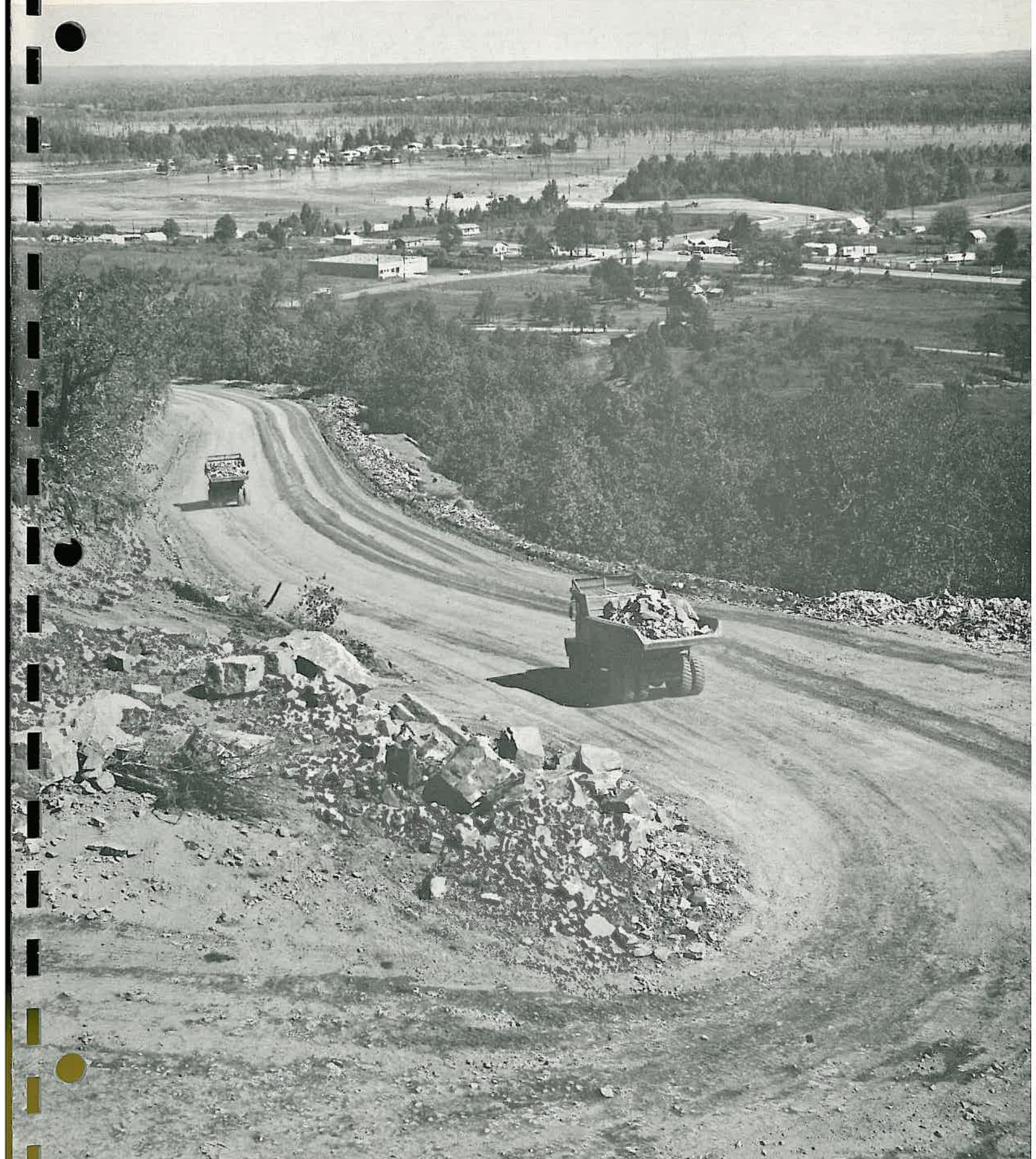


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STATE OF ARKANSAS

Executive Department

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME - - GREETINGS:

WHEREAS,

the President of the United States of America, Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson, has proclaimed the week of October 10, 1964, as National Highway Week in recognition of the vital role of Highway Transportation in our continuing National Growth; and

WHEREAS,

we are now witnessing significant and substantial progress in the successful development of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, which is greatly improving our ability to maintain and further advance as the strongest nation of the free world dedicated to the promotion of peace; and

WHEREAS,

in our great State of Arkansas an expanded and accelerated road program is essential to our continuing social and economic growth; and

WHEREAS,

the appalling death and personal injury rate due to motor vehicle accidents in our state and the nation further emphasizes the need for immediate attention to further improved highways;

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Orval E. Faubus, Governor of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim the week of October 4 through October 10, 1964, as

HIGHWAY WEEK IN ARKANSAS

and ask that all our citizens reflect and meditate upon the importance of an adequate highway system for our present and future well-being and upon the necessity for further improvements in order to realize and promote the full potential of the unlimited human and physical resources of our great state.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed. Done in office this 5th day of October, 1964.


GOVERNOR

GOVERNOR FAUBUS SIGNS PROCLAMATION AT DEDICATION CEREMONIES



On October 4 Governor Faubus and Highway Department dignitaries dedicated an 11-mile stretch of State Highway 22 that has been resurfaced and widened. The Highway runs from Midway west to Paris, and cost \$1,650,000. The governor said it was proof of the way the Highway Department met the needs of the people.

Highway representatives were Commissioners Truman Baker of Searcy, Armil Taylor of Clarks-ville, and C. L. Denton, Jr., of Tyronza; Acting Director Ward Goodman, and Administrative Assistant Y. W. Whelchel.

During the ceremonies, Governor Faubus signed the proclamation declaring the week of October 4-October 10 as HIGHWAY WEEK IN ARKANSAS, in observance with NATIONAL HIGHWAY WEEK.

Other construction work in progress is the hard surfacing of Highway 234 from Alleene to Winthrop in Little River County. The project, 6.8 miles long, will include grading, gravel base course and double bituminous surface treatment, and four concrete slab span bridges. Work is being done by Southeast Construction Company of Pine Bluff. L. J. Parson is the Department's acting resident engineer.

In Ft. Smith, roadbed construction of I-540 from "Y" Street to the Arkansas River bridge has been completed and a work order was issued October 1 for

the surfacing. The two jobs will cost approximately \$2,750,000. Hallett Construction Company of Crosby, Minn., had the contract for the surfacing. M. C. Peevy is resident engineer for the Department.

Reconstruction of 12.6 miles of Highway 71 from Ft. Smith to Greenwood has been completed at an estimated cost of \$1,265,000. Reynolds and Williams of Little Rock was the contractor.

Surfacing of the county road between Highways 64 and 162 southwest of Alma in Crawford County has been completed. Work was done by county forces under the direction of Judge Edwin Lloyd.

In the Camden area, work is in progress on construction of the roadbed on a 6.4-mile section of Interstate 30 from the Highway 53 interchange northwest of Gurdon to Gum Springs in Clark County. H. N. Rogers and Sons Company of Memphis was awarded the contract for the estimated \$1,950,000 project. G. E. Gunn is resident engineer for the Department.



Holding the ribbon as Governor Faubus snips it to open the 11.5 miles of reconstructed highways are Highway Commissioners C. L. Denton, Jr., Armil Taylor, and Truman Baker, Looking on is District 4 Engineer J. P. Clayton, in whose bailiwick the highway is located.

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Top left: Looking on as Governor Faubus signs the proclamation are Acting Highway Director Ward Goodman, Commissioner Denton, Subiaco Mayor Paul Geels, and Commissioners Taylor and Baker.

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AHD AND BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS ARE HOSTS ON BUS TOUR



By way of celebrating National Highway Week, the Highway Department, and the Bureau of Public Roads invited city and county officials, civic leaders, contractors, and all press media on a tour of the superhighways in and around Little Rock.

Fifty-nine miles of new highways were shown, including 38.5 miles of Interstate Route, which, when completed, will cost \$62,580,080. Acting Director Ward Goodman told newsmen and the other guests that, with good luck, three more sections of highways would be open to traffic January 1. These will be from the South Terminal Interchange of the Freeway south over the new route of U. S. Highways 65 and 167 to the place where they split, one leading to Pine Bluff and the other to Sheridan; from the North Terminal Interchange north to the Morgan Interchange on Interstate Route 40 in the direction of Conway, and from the Pulaski-Lonoke

County line east on Interstate 40 to the Highway 31 Interchange at Lonoke.

The bus trip included U. S. 65-167, where the passengers watched a crew from the Ben Hogan Construction Co. laying concrete by a new method of operation on the northbound lane. A highway official said the job was moving faster than any other, with 4,000 feet of concrete being put down every day with plans to get production up to a mile a day.

The bus turned back to the South Terminal Interchange and along the Freeway to the North Terminal Interchange in North Little Rock, 5.6 miles which cost \$33,548,000. All the paving has been completed on Interstate 40 from the North Terminal to the Morgan Interchange, a distance of 11.1 miles and which will cost \$8,858,190. The passengers were then taken east on Interstate 40 toward Lonoke. Most of the work has been finished on the 10.8 mile section from the Interchange to the Pulaski-Lonoke line but the road is not open to traffic officially. The paving is still unfinished on the 11 miles from the county line to the junction with Highway 31 at Lonoke.

Officials who helped host the tour were Mr. Goodman, Highway Commissioners John Harsh and Truman Baker, Administrative Assistant Y. W. Whelchel, Assistant Chief Engineer W. L. Moore, Construction Engineer C. A. Shumaker, Bridge Design Engineer L. P. Carlson, Maintenance Engineer R. B. Winfrey, Roadway Design Engineer W. C. Johnston, and E. E. Hurley, District 6 Engineer, who was spokesman.



A luncheon was held at the Albert Pike Hotel before the tour. Shown are V. E. Harvey, division engineer, Bureau of Public Roads; Harry Parkin, former Highway commissioner; Ben Hogan, Jr., Hogan Construction Company; Mr. Goodman, Highway Commissioners Baker and John Harsh, and Leo F. Kirby, executive secretary of AGC.



Inspecting the South Bypass



A central mix plant. Trucks are used to haul the mix to the construction site.

ROADS RULE THE WORLD

... not kings nor congresses, not courts nor constables, not ships nor soldiers. The road is the only royal line in a democracy, the only legislature that never changes, the only court that never sleeps, the only army that never quits, the first aid the redemption of any nation, the exodus from stagnation in any society, the call from savagery in any tribe, the high priest of prosperity, after the order of Melchizedek, without beginnings of days or end of life. The road is umpire in every war, and when the new maps are made, it simply pushes on its great campaign of help, hope, brotherhood, efficiency and peace.

TRAVEL SURVEY RESPONSE EXCELLENT

During each month of this year approximately 3,300 travel questionnaires are being mailed out to citizens of the state by the Planning and Research Division of the State Highway Department as part of a study to evaluate tourist traffic in Arkansas. J. R. Henderson, Planning and Research engineer, states that this year's response to the questionnaires has been overwhelming. They have averaged a return of 55 out of every 100 cards mailed compared to the usual 30% of previous surveys.

"The Department is grateful for the interest and cooperation received from those to whom questionnaires were sent. This large volume of answers gives us the most accurate information ever gained on the travel habits of Arkansas citizens," Henderson said.

The questionnaire includes inquiries about the type of trip, the purpose, money spent for food, lodging and vehicle expense, number of persons, trip length and distribution.

In addition to the questionnaires, information stations are set up at approximately 70 highway exits from the state. Trained interviewers stop all outbound traffic with out-of-state licenses and in a 3-minute interview, survey the motorists about origin of trip, places where overnight stops were made, purpose of trip, number of passengers and daily expenditures. The information stations are operated seven days per week at a period during each of the four seasons of the year to produce an accurate picture of travel in Arkansas. So far, approximately 20,000 out-of-state visitors have been interviewed.

The study, a cooperative project with the Bureau of Public Roads, is conducted to obtain an accurate measure of tourist impact dollarwise upon the economy of the state; (2) obtain information on highway facilities needed to attract and better serve tourists, and (3) determine the portion of the travel dollar which comes from residents and which from non-residents of the State.

Agencies providing recreational facilities including the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Forest Service, National Park Service and Arkansas Publicity and Parks Commission are providing information on the visitors who are served by their public use and park areas. Special emphasis is being given to who uses the public recreational areas, how far the visitor travels to reach the site, and what attracted or prompted him to stop at a particular place.

Attention is also being given to regularly scheduled traffic-generating events such as fairs and festivals.

A third phase of the travel survey will be carried out during October and November, when information stations will be set up at selected air, rail and bus terminals. Questionnaires will be handed out at that time to be filled out and returned by mail regarding travel activity while in Arkansas.

Data gathered by the survey is expected to be ready for publication by April.

--Mary Day

ENGINEERS FROM FRANCE VISIT LITTLE ROCK

It is hoped that the engineers from France who visited Little Rock September 15-17 left with a good impression of our warm hospitality and a favorable image of Little Rock and Arkansas. Every effort was keyed to that goal by all agencies who were hosts to the group and participated in the planned activities.

A full program was carried out to make the Frenchmen welcome. The events included a reception and dinner at the Top of the Rock Club, sponsored by the Publicity and Parks Commission the night of September 15. At noon the following day, the visitors were guests of the Little Rock Lions Club luncheon at the Marion Hotel. That evening, they were feted with a reception and dinner sponsored jointly by the Little Rock Chamber of Commerce, the Associated General Contractors, and the Arkansas Equipment Dealers Association. Arrangements were made also to have three in the group who spoke English appear on Bud Campbell's noon television program, "Little Rock Today." The visiting Frenchmen concluded their stay with a luncheon at the Arkansas Arts Center before they flew to their next stop.

The purpose of their visit to the States was to study urban development, which France has become deeply aware of in recent years. During their stay they studied principles of urban road networks and the role of the traffic engineer, the technical and financial solutions to the problem of urban development and redevelopment, the different types of urban roads, and the role of mass transportation, etc.

There were approximately 30 in the group.



Clarence Thornbrough, at left, represented Governor Faubus at the dinner at the Albert Pike Hotel September 16. At right is M. Thibault, secretary of the French delegation, who spoke some English and helped interpret.



The two Frenchmen at right, M. Duminy and M. Thibault, are shown at one of the numerous dinners with, from left, V. E. Harvey, Highway Commissioner John Harsh, Director Goodman, and Commissioner Baker.



Acting Director Goodman is shown presenting the president of the French delegation, M. Duminy, with a proclamation prepared by County Judge Arch Campbell proclaiming the Frenchman "Count of Pulaski."



Just as many native New Yorkers have never visited the Statue of Liberty or other famous landmarks of their city, the Parisian on the right had never been to the Eiffel Tower, an iron structure 984.25 feet tall built in 1889 in Paris. Colonel John T. Buxton, abashed at hearing this, presented the Frenchman with two tickets to visit the tower when he returns. The tickets were sent to Colonel Buxton by a friend in Paris.

SERVICE AWARDS PRESENTED TO TWO

Each month when the Highway Commission meets for business, time is usually taken to present service awards to one or more employees. On September 16, two employees were recognized for their long years of service.

John Calvin Hicks, designer in Roadway Design, received awards for 35 years' service, and Marvin Leroy Beckett, head of the Mapping and Drafting Section in Planning and Research Division, received his 25-year awards.

The awards, as usual, were presented in the Commission Room by Acting Director Ward Goodman, with the Commission members and others present. Special guests were the wives and other family members of the two recipients.

HICKS is a native of near Harrison in Boone County. He attended schools in Harrison, graduating from Harrison High School. He worked as a school teacher and later as a photo finisher before coming to AHD in 1927. His first job played out as the project was completed but when new projects were started his loyalty and creative ability were remembered. Hicks has literally promoted himself by his striving to learn and to become a better employee. His many jobs have included night watchman, rodman, chainman, fuel supervisor, draftsman, engineering auditor, highway engineer and, in June, 1962, he acquired his present title as roadway designer. John married the former Miss Blanche Bratton in 1928 in Harrison. They have two sons, a daughter, and two grandchildren.

Off duty, John carries on the traditions of his forefathers in writing about the legend and folklore of his beloved Ozarks. The monetary rewards from articles published in our newspapers and magazines are appreciated by John but his greatest satisfaction is knowing that he has enlightened and entertained the many readers.

He is well known for his many years of directing the activities of young people in the Douglasville Methodist Church. And, many of our present Boy Scout leaders remember John's leadership abilities as John's Scout troop was consistently a leading contender and won many honors in this area. He is recording secretary for the Authors, Composers and Artists Association of Arkansas and is the 1964 official host of the Arkansas Writer's Conference.

BECKETT, a native and lifelong resident of Little Rock, graduated from Little Rock High (now Central) School, after which he started working for the Forestry Commission where he continued to study and work in drafting. This was the foundation of his life's work.

He started working for AHD March 1, 1938 as a draftsman in the old Statistics and Analyses, which later became Planning and Research. His services were soon required for defense construction early

in World War II and shortly thereafter, he entered the Army. He served in Europe where his most interesting assignment was mapping the entire Maginot Line. He attained the rank of tech sergeant and after three years returned to P&R in January 1946.

His previous mapping experience sparked his desire to assist in developing an overall mapping program of the cities and counties of the state. His proficiency in this specialized field won him his promotion to section head in charge of the program in 1959. One of Leroy's major accomplishments has been the Arkansas tourist or service maps for which special commendation has been received from the Bureau of Public Roads as well as national mapping companies. His latest innovation has been the scribing method of map development which has attracted highway personnel from neighboring states and private utilities to study the procedures.

Leroy is married to the former Miss Mary Ruth Chestnutt of Madill, Okla. They boast of their twin sons, Allen and Lewis, and are equally proud of their daughter, Varyne.

Leroy is a member of the Pulaski Heights Baptist Church, an avid fisherman, a member of the "Do-It-Yourself" club - for example, home building - and he welcomes an evening of card playing.



Mr. Goodman and John Hicks in top picture. Mr. Goodman and Leroy Beckett, below.

TWO PLAQUES AWARDED TO HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT



The Highway Department received two plaques in recognition for outstanding services. The one pictured above was presented by the United States State Department for showing unusual courtesy and hospitality to the 26 Brazilian Highway Department engineers who spent two days in Arkansas studying the operation of our Highway Department engineering facilities. Since that time, the Department has hosted 29 top level highway engineers from France.

The plaque below was sent to Johnnie Gray, staff photographer, for his 1964 Highway Department film, "Arkansas Highways - Lifelines of Progress." In 1962, Johnnie received a certificate of merit for his film that year and in 1960, he was given honorable mention for his 1960 movie. The plaque is awarded by INDUSTRIAL PHOTOGRAPHY, a national magazine. The contests started five years ago and Johnnie has entered his films each year. Three citations in five years is not bad, Johnnie, Congratulations.



DEVALLS BLUFF BRIDGE CLOSES FOR REPAIRS

The bridge on U. S. Highway 70 at DeValls Bluff which spans the White River was severely damaged October 6 necessitating its closing. Repairs were begun immediately but the bridge's damage was such that it was expected to be out of operation for a week or 10 days.

A bulldozer equipped with a tree-cutting blade being transported across the bridge struck one of the main load carrying supports of the superstructure, almost severing the support. At first the Highway Department allowed passenger cars or pickups to cross, however, continuing damage resulting from even this traffic caused it to be closed to all traffic.

Uniformed officers were stationed at either end of the bridge and at detour points east and west of DeValls Bluff on 24-hour duty.

Eastbound traffic was being detoured onto Highway 11 east of Hazen to Stuttgart, then on U. S. 79 to east of Clarendon and then north of Highway 17 to Highway 70. Westbound traffic left U. S. 70 about 4 miles west of Brinkley to travel Highway 17 to the intersection of U. S. 79, on 79 to Stuttgart, then north to Highway 70 on Highway 11.

The bridge is on the arterial route between Little Rock and Memphis and is one of the most heavily traveled in the state. (See pic. opposite page.)

BRIDGE DESIGNER JOHN HALL ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS CHAPTER, ARKANSAS SOCIETY PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

John E. Hall, bridge designer in the Bridge Design Division, who was elected president of the Central Arkansas Chapter of the Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers last July, presided over the organization's first meeting of the season September 10. The dinner-meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. in the Golden Host Cafeteria.

Other officers and directors elected were James R. McKinney of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, secretary-treasurer; William J. Driggers of Garver and Garver, second vice president; Raymond J. Schneller, McNutt-Schneller, first vice president. Directors are Frank R. Battisto and S. H. Daggett of AHD; John W. Kizer, a former AHD employee now with Bituminous Incorporated, North Little Rock; Robert Kuhlman, Portland Cement Association; Hugh C. Getty, U.S. Corps of Engineers; and Robert W. Threet, Rowland E. Blaylock and Associates.

Formed in September 1962, the Central Chapter has approximately 300 members in the 14 counties which comprise the Chapter. The counties are Pope, Van Buren, Cleburne, White, Yell, Perry, Garland, Saline, Hot Springs, Prairie, Lonoke, Pulaski, Conway, and Faulkner.

The Chapter meets the second Tuesday in each month.



Democrat Photo

John Hall, James R. McKinney, and William J. Driggers

HIGHWAY DAMES

The October meeting of the Arkansas Highway Dames promises to be an interesting one. Members will meet October 29, at 11:30 a.m., at the Hotel Sam Peck Lodger Room. A program on flower arranging will be provided by Hocott's Florists. The business session will conclude the meeting.

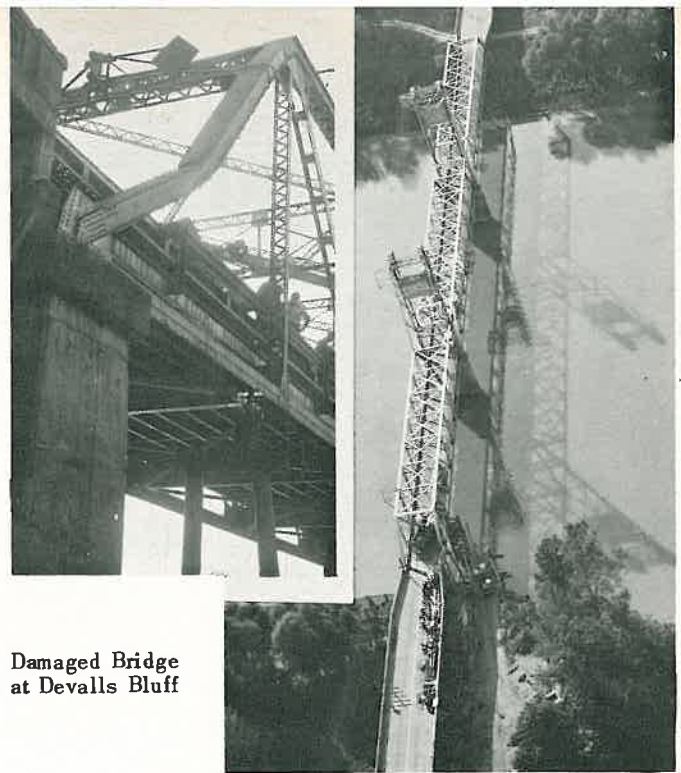
Thirty-two members attended the September meeting and reports indicate they enjoyed the fellowship and the fashions presented by Irma Dumas. Mrs. M. S. Smith (Mary Virginia) and Mrs. R. B. Jones (Martha Lee), chairman and co-chairman of the Entertainment and Program Committees are responsible for these programs.

We wish to remind readers of the Arkansas Highway Dames Assistance Fund. The project of the Arkansas Highway Dames, this fund is controlled by the Project Committee and has as its goal to assist any Highway employee or member of his family in need. Any member may suggest a family or employee for aid. Each Christmas, instead of sending Christmas cards to Highway friends, we donate the money we would use on cards and postage to this fund. This donation is strictly voluntary. We welcome contributions from others in the Department. As the Christmas season nears, a huge Christmas card is placed in the lobby of the Highway Building wishing members of the Department and their families a "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year." The names of those who have contributed to the fund are placed on the card.

The chairman of the Project Committee this year is Mrs. E. E. Hurley (Dell). Other members of the committee are Mrs. Ward Goodman (Mayme), and Mrs. J. T. Pendergrass (Lucy Jane). Mrs. Robert Mattox (Adele) is treasurer of the Dames, and contributions may be sent to her.

The Arkansas Highway Dames Assistance Fund may also be used to remember a friend or loved one. Each memorial gift is acknowledged, plus a note to the family.

--Ernestine Martin



Damaged Bridge at Devalls Bluff

REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS DESIGNATES WATSON SENIOR APPRAISER



Walker M. Watson, senior appraiser for the Department in the Right of Way Division, has been designated a senior resident appraiser by the Board of Governors of the Society of Real Estate Appraisers.

To become a candidate for entry into the Society, he must have worked as an appraiser for 5 years. After that, he can take a written examination which is graded by members of the Society. If his grade is sufficiently high, he must write a demonstration appraisal and that is graded by three out-of-state graders, Herbert Hooten, head of the Appraisal Section in Right of Way, said there are four appraisers in Arkansas who can grade appraisals. Hooten is one of them.

Watson, a member of the Society's Central Arkansas Chapter, has had 16 years' experience in appraising residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural properties. He has made appraisals in 40 Arkansas counties and is qualified as expert witness on real estate valuation. Only 3,600 appraisers of the 16,000 in the Society throughout the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico have qualified for this designation.

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT



ACCOUNTING DIVISION

Vivian Kinder

The Accounting Division is still buzzing! The Bill Hogans had a visit from the stork August 28, and the old bird dropped off a little girl, Tressie Jane. Congratulations, Bill.

Vivian Kinder celebrated her birthday (21) August 29. Georgia Cottrell and Olin Randle (Randy) celebrated theirs September 11. They were presented a birthday cake by Accounting for both of them. Their ages? A little over 19.

Tom Dixon's birthday was September 25. We all had potluck on the desk to help him celebrate.

Rose Clingan has now a name plate on her desk, so her name is not "Rose, what's your last name" anymore.

Frank Phillips' desk has been moved out of the dark into the light. It was moved by the window and Frank is seeing it for the first time. We're all glad, Frank.

Johnny Beavers is out of the hospital and back with us. We sure missed him and glad to have him back.

Betsy Morrison and Lou Bradford and sons, and Joy Marshall, went on a camping trip. They must have had a good time for they sure have done some laughing about it. They even had a tent, but evidently had a hard time keeping it up.

Alene Boysen is sighing with relief for she has gotten Betty back in college. She said her checkbook showed it. (We know.)



The two lads here are sons of Betsy Morrison and Lou Bradford. Brian Morrison is at left, and Kent Bradford, is on the right.



COUNTY PROGRAM

Barbara Oldham

Charles R. Rain, Jr., draftsman trainee, resigned September 15. We wish Charles the best of luck in his new job.

Jack Teasdale and wife Mary vacationed in Florida September 14-25.

This reporter and husband Jim made a trip over the Labor Day week end to the beautiful Ozarks. We stayed at the Crescent Hotel in Eureka. We visited all the museums and caves we could find. On our tour through the Miles Mountain Musical Museum, just outside of Eureka, we ran into Jim Meredith, chief of General Services Division, and wife Martha. We also visited Silver Dollar City in Branson, Mo. It was a wonderful trip.

That's all until next month. . . We are BUSY, BUSY, BUSY, here at the County Roads Office.



EQUIPMENT

Sally Crook

Patsy Navens received her 10-year service awards from Boss C. Don Hayes on September 14. Nice going, Patsy.

Bonnie Hill, of the procurement for equipment office, and her husband Bob are the very proud owners of a new 1965 Regal Red Chevrolet Impala. It's beautiful.

Johnny Smith's wife, Anneliese, has flown to Heidelberg, Germany, to visit her parents, as her father is not in good health. Johnny said that he called her one week end and she expects to be back around Christmas. This is her first trip home in two years.

C. Don Hayes spent the week of September 21-25 at Ball Lake Lodge in Kenora, Canada. He spent the week fishing for lake trout and walleye with a great deal of success. He reports that he had a restful and enjoyable trip.

We extend our sympathies to the family of J.T. "Red" Shaw, who died Friday, September 11. Mr. Shaw retired from central shop February 28, 1962 with 39 years' service.

Timid soul: One who lives in fear of bending or breaking an IBM card.



PERSONNEL

Dorothy Lehman

Those of you who have children in school know all about the hurried purchases of school supplies, wardrobe replenishing, etc. But now that most of the hustle and bustle is over, we are settling down to our usual wintertime routine and we find that most of us in Personnel do have children. Sibble Cox's daughter, Bette (Puddin, as most of us know her), is a senior in Hall High. Jane Greenlee's boys, Johnny and Mitchell, attend Bale Elementary School. Juniata Morgan's children, Susan, 4, and Robert, 5, spend their days at Kiddie Kampus. Dale Davison's son, Dale, is in the second grade and Debbie is a fourth-grader. They attend Forest Park School. This reporter has two attending school at the present time - Ronnie is a junior at Central High and Peggy goes to Garland Elementary.

Recently the Davisons enjoyed a 10-day visit from his mother, Mrs. Addie Davison, of Iowa.

Sibble is taking off a few days next week and said she was going to fish every day. We hope she catches some good ones.



PLANNING AND RESEARCH

Bonnie Thomas

Congratulations to Leroy Beckett who received his 25-year service award September 16 from Mr. Goodman at the Commission Meeting.

We are glad to have Bill Cypert back working with us again after completing six months in the Army.

Jane Huff is back working again after a recent illness.

Paul Elcan was hospitalized recently for observation and test.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Mount have enjoyed a recent visit by their son, Bob. He was returning after 18 months in India. En route back to the States, Bob vacationed in Istanbul, Munich, Berlin and Amsterdam. He also spent several days in Washington, D. C. and in Chicago before coming to Little Rock. Bob is completing his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of California (Berkeley) where he has returned to write up his dissertation from data gathered in India.



OFFICES OF ASS'T. CHIEF ENGINEER

Leontee Connelly

It's been some time since we had any news in the magazine, but with six weeks between lettings, we managed a few minutes to round up the current events of this office.

Many of our personnel have vacationed but by now, it's old news so we'll skip the details and get on to more recent happenings.

As most everyone knows, Virginia Deckard transferred to Roadway Design effective July 16 and was replaced by Millie Houston, a former employee.

Carolyn Camley left us on August 1 to go to Omaha with husband, Jerry, who is in the Air Force. Replacing Carolyn is Juanita Whiley, married, with a child, Vick, 5 years old.

Larry Deal resigned September 1 to return to Arkansas State College at Jonesboro. Cake and coffee were served by way of bidding him goodbye and good luck. Larry's replacement is Ken Rounsavall, a young single lad from Dallas, Tex.

Last to leave was John Kizer, who resigned to take a position with Southeast Construction Company. Again cake and coffee were served and John was presented a gift from his office.

Chuck Freeman's wife, Jo, and son, Van, have had the flu recently but Chuck reports they are much better, now.

Charles Wroblewski and wife, Beverly, have taken on a great job. He is cubmaster and she is den mother for a troop, which one of their boys belongs to.

The man who sells the books, Vershall Roy, spent most of one morning at the VA Hospital but discovered his trouble was just a little hypertension.

Charlie Walther is working hard at the lake every week end trying to get the plumbing done before cold weather. By the way, all of you good-looking single gals, Charlie is searching for some lovely to take out and buy a steak. If interested, call Ext. 296.

Ken Hendrickson, as of this writing, is waiting for the stork and has been for a week, but from his wife's progress, he says he may still be waiting this time next month.

Our sympathies go to Bob Andrews on the loss of his mother July 18.

That's about it. See you next month. (Well, I hope so, Leontee. Ed.)



PROCUREMENT

Lou Hardy

We have lost another employee since our last news. Betty Claude is no longer a member of our happy family since she

joined the Bridge Design Division. We are glad for her in her new position but sure hated to lose her. Our new employee replacing Betty is Doris Haskett. Doris has a married son, Bill, who lives in Sylvan Hills, and a daughter, Linda, who lives at home with her. Doris loves to cook and sew. She also has two cats and a poodle.

Jeannie Burruss is sporting a 1965 Barracuda, black with gold interior. She drove it home to Bradford this past week end to show the folks.

Lewis Wade and family motored to Six Flags recently. Leta Wade is now in the hospital and we hope to see her out soon. Their son, Kevin, has started his first year of school and from all accounts, likes it.

Willene's son Heggie has been home for several weeks and has now left for Texas where he will start a new job. Her other son, Roger Carroll, who has been in Spain for over three years, arrived back home after counting the days, for a 30-day vacation before going to Wyoming where he will be stationed. It had been 36 months since they had all been together. Willene is really enjoying having had both of them at home.

This reporter and family are just about to get settled in our new home at 105 Springwood in Little Rock. After being a North Little Rock family all our lives, we find that L.R. is not such a bad place to live after all. Oh, yeah!

Did'ja ever see one string made out of two while you were holding both ends? Impossible? Well, that's what I thought. However, it was done by one Frank Caple, our magician, so ask him if you don't believe it.

Jim and Martha Meredith were in Fayetteville for the game September 26 and visited Conley, their son, and our former employee, Maurice Carroll. Maurice seems to be liking Fayetteville and her job quite well. Aubrey, her husband, is attending school there.



RIGHT OF WAY

Shirley Childress

Sherrie Buckles is cruising around in a 1964 Chevrolet Impala Super Sport's car now. It is white with black interior. Sherrie and her mother tried it out over Labor Day by taking a week end trip to Dewitt to visit friends.

Other employees taking advantage of the Labor Day holiday were the Fred Williams family who took a trip to Prescott to visit Nina's family. Neil Gibbs and wife, Nola, took a Labor Day week end trip to Michigan to visit Neil's family.

Sue and Jimmy Boyett had relatives visiting them from Arizona and while they were here they all made a trip to Mountain Home and did some fishing.

Donna Reddin spent part of her vacation at home and part of it on a trip with her

mother visiting relatives in Meridian, Miss.

Woody Laird and family spent the last week end of September in Natchez, Miss., and Ferriday, La., visiting relatives.

Jim Bartlett and wife, Wynona, spent the week end of September 19 at Mountain Home visiting relatives.

Norman McLeod of the Acquisition Section flew to New York with friends to visit the World's Fair.

We are happy to see Marvin Cazer back at work after having spent six days in the hospital.

The girls in Right of Way attended a stork shower for Doloris Freppon, a former employee in the Pre-Audit Section, September 16. The weather was really wet that night but the girls' spirits were not dampened a bit and a good time was had by all.

Charles Scott of the Appraisal Section received his 5-year service awards in September.

Jack Hamilton is resigning to go back to college to work toward getting his degree in civil engineering at the University of Arkansas. We're all sorry to see Jack leave but we would like to wish him lots of luck in his school work and hope that he will drop by to see us any time he is back in town.

Well, hunting season is upon us again and you can always tell it by the absence of several men from different sections at the same time. For instance, at the opening of squirrel season this year and we had six men missing. A. C. Ledbetter, Dick Andry, Woody Laird, Gip Robertson, Nathan Garrett, and Glendol Jackson left October 1 to head for the woods west of Ozarks, where they set up camp and hunted until Sunday noon. They killed 62 squirrels in all so I would say their hunt was successful.



ROADWAY DESIGN

Virginia Deckard

Fred and Peggy Pulliam spent a week's vacation in August visiting with friends in Chicago. Another couple from Detroit joined them for a visit. They stopped off in St. Louis on their way home.

John Hicks spent Labor Day with Mr. and Mrs. Charles McDougall and family at Stuttgart.

We have a new name for John Dunn. He is now called "Crash." He earned the new moniker by being involved in an accident on the way home one afternoon. Then enroute to work the following morning, BAM! Another one. Fortunately there were no injuries - only to his ego and car.

Joe A. Hicks and wife, Leota, celebrated their twentieth wedding anniversary August 6. They exchanged matching diamond rings in honor of the occasion.

Delbert Vanlandingham and family spent a week vacationing in Houston and Galveston. Had a good trip.

On September 15, several of the Roadway gang took John Hicks to lunch at Island X in honor of his 35 years with the Department. They presented him with a gift certificate for a hat and pen and pencil set.

On September 16, Acting Director Ward Goodman presented John with his 35-year service awards in the Commission Room. Mrs. Hicks, along with their daughter and her son, and John's son and his wife and daughter were present for the occasion. Our congratulations to John.

Also, we had two others who received awards in September. Delbert Vanlandingham received his 5-year service award, and John "Crash" Dunn, his 10-year awards. Congratulations to these boys, too.

We will miss two of our employees, Cy Coffman and Ray Dickinson, who resigned. Cy will be with the Corps of Engineers and Ray is going with a private firm.

We welcome George Majors, who replaces Cy.



TRAFFIC SERVICES

Sharon & Judy

Jim Woodson and wife, Nancy, attended a football game in Pine Bluff September 25 to see the game between Arkansas Tech and Arkansas A&M. Jim's brother plays end for Arkansas Tech.

The Van Campbells drove to Texarkana to visit daughter, Sharon, and her family, and then went on to Dallas.

David and Sharon Jobe spent Labor Day week end on Greer's Ferry Lake with friends. Not many fish were caught but everybody had a good time.

We express our sympathies to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bland on the death of her father.



DISTRICT



Leslie Long

Labor Day week end afforded all kinds of fun-loving leisure for some of our personnel. Our fishing enthusiasts all selected their favorite spot and thrust aside all thoughts of live's difficulties. C. R. Gaddy attended his annual square dance convention at Petit Jean. James Pierce and family enjoyed camping and picnicing at Petit Jean. Scarler Lyons and family spent a pleasant vacation visiting with his mother at Grand Prairie, Tex. and enjoyed a side trip to Six Flags. This writer took a flying trip (by car) to New Orleans and put up at the Montelone in the French Quarter. Of much interest at is the Carousal Room, which features the

revolving bar. Browsed through antique shops and partook of the French cuisine. Also enjoyed a tour of night clubs and a pleasure ride on the S.S. President.

All of our summer college boys have made preparation to return to school. Speaking of college, we have one student, E. Bryan Eans, who has worked four summers with us and one summer with construction and we think he is due a special tribute. He has been employed and worked with the mowing crews, sign crews and in the shop. E. Bryan Eans, age 22, 5' 10", 155 pounds, single, resides at 105 W. Twenty-Seventh with his parents when he is not at college. (Henderson State at Arkadelphia.) He has one sister, married. Bryan was born in Pine Bluff and graduated from Pine Bluff High. He is a member of the Methodist Church. He will finish his college work in January and hopes to qualify for Officer training in the Air Force. His college fraternity is Phi Sigma Epsilon. His curriculum includes a course of study in economics, psychology, and sociology. He is quite an accomplished guitar player and enjoys the listening pleasure afforded by his stereo set. He is also interested in hunting and fishing, and has his own auto. We wish him much success all through life.



E. Bryan Eans

A friendly good cheer for our hospital patients, D. E. Martin, Lake Village Infirmary for appendectomy; Mrs. Elsie Trantham, mother of W. F. Trantham, University Hospital, Little Rock, for surgery; Van Dyke Chavis, husband of Selma B. Chavis, Jefferson Hospital, Pine Bluff, for tests and check-up.

We have a group of happy mechanics and you know why? They are "me-kan-inking" away under new fluorescent lights installed in the equipment shop. Other new additions to the shop are the new electric hoist and the wheel balancing machine, of which they are proud. Another

feature of special interest is our new push button type operated electric doors.

Thurman Payne spent a few days with us this month, checking and inspecting equipment. Jack Clements paid us a brief visit and we rated a "howdy" from auditors Cruce and Pryor.

Strange as it may seem, our most recent visitors were a king snake and ground rattler. They visited our stockroom and office. Needless to say, we are not looking forward to any more visitations from critters like those.



George Cooley, motor patrol operator in Desha County, is proud of his grand daughter and also his Walker hounds. He is looking forward to deer season. George lives at Watson. He says "children like this and dogs like these cannot be raised anywhere else in the world."

Service awards for September went to John Merle Hollis, 20 years; and R. J. Sessions and J. C. Merrell, 5 years.



DISTRICT



Olive Jackson

Receiving awards in September were Pierce Watson McCorkle, 20 years, and Elva Davis Fedd, 15 years.

Two new employees are Charles Taylor, Lafayette County, and Leonard Ray McKamie, Hempstead County. Returning to school was Stuart Greene, who is a student at Henderson State.

Clyde and Juanita Tullis, who recently returned from a two weeks' vacation in Oregon and California, reported a wonderful time. In Reedsport, Ore., they visited their daughter and her husband, Clydell and J. W. Taylor. In Lindsey, Calif., they visited other relatives.

Leaving our employ this month was Lee Huskey, heavy truck driver, who has been with us for many years. Lee has decided to go back to farming. We will all miss him and wish him the best of luck.

We have had with us recently A. G. Cruce and Billy Pryor, who are making an audit in our district.

We are sorry to report that James Munrow Stark, employee of Sevier County, had a stroke and had to be in the hospital for some time. Also on the sick list and in the hospital was Sherrell Turner of Howard County, who had double pneumonia. Both men are convalescing at their homes and we wish them a speedy recovery.

Clovis and Chloe Tittle visited her sister and husband, the Ted Edwards in Ft. Smith on a three-day vacation recently. On their return trip, they stopped at Queen Wilhelmina State Park at Mena.

Pete Collums, one of our mechanics, was off for some time due to a shoulder injury but has returned to work.

Locke Williams, mechanic, and wife also went up to Kansas and they spent a few days resting at home.

Emerson Hammill, district mechanic, and wife are presently vacationing. They were planning to go to New Jersey via Norfolk, Va., to visit with family and friends. We hope they have a safe journey and a good visit.

We express our sympathies to the families of Gerald Dunn and Earl McCartney in the loss of loved ones.



DISTRICT



Burnham & Campbell

Maxwell Shelton Smith received his 15-year service awards and Thomas Lee Lindsey received his 5-year awards recently.

Julia Anne Hicks, daughter of the W. E. Hickses, has enrolled as a senior in the Arts and Sciences College at the University of Arkansas.

Bill Moore, assistant chief engineer, and Y. W. Whelchel, administrative assistant, visited the Camden office on September 22.

Paul Stewart, area engineer for the Bureau of Public Roads, was in the District September 23 and 24.



Above is Mrs. June Woodson, clerk dispatcher for the Camden Police Department shown relaying a message instantaneously as she receives it by phone to a patrol car with the facilities of a two-way radio. Mrs. Woodson, the former June Ivy, who was formerly payroll clerk for the Highway Department at Camden and now the wife of Hal Woodson, District 7 bridge foreman. Mrs. Woodson is the first woman to occupy the position with the Camden Police.

Harris Hearnberger, engineering helper for Norman D. Pumphrey, gave employees of that office quite a surprise on September 1 when he announced that he had been married since June 6. Miss Judy Porter is the "no longer a secret" bride.

One of these writers is feeling a bit lonesome with both daughters back in school. Barbara Campbell is a junior in elementary education at Henderson State and Marcia is a student at the school of radiologic technology at St. Vincent's in Little Rock.

Gayle Gunn, resident engineer at Arkadelphia, has sent in a suggestion that should be considered. When any deaths occur in the AHD personnel, that the item be given radio publicity over the Department system in order that friends may be notified in time to attend the funeral, or send messages and flowers.



DISTRICT



Netha Brown

Billy Wayne Hale and Lucille Mackey were married September 5 at the Dover Church of Christ. They are making their home in Dover. Billy works for the Pope County maintenance crew.

Ed Shinn, Dale Walker, Loy Hale, Clofus Bradford and George Price are on the ailing list.

Cecil Gilmore flew to Jacksonville, Fla., to drive home with his daughter, Mary. He saw the results of a recent hurricane in that area and says Arkansas, especially Yell County, looks mighty good to him.

We enjoy visits from retired employees in this area. Homer Hill, W. C. Fry, B. R. Littleton, and Dick Bryan come by every once in a while to say "hello."

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. McGee welcomed a new grandson September 7. Stephen Barney Allen, whose parents are Barney and Margaret Allen, weighed 9 pounds, 12 ounces, and has four sisters. Stephen brings the total up to six grandchildren for the McGees.

James Cecil Pate, employed with the construction crew in Van Buren County, has resigned and is now working with the U.S. Corps of Engineers.



DISTRICT



Isabelle Psalmonds

Those receiving service awards in September were Robert T. Starrick, Charles A. Pillow, Jr., Edward L. Ferguson, and James M. Garrett, 5 years; John W. Henry, 10 years; Hubert C. Martin, 15 years; and Harlie O. McFall, 20 years.



DISTRICT



The Informers

Congratulations to the following on receiving awards: John Spurling of construction, and B. J. Gibson, district bookkeeper, 5 years; T. W. Goodson, construction, 10 years; and C. L. Gilbreath, Franklin County, 20 years.

The wife of Columbus Dalmut, foreman in Sebastian County, underwent surgery and is now at home doing just fine. Columbus reports she is fully recovered because she is her old self again.

J. G. Fair, Montgomery County, fell off the distributor and broke some vertebrae. He's back working and wearing a collar but feeling fine, which we are glad to report.

Greenwood and the district yard have banana trees but Waldron has bested us with watermelons and sunflowers in addition to a banana tree. They also sport pretty flowers and pine trees (when Thurman doesn't cut them down).

Bill Biggs, retired, dropped in the Waldron headquarters not too long ago to check up on the crew and the progress of Highway Department. We are glad he's doing well. Keep it up Bill and come back again.

We understand that Pete Lewis, retired, is enjoying his retirement by supervising the croquet grounds in Greenwood.

The construction office of Calvin Peevy has a new employee, Miss Wilma Sue Aven. Welcome to the "club," Wilma.

Bill Gibson and his family took a week's vacation and visited relatives and friends in Kokomo, Ind., and stopped by the St. Louis Zoo, which they enjoyed very much.

Marge Pamell, fuel clerk, and daughter enjoyed a week's vacation traveling to spots in Missouri, Arkansas, and Texas.

Seldon Cope, shop foreman, and his wife took two weeks off to visit family and friends in Kansas (Topeka and Hutchison).

Mona Gross, district secretary, took a week off to rest up. She visited with Bess Roland in the Paris construction office.

We are always happy to have visitors. Some of the recent ones were James McCarthy, Ronald Keene, Ed Orsini, John Massey, Norman Priddy, L. A. McCain, Robert Apel, and V. E. Harvey.

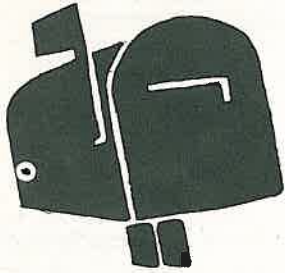
On September 8, A. H. Cockrill, resident engineer at Walnut Ridge, had a narrow escape as he collided with a pick-up which pulled out in front of him. Haden was thrown out of the car onto the pavement. He suffered some bruises, scratches, and sore muscles, but no broken bones or serious injuries, for which we are thankful.

Richard Amos is in the Baptist Hospital at Memphis for surgery. The report is that he is getting along very well. Hurry

and get well, Richard.

John Price took a few days off and, with Dale Hamilton went to Florida to do some deep sea fishing. They had pretty good luck the first morning, but Dora, the hurricane, moved in with such fury that their boat was called in and they didn't get to go back out. Better luck next time.

We are happy to receive letters expressing appreciation of a job well done by the Department, but the one printed elsewhere in this magazine about one of our men, O. N. Smith of Paragould, make us especially proud. We know O. N. desires no commendation for doing the "right" thing, but we do commend him for it.



LETTERS

October 8, 1964

Ms. Martha L. Adams, Editor
Arkansas Highways

Dear Ms. Adams:

I was very much interested in reading the article "CHLOE", by M. G. Gross in your September issue.

The CHLOE profilometer is mentioned as having a grandfather, the Road Test Profilometer, developed at the Ottawa, Illinois Road Test by engineers of AASHO.

You might be interested in knowing that the great-grandfather, and the first, Profilometer developed was at the Bates Experimental Road built by the Illinois Highway Department in cooperation with the Bureau of Public Roads in 1922, and was used to measure the surface variation on the test road to determine the effect of traffic on the surface profile.

In 1922, the writer, who was at that time employed by the United States Bureau of Public Roads, developed an accelerometer to determine the riding qualities of pavement. This instrument was mounted on an automobile which, when driven at a fixed speed, produced a continuous record of the riding qualities of the pavement.

I was happy to note that today we have CHLOE, an electronic, mechanical device to measure the riding qualities of the pavement.

Sincerely,
CHOCTAW, INC.

E. F. Bepalow
Vice President & Chief Engineer

Dear Sir:

"One of your employees recently performed a service which, in my opinion, reflected much credit on himself and to your Department.

"Mr. O. N. Smith of Route 4, Paragould, was working on Highway 14 in Mississippi County and found a purse belonging to Mrs. Wren which contained a fair amount of money and other valuables such as driver's license, credit cards and the like. Mr. Smith identified the purse from the driver's license and brought it to my office to be returned to Mrs. Wren. What's more, all of the belongings were intact and he would accept no reward. I certainly think this is a most commendable act and I trust there is some way that this letter can be placed in his permanent personnel folder.

"I wanted you gentlemen to know of Mr. Smith's trustworthiness under these circumstances."

Very truly yours,
Hudson Wren

September 16, 1964

Arkansas State Highway Department
Little Rock, Arkansas

Sirs:

I wish to express my appreciation for the courtesy and services extended to me by Charlie Bland and Howard Stobener, members of your Department, when I carelessly ran out of gas on Route 70 between Memphis and Little Rock. They were certainly "good samaritans" and my wife and I are grateful for their assistance.

Sincerely,
Walter L. Mason
Havertown, Pa.

P.S. We are on our way to the American Legion Convention at Dallas.

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IT TAKES TWO TO TANGLE

Anyone who drives during the rush hour is bound to come up against as great a variety of personalities as there are cars. The worst character is the young man whose temper flares on being cut off, slowed up, beaten to the draw at a stop light. He is out to get even and this endangers not only his life but that of others.

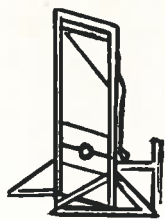
Several years ago I read a story about a respectable business man who had been shot while driving home. I asked the editor what it was all about and he said, "Another traffic fight." The subsequent testimony proved this was so.

Many men are angered when they try to pass a motorist who is straddling the white line, over in the wrong side of the road, or otherwise is ignoring safety precautions or ordinary courtesy. When unsuccessful, some drivers act like spoiled children and lose all sense of judgement. They, too, are menaces on the highway.

Some of those who pass us going 60 m.p.h. or dart in and out of traffic may have been disturbed a mile back by a truck, or by something that happened at home or at work. The relationship between accidents and driver attitudes seldom is explored by police. This may be one of the main reasons why so many mishaps take place between 4 and 7 p.m. At the end of the day, it is natural to be weary and impatient. Visibility is poor, especially during the winter months.

The only way to stay out of the "accident while going home club" is to curb that belligerent attitude, slow up, and stay well behind the car ahead. It takes two to tangle, and when the other driver is bellicose, let him go because nothing will be gained by aggravating the so-and-so.

--by T. R. Van Dellen, M.D., Chicago Tribune.



this'll kill ya!

We like the story of the lady, who, when appearing before a Senate Committee, practically went into orbit when she was accused of being a communist.

"You think I'm a communist because I once lived in Russia," she hissed. "But I'm not!"

"I once lived in Germany," she went on, "but that didn't make me a Nazi."

"I lived in Spain at one time," she continued, "but that didn't make me a fascist."

Then, as an afterthought, she added, "In fact, I've even lived in the Virgin Islands."

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A minister encountered a local baseball player whom he knew and asked him why it is that his team always plays on Sundays.

"Sunday is our biggest day," the player replied. "We get the biggest crowds and take in the most money. After all, Sunday is your biggest day, too, isn't it?"

"There's a difference," the minister replied. "I'm in the right field on Sundays."

"So am I," replied the player. "Ain't that sun hell out there?"

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An advertiser in the Times of London last week put a Swedish-built sports car on the market with the words: "Status symbol for sale. Owner unfortunately changing status."

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Found on a freshman's registration card: Name of parents - "Mom and Dad."

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The phone rang in the maternity ward and when the nurse answered an excited male voice said, "This is Harold Smith, I'm bringing my wife in to have a baby!"

"Now slow down sir, and give me a little information. Is she having any pains?"

"Yes, this is Harold Smith. My wife--"

"Is this her first baby?"

"No, this is her husband."

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An old African tribesman had arranged to give his daughter in marriage to a young man of the next village. They agreed to meet at a bend in the river to exchange the girl for a couple of cows and a few sheep.

The old man and the girl arrived at the appointed place and time. But the young man and his livestock showed up across the river.

"Stupid boy," said the old man. "He doesn't know which side his bride is bartered on."

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Groucho Marx, when told he could smoke cigars on the airplane if he didn't annoy the lady passengers, said if he had a choice he thought he would prefer to annoy the lady passengers.

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The tired businessman was reading his paper one evening while his wife knitted. "Henry," she purred, why don't you read to me while I knit?"

"I have a better idea," he suggested. "You knit to me while I read."

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To the astonishment of his friends, Melvin, a gay blade professional bachelor type, announced his intentions to marry. Speculation ran high as to what his conduct would be after the nuptials, but Melvin put an end to all doubt when he toasted the bridesmaids at the reception.

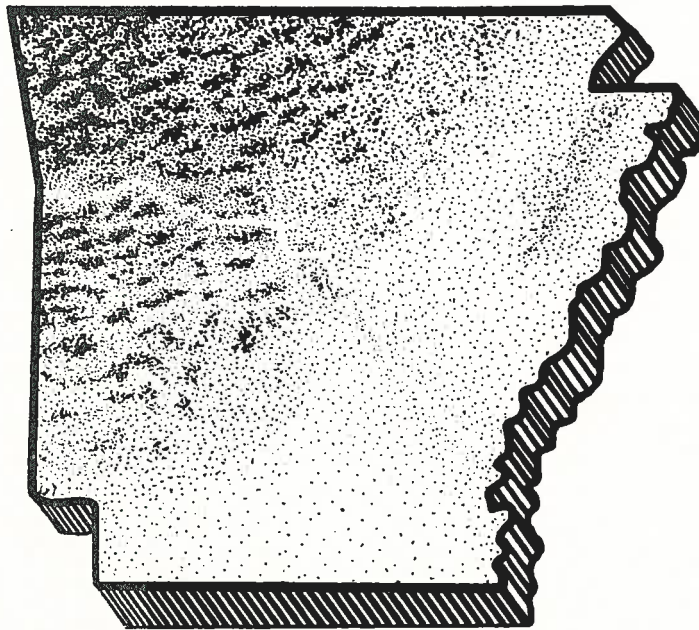
"Girls," he said warmly, his eyes flitting lightly over their charms, "I want to wish you all the best of luck, and to extend the hope that each of you will, in the near future, take the place of the bride."

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COVER PICTURE: Construction on Interstate 40, south of Conway, from Brumley to Mayflower. Workmen are hauling quarry run stone to fill in part of Lake Conway, just east of Highway 65 at Gold Creek Crossing. The project will be 275 feet wide and approximately 1,700 feet long, with two 210 feet long bridges of reinforced concrete slab span structures. Approximately 275,000 tons of the stone will be used to fill in the lake. Each truck hauls 25 tons per load. T. G. (Buddy) Orton, is resident engineer on the project, assisted by Lawrence Fletcher, assistant resident.