



ARKANSAS HIGHWAYS

July 1965



More Roads On Interstate 40 Open Up

Almost 15 more miles of Interstate 40 were officially put in use June 17 when dignitaries from Arkansas and Oklahoma held ribbon-cutting ceremonies at the Arkansas-Oklahoma State Line. The new stretch includes 9.5 miles in Arkansas and 5.6 in Oklahoma.

J. Fred Patton, chairman of the Highway Committee of the Fort Smith Chamber of Commerce, was master of ceremonies at the dedication festivities. The invocation was given by Dr. John Bayliss, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Fort Smith. James S. Yarbrough, mayor of Fort Smith, gave the welcome address, and John Yantis, president of the Fort Smith Chamber of Commerce, introduced the platform guests, including Governor Orval Faubus, Oklahoma Highway Director Frank Lyons, Allan Ray Toothaker, mayor of Van Buren, District 4 Engineer J. P. Clayton, and Highway Commissioners Wayne Hampton, Truman Baker, John Harsh, Armil Taylor, Maurice Smith, and other officials from both states. Miss Jean Gryagley, "Miss Fort Smith," assisted Mr. Faubus in cutting the ribbon. A catering service provided lunch for the large crowd.

Arkansas's portion of the new divided four-lane link with Oklahoma cost \$5,829,300 for construction and \$522,000 for right-of-way. Ninety per cent of these figures will be paid by the federal government, with Arkansas paying the remaining 10 per cent. The first contract was awarded in August 1961. Contractors on the project were E. E. Barber Construction Company; S. E. Evans, Inc.; Empire Construction, Inc.; J. Briscoe, contractor; Fosco Fabricators, Inc.; and Southeast Construction Company.



Governor Faubus making the dedicatory address.



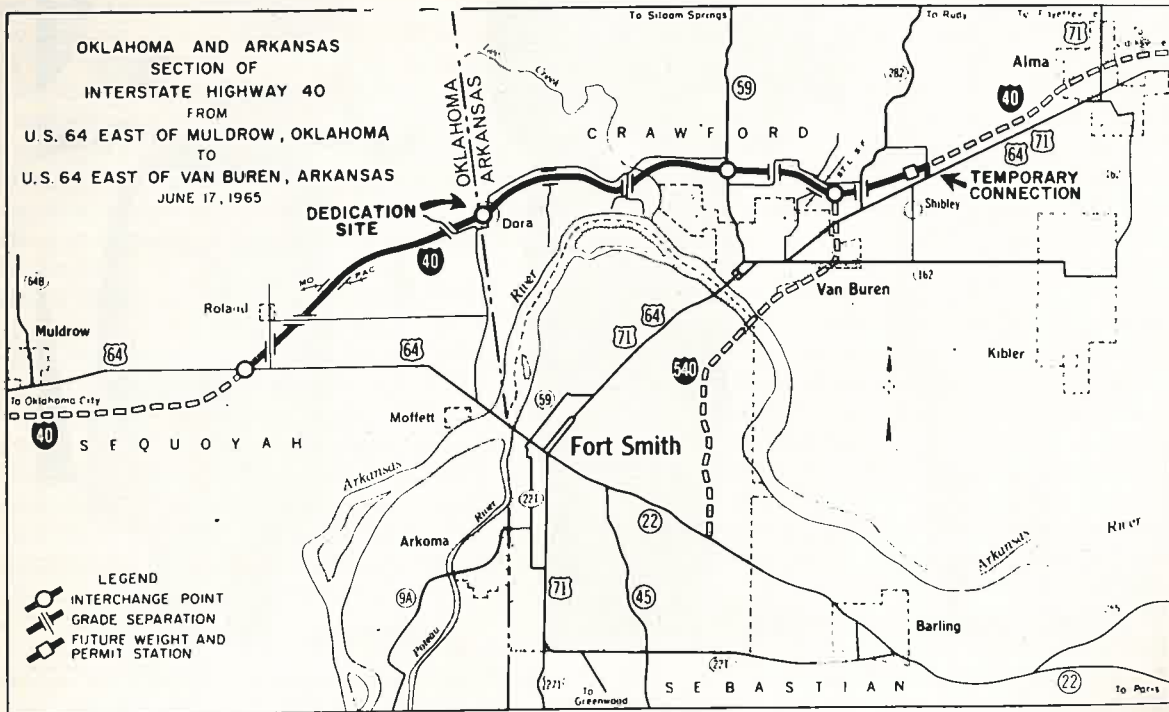
Highway Director Mack Sturgis and Oklahoma Highway Director Frank Lyons.



J. P. Clayton, District 4 engineer, in whose district the new highway is located.



Sitting at the speakers' platform are: left to right: Highway Commissioner Wayne Hampton; Sebastian County Judge Ben Curen; Highway Commissioners Truman Baker, Maurice Smith, John Harsh, and Armil Taylor; Don White, state senator in District 4, and Governor Faubus. At left are Frank Neighbors, assistant construction engineer; Bill Moore, assistant chief engineer, and Henry Gray, chief of Right-of-way.



Another Dedication July 4 At Springdale

Another highway dedication was held July 4 at Springdale when Highway 264, one of the projects on the State Betterment Program, was opened by Governor Faubus in ribbon-cutting ceremonies.

The dedication, sponsored by the City of Springdale, was attended by approximately 500 persons.

Faubus said the new road to the Hickory Creek recreation area - one of the few providing good Access to Beaver Lake - served a dual purpose: provides access to the lake and serves the people of the countryside. Now that the pay-as-you-go highway program is in operation there will be more such roads, the governor added.

Also on hand for the dedication, held just east of Highway 71, were Highway Commission members

Truman Baker, Wayne Hampton, and Armil Taylor, and Highway Director Mack Sturgis, Administrative Assistant Y. W. Whelchel, and area mayors, judges, civic leaders and members of the Legislature.

District Engineer Jewell Whitaker introduced Highway Department employees who worked on the project.

Springdale Mayor Charles Davis, who gave the welcome, noted that 264 was the first state-constructed access road to Beaver Lake.

Right-of-way for the road project was given by residents of the area.

Mrs. Hampton and Mrs. Taylor assisted Governor Faubus in cutting the ribbon following the talks by Faubus and the commissioners.



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Mrs. Hampton, Faubus, and Mrs. Taylor

The Highway And Traffic Safety

by: A. E. Johnson, Executive Secretary
American Association of State Highway Officials

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I have selected for my subject today, "The Highway and Traffic Safety," and I recommend that anyone, having any highway transportation responsibilities, give some thought to this problem.

We have a danger signal that cannot be disregarded!

In 1961, we reached the all-time low of 5.2 traffic fatalities per hundred million vehicle miles, and since that time we have had an upturn to where in 1964 there were 47,800 people killed in highway accidents, 1.6 million injured, and a total economic loss of \$7 billion. The number of fatalities is unprecedented.

As a result, there is renewed interest in the matter of traffic safety. Senate hearings are being held on Capitol Hill. Some of the activity is constructive and in the public interest and undoubtedly the situation will be used by others to gain the spotlight and the soap box. I fear that there will be an attempt to discredit the career expert who has been active in the field of highway design, operation, and traffic in the past because of the upturn in fatalities.

This trend must be reversed!

In order to reverse it, we must know what is causing it and, although many of us may have some ideas as to what factors are responsible, we cannot prove suspicions and we may be wrong.

We must get a system of accident reporting and analyses reliable and accurate enough to indicate the basic causes of fluctuations in our traffic accident statistics in order that we may apply remedial action at the source.

The highway engineer and administrator can no longer smugly say: "It is our job to build and maintain highways. We should leave the safety effort to the professional safety experts."

The highway people have been sincere in believing that they have been doing their share in serving traffic safety by developing and pursuing good design, construction, maintenance and operation practices, but there is Still More to be done, and the highway departments' responsibilities may transcend of what hithertofore was considered their assigned and limited functions.

We must constantly and critically upgrade our concepts of design elements, our signing and marking practices, and avoid building booby traps in our new

highways while we correct those that exist in our present highway plant.

We must be sure that what we think is good highway design and operation is something to which the public adjusts and accepts. We must avoid doing something that technically appears good, but is difficult for the driver to understand and use or rejects and will not use as intended.

We must not only provide the safest highways that our technology and available funds will provide, but we need to look further as to what we can do to make our roads safer from every angle.

It is not out of reason to believe that state highway people should take an active interest in driver training programs, to see that the facilities that we design and operate are understood and are usable. We should not take over the driver preparation function, but encourage adequate programs and be certain roadway design and operating elements are justifiable and are adequately covered in training courses.

We must also make certain that driver licensing tests are adequate to cover a thorough knowledge and use of modern day highway facilities. The modern highway is as safe a facility as we can provide, and the automobile is a highly perfected and reliable mechanism, and the trained human driver would be hard to improve upon in the field of electronics, but the driver must be trained to recognize the limitations of all three and especially to properly use his eyes in giving proper attention to driving and in detecting and adjusting to developing situations in the front, rear, and sides of the vehicle before they can result in an accident.

In fact, it is a correct observation that the perfect driver will adjust his driving habits to highway conditions as he finds them, and this would hold true unless he were to be surprised by some feature of the highway, which we have previously termed a "booby trap."

We need more liaison between the state agencies having highway transportation responsibilities.

There is a series of conferences underway that was initiated by the Bureau of Public Roads and is co-sponsored by AASHO, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and the National League of Cities (American Municipal Association), with the

Institute of Traffic Engineers participating in a supporting role. This is an introductory type that is most promising and has brought about an understanding of mutual problems and revealed a lack of sufficient communications between the agencies in many instances.

It is not an effort for one agency to take over the responsibilities of another, but to only coordinate programs and establish adequate communications.

Two regional conferences are scheduled in the WASHO Region this next month. One being in San Francisco for Bureau of Public Roads Regions 7 and 8 on July 12 and 13, and the other in Denver on July 15 and 16 for BPR Regions 6 and 9. I hope that all state highway departments will be represented by the chief administrator or his deputy, and his design engineer, maintenance engineer, and traffic engineer.

President Johnson has read the danger signal of a rising trend of deaths on highways and has called for a safety program. All of the states have been asked to use a part of their federal aid construction funds to remove hazardous conditions and high accident spots from their highways. The President's program is a good one.

I have given a great deal of thought to what might be causing the rather serious upturn in traffic deaths, and immediately one gives thought to the unprecedented number of young drivers with their reputation for having accidents. I have wondered if this tendency, coupled with today's high performance automobiles, might be the factor.

I realize many of you have looked at the increasing number of beer cans and liquor bottles that accumulate in our highway ditches. Many of our outstanding police spokesmen think that increased alcohol consumption on the highways does play a part, and that a driver, who has only one drink, is a dangerous driver.

These things are conjecture so, at a meeting of the Joint AASHO-National League of Cities (American Municipal Association) Committee in Detroit last November, it was recommended that the AASHO include in its National Cooperative Research Program an item to research the adequacy and reliability of accident reporting and analyses that would give the basic cause of accidents to a far greater degree than is now possible.

As we went to our Golden Anniversary Meeting in Atlanta, I had this request with me to present to the Executive Committee for inclusion in the 1966 Research Program. The Executive Committee did add it. Recently by balloting, the member departments approved this research effort.

I also requested the Committee to create a blue ribbon committee on traffic safety within the Association to always keep the basic concept of traffic safety before all of our appropriate committees and to be reflected in their recommendations, standards and policies. This Special AASHO Traffic Safety Committee was created and is composed of the following: M. L. Shadburn, Georgia, president of

AASHO, as chairman; James K. Williams, director of the Office of Highway Safety, BPR, as secretary; John O. Morton, New Hampshire, chairman of the AASHO Committee on Traffic; Walter Johnson, Kansas, chairman of the AASHO Committee on Maintenance and Equipment; Robert Mitchell, Connecticut, chairman of the AASHO Committee on Design; J. C. Womack, California, chairman of the AASHO Committee on Planning and Design Policies.

You will note that the president of the Association and the chairmen of some of our more important committees that are involved with highway design, construction, maintenance and traffic, are represented. The matter of traffic safety deals not only with one committee, but all of those included.

The Executive Committee, through the Special Committee on Traffic Safety, has asked certain AASHO committees to include at least one item in the coming annual meeting programs on traffic safety.

Also, as I left Washington for Atlanta, I had received a letter from a person who represented himself as a researcher in the field of traffic safety and preparing a thesis in graduate school. One statement in that letter put me to thinking, and I wondered how widespread the misconception might be.

This individual said: "Now it has officially been determined that the highway is the cause of traffic accidents." He referred to an address made about a year ago, that was misinterpreted in the press and received considerable nationwide publicity, to the effect that the driver was almost blameless in traffic accidents. I know that it was not the person who gave the address to leave such an impression, and I agree with that individual that most of our drivers are good drivers or our accident statistics would really soar. However, the National Safety Council has stated that the motorist is at fault in 98 per cent of our highway crashes, so I did take exception to the researcher's conclusion.

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BILL MOORE ELECTED TO RETIREMENT BOARD

Bill Moore, assistant chief engineer, was elected to serve as the new board member on the Highway Department's Employees' Retirement System. Moore succeeds C. A. Shumaker, who retired from the Department July 1.

Other board members are Louis Mashburn, state comptroller, Nancy Hall, state treasurer, Ward Goodman, AHD chief engineer, all of whom are members by virtue of their positions, and C. Don Hayes, chief of Equipment Division. Johnnie Beavers, chief accountant, is executive secretary due to his position as chief accountant.

The Retirement Board exercises discretionary power and authority in the investment and disbursement of funds of the System, and formulates regulations governing the administration of the System not specifically set out in the statutes.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Youth corps

If any of you have noticed the increase in pretty young girls around the Capitol grounds the past few weeks, there is an explanation for it. They, and quite a number of young men, are part of the Neighborhood Youth Corps (NYC) - the vast program sponsored by the Office of Economic Opportunity to assist young people in obtaining work during the summer months.

Most of them are either in high school or college, or are planning to enter college if possible. The Highway Department had signed up at the beginning of the program for 800 workers for the entire state, however, since that time, several more have signed up with us. At present there are 14 young ladies working in the Highway buildings in the Little Rock area, and approximately 81 young men are working in District 6.

Nearly all of the state agencies are using the youths - both boys and girls. Some of the boys' work can be noticed by the neatness of the Capitol grounds. Most of the young people are screened to determine the capacity in which they are best suited and, if needed, they are placed in offices where

their talents can be utilized to the best advantage.

Their work schedule is Monday through Thursday for a total of 32 hours, and on Friday, they are given counseling for several hours in relation to their work. The girls who are currently working in AHD are under the authorization of the Secretary of State so their counseling comes from that office and the Highway Department assumes no responsibility for counseling or their pay.

The young ladies are doing a good job and all seem eager to help. Some even go beyond that. Letha Kelley, who is in Administrative Assistant Y. W. Whelchel's office, could have gone on her way on one particular Friday after counseling, but she chose to return to the office stating, "I knew you all were busy, so I came back to help you."

The Magazine Section has a young sophomore from Arkansas State College and we've been putting her through the ropes on the magazine business. Shari Fisher is her name and she is getting quite proficient at "paste-ups" and other phases of our work.

The NYC Program will last for 12 weeks.



Director Mack Sturgis seated with the NYC girls, who are working in the Central Offices

SHUMAKER RETIRES - THREE OTHERS ARE SHIFTED



C. A. (Bill) Shumaker, engineer of the Construction Division, retired June 30 after more than 36 years with the Department - busy years during which he played an important role in building highways in Arkansas.

Shumaker's career began in 1919 after attending the University of Arkansas. At that time he was instrumentman and draftsman for private firms. Before the Arkansas Highway Department claimed him in 1929, he had worked for the National Highway Commission of Mexico, the Florida State Road Department, Tennessee Department of Highways, and the North Carolina Highway Department. With the exception of a four-year stint with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bill had continuous service with AHD. Two of the four years with the Corps were spent in India.

Bill's first work with the Department was as locating engineer with the Surveys Division. He was later a resident engineer when he entered the Army in May 1942. Since his return in February 1946 he has been district maintenance engineer at Wynne, assistant construction engineer, office engineer, assistant chief engineer, and his last position which he inherited in January 1958.

When Bill entered the Army he was a 1st Lieutenant, but had advanced to Major by the time he was discharged. He holds a permanent rank of Lt. Colonel in the Army Reserve.

Shumaker is a native of Prescott and received his education in the Magnolia schools and the University. He is a registered professional engineer and a member of Western Star Lodge No. 2. F.&A.M. He and Mrs. Shumaker, the former Miss Rachel Dunn of Fayetteville, are parents of a daughter and two sons. They reside at 4115 Lee Avenue, Little Rock, and are members of Pulaski Heights Presbyterian Church.

Bill's retirement created three other personnel changