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FOUR PASS REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS EXAMINATION

Recently four more young engineers in AHD became registered professionals after passing the required examination through the Arkansas State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers. Such accomplishments lead to further promotions and opportunities in the engineering field and the Highway Department always is proud when its engineers strive to improve and keep abreast of developments in engineering.

The turnover in engineering personnel in the Department is gratifyingly low. Approximately 150 engineers are currently employed. The number of engineers retained seldom goes below that figure but does go higher occasionally. This figure includes non-graduate registered engineers, registered graduates, and graduates not yet registered.

The newly registered men are: Delbert Vanlandingham of Roadway Design; Ralph Stiefvater, Construction Division; James Little, resident engineer in District 8; and Lester Jester, Planning and Research.

VANLANDINGHAM, began working for the Department as a designer in September 1959, in Roadway Design. In 1960, he entered the Department's Engineering Training Program for a 10-month period, studying various engineering phases. A native of Redfield, Delbert is 27. He attended schools at Sheridan and graduated from Sheridan High School in 1954. For two years prior to entering the University, he was enrolled at Little Rock University. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Vanlandingham of Redfield, Delbert is married and resides in Little Rock at 3617 Bowers Street.



Vanlandingham

STIEFVATER first started working for AHD the summer of 1956 while still a student at the University. After graduation in 1960, he began his career. He, too, was in the Training Program. He attended schools in his native Conway, and Arkansas State Teachers College for two years. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, Theta Tau, Phi Lambda Chi, and Alpha Chi Epsilon. Ralph was working as an engineering assistant in the offices of Office Engineer when he was transferred to District 6 July 1, 1963. Upon the resignation in November 1963 of Lem Tull, Ralph was made acting resident engineer of the Levy Interstate construction project. Ralph's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Stiefvater of Conway. He is married and lives in Little Rock at 80 Lancaster Road.



Stiefvater

LITTLE, a native of Heber Springs, received his early education there and at Jonesboro and Osceola. For two years he attended Tulane University in New Orleans before transferring to the University. Little, who will be 29 in November, is a member of the ASCE. After completing the Training Program, he chose Construction Division in which to work, and for a while, worked under the supervision of Bob Crafton, then Freeway engineer. He was made assistant resident engineer in January 1962. After that assignment was completed he was transferred to District 8 and in January 1963, was given the title of acting resident engineer. James served in the Army for two years. He resides in Clarksville. He is the son of Mrs. Charlise B. Little of Osceola.



Little

JESTER worked as a summer student employee in 1957, but after receiving his degree in 1960, he returned to AHD as a full-time employee. He attended schools at Shady Grove and Caddo Gap, and Henderson State Teachers College a year. In 1961, Jester resumed his education at Purdue University, study-



Lester

ing a year for his masters degree in traffic engineering. He returned to the Department and was made a staff specialist in traffic. In September 1963, he was promoted to section head of the Traffic Engineering Section in Planning and Research. His wife is the former Miss Mildred B. Tidwell.

ARKANSAS NOW PAVES 'ROOF OF THE OZARKS' HIGHWAY 16

By Steel T. Kennedy

The Arkansas State Highway Department is building a new hard-surfaced highway UP and ACROSS the top of the Ozarks. Eighteen and nine-tenths miles of old 1-lane dirt road, State 16, is being widened to 2 lanes, reconstructed and hard-surfaced, from Pettigrew in Madison County, east to Fallsville in Newton County, giving this hitherto back-hills country a hard-surfaced outlet in two directions. The new highway is expected to be completed by early summer and should become a Number ONE tourist attraction by mid-summer or fall, approachable from State Highway 23 on the west and U.S. Highway 64, south, hard-surfaced all the way.

No other highway can boast of crossing the top of the oldest mountain range in America, where 5 important rivers head in close proximity to each other, like at Boston, in Madison County.

This sparsely settled undeveloped area, on and around the top of the Ozarks, has been, until now, handicapped because of the lack of good highways. Its mountains and valley, rich in the bounties that rugged nature affords, have much to offer the outside world and with its hopes for these highways realized, it already has begun to take its place under the sun.

Those who will be driving across the top of the Ozarks, after the new highway construction is finished, may choose either of two main routes, one

route in reverse. Follow State Highway 21 north from U.S. Highway 64, at Clarksville, through a portion of the famous Johnson County Peach Belt and up the mountain through Ozone and Salus, to Fallsville, the junction of Highway 23 and 16. The distance is about 25 miles, abundantly scenic with many a thrill in every mile, simply gorgeous in spots, during redbud and dogwood blooming time.

At Fallsville, turn west on the highway 16, through Red Star to Boston, 16 miles. This area, within a radius of 10-15 miles, in the vicinity of Salus, Fallsville, Red Star and Boston, is said to be the highest elevation in the Ozark Mountains. The very highest spot has not been pinpointed. The elevation is about 2,600 - 2,700 feet above sea level, affording magnificent views in all directions.

Most of this vast plateau is within the Ozark National Forest boundary whose headquarters is at Russellville, Arkansas. The National Forest Service, wherever it exists, is developing many recreational areas with roads and trails built to them for public use and enjoyment.

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White River, made famous by the numerous dams and good fishing lakes along its thousand mile course through Arkansas and Missouri, heads at Boston. At Boston, one can toss a rock across the

head of either the Kings, War Eagle, Mulberry or White River. The Buffalo River heads a few miles east, near the Buffalo lookout tower than can be seen north from the new highway. The nearness of the heads of these five rivers to each other is phenomenal proof of the excessive height of the immediate area in comparison with surrounding elevations.

Highway 16 winds with the miniature laughing racing White River escaping down the mountain, through Pettigrew, to State Highway 23, a distance of 10 miles from the top at Boston. This junction of Highways 16 and 23 is 20 miles south from Huntsville, county seat of Madison County, and 32 miles north from Ozark, where 23 crosses U.S. Highway 64 and the Arkansas River, at the foot of the Ozark Mountains. Clarksville, the point of beginning the 100 mile loop is 23 miles east from Ozark.

The second main approach to the top of the Ozarks area is the same route in reverse. Other approaches are over, more-or-less, unimproved dirt or gravel roads, difficult to negotiate, in places, during wet weather. This route will be hard-surfaced all the way when completed.

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In addition to its unexcelled natural beauty and excessive elevations, this route has much of interest to the historian and, without a doubt, the setting for many an interesting book can be found along it and far back in the hills and mountains on either side. Looking back over the route, many of the earliest settlers in the Ozark Mountains disembarked at Ozark, then a riverport, and made their way by ox wagon, on foot and otherwise northward along much of what is now Highway 23. Bits of mute evidence left by these pioneers who settled along the trail, and their descendants, may still be seen in the few remaining old log houses, old cemeteries, site of the Old Stage Coach Inn, Turners Bend on the Mulberry River, Old Cass, Fly Gap, St. Paul and other places along the highway.

A railroad followed the course of the White River, from the west to Pettigrew, to haul out the millions of board feet of virgin timber. The area produced the finest oak timber in the world and was known as "The Land of the Whiteoak." Cass, St. Paul and Pettigrew, where the log trains turned around to head back, were thriving lumbering and shipping centers 30-50 years ago. The timber supply was finally exhausted. The railroad and most of the people moved out and this beautiful country that nature had endowed so abundantly was left, with scarcely a seed tree for reforestation and no roads, except the gullied log roads, to die. This new highway, even this last 18.9 mile gap being filled in, is causing new life to spring up along the way, for the first time in more than fifty years.

