery  
Mayflower, Arkansas

Mack Elmer Ellison  
Route No. 2  
Board Camp, Arkansas

Truman William Stephens  
Box 395  
Dyer, Arkansas

James Quitman Boen  
3915 West 12th Street  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Eugene Frank Nelson  
816 North Ash Street  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Ralph E. Huddleston  
Route 7, Box 73  
Wichita, Kansas 67205

Ike Dee Lansdale  
Rt. 2, Box 103  
Fordyce, Arkansas

Charlie Wilson Knox  
625 North Front St.  
Forrest City, Arkansas

Sturl Cowan  
Plummerville,  
Arkansas

Raymond Crotts  
Viola,  
Arkansas

Noel O. Diffie  
608 W. 34th St.  
North Little Rock, Ark.

Ocean Gonzo Diffie  
2314 East Washington  
North Little Rock, Ark.

Allen A. Driver  
Route 3  
Atkins, Arkansas

Purvy Lee Harris  
P. O. Box 2076  
Jacksonville, Arkansas

Clarence Henry Johnson  
Route 2  
Bigelow, Arkansas

Nick John Jones  
711 East 3rd St.  
Prescott, Arkansas

Robert Lybarger  
316 W. 16th  
North Little Rock, Ark.

J. W. Marshall  
902 Goodwin  
El Dorado, Arkansas

Arthur Lewis  
Rt. 2  
Greenwood, Arkansas

Harry M. Wright  
121 Fairview Road  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Robert Earl Wimberly  
Route 4  
Sheridan, Arkansas

Hulus Carl Scroggins  
Center Ridge,  
Arkansas

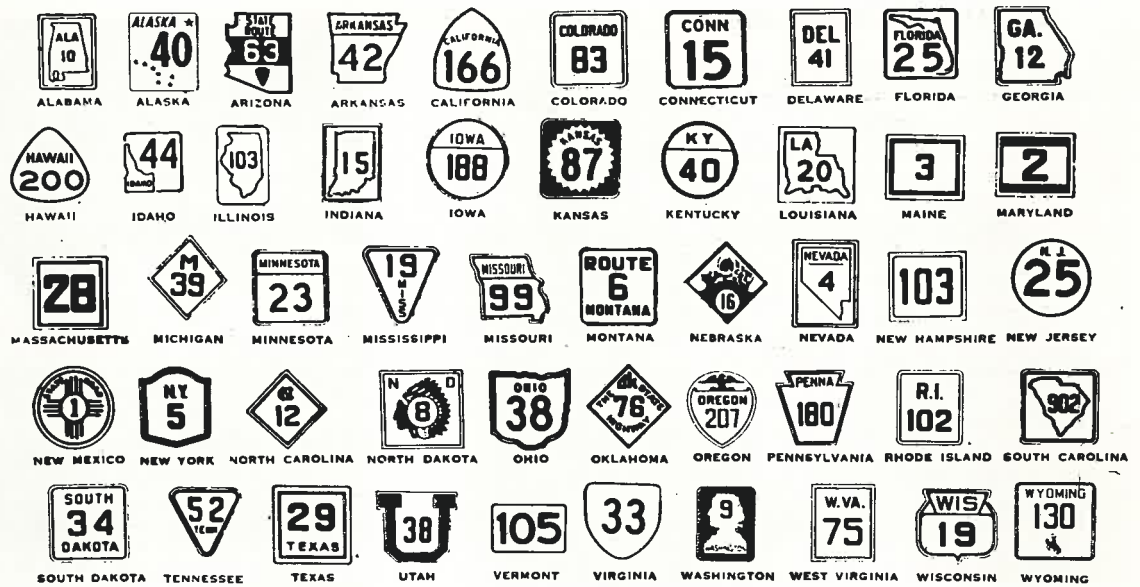
Joe Howell Rocco  
Ola,  
Arkansas

Gus Paul  
213 East Mill St.  
Malvern, Arkansas

William O'Guinn  
214 Clark Nettleton Sta.  
Jonesboro, Arkansas



## ROUTE MARKERS



Highway route markers used by the nation's 50 state highway departments are as interesting and varied as the states they represent.

Four states use their silhouette as the shape of the sign. They are Arizona, Arkansas, Missouri, and Ohio. Eight other states print their outline on a rectangular sign and put the number inside the line.

One state, Georgia, compromises between these techniques. Its route sign is rectangular on three sides and the right edge of it conforms to the shape of the eastern edge of the state. Michigan uses a diamond to mark its state routes. Three other states also employ a diamond marker, Nebraska, North Carolina, and Oklahoma. Nebraska adorns its diamond with a covered wagon, complete with a team of oxen. Oklahoma's diamond carries a route number and also informs travelers that they are in "The OK State."

Many of the states use a symbol that has some significance with their state or motto. Washington uses a profile of George Washington and Wyoming carries the silhouette of a cowboy on a bucking bronco. Arizona has an Indian arrowhead and Kansas puts its route numbers inside a sunflower.

## ZIP!

Put a little ZIP in your life by using ZIP CODE NUMBERS as a part of the address on all outgoing mail whenever possible. Director Goodman issued an administrative circular to all division heads and district engineers requesting their cooperation in using the code numbers. According to the Post Office Department, use of code numbers on all mail will greatly speed up delivery. The Zip number should follow the name of the state.

## FAITH OF THE ENGINEER

*I AM AN ENGINEER. In my profession I take deep pride, but without vainglory; to it I owe solemn obligations that I am eager to fulfill.*

*As an Engineer, I will participate in none but honest enterprise. To him that has engaged my services, as employer or client, I will give the utmost of performance and fidelity.*

*When needed, my skill and knowledge shall be given without reservation for the public good. From special capacity springs the obligation to use it well in the service of humanity; and I accept the challenge that this implies.*

*Jealous of the high repute of my calling, I will strive to protect the interests and good name of my profession that I know to be deserving; but I will not shrink, should duty dictate, from disclosing the truth regarding anyone that, by unscrupulous act, has shown himself unworthy of the profession.*

*Since the Age of Stone, human progress has been conditioned by the genius of my professional forbears. By them have been rendered usable to mankind Nature's vast resources of material and energy. By them have been vitalized and turned to practical account the principles of science and the revelations of technology. Except for this heritage of accumulated experience, my efforts would be feeble. I dedicate myself to the dissemination of engineering knowledge, and especially to the instruction of younger members of my profession in all its arts and traditions.*

*To my fellows I pledge, in the same full measure I ask of them, integrity and fair dealing, tolerance and respect, and devotion to the standards and the dignity of our profession; with the consciousness, always, that our special expertness carries with it the obligation to serve humanity with complete sincerity.*

## BASTIAN RECEIVES SERVICE AWARDS



A large gathering of friends and coworkers were on hand in the Commission Room July 24 when Harold Frederick Bastian, assistant division head in Bridge Design, received his 35-year service awards from the Highway Commission.

Acting Director Ward Goodman gave a brief sketch of Bastian before making the presentation, and introduced special guests, Mrs. Bastian and Mrs. Eddie Williams.

The Bridge Design feted Bastian with a small party to celebrate the memorable event.

## NEW BUILDING PLANS AUTHORIZED

Among other business attended to at the Highway Commission Meeting on July 24 was the authorization of plans for a new Highway building.

The new building would be located off the New Benton Highway on part of a 28-acre tract which is owned by the Department. Two buildings have been completed on the site and are occupied by Planning and Research, Weights and Standards, and District 6. A third building is nearing completion and will house Materials and Tests.

According to Wayne Hampton, Commission chairman, the multi-level building would be better fitted to the land than a one or two-story building, which had been discussed in 1960 when plans were begun for a new building.

Mr. Goodman said that plans are to move all Department services to the new building. This will eliminate the present necessity of having to rent space for some of the facilities.

Edwin Cromwell of Ginocchio, Cromwell, Carter, Neyland Inc., architectures, said the plans for the new structure should be ready within a couple of months. He said he expected construction to be started this year and completed in 1965.

The Education Department will take over the present quarters for \$400,000 which will be applied toward the cost of the new building.



These men work in Planning and Research but are seldom in the office due to their traveling around the state. Left to right: Asa McCord, field supervisor in the Traffic Section, Carl Bratcher, Chester Willis, and H. K. Eason.

## FIRE FIGHTERS

Maintenance and construction employees have long been noted and commended for their willingness to assist motorists who have, for some reason or other, become stranded or otherwise needed help. However, Resident Engineer Van Bratton and his men, who are working on a job at Woodson, went beyond the call of duty not long ago by lending their assistance at a fire at Woodson.

The fire was in a residence across the street from Bratton's field office. Bratton and his men pitched in and helped carry out furniture and also helped to prevent the fire from spreading.

This incident is just more proof that AHD personnel are generous, kind, smart, talented, capable and, in general, good people.



Kneeling, left to right: Ed Pitts, Raymond McCool, Lindsey Bellomy, Standing: Ross Honea, Jerry Humphries, Resident Engineer Van Patton, Joe Willson, and Jimmy Carter.



# Bits

## ARKANSAS HIGHWAY DAMES TO RESUME MEETINGS

The Arkansas Highway Dames Club will meet August 17 at 5 p.m. in the Junior Deputy Playgrounds, Little Rock. It will be a family affair and all members are requested to bring two covered dishes.

## VANDALS



Vandalism is not confined to highway signs only as the accompanying photograph illustrates. The portable traffic recorder received the full blast of a shot gun at close range causing considerable maintenance work and expense. Other traffic counting machines have been attacked by vandals using hammers or stones to dent or break open the recorder housing. During the past few years steel chains anchoring the recorders have been broken or sawed into. There have been 26 recorders damaged or stolen and only 4 recovered.

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While out on his travels Johnnie Gray came upon this bridge crew from District 1 replacing a bridge floor on State Highway 269. The men are, left to right: W. O. Holland, foreman, Alvin Butler, James Edwards, Derl Futrell, C. D. Reynolds, Billy Peeler, C. J. Biggs, Bobby Dennis, Alva Davis, and Raymond Andrews.



The Planning and Research Division conducting Origin and Destination Survey on U.S. 70 West at Forrest City by AHD Area Headquarters. The fellows in the picture are temporary employees helping to conduct the Survey.

## MAN! Did it Rain!

Van Bratton, resident engineer on Job No. 6740 at Mountain Pine, 10 miles west of Hot Springs, arrived at his offices several hours late on July 16. In fact, he didn't know whether he would make it or not. At least not without a boat.

Bratton's offices are two rooms in a motel, nestled at the foot of a mountain, and when Hot Springs was deluged with a nine inch rain the motel more or less resembled a large houseboat. When Bratton did manage to wade to the motel he discovered his offices were knee-deep in water, lapping against all the office furniture and filing cabinets. Papers in the cabinets were pretty well soaked but Bratton said that all were still legible. He and his crew immediately began Operation Mop-Up.

The Mountain Pine job consists of paving six miles from Mountain Pine to the Ouachita State Park, and is one of two on which Bratton is working. The other, Job.No. 6663, is at Woodson.



# AROUND THE DEPARTMENTS

## ACCOUNTING

Tyronza Hines

Some of us who have been on vacation recently, or have taken a few days, are Lou Bradford, Betsy Morrison, Lee Wagner, Les Perry, Brenda Sutton, and Betty Russenberger.

Lou and Bill Bradford and son, Kent, spent a few days in Texas, where they visited "Six Flags Over Texas." Lou said they spent about 10 hours there and really enjoyed it.

Betty Russenberger and family also went to see "Six Flags" while on vacation. They were in Ft. Worth, Dallas, and saw points of interest, including the University of Texas at Austin.

Les and Roberta Perry and son Greg, were in Kansas City, Mo., during the week of July 14-20, where they visited Roberta's cousin and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Neal.

Brenda visited with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Sutton, in Wichita Falls, Tex., during the week of July 8. They drove up to the Wichita Mountains and through parts of Oklahoma.

Betsy and her family vacationed in Bull Shoals and also saw points of interest in Missouri.

James McCarthy and Johnnie Beavers visited District 2 at Pine Bluff, July 15.

Joe Schamer's daughter, Margaret, of Memphis, spent a few days visiting in Little Rock, during the latter part of July.



## BRIDGE DESIGN

Virginia Tackett

Summer so far has been an eventful one. Lawrence Carlson, our division head, spent a couple of weeks with Larry in and around Juneau, Alaska. They fished (trout), and did lots of sightseeing in Larry's new Pugeot. Fortunately, too, the weather was such that much of the magnificent scenery was visible on the jet flight.

Soon after Mr. Carlson's return we had a picnic in Boyle Park as an occasion for saying goodbye to Marcy Gross who has been transferred to the Traffic Section of Planning and Research. We had barbecued chicken, baked ham, beans, slaw, and lots of delicious desserts, and the food was ample. We stopped counting after 60, but there was a real crowd and we had a mighty fine time. We are going to miss Marcy and his wife Darlene on these occasions.

Jim Matthews, at this writing, is still at Fort Sill, Okla., USAR School. When we write him we address him as Major, and



Bridge Designers and guests are: L. P. Carlson, Virginia Tackett, Eddie Williams, Mrs. Bastian, Mrs. Williams, Bastian, B. Vinson, John Hall, Alice Joe, and Veral Pinkerton.

who knows how high he'll go before he's through.

Our greatest reason for pride this month was the 35-year award received by Harold Bastian at the July 24 Commission meeting.

His abilities and accomplishments were recognized by Mr. Goodman at the ceremony and we were pleased to have the director and Commission members join us for a small celebration back in the office, with lemonade and cookies. Special guests were Mrs. Bastian and Mrs. Eddie Williams, wife of our Eddie Williams, senior bridge designer.



## EQUIPMENT

Sally Crook

C. Don Hayes, chief of Equipment, presented a 15-year service award to Troy Jones, and a five-year award to W. R. New. Congratulations to Troy and Ray.

Welcome to H. C. Lackey and J. L. Goins, Jr., who are in the Central Shops. They joined us during July.

W. W. Yancey's son Tommy, and his wife Sandra, from Atlanta, Ga., visited the Yanceys recently. Yancey took a week of his vacation to entertain them.

Clyde Holmes and her mother took a week end trip to Poplar Bluff, Mo., where they visited Clyde's sister. She reports they had a very pleasant trip and enjoyed their stay thoroughly.

Birthday congratulations for July: C. A. Jones, J. P. Smith, Parker Harden, and Patsy Navens.

We're sorry to report that Carol Hilton will be leaving us the end of July. Carol's

husband, Charles, will be discharged from the Air Force and they plan to return to their home town in Illinois and attend college there. Best of luck to them.