Ozone on Highway 21, atop the mountain north from Clarksville, has an unusually cool and delightful climate in summer, 10-20 degrees cooler on hot days than down on Highway 64, at the foot of the mountain. For many years Ozone maintained limited motel facilities for tourists and quarters for hunters,



in season, who find deer and small game plentiful in the surrounding forests. Redbud and dogwood thrive in the woodlands between Ozone and Fallsville.

The extremely rugged mountainous area north from Ozone was a favorite hideout for early day western outlaws because of its numerous caves and overhanging ledges far back within an almost impenetrable forest that afforded maximum protection from the law, until the "heat" was off. Oldtimers relate many hair-raising tales of experiences or observations with some of the outlaws who sought their assistance in supplying food and other accommodations. The, then, secluded rugged wilderness was mainly a law unto itself, where the strongest survived.

It is more than supposition, but not yet authoritative, that Highway 16 will be reconstructed all the way, 22 additional miles east to Highway 7 and, eventually, through Lurton, to Clinton, on Highway 65, and that Highway 21 will be reconstructed and surfaced between Fallsville and Kingston, 30 miles north.

The completion of Highways 16 and 21 will save hundreds of miles of commercial and tourist travel and open a new frontier that will induce millions of dollars to be invested in the areas affected. No one questions the need but the vital question is: "Where can we find the money?"

--Ozark Mountaineer

(Editor's note: Since this article was written, most of the work on this project is now completed.)

The September Commission Meeting and Letter date has been changed to SEPTEMBER 16 by the Highway Commission. Director Ward Goodman asked that all work schedules are conformed to this date.

BRAZILIANS VISIT ARKANSAS

Twenty-eight of Brazil's top level highway officials arrived in Little Rock July 12 and spent two days viewing the operation of the Highway Department. Arkansas is one of seven states the group will visit studying highway work. Two representatives of the Agency for International Development in Washington and three interpreters accompanied the officials. Also on their itinerary is the United Nations, the Bureau of Public Roads, the Asphalt Institute in Washington and various heavy equipment plants in Illinois and Ohio.

A nation almost as large as the entire United States, Brazil has few paved roads. However, an intensified highway construction and maintenance program currently is in progress in northeast Brazil. The visiting engineers are interested in studying American road design and construction practices. Improper maintenance and inadequate drainage makes sections of Brazil's existing roads virtually impassable for long periods each year.

Brazil's 52 million people have always lived along the coastline, leaving its vast interior of rich resources undeveloped. Six years ago, the government decided to move the capitol from Rio de Janeiro inland 600 miles. A new city was carved out of the wilderness and the new capitol, Brasilia, employing a modern architectural designs, was built. Moving the capitol has spurred the development of their highway network.

The study group, which is sponsored by the Brazilian State Department, arrived from Baton Rouge via chartered bus. Stops during their visit included Materials and Tests, District 6 headquarters, the Jacksonville operation, and Arkadelphia. They were received by Governor Faubus in his offices July 13 and that night were dinner guests at a banquet hosted by the Little Rock Chamber of Commerce and the Arkansas Chapter of Associated General Contractors. They flew to Kansas City July 15.



Governor Faubus greeted Brazil's highway officials in the reception room of his offices. In the center is Jose Carlos Freitas, director-general of Brazil's Highway Department in Pareiba.



At the Little Rock banquet are, facing camera, Highway Commissioner Truman Baker, Bureau of Public Roads Division Engineer V. E. Harvey, Commissioner Wayne Hampton, Senor Frietas, Acting Highway Director Ward Goodman, and Leo Kirby, executive secretary-treasurer of the Arkansas Chapter of AGC.



Waldemar Groschel, standing left, a native of Germany, acted as interpreter for the group. At right, standing, is Judge Arch Campbell shown at the dinner honoring the Brazilians. C. Don Hayes is at left, back.



Otis Turner, standing, is president of the Arkadelphia Chamber of Commerce. This scene was made at the luncheon in Arkadelphia. District 7 Engineer W. E. Hicks is third from left. Y. W. Wheelchel, administrative assistant, is at right.

FOUR RECEIVE LONGEVITY AWARDS

Four employees with a total of 110 years' service received longevity awards from the Highway Commission at the Commission Meeting July 22. The four men are Travis Guy Orton, Sr., senior roadway designer, 30 years; William Clifford Yearian, asphalt raker, District 2, 25 years; John Ford Price, District 10 engineer, 25 years; and Lester B. Baker, job superintendent, District 6, 30 years. Many of the recipients' friends, co-workers, and relatives were in attendance for the presentations.

ORTON received his education in the schools of Fort Smith, graduating from high school in 1927. He came to the Department in 1928 as a draftsman but his talents were quickly put to use and he received promotions to designer, senior design engineer, squad boss, and senior roadway designer in 1962. One of Orton's greatest accomplishments has been the design of interstate highways in west and southwest Arkansas which are now under construction.

Travis is a registered professional engineer, a member of the Arkansas and National Societies of Professional Engineers, and Western Star Number Two Masonic Lodge. Travis' spare time is spent fishing, golfing, and bowling. He is married to the former Miss Wilma Louise Lane of Fort Smith. They and he came to the Department in 1933. From there he is following in the footsteps of his father and is now a resident engineer with AHD at Conway.

YEARIAN is a native of Jamestown in Independence County. As a youngster he moved with his parents to Lake Village and received his education there. Most of his early life was spent working on the farm. He joined the Department in 1938 as a maintenance laborer but has since held several other titles such as truck driver, distributor operator, motor patrol operator and his present title. Because of Yearian's skill and knowledge of his job, he has had offers for better paying jobs but he has rejected them, preferring to remain loyal to the Department.

In March 1931 William married the former Miss Nannie Mae Cunningham of Portland. Their daughter, Mrs. Barbara King, resides in Defiance, O., their son, David, in Little Rock. There are two grandchildren. He is a member of the Baptist Church and spends a good deal of time working in his garden.

PRICE, the top employee in District 10, was born in the peach growing county of Howard at Nashville, where he attended schools. After graduating from high school he continued his education at Henderson Brown College at Arkadelphia. Johnnie's first work was with a real estate firm in Little Rock. This developed his interest in the field of engineering and he came to the Department in 1933. From the beginning, his services were technical. Among some of the titles he has held are instrumentman, draftsman, party chief, resident engineer, and since No-



The men who received their awards are pictured in the front row with their certificates. Left to right are: Travis Orton, William Yearian, John Price, and L. B. Baker. Back row: Highway Commissioners Baker, John Harsh, Hampton, Taylor, and Acting Director Goodman.

vember, 1959, his present title as District 10 engineer. Johnnie left the Department during the war years to serve as chief engineer for an engineering firm building Army camps such as Camp Robinson and Chaffee. After a brief stay with the Corps of Engineers and an oil exploration firm, he returned in 1946. He is one of our first engineers to be assigned on construction projects relating to the Interstate system.

Johnnie married the former Miss Kathleen Lewis of McCrory in December 1933. Her guiding influence has been an inspiration in his career. He is a member of the First Methodist Church of Paragould and serves on the Board of the Rotary Club at Paragould, Chamber of Commerce, and Kiwanis Club. He is also a member of the Arkansas and National Societies of Professional Engineers and a former member of the ASCE. Johnnie is well known for his hunting trips to Colorado for elk, deer, and pheasant hunting in the Dakotas are not uncommon.