We extend our sympathies to E. L. Yeager on the death of his grandfather.



## LEGAL DIVISION

Betty Grimes

Vacation time is in full swing, and all our staff has tried to squeeze in as much fishing, boating, swimming, and sightseeing as time allows. Ed Boyett holds the record for spending the most time fishing because he goes every week end, rain or shine...

Billy Bob Thrasher probably is running him a close second. Bill Donham is our golfer and Bill Demmer our tennis player. Demmer was good enough to play in a recent tournament (but he didn't quite win).

The Anders and Boyett families have each spent a week end in beautiful Buffalo State Park. The Anders are planning a week's vacation at Lake Ouachita State Park.

Willie Chastain spent a week at her mother's home in Dermott and reported that she had lots of fun playing with her mother's fancy sewing machine.

Helen Hackett spent a week sightseeing in the Ozarks. Helen also braved the recent floodwaters to attend the national convention of her sorority, Chi Sigma, in Hot Springs at Arlington Hotel.

Don Langston took a busman's holiday. Pat Mhoon fell off the diet wagon when she spent a few days at home. She can't



resist her mother's cooking, and who can? Pat has been doing a lot of fishing, too.

Next month I'll be able to tell you all about the vacation of Tom Keys and his family. They haven't returned yet from a tour of eastern Canada.

Barbara Troutman, Helen Hackett and this writer went plum crazy when plums in season, each of us believing that we made the reddest jelly.

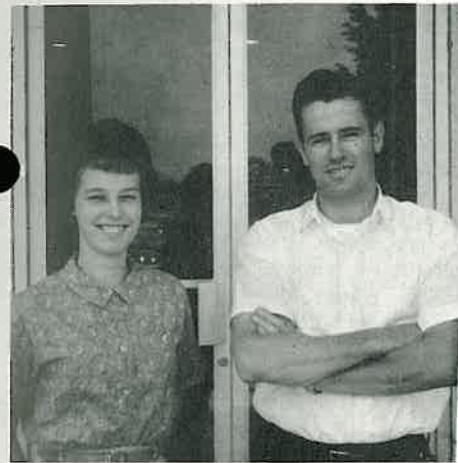


## PLANNING AND RESEARCH

Bonnie Thomas

New employees in P&R this month are Gary Foughty, Anniece Hendrix and Marcellous Gross.

Gary is a draftsman in our Mapping and Drafting Section. He is from Memphis, attended Memphis State University and is single. Anniece is working in the Map and Mail Room. She is from Alexandra, Ark., and graduated from Bryant High School this year. Marcy Gross transferred to our division from Bridge Design. He will be working in the Research Section.



Anniece Hendrix and Gary Foughty

Vacations seems to be the most newsworthy items this month: Nathan Bingham and his wife Blanche, visited in St. Louis for a few days. While there, Bingham saw the Cardinals play...

Robbie Parker and his family spent a week in July touring and camping in the Smokies. They traveled through several states...

Marcy Gross and family will spend a week in August on Big Pine Lake in Texas.

On July 1, Bill Nelson and some friends spent a couple of days on a float trip down the Buffalo River. No big fish were caught but they had plenty of fun...

Leroy Beckett hibernated to Bull Shoals Lake for a week end of rest and fishing....

Ed Johnson and his family spent a few days visiting in Texas. They visited "Six Flags Over Texas," a trip his girls enjoyed...Bill Looney and his family spent a week in Florida...The J. D. (Pat) Pattons

will spend a week in August at Panama City, Fla.

Ed Johnson also spent the last part of July on military leave at Camp Chaffee, Ft. Smith. Ralph Pack will spend two weeks in August with the Air National Guard Summer Camp in Biloxi, Miss.

J. R. Henderson's son, John, has returned home after spending the first part of the summer at Marine Reserve Camp at Paris Island, South Carolina.



J. R. Henderson, engineer of Planning and Research, presented two of his men 10 year service awards on July 1. In the top picture he is shown with Chester Willis; at bottom Carl Bratcher received his awards.



## ROADWAY DESIGN

June Dillon

On July 17 Brooks Nichols and Ralph Rogers of our office, with Bill Moore, Bob Crafton, and C. A. Shumaker flew to Oklahoma in the Highway Department plane to tour the Oklahoma Turnpike. They were conducted on the tour by E. E. "Gene" LaFan, a former resident engineer on road and bridge construction for the Department until 1941. They saw recently developed automated road machinery called slip-form pavers in action.

This reporter and family motored to Lawton, Okla., the week end of the Fourth

to visit my brother stationed at Fort Sill. We traveled Highway 70 to Lawton but returned via Oklahoma City so we had an opportunity to travel several miles on Oklahoma highways. My other brother has been stationed with the Army in Honolulu for the past three years and just returned home after his discharge. He brought his new bride back with him. She is an Austrian girl and this was the family's first opportunity to meet her.

Billy O. Hurt has returned to Roadway Design. He left in 1960 because his daughter needed a dryer climate. We're glad to have Billy back with us.

Seems this is new car season. Gary Sipes is sporting a new Ford - hardtop Galaxie 500. Marvin Bunch has a Volkswagen and Charles Toland has a Chevy Super Sports in a beautiful blue.

Ray Maxey and a dozen boys had a big barbeque at Doyle Springs recently with so much food I don't see how they managed to get it all to the picnic place.

"Sambo" reports his fiancee will return from Germany three weeks sooner than expected (early August).

Frank Hutchison is visiting his brother in Denver...Chester Siesicki visited Radio City Music Hall in New York recently. He just can't understand how the Rockettes never change. They stay young and always look the same.

Bud and Ruth Smith have their well drilled and the house started which will be their future "retirement" home.

Don Potter has been vacationing for two weeks. Don and Oleda took their daughter to see "Six Flags Over Texas." Also visited Don's father in Parkin for a day.

We understand John Standley will be saying "hello" to Uncle Sam in a few days.

Babe Williams is in the carpenter business lately. He is remodeling a side porch on his house and doing some inside remodeling too. Several of the fellows in Roadway have said Babe has the best-kept lawn in town.

Our sympathies are extended to the Frank Lemons on the death of their son recently.



## DISTRICT 2

Ouida Grimes

We have written from time to time about District 2 men but for this issue we would like you readers to get acquainted with two of the women. Selma Chavis has been with the Department nine years. She has held several jobs such as clerk, typist, payroll clerk, and now she is an assistant in the stock room. She can issue bolts, nuts, screws, washers, etc., as good as anyone. Selma is married to Van Dyke Chavis and they have two sons, Van Dyke, Jr., who is married and lives in Little Rock; Phil graduated from Arkansas A&M at Monticello in June and is waiting to enter dental school. She has four adorable grandsons.

Much of Selma's time is spent fishing, as she goes every opportunity she has. She also spends extra time playing bridge.

Leslie Long has been a member of the AHD family for a year. She has one son, Charles, and he and Cherry have a little daughter, Hollie. Leslie is the fuel clerk for District 2 and spends a lot of her off duty hours playing bridge, at which she is very good. We hope she spends many more years with us.



Selma Chavis and Leslie Long

Service awards for July went to Willie B. Bustie and Ralph Haas, 15 years; Leo Meeks and E. F. Myhand, 10 years; and Jimmy D. Hilburn, 5 years. Jimmy was married recently but we don't have any more information about it.

Recently we had a tourist from the Missouri Highway Department. The visitor was passing through Pine Bluff and stopped by our office to get a new highway map. He said the Missouri Highway officials all agreed that Arkansas had one of the best state maps printed.

Ed Nissblatt and his wife vacationed a week in New Orleans... "Peanut" Woodfield and his family had a wonderful time on their trip to California... Russell Mack White and his wife had a lot of bad luck on their vacation to Norfolk, Va. The first day they were there they had all their money stolen and had to wire home for more. He had to purchase a new set of tires and found out the frame on his practically new car was warped.

We send our best get-well wisher to Sam Doss and John Merle Hollis. Sam had surgery in a Little Rock hospital July 24. John was injured on the job July 19 and spent several days in the Rison Hospital. He was supervising the cutting of some trees, one being cut with a power saw and a smaller one being cut with an axe. The smaller one fell on him but his safety hard hat saved him from a more serious injury.



Some of the mechanics in District 2 who keep the wheels turning are: James W. Gavin, Lee Cox, Curtis F. McFalls, I. W. White, Calvin Rawls, and Havis Laminack.



"Do-Si-Do" Gaddy in his "cage" in District 2.



## DISTRICT



Olive Jackson

Employees leaving for summer encampment July 28 were: Houston Kitchens and Donald Embry for Camp Theodore, Mobile, Ala., and Franklin Page, Ralph W. McKinnon and O. W. Marcum, Fort Polk, La.

This office was glad to have as recent visitors Ed. Orsini and Ronald Keene.

Grace and Virgil Cleveland had as visitors the week end of July 4, their son, Virgil, Jr., his wife, Mary Jean and baby Gracie Lece of San Antonio, Tex. Also, visiting them from Bartlesville, Okla., were the Minor Oglesbys and children; Mrs. Dixon Beasley and children of New Orleans; and the Hershel Kitchens and children, Garland City.

We are glad to report that Shelby J. Garney and C. J. Crawford, who have been in hospitals in Texarkana, have both returned to their respective homes.

Service awards for July went to George Washington Cox, 20 years; Virgil William Cleveland, 15 years; Jess J. Griffin, Jonas Wiley Plyler, and James Munrow Stark, 10 years; and John Milburn Purtle and Clifton Loyd Sharp, five years.

We welcome the following new employees in our district: Jerry Johnson, Johnny H. Mitchell, Billie J. Hayley, and Johnnie C. Hendricks.

On June 26, the driver of Sanders Brothers Lumber Company of Bates, Ark., received a broken and crushed leg and internal injuries as he was getting ready to unload heavy bridge timber on our district yard and several pieces of timber fell on him.



## DISTRICT



The Informers

J. C. Wingfield, foreman of Logan County, and his family, had a reunion the second week in July. He and his wife enjoyed the company of both son and daughter and their families. The son (who lives in California) had a "grand baby" whom the Wingfields had never seen.

Wedding Bells! The daughter of Archie Lewis, motor patrol operator at Greenwood, Mary Sue, is planning an August wedding... Joyce Ann Campbell, construction field clerk in Crawford County, is planning a September merger. We wish both couples much happiness.

Montie Wisdom, motor patrol operator in Ozark, was in the Veteran's Hospital at Fayetteville for several days but we are happy he is back on the job and doing well.

Vacations: Elmer Roths, instrumentman and his wife vacationed at Lake Hamilton in Hot Springs. They visited relatives and fished, without much luck, and had a fine time.



Mona Cross, district secretary, vacated for one week in July. She visited "Six Flags Over Texas," the Texas State Fair, and went shopping in "Big D" but she won't say for what. She does say she is ready to retire, so we are wondering how she is going to manage it.

Clarence Page, Cal Porterfield, John Nalley, W. W. McCauley (Radio Section); Bill Baugh, assistant maintenance engineer; Nathan Garrett, Right of Way, were visitors in District 4 recently.



## DISTRICT



Carl Davis

Your reporter for District 5 was in Dr. Gray's Hospital part of the month of June but was able to return to work July 5.

Several employees are enjoying vacations now. Chester King, mechanic, spent a few days in Michigan...Bert Mathis, area foreman in Fulton County, visited his daughter and her family in California. They had a wonderful time sightseeing. Some of the places they visited were Disneyland, Knox Berry Farm, Marineland, and they also saw the Dodgers and Braves play.

Orville Gold, station attendant, is spending a few days in Texas...Orville Stanbrough, district equipment superintendent, is vacationing in Yellowstone National Park.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Bolin. They are parents of a baby boy born June 10. The Bolins have another son, two years old.

Runt Moser, former employee in District 5, was a recent visitor in the shop. He has returned to his home in Batesville after visiting in Missouri for several weeks.

By invitation to our White River Water Carnival August 16 and 17, we submit the winning entry of the official Water Carnival song, by Mrs. Oia Gray of Batesville.

In the foothills of the Ozark Mountains  
In the land of a million smiles

Is a place of scenic beauty  
One may view for many miles.

Here flows the beautiful White River  
We enjoy picnics and fishing galore  
Come to the White River Carnival  
And this you'll find in store:

See the parade, hear the band  
Eat catfish from a picnic stand

Pretty girls who view for the crown  
And singing and dancing all around

The two most important days of the year  
So come along and meet us here

Leave your cars and troubles behind  
Come to Batesville....It's Carnival Time!



## DISTRICT



Bob Valentine

Charles Broadway, south Pulaski County foreman, and George Ingle, assistant maintenance superintendent, recently

went on a fishing trip to White River and were reported to have caught a "mess" of something that looked like fish. George had his own private bush somewhere on the river and there's really no telling just what they did catch.

Many of our people in District 6 have toured the state and other states during the peak vacation season of late...For instance, I. H. Nute, north Pulaski County foreman, and his wife, visited New Mexico and surrounding states and also had a short stay in Old Mexico...R. L. Johnson, foreman in Garland County, took a few days off to rest but probably did more work around the house than rest.

Edith Greene and Lou Brains both took a little time off with Edith entertaining relatives at her home, while Lou and family made it a week on the beach in Florida.

We were sorry to see E. L. McPherson leave District 6. "Mac," who had 13 years' service, retired in May and the occasion was enlightened with a big fish fry at Lake Conway. There were over 70 persons attending, including Mac's family.

Joe Brunetti, his wife and little girl, were injured seriously in an accident near Keo. Joe, a member of Broadway's crew, is still taking treatments for injuries and as yet is not back on the job. His little girl has been released from the hospital, while his wife remains there recuperating.

Those in District 6 receiving service awards for June were Porter T. Holyfield and Marvel G. Kemp, 10-year pins; Jeff D. Guynes and Frank R. McKay, five-years.

New employees in the district are B. Anderson, G. E. Bohn, R. D. Fouquette, D. M. McDaniel, C. W. Pierce, R. H. Boothe, W. D. Brewer, J. L. Dodson, M. R. Edmonson, J. L. Fortner, C. N. Humphries, J. H. Steed, Jr., J. S. Sutton, and W. Hudspeth, resident engineer.

A bit more about our vacationers: J. H. "Hosey" Long spent a week in California visiting his mother and came back wearing dark glasses like a film star.

Billie Jones' father, Arnold Lynn of Chicago, is spending a month with the Jones family in North Little Rock. Billie reports that she really has to "toe" the mark when her dad is around.

Earl Summers of Nute's crew, is a new grandfather. His grandson was born last month and mother and baby are reported to be getting along fine.

G. M. Castleberry, an employee of Woody Harden's crew, was killed while operating a mowing machine near Lonoke on Highway 31 last month. We extend our sympathies to the Castleberry family.



## DISTRICT



Burnham & Campbell

Ten year service awards were presented to Hubert Wiley McMahan, Wilburn Holmes, and Leard Gill, and five year awards to James Ed Chancellor.



These are the two daughters of Walter Mahoney, mechanic in District 6. Mary, top, was 16 years old last June. Phyllis, below, was 15 last month.

Franklin Steadman, son of H. C. Steadman, Bradley County area foreman, is leaving August 28 to attend college in Washington D. C. He plans to teach at a school for the deaf, which will be a five year course.

Highway Commissioner John Harsh from Magnolia, spoke at a Rotary luncheon at Warren July 16, and at a Lions Club luncheon at Camden July 17.

Work has started on the Interstate projects at Arkadelphia. When completed, the highway will be placed in immediate use as a bypass around Arkadelphia.

Maintenance forces have completed hot mix overlay along sections of Highway 15 and Highway 8 in Warren.

M. V. Bradshaw, area foreman in Union County, suffered a slight heart attack recently but is recovering and will be back on the job soon.

Hugh Anderson, equipment supervisor, is vacationing with his children and grandchildren in Orlando, Fla.

Anne Nunnally, daughter of District Maintenance Superintendent Grover Nunnally, will soon leave for Libya, Africa.

where she will be an instructor in the U.S. Air Force School.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bryant are proud parents of a girl, Susan Rebecca, born July 2, weighing 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

The W. A. Herrings have a new son, 7 pounds...Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tanton have twin girls, Darline, 6 pounds, 15½ ounces, and Maxine, 5 pounds, 11½ ounces. All parents are from Union County.



## DISTRICT



Mary White

All employees on Job 8438 were honored with a steak supper July 10 by Horace Meeks, bridge superintendent for Forsgren Brothers. Everyone had a marvelous time including District Engineer John Lawrence and Mrs. Lawrence. We all would like to express our thanks to Mr. Meeks for such a wonderful supper.

Mary Phillips and Bobby Nelson were married July 7, at the Pottsville Presbyterian Church. Bobby works for construction in District 8 and was presented a table lamp from his fellow employees. They plan to make their home in Russellville. Congratulations to the newlyweds.

Congratulations, also, to Don Mitchell, engineering assistant, who recently passed the examination for registered professional engineers.

Barbara and Jim Little are the proud parents of a 7 pound, 14 ounce boy, James Arron, born June 29 at 3:04 a.m. at St. Vincent's Hospital in Little Rock. James has a sister, Lee Ann, two-years-old. Jim is a resident engineer in our district.

Resident Engineer A. W. Looney went fishing on the Fourth at Lake Atkins and caught a 6 pound bass which didn't get away this time!

Denver Houston, area foreman in Johnson County, has returned to work after several weeks in the Ozark Hospital due to surgery. We're happy to see Denver back with us again.

New employees in District 8 are Lynn Hallum, Charles Doss, Bob Hickey, Rusty Hall, and Charles Jones, engineering assistant who transferred from Little Rock to Clarksville.

Recent visitors in this office have been Messrs. Thompson, McCausland, Allen, and Elledge.

Sympathies are extended to Will Hutchins and his family in the death of his mother.



## DISTRICT



Isabelle Psalmonds

Those in District 10 who received service pins in July were Lester Wycoff and Orland K. Lovelace, 10 years, and George Bradley, 15 years.

Tommy Talley, engineering assistant, and W. L. (Buck) White, area foreman at Jonesboro, both had emergency appendectomies. They are getting along fine, Buck returned to work July 22 and Tommy is due back in a few days.

Jack Diggs received a severe injury when a motor patrol ran over his foot. At this writing we are not sure of the extent of the injury but hope it's not too serious.

H. O. McFall went to St. Louis for a week's visit with his daughter and while there became ill and had to be hospitalized. He is at work now but says he doesn't like to spend his vacation in a hospital.

The lovely young miss pictured here is Sara Margaret Garrett, daughter of Acting Resident Engineer Jim Garrett of Lepanto. The picture was made when she was 10 months old. She will have one candle on her cake August 16. Isn't she a little doll?



## RIGHT OF WAY

Henri Pote

The Engineering Section lost two of our old standbys last month. On July 26 there was a farewell party for D. A. Reed and William Bradley, at which Don was presented with a portable cabinet for drinks, and Bill received a nifty briefcase. Bill called us up July 31, from Morrilton, where he will be teaching in the new state vocational school, just to see how everyone was doing. Don is still in town, employed with the Army Corps of Engineers. Right of Way will miss them.

Dolores Gwin and Jim French are planning to be married in a church ceremony at Sheridan and hope for a quiet getaway afterward. Best wishes to these friends.

Henri and Cora Pote's ninth child was born early on July 26 and named Joseph Judah. He was their smallest yet at 5 pounds, 11 ounces, but healthy. Cora went home from Saline County Hospital with the baby when he was seven hours old.

Frank Wiggins is our newest utility technician. He is assisting Art Emmerling in issuing utility permits, a new function of the Utilities Section since July 1.

Carolyn Halbert's ankle is bandaged as the result of a sprain suffered at her parent's home over the week end of July 26, and her fellow workers are running errands for her while she is temporarily slowed down.

Douglas Thacker from Utilities is on military leave now. Paul Broyles and Neil Gibbs, from Engineering Section, will be spending two weeks at Camp Walters, Tex., shortly.

Harry Word, of Appraisal Section, has a new white 1963 Valiant. Cool!

Herb Heffington, Jr., spent the week end of the Fourth fishing at Lake Catherine but



his worm farm helped not at all, as the fish were on vacation.

J. C. Merritt spent his vacation visiting New Orleans, Gulfport, Pensacola, and Mobile.

Walter Watson visited "Six Flags Over Texas" while on vacation.

Herb Hooten and Dick Andry each enjoyed a week's vacation.

This reporter took three days' leave to help care for his wife and new baby but the cooking and much of the housework was done by the older children, who are working valiantly.

Jim Bartlett's wife, Wynona, after a serious operation, is recovering so rapidly that the doctors are amazed, and she is anxious to return to work.

Our sympathies go to W. D. Luton, whose father recently died in Ripley, Tenn., and to E. T. Scruggs, who lost his grandmother since he went to visit her in Chicago.



Melba Tenney is the newest member of the Maintenance Office on the fourth floor. Melba graduated from Central High School last May. She replaced Willa McFall, who resigned.



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## Bouquets ....

Recently, the wife of one of our retired employees, Mrs. Fay Wallace, was in an automobile accident and injured quite seriously. Shortly after the wreck, two Highway Department employees came by and rendered quite efficient first aid.

Using the short wave radio on the state vehicle, the employees were able to get an ambulance dispatched quickly. The combination of first aid and the speed with which the ambulance arrived, in the words of Mr. Wallace, probably saved one or more lives.

Wallace wants to express his sincere thanks to the unnamed employees and to compliment the Department for having up-to-date communication equipment.

## THIS'LL KILL YA

A new engineer dictating a few days ago was in doubt as to the use of a certain phrase, so he said to the steno: "Do you retire a loan?" And the wistful eyed one replied rather sleepily: "No, I sleep with mama."

The rather grim-faced parson returned the used car to the dealer and said, "I am returning the second-hand car you sold me last week." "What's the matter?" asked the dealer. "Can't you drive it?" "Not and stay in the ministry," replied the parson.

Sign in big letters in restaurant window: "T-bone 50 cents." Below it, in fine print, "with meat, \$3."

A tourist, recently returned from Wales, reports that whenever the through trains stop at Llanfechpwllogerych, the conductor calls out: "If anybody's getting off here, this is it."

"Well, since Tom has a college degree, can you see any change in the way he plows?" asked the first farmer.

"No," answered the second farmer, "he plows the same. It's the way he talks."

"Yeah? How do you mean that?"

"Well, when he gets to the end of the row, instead of saying 'Whoa, Haw, Gee,' he says, 'Halt Rebecca, pivot and proceed.'"

The country dweller was admitted to the hospital and immediately went to bed. Shortly after he had turned in, he was awakened by a knock on the door and a woman entered.

"I'm your doctor," she announced imperiously. "Please take your clothes off."

She examined him thoroughly, told him to dress and as she was leaving asked if he had any questions.

"Jest one, ma'am," he said. "Why did you knock?"

A physical culture magazine offered a sample exercise to readers: "Clasp your hands over your head, put feet together on floor, bend to the left of your feet, repeat, keep this up and let us know the result."

The first letter received said, "Hernia."

The railway coach was drowded and a none too well dressed little boy had taken a seat alongside a very haughty and fashionably dressed woman. The boy was sniffing in a very annoying manner. Finally the woman turned to the boy and asked:

"Have you got a handkerchief?"

"Yes," replied the boy, "but I don't lend it to strangers."

The teacher called for sentences using the word "beans." "My father grows beans," said the bright boy of the class. "My mother cooks beans," said another pupil. Then a third piped up: "We are all human beans."

A pretty girl stated that she would not marry a man who snored. "I don't blame you daughter," said her father, "but do be careful how you find out."

A self-styled reformer was watching a trench being dug with modern machine methods. He said to the superintendent: "This machine has taken jobs from scores of men. Why don't you junk it and put 100 men in that ditch with shovels?"

The superintendent pondered over it awhile and said, "Better still, why not put a thousand men in there with teaspoons?"

An inebriated gentleman dragging a log chain down the street was stopped by an officer of the law.

"What the heck you doin' draggin' that log chain?" asked the cop.

"Works a lot easier than tryin' to push it!" was the answer.

Officer: (Pulling boy out of creek): "How did you come to fall in?"  
Boy: "I didn't come to fall in - I came to fish."



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Creek on Highway 14**

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