BAKER, better known to his many friends as "Les," is a native of Grant County where he was born at Sheridan. He has made his home there his entire life. After completing his early education he owned and operated his own grocery business. Later he worked for several contractors as an equipment operator. He joined the Department as a bridge crewman in 1934, and well remembers how they lived, cooked, and slept out in the open or in tents at the job sites. He has held many jobs and titles such as truck driver, grader operator, bridge carpenter, bridge foreman, assistant bridge superintendent, his present job. He is one of our most qualified men to direct the repair of structures made from concrete, steel and timbers.

Forty years ago Les married the former Miss Estelle Hamilton in Sheridan. They have five children, three girls and two boys, and six grandchildren.

Baker's hobbies include hunting, fishing, and raising roses. He claims he lives in the best deer hunting county in the state.

RECORD CROWD SEES HIGHWAY FILM AT PRIM

Highway Commissioner Truman Baker and Administrative Assistant Y. W. Whelchel were guests of the Prim Woodrow Community Improvement Club meeting and chicken fry the night of July 16 at Prim in Cleburne County. Chicken and all the trimmings were prepared for 2400 persons and approximately that many showed up. Baker and Whelchel showed the new highway film, "Arkansas Highways - Lifelines of Progress," to the crowd, a record number for audience attendance since the film came out in March. Governor Faubus also attended the meeting as guest speaker. The roads in the Prim area are, admittedly, not the kind on which one would take a leisurely Sunday drive just for the heck of it. They're pretty bad. They're narrow, unpaved, and dusty. Two incidents that night brought out all these facts with vivid clarity. One, Governor Faubus' car had a flat, which took some time to repair. It was one of those muggy, humid days, with the temperature in the high 90's and going higher, it seemed. That, in itself, is enough to make one's own temperature (much less temper) at a low boiling point, but coupled with a flat tire is insult to injury. The other incident shouldn't happen to a dog, much less two of our learned Highway men. They got lost. Coming out of the picnic area onto the main road, they turned left when they should have turned right. Thirty miles off course later, they discovered their mistake. We can almost hear the sly innuendoes about this incident right now. However, lest you readers jump to conclusions, we assure you that our men are qualified and know our highways pretty thoroughly, and really do know where they are most of the time. The two events only prove that the more prosaic aspects of life are not confined to you or us - they happen every day to point up our human foibles - even to our Highway executives and our Governor.



N. D. Pumphrey, resident engineer in District 7, calls this neat structure "home" when he is on the job. The building is in the area maintenance yard at Camden.

BLOOD BANK IS A HIT WITH AHD

As of July 24, 1,467 AHD employees had pledged themselves as donors to the American Red Cross Blood Bank program. The blood bank operation is set up on the same basis as group insurance - that is, participation by a set percentage of the group will insure coverage of the entire group. Donor cards had not been received from two districts at that time.

Twenty-five percent, or approximately 900 employees, was the minimum required for coverage by the blood insurance plan. Some departments have 100 per cent of their people who have volunteered as donors, many others have a very high percentage. Donors are required to pledge only one pint of blood each 12 months but may give more if they desire. Blood may be given to the credit of the Highway Department by the employees, their families or friends. All employees, their wives or husbands, unmarried children under 21 living with parents and the parents of both employee and husband or wife regardless of place of abode or dependency are protected by the volunteer donor program. Retired employees and their families are also covered.

Persons covered by the program are assured of receiving any amount of blood needed free. Hospital charges for administering transfusions and laboratory fees are covered by our employee hospitalization plan.

Donors are screened so that individuals whose health prevents them from giving blood are not permitted to do so for their own protection.

Thirty-two employees in the Magnolia and Camden areas were the first to make contributions to the bank, on July 15th. The initial call for donations from the central offices was made by the Blood Bank on July 15 for Monday, July 20. The response was so overwhelming that workers put in an hour and a half overtime taking care of the volunteers. Seventy-nine pints were taken during the afternoon. Many volunteers are deferred in the summer because of low hemoglobin, resultant from poor dietary habits during the peak of summer heat. Most of that group can safely give blood later in the year.



HIGHWAY BOWLING

The Central Offices Bowling League is rapidly taking shape for the 1964-65 season.

Y. W. Whelchel, president, announced tentative plans after meeting with several team captains and interested persons. Plans include an evening schedule (8 p.m.) at Pleasure Lanes each Tuesday after Labor Day.

Several divisions are having full teams while others are adding new or additional teams. As many know, the league is for the enjoyment of bowlers and cost is always held to a reasonable minimum.

Some other state agencies and the Bureau of Public Roads may return again this year.

These divisions and their team captains are registering bowlers: Data Processing Center, Roy Shelby; Planning and Research, Nathan Bingham and Charles Frazier; Roadway Design, John Adams; General Services, Dale Davison; Right of Way, Herbert Heffington; District 6, Bob Valentine; Bureau of Public Roads, Jake Sandlin.

ARKANSAS SOILS RESEARCH STUDY TO TAKE 5 YEARS

Investigation of the chemical and clay mineral properties of Arkansas soils as related to their use in highway construction is the object of a research project recently begun by Dr. Merlin E. Horn of the University of Arkansas' Department of Agronomy. The project is under the joint research program between the University of Arkansas and the Highway Department in cooperation with the Bureau of Public Roads. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, is also cooperating in the study. The project's sub-committee chairman is Jake Clements Jr. of the Materials & Tests Division.

Information gained from the study will enable prediction of the behavior of soils as subgrade material when subjected to changes in chemistry and moisture content and will help in determining methods of making some soils more stable for highways. When used in conjunction with soils maps now being made in the state, the data will aid in locating rights-of-way for highways so as to avoid areas of unstable soils, thereby minimizing construction and maintenance costs.

The project is expected to take five years to complete. The cost for the 1963-64 fiscal year has been estimated at \$17,000.

HIGHWAY DAMES

Plans are being made now for the September meeting of the Arkansas Highway Dames. A style show and luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. at Holiday Inn in North Little Rock. Fashions will be shown by Irma Dumas Dress Shop. Each person attending will order and pay for her own lunch. A business meeting will follow the style show and luncheon.

Officers for the Dames for the 1964-65 year were installed in May and are as follows: President, Mrs. Dale Davison (Marge); Vice President, Mrs. M. S. Smith (Mary Virginia); Secretary, Mrs. Frank D. Neighbors (Nancy); Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. M. E. Lambert (Mary); Treasurer, Mrs. Robert Maddox (Adele); Parliamentarian, Mrs. Baldy Vinson (Anne); Historian, Mrs. J. C. Longcoy (Eleanor).

Mrs. Davison has appointed the following committee chairman: Telephone, Mrs. W. E. Huie (Glenie); Entertainment and Program, Co-chairmen, Mrs. M. S. Smith and Mrs. R. B. Jones (Martha Lee); Project, Mrs. E. E. Hurley (Dell), chairman; Mrs. J. T. Pendergrass (Lucy Jane), co-chairman; Publicity, Mrs. Don Martin (Eamestine).

Wives of all Highway Department employees are automatically members of the Highway Dames, if they wish to be, and are cordially invited to attend meetings. An attempt will be made to contact each eligible person before the first meeting of the 1964-65 year.

THE LADY IS A TRAMP

A recent visitor to Arkansas, now returned home, sends back an impassioned plea to the Highway Department to please (underscored and repeated), please, paint a Cotton Belt Railroad engine, which now calls home a siding alongside Highway 82, just out from Lewisville.

The engine, which the writer fondly refers to in the feminine gender, has apparently been discarded for some years. He goes on to say, "...I'm sure the children of Arkansas, tourists, and others, would appreciate her more and she'd look lots nicer if her rust were removed and a fresh coat of black paint, with her numerals, '336' in gold. How about painting the old girl up real good? Please?"

For the Highway Department to begin maintaining railroad engines would, no doubt, set a precedent. We may as well set a good precedent and paint the whole thing in gold and not just the numerals.

One person who read the suggestion for rejuvenating the old, discarded engine wondered if the writer had thought of writing Cotton Belt a reminder that their discarded equipment was cluttering up the countryside.

The writer's intentions were no doubt sincere, though perhaps a bit impromptu. But all is forgiven for the well-chosen words of his complimentary closing, "Thank you and you've got a beautiful and wonderful state."

MAINTENANCE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING AT HAZEN



The roses along the fence are a profusion of color and beauty and the men who work in the Hazen area are conscientious in keeping their building and grounds neat.

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT



ACCOUNTING DIVISION

Mildred Harness

Hello, there, I am your new reporter for now. I know each of you will miss Tyroneza; she has done a fine job of reporting. I hope I can halfway fill her job. Thus, I have begun writing under very short notice, so hope no one gets left out, if so, there will be another time.

The month of July was a busy one for the Accounting Division. As the old saying goes, "Somebody left the barn open."

Mrs. McCarthy, wife of our boss, has been hospitalized and all of us wish her a quick recovery. As of this writing, James E. McCarthy, chief of our division, is on vacation to help out and to rest himself.

Margaret Allen is back at work after vacationing. She said her vacation didn't agree with her too much as she was sick for a week. We're glad to have her back... Joe Schamer has returned to work after being off with his wife who hurt her back after a fall... Lee Wagner is on vacation and we hope he gets to do all the things had planned.

Mary Nell Sikes from Personnel, has been helping us out in the insurance section. She's been working with Jo and Carl.

When you enter the Accounting Division, don't get alarmed at what you see or hear. Talking to one's self is a must. Vivian couldn't believe it when she started, but now she has joined the rest.

Ann Porter and Floyd Pharris sure do smile alot but they'll tell you their dentist is smiling bigger.

You have heard the saying it's going to be a long, hot summer...well it has, and is. But smile a little and be a little kinder to the people who work with you or the ones you pass in the hall and when you get home, count your blessings, The AHD people are a great bunch.

For Goodness sakes, we hope everyone voted July 28.



After District 10 Engineer John Price received his service pin from the Commission, the Construction Division gave a small party to celebrate the occasion. Shown are, first row: C. A. Shumaker, Lucille Dishongh, Mr. and Mrs. Price; second row: District 2 Engineer John Harris, L. A. McCain, District 10 Engineer C. M. Matthews, Geraldine (Gerrie) Kissire, Frank Neighbors, and Sam Smith.

Margaret Weathers, husband Bob and Jim Bob are spending part of their vacation in New Orleans and parts of Florida. They will tour Bellingrath Gardens in Mobile, Ala., and Dolphin Island off the coast of Alabama. Visited in Jackson and Greenville, Miss.

Birthday celebrations are still being enjoyed by Geraldine Kissire — an exceptionally beautiful and delicious luncheon was given by Mrs. E. E. Mashburn in her home for Gerry — your reporter and Margaret Weathers were guests. I always enjoy your birthday celebrations Gerry!!

H. B. "Uncle Fat" Matthews motored to Pittsburgh, Pa. (950 miles non-stop) to get wife Gladys, who had traveled via airlines a week earlier to be with daughter Margaret June and new granddaughter, Susan Carol.

That's about it for this time.

Evelyn Swaim Lipe were married by Dr. Joel Cooper of Winfield Methodist Church. We had all met Mrs. Carlson at our last fish fry and having found her to be a most charming and friendly person, were delighted for Mr. Carlson and for ourselves.

Friends of Alice Joe will be pleased to hear that her recovery from major surgery July 21 is being accomplished with her customary efficiency and dispatch. Her room at St. Vincents is full of flowers from well-wishers and it could be that she has responded so remarkably in part because of the love and concern which has been expressed to her. She will be home from the hospital of course by the time this magazine is in print.

Frank Battisto and his family made a trip to Houston to visit with Helen's family and had a wonderful time. Frank picked up a germ a couple of days after they arrived, but the rest of the family didn't let that bother them.

Dallas Vire and Alyce have a new boy, Mitchell Lynn. He arrived July 2 and is the fourth Vire son. No matter that we were looking for a girl, the Vires are entirely pleased with Mitchell.

Your reporter has passed the bar examination but will not be placed on the certified list of licensed attorneys, nor allowed to practice, until she has accumulated an additional 30 hours college credit which will round out the 60 hours required for pre-law. It's a little backward, but then we never denied being a little backward.



CONSTRUCTION

Lucy Dishongh

Construction, as always, vacations or otherwise, is too crowded (and I use that word loosely) to give you anything other than a hop, skip, and a jump of our activities. We do, though, want to record a few of our activities.



BRIDGE DESIGN

Virginia Tackett

The Bridge Design Division is very happy to welcome a new member to its clan. Not a working member, its true, but a sort of ancillary Bridge Designer. On July 10, our boss Lawrence Carlson, and



TRAFFIC SERVICES

Judy & Carolyn

On July 20, Otha Hewitt took his family to Six Flags Over Texas, which he described as a miniature Disneyland. Except for the hot weather, they all had an enjoyable trip.

Nancy Woodson brought baby Chris to the office for a few minutes recently. We all noted a definite change in the month and a half since his nursery days...all for the bigger. They left early for fear that Jim would put him to work.

Oh how I long for the gift of rhyme, Displayed in this magazine from time to time

Most of our employees are publicity shy, But no news to pass on to you makes me cry.

Nothing happens to them - or so they say, Except for the "big ones that got away."

A few vacations have been taken, Some spent at home, unless I'm mistaken.

No news is good news, so the old saying goes.

But this old saying only adds to my woes.

I've racked my brain to write this little ditty

And after reading it over, it's anything but pretty.

As you can very well see, my news is scant,

Some will report and others won't, or can't.

So I'll end this now to meet the deadline, And we'll wait and see what develops next time.

-Carolyn Coykendall (Sign Shop)



COUNTY PROGRAM

Barbara Oldham

John Tallant, our boss, received his 15-year service awards July 13 from Assistant Chief Engineer J. T. Pendergrass. Congratulations, Boss, and we hope you're with AHD many more years to come.

During heavy rains and strong winds July 15, a large tree limb fell on our office building. No damage, but scared us by the loud noise. Also, an electric wire blew down across the cars in our parking lot. With help from the electric company and the tree service men, we were back to normal in short order.

Mr. and Mrs. Tallant and daughter Kay spent July 4 at Lake Hamilton.

Y. W. Whelchel and Bill Huie came over to talk to us July 2 to explain about the new Blood Bank Plan.

This reporter and husband Jim celebrated their second year of marriage

July 24, by having dinner with friends, Judy and George Bailey of Lonoke.



RIGHT OF WAY

Shirley Childress

If this report sounds as if it was written in a hurry, it was and there is a good reason for it. I was off two days and returned on the day the news was due in. I had hoped I could come back and tell you about the fish I caught but the truth is I only caught one small crappie and almost landed a gar. But I can brag a little as my fish was larger than the only one my husband caught. We enjoyed ourselves though. We went to Mt. Nebo with some friends and had a picnic and attended a big square dance.

My vacation sounds sickening compared to some of the others I've heard today. For instance, Carolyn Halbert of Utilities Section, went to Panama Beach, Fla. for a week and returned with a beautiful tan; Jim Bartlett of Utilities and his wife took a wonderful trip that took them through 11 states. Some of the highlights of their trip was visiting the Bud Lands and Mt. Rushmore in South Dakota, crossing the Big Horn Mountain and going through Yellowstone National Park, and Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming, then in Utah to the Morman Tabernacle in Temple Square and through the State Capitol. From Utah they went to Colorado to visit relatives and then on home via New Mexico, Texas, and Oklahoma. Jim took movies of his trip and some of us were lucky enough to get to see them on our lunch hour. David Nelson, another Utilities man, took his family to Ft. Worth to see Six Flags and to enjoy swimming at their motel. They visited the aquarium in Ft. Worth and the Children's Museum. Dolores and Jim French took a week's vacation and swam, skied, and fished on Lake Ouachita and then visited Jim's sister at Mountain Home.

Charlotte Lee of Pre-Audit Section went to Dallas to visit her sister. While there she went to Six Flags, did other sight-seeing, and went swimming almost every day. Charlotte said she was having so much fun she didn't want to come back. Another employee of Pre-Audit, Carl Foster, is on a two-week vacation visiting relatives in New Orleans at the time this is written.

Larry Lorence of Engineering Section and his wife took a short trip to Chicago to visit his family. Billy Owens of Engineering, his wife and baby, spent a week camping out on Lake Ouachita. Billy returned with a sunburn.

Don't suppose this could be classed as a vacation but Paul Broyles and Neil Gibbs spent two weeks at Camp Chaffee as the guests of Uncle Sam. Paul only worked with us one more week after he returned and then resigned to accept another

job. The Engineering Section gave Paul a party and invited his wife and children as guests. Paul was presented with a memento clip and key chain as gifts and coffee cupcakes were served. We are going to miss Paul but wish him good luck in his new job.

We have a new boy in Engineering Section: Charles Stearns, a draftsman trainee. Charles is from Little Rock and single (see below).



Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Little made a trip to Illinois recently to see their grand children...Herbert Heffington of Appraisal and his family visited relatives in Fort Smith over the July 4 holidays.

Zack Mashburn, also of Appraisal Section, spent his time off in Madison, Wis., and touring around Chicago and Lake Michigan.

Walker Watson of Appraisal has a red and white '63 Galaxie.

Don Martin and family made a trip to Dallas to visit his family a few weeks ago.

Another Right of Way employee, Paul Mah, quit us last month to accept a job with Metropolitan Planning Commission. We hated to see Paul leave but we wish him good luck, also. Paul will still be in town so we hope he will visit us occasionally.

We usually have sickness to report but apparently everyone is in good health. A lot of colds but Sherrie Buckles was the only one who had to miss work. She was off three days with a bad throat infection.

Retha Griffin's youngest son, Bobby, had eye surgery a few weeks ago but is doing fine, now.

Our last item is the best news we've had in weeks. Nancy Sipe is back!



PROCUREMENT

Lou Hart

Our office personnel has been on the go this past month and we have a few things to report about our activities.

Maurice and Aubrey Carroll have been to quite a few picnics lately. On July 4, they were in Fordyce for a family get-together with the Carroll side of the family. Later, the Pickens' side was in Little Rock at Fair Park for a picnic. Aubrey's employer, the Allied Telephone Company, had their annual company picnic July 25 at the Majestic Lodge in Hot Springs. We have been informed that there are now some new additions to the household of Aubrey and Maurice and will probably be more to come - mama, papa, and three little GUPPIES!

Betty and Harold Claude had company from Tennessee recently. Also, Betty's sister, Mrs. Peggy Dodd and family from Virginia visited for several days. Gary Claude, their son, is sporting a new Corvair around town in his spare moments from his job. Harold has been to Memphis several times on business trips.

Willene Dorris' mother flew home from Washington and is now settled down at home in Star City and doing very well. Willene and Bud had the pleasure of having daughter, Doris Jean, home for a week recently. Willene is patiently counting the days now awaiting the arrival of son, Roger Carroll, from Spain, where he has been for a little over three years.

Hugh Wade of Alabama, brother of our "Gummy" Wade, visited for a week end recently. Lewis and Leta are now residing in their new home at 6819 West Thirty-third Street in Little Rock.

Frank Caple reports that since Sylvia's surgery they have been more or less confined to the home front. They did make a trip to Benton once or twice to visit relatives. On July 4, Pam and Debbie spent the week end with friends near Walnut Ridge. Sylvia is doing good and is trying her first full days at work.

Jim, Martha, and Conley Meredith spent a week end at Lake Ouachita enjoying boating, fishing, fresh air, and just doing nothing. The following week end they visited friends in Louisiana and took in "My Fair Lady." On their return trip they stopped off to tour the "Historic" homes of several of our employees in the grand old town of Star City, ARKANSAS!

This reporter, husband, and son spent a week end at Lake Hamilton with Vema and Ivan Daes and family at their cabin. I mastered the task of skiing with the help of a teacher who was very good and also very patient. We did absolutely nothing but swim, ski, eat, and enjoy the sun for two days. Of course, not being used to so much sun, Alton and I took quite a bit of it home with us in beautiful sunburns.

ROADWAY DESIGN

Pat Thompson

The T. G. Orton squadmen were guests July 4 of Robert and Eve Thomas at their cabin on Lake Hamilton for a big barbe-



June Dillon is shown with one of her going-away gifts at the party given for her July 17. With her are "Babe" Williams and Roadway Design Engineer Bill Johnston.

que. Spareribs and goat were served along with all the trimmings. Thirty-six persons attended including the squad and guests. Ralph Rogers took his boat over and several tried their hand at skiing. Billy Hurt almost got up once but didn't know he was suppose to hold onto the wooden handles instead of the rope. He suffered minor rope burns about the hands and had to be returned to shore.

Travis Orton made a week end trip to New Orleans July 18 to see son Don and family. Also, on July 22, Travis received his 30-year service awards in the Commission Room. Several Roadway employees and friends attended, along with Mrs. Orton, son Travis, Jr., and granddaughter. Congratulations, Travis.

Several employees took vacations in July: Cameron Lowe and family took a trip to Florida...Sam Acheson spent a week in Mountain Home...Don Porter stayed pretty close to home...John Adams and wife motored down to New Orleans for a few days and while there, they toured the "Playboy Club" and from all reports, it's quite a place. **SOME BUNNIES!**

At the time of this writing, Marvin Bunch and family are vacationing in New Orleans and Florida.

We welcome the following summer employees to Roadway Design: Bill Duncan, Merlin Kilbury, John Matthews, Richard Linsley, Tayfun Arikan, and Lonnie Johnston. These young men are college students. Incidentally, Tayfun Arikan is from Turkey and speaks excellent English with only a slight accent.

Douglas Sutton is a new permanent employee...Glad to have him with us.

Roadway Design gave a party July 16 in honor of June Dillon who left us on July 17. She was presented with a hair dryer and a silver platter by her fellow employees, and a lovely orchid from Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Johnston. Cake and punch, served by Gail Hamm, Sharon Burnett, and Virginia Deckard, were enjoyed by employees from all over the building. Much good luck to June who will become a full time housewife and mother. Virginia Deckard replaces June as our new secretary and Girl Friday.



Roadway Design Squad Boss Travis Orton, Sr., shows his service award for 30 years' service which was presented July 22. With him is his son, Travis Orton, Jr., resident engineer in District 8, who is following in his dad's engineering footsteps.



EQUIPMENT

Sally Crook

John Millender, assistant shop superintendent, and his family visited in California with his daughter and her family. While there they visited Disneyland and John reports that his younger daughters thoroughly enjoyed the sights and rides there.

One of our summer employees, Richard Williamson, appeared on "Little Rock Today" and "Take a Break" television programs to advertise the North California Demolay Show and Band which was held at Robinson Auditorium July 24-25. Richard is president of the Rainbow-Demolay Alliance in this area.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Carter enjoyed a week's vacation in Beaumont, Tex., and other points of interest in that area, sight-seeing and visiting relatives. They got a recent picture of their little great-granddaughter, Rebecca Ann Moody, who was a year old July 18.



Rebecca Ann Moody

M. L. Price, shop foreman, is driving a 1964 brown and beige Chevrolet Impala. Congratulations, M. L.

Sally Hibbs was honored with a birthday dinner at Buck Powers Restaurant in Beebe June 18, given to her by the girls in the procurement office. The occasion was to celebrate her birthday June 20. Sally was presented a cigarette lighter.

Bonnie Hill, husband Bob, and a few friends spent the week end of July 4 at Heber Springs boating and swimming.

Among our other July vacationers were Mrs. C. D. Holmes, who spent a week at home resting and enjoying the company of her grandson, John Weare; T. M. Vestal, who visited relatives in California; and H. L. Helton, William Troy Jones, A. L. Schmelzer, M. W. Skelton, C. C. Cox, and J. E. Hardcastle.

The girls in the procurement office took Patsy Navens to Mexico Chiquito to celebrate her birthday. She was given a corsage and a compact. Patsy's birthday was July 24.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Brooks, Jr. spent a week in Tennessee and other places of interest. They visited Coney Island in Cincinnati and Rock City in Chattanooga. They had a good trip but they said Arkansas looked mighty good to them when they returned.



DISTRICT



Leslie Long

Where, oh where, have all my notes gone??? I've been vacationing some myself and have not fully recovered from that good ole' lazy feeling. We have had scads of vacationers - Mr. and Mrs. John Harris

with El Dorado friends toured the Ozarks and believe it or not, they saw a big black bear...Lester Rabb's wife and daughter, Leslie, had an interesting trip to Six Flags at Dallas...James Pierce and his family also took in the Six Flags and reported a fine time...Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hass spent the July 4 holiday at their home in Mammoth Spring. Roosevelt Williams and family vacationed at Fort Walton Beach, Fla., and enjoyed swimming in the ocean. Roy Hines and wife spent their vacation at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and the Lake of the Ozarks. J. W. Thome and wife just returned from two weeks' vacation with friends and relatives around Conway.

This yarn was turned in from Desha County. Some years ago, an attempt was made to develop a wingless broiler to produce more white meat. Now James Minchew is developing a pair of earless hogs. Seems he bought these pigs after dark.

Paul Barley, J. W. Morter, and Roy Hines have all traded cars recently, and Jonny Foshee is still trying out all makes and models in hopes of buying.

Congratulations to the Melvo Pledgers. Son, Donald Ray, weighed 5 pounds, 10 ounces, when he arrived at Drew County Memorial Hospital July 8. Also to the Willie Keys on the birth of a girl, Anna Marie, at Jefferson Hospital July 14. The little one weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

Recent employees enjoying poor health: J. W. Lunsford, E. J. Rabb, Calvin Rawls, I. V. White, Joe Tice, Joe Sturdevant, and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson. Get well soon, all of you.

Floyd Walker's dog is truly living a dog's life. He is howling loud and long to the tune of "Don't Fence Me In." He became too familiar with a \$75 feline.

Receiving service awards during June were Johnnie Lee Fox, 15 years, and W. C. Yearian, 25 years.

Fred Denton, our fishing prognosticator from Drew County, reports good fishing on Beouf River. Where're the fish, Fred???

Wayne Hampton and Y. W. Whelchel were guests of the Pine Bluff Rotary Club July 7. They showed the 1964 highway film, "Arkansas Highways - Lifelines of Progress."



DISTRICT



Olive Jackson

A meeting of resident engineers, area foremen and other supervisory personnel was held at the district headquarters July 10. The purpose of the meeting was to explain the Red Cross Blood Program. Those who spoke were R. B. Winfrey, Y. W. Whelchel, Bill Huie, and Jim Allen. Allen, a former resident of Hope and who is with the Red Cross, made a detailed speech. Others who came down from Little Rock were Gerald Sisk and pilots Ed Ray, Rudolph Peace, and Whelchel's young son.

The employees of Coy Campbell, Jr., resident engineer at Texarkana, had a fish fry and chicken barbecue July 10 at the maintenance headquarters in Texarkana. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lowder, Mr. and Mrs. Hayes McKinnie, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Greeson, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ederington. There was plenty of good food and a good time was enjoyed.

Certificates of service was presented in July to Roy Wilson Payne, 22 years; M. A. Lynn, 20 years; Clovis Gilbert Tittle, 15 years; James Harold Johnson, 10 years; and J. E. Dyer, 5 years. Payne, who was an employee in Howard County, retired as of June 30.

On July 31, J. E. Lowder and Johnnie Gray were guests of the Kiwanis Club at Hope, Johnnie, Highway photographer, showed the new film.

Floyd and Earline Pharris had a visit with their son, Floyd, Jr. and family in Little Rock on a recent week end. From there, they went to Petit Jean and enjoyed the outing.

We wish good luck to Edgar Ferguson, Hempstead County; and G. W. McDonald, Lafayette County, who have had to resign due to ill health.

This office had a surprise visit July 22 from Schley Carter, Murfreesboro, former area foreman of Pike County, who is now retired.

G. W. Clark of Lafayette County had surgery recently at Lewisville Hospital. We wish him a rapid recovery.

Welcome to new employee Clovis Horn of Pike County.

On July 14, 29 Brazilians were in District 3 to observe the mixing of windrow in Nevada County. They came by chartered bus and were accompanied by Mr. Whelchel. Also present for the demonstration were Messrs. Lowder, A. C. Clark, and W. E. Hicks of the Camden district. Afterwards, the Brazilians, Whelchel, and Hicks attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting at Arkadelphia.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Thomas Hollis on the death of his father, Eric D. Hollis of Patmos July 18; and to Arlis and Sid Ellis, whose father, R. G. Ellis of Prescott, died July 9.



DISTRICT



Bob Valentine

District 6 has much to report this issue. And why not? We missed the last two issues, entirely my fault, but maybe all will be forgiven.

First, and foremost, we congratulate Georgia Russenberger for the gain of a new son...Daughter Jerry was wed to Tommy Lewis June 20 in the Primrose Methodist Church.

Bill Jeter, maintenance superintendent, is a grandfather again. The baby, a boy, was born July 15.

We all wish Frank McKay the best of luck as he attends a Bible college in

Arlington, Tex. Frank was stock clerk before resigning in May. As a result of Frank's departure this reporter was advanced to stock clerk and Don McDaniel moved up to my old position. V. J. Homsley replaces Don as the third member in the stock room. V. J. is a May graduate of Judsonia High School.

D. G. Vinsett is our newest member in the mechanic department.

Best wishes to Les Baker who was presented his 30-year service awards July 23. Other recent awards went to J. D. Sutton and L. D. Holt for 15 years' service, and Walter Hudspeth, T. F. Cummings and W. W. Terry, 5 years.

Glenn Cotham and wife left June 18 for a two-week visit with their son and three grandchildren in North Hollywood, Calif. We understand they got the RED CARPET treatment...they flew by jet.

Mac Koehler and family left July 6 for California. They said they would cover the distance by car, stopping at interesting places along the way.

I. H. Nute and his wife left June 20 for Springfield, Mass. to visit with relatives. The Nutes were making the trip in their new Dodge Dart. Also, they made it to New York for a couple of Yankee games.

Raymond Adams' wife presented him with an 8 pound son July 24. Adams is in Woody Hardin's crew.



J. H. "Hosie" Long, heavy truck driver in District 6, has a couple of handsome, healthy grandsons...he's mighty proud of them. At left is Ronnie Patrick, 10 months older than his "baby" brother, Donnie, right.

On a recent fishing trip, Don McDaniel, clerk in District 6, and his wife, Wanda, had some pretty good luck bream fishing.

We extend our sympathies to the Charles Dodson family upon his death last month. Charles was a member of Glenn Appleby's crew.

Don and Wanda McDaniel with their string of bream.



DISTRICT



The Informers

Bud Durbin, mechanic in the district shop, and wife got their BOY, born July 1. He is a fine looking baby and Bud is bustin' his buttons. They have a girl, 8.

Billy Hamilton, Sebastian County, also got a boy. Wife and child are fine. Bill said that he is already spoiled. This is their second child and first son, also.

We have received word that E. A. Rolands' wife is in the hospital. Rolands is in Montgomery County. We hope she is at home by now and completely recovered.

J. A. Matthews is taking a few days' annual leave before going into the Army--good luck.

Service awards were presented to C. C. Ellis and Amos Bengel, 15 years; and Earl Clem for 10 years.

Gerald Dunn took a few days' vacation and several families and his family went fishing. They had a big fish fry and home made ice cream. He reports a good time and plenty to eat.

Hester "Tex" Brown and his family took a few days' vacation in Beaumont, Tex. visiting family and friends and resting.

Mona Gross visited the Greenwood area headquarters on the way to work one morning. She reports the flowers and pine trees are growing nicely and the banana trees are doing better than the ones at district headquarters because ours were injured by high winds. Things were looking good until then.

Don Cooper, stock clerk, took a few days off and went to Iowa. As a souvenir he brought home some Iowa corn, also a little girl named Sue. (??).Ed.)

J. P. Clayton and family vacationed a few days in Galveston, Tex. Daughter and grandchildren are visiting for the summer and accompanied them.

We extend our sympathies to the following in the loss of loved ones: Helen Butler,

P. A. Trotter, Mona Gross, J. C. Wingfield, Locke Williams, and Clarence Lafleur.



DISTRICT



Burnham & Campbell

A retirement certificate for 10 years' service was presented to Horace Jewell Green recently. A 10-year service award was presented to Floyd Wesley Blann and a 5-year award to Elisha Chester Kitchens.

Virginia Hicks of Tulsa is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hicks.

District 7 entertained a delegation of highway men from Brazil June 14. The group was composed of highway administrators from 9 states in Brazil. They were inspecting construction and maintenance practices. A luncheon was given for them by the Chamber of Commerce of Arkadelphia. District 7 personnel who accompanied the group were W. E. Hicks, Norman Pumphrey, and Gayle Gunn.

Bill Huie and Frank O'Donnell entertained the area foremen with a showing of the new film July 15. Huie talked to the Lions Club in Camden on "Safety" the same day. Norman Pumphrey, resident engineer, also spoke to the Club on highway construction progress in the Camden area.

Edgar Winters, inspector for Pumphrey, is seriously ill in the Camden Hospital. We all miss him and are anxious to have him back with us.

Carolyn Millner spent the week of July 20 in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Tennessee. Had a card from her and she said she spent the first part of the week at Gatlinberg, Tenn.

We enjoyed having Jerry Daniel in the office recently. He is taking a week's vacation before starting a coaching job at Fairview High School.

Anne Nunnally landed in New York July 18 on her way home from her year's teaching at Wheelus Air Force Base,

Tripoli, Libya, North Africa. Anne toured Europe before coming home. Some of her stops were Italy, Isle of Capri, a 10-day visit to Spain, a 3-day stop in Paris, 8 days in Germany, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, and across the English Channel by boat to London for a 9-day stay before jetting to New York. She arrived in Camden after an auto trip from New York.



DISTRICT



Netha Brown

Robert L. Williams and Linda Kay Pearson of Lamar were married June 25 at the First Baptist Church in Clarksville. Robert is working with Resident Engineer Jim Little.

Charles (Chuck) Jones, assistant resident engineer, transferred from District 8 to Brinkley July 1.

Recent visitors in this office have been G. W. Stanford, a retired employee, Ronald Keene, Ed Orsini, and A. G. Rives, Sr. Rives brought with him the first rain we've had in months. (Another Homer Berry?)

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. McGee have had as their visitors Earl Hicks and Mr. and Mrs. Cyrell New all of Tulsa. On Saturday they caught a 10-pound catfish and several more that weighed from three to five pounds.

Kenneth Ellis' father came down from Sallisaw, Okla. July 21 for an extended visit.

Jim Trone is the father of an 8 pound baby boy, James Hackney, born June 5 at the Clarksville Hospital.

District 8 welcomes a new employee in our office: Lawanda Barker of Dover. We believe she is planning to be married about the middle of September.



DISTRICT



Braswell & Morton

Service awards in July went to Cecil Gilbert Gillette, 15 years, and Harold Curt Shaddox and Earl James Well, 5 years.

R. A. Milum, Henderson Ferry supervisor, is ill with pneumonia in the Salem Clinic. We're all pulling for you, R. A.

V. O. Selby and Glen Steward reported to Fort Chaffee for 10 days' military leave.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Forrest Williams, Charlie Fullerton, Jim Godfrey, C. F. Gray, Elbert Huddleston, Pete Sims, Jim Wilson, Everette Arnold, A. A. Fennell, Chester Harp, A. L. Huntley, C. A. Janes, Fred Longhry, Nathan Mefford, Merrill Megason, D. B. Reed, O. E. Taylor, and Tommy Webb.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Cantrell became grandpa and grandma June 26 when a bouncing baby boy arrived at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Jones. Congratulations to both families.



The picture above is the District 7 headquarters building at Camden. This structure is used by District 7 Engineer W. E. Hicks and is the only separate facility remaining in the state. All other district personnel, including the district engineers, maintenance headquarters buildings. The building was formerly a private residence converted for office use and was bought by the Department several years ago.

The Jim Wilsons are proud parents of a 6 pound, 13½ ounce daughter, Susan Ann, who arrived July 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Cantrell gained a new daughter-in-law when son, Jerry Dale, married Miss Teresa Evans. They were married in the Baptist Church at Oregon Flat.

John Roy McDonald has won several trophies at the Ozark Speedway, Ozark, Mo. He was driving a 1956 Chevrolet and blasted out at 102 mph.

Bill Wilson took in the motorcycle races at Springfield, Mo.; but we understand he was only a spectator.

A/lc James A. Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Campbell, who is stationed in Sieglebach, Germany, recently received a promotion to A/2c. He has been on leave since June 15 touring the Netherlands, Spain, and Italy.

Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Byrd enjoyed a vacation at the home of their daughter in College Park, Md. While there they toured the Capitol, Washington Monument, Arlington Cemetery, the Wax museum and many other places of interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Fouts have been entertaining their daughter and family from Alton, Ill.

Nancy Biggers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Biggers, is a student at Draughon's Business College in Springfield, Mo.

Blain Huey won first prize in Mountain Home's annual Horse Show which was held July 9-11. He also rates first prize in growing flowers - his beautiful array of blossoms may be seen by driving to his residence on Highway 5.



DISTRICT



Isabelle Psalmonds

District Engineer John F. Price received his 25-year service awards at the Commission meeting on July 22. Congrat-

ulations, Mr. Price! We hope you will have many more years of successful service with AHD. All of us in District 10 think you're "TOPS."

Others receiving awards were Cecil Butts and Ernest Faulkenberry, 5 years, and Troy Smith and Wayne McLaughlin, 10 years.

John H. Sanders, maintenance superintendent, took his wife and daughter on a motor trip through Florida. He brought back some beautiful pictures which he had taken at Cypress Gardens and other points of interest. He said they went deep sea fishing but didn't bring a picture of his catch...wonder why?

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. House announce the arrival of their son, Darrel Wayne, July 7. He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces. Melvin is a chainman in the Lepanto office.

Jason Adams, who works in the stock room, has been on the sick list for several weeks. He spent nearly two weeks in the Baptist Hospital in Memphis. He is at home now, but not able to be back at work. Hurry and get well, Jason.

We enjoyed having as visitors Commissioners John Harsh and C. L. Denton, and Henry Gray, chief of Right of Way.

Brenda Puckett, field clerk at Lepanto, is at home awaiting the stork, and Bonnie Sharp is taking her place in the office.

Our sympathies are extended to Wylie Lindsey whose grandfather died at Bearden on July 11, and to Mrs. Robert Parker, whose husband Robert, a roller operator, was fatally injured while on the job July 7.

John: "Mary, run to me darling."

Mary: "No, John, I'll walk."

John: "Please, Mary, run to me, darling."

Mary: "No, John, No. I'll walk."

Announcer: "Be sure to tune in tomorrow and learn whether Mary runs or walks to her John."

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PAT WEDS



Our magazine staffer, vari-typist Patricia (Pat) Wheat, is now Patricia Johnson, as of August 5. Pat and Terry Johnson were married at 8 p.m. on that date in the Chapel of the First Methodist Church in Little Rock by the Reverend Robert E. L. Bearden. Terry, a Texan, is a member of the Air Force and stationed at the Little Rock Air Base. Pat, Terry, and Pat's two little girls are residing on Lilac Circle in Little Rock. Our congratulations to Terry on getting such a sweet, lovely girl and to both of them we wish the best of everything for a long, happy union.

THIS'LL
KILL YA



"How can you treat me like this when I've given you the seven best years of my life?"

"Good heavens!" the husband cried, "were those your best?"

Student: "It says here that if we study hard, don't drink, smoke or run around with girls, we'll live longer. Is that true?"

Professor: "We won't know for sure until somebody tries it!"

The diner was annoyed because the waiter had brought him a knife and fork, but no spoon. "This coffee," he said, pointedly, "is going to be pretty hot to stir with my fingers."

The waiter reddened, and beat a hasty retreat to the kitchen. He returned shortly with another cup of coffee. "This one isn't so hot, sir," he beamed.

Brown's symptoms were alarming enough to make him go to the doctor for a checkup.

"What does the report show, Doc?"

"According to this analysis," answered the medico, "there is every indication that a small percentage of blood is getting into your alcohol system."

A young man whose father had been hanged was faced with a life insurance application. After the usual questions inquiring about hereditary diseases, there was one asking for the cause of death of his parents.

He put: "Mother died of pneumonia. Father was taking part in a public function, when the platform gave way."

It was one of those small hotels in Miami and a pretty young thing had snuck up on the roof to have a sun bath. There being no one around to see her, she peeled off her sunsuit and stretched out comfortably, only to hear, a few minutes later, frantic footsteps up the stairs. Grabbing her beach towel, she managed to make herself quite modest by the time the manager arrived. "Young lady," said the manager sternly, "we don't permit nude sunbathing up here on the roof."

"But there's absolutely no one to see me," she protested, "and besides . . ."

"And besides," the manager interrupted, "you happened to be lying on the skylight over the main dining room."

A salesman fell in love with a cigarette girl but thought he should have a character report before popping the question. The detective's report:

"Fine reputation, past without a blemish, has a circle of impeccable friends. Only breath of scandal is that lately she's been going around with a salesman of doubtful reputation."

The cub Florida real estate salesman asked his boss if he could refund the money to an irate customer who discovered that the lot he had bought was under water.

"What kind of a salesman are you?" demanded the boss. "Go out there and sell him a motor boat."

Tim: "How long did it take your wife to learn to drive?"

Tom: "It'll be 10 years in March."

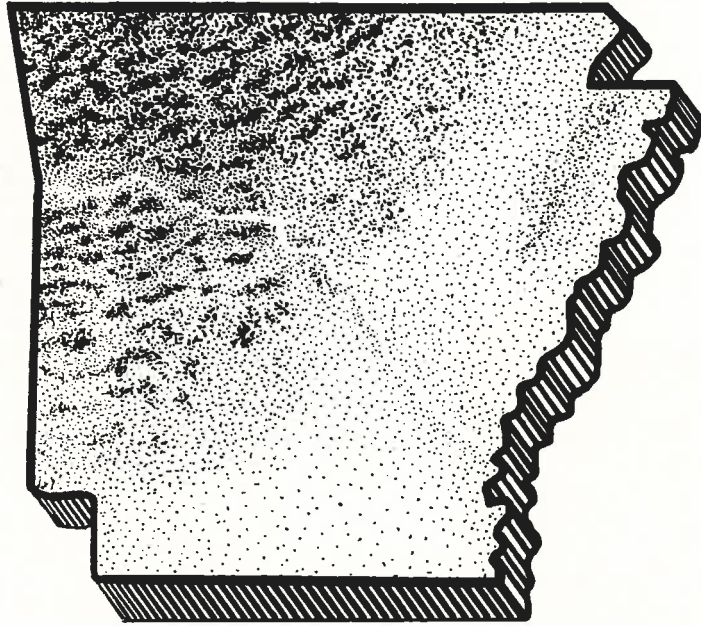
Professor: (pointing to a cigarette on the floor) "Jones is this yours?"

Jones: (pleasantly) "Not at all, sir. You saw it first."



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COVER PICTURE: A front end loader is being used to excavate rock during highway reconstruction of 8.06 miles on Highway 65, near Clinton northwestward to Botkinburg, generally in the present location. Two new bridges are being constructed and this involves work on Highway 16 and 95. One bridge, which spans Archey's Fork Creek, will replace an overhead truss type bridge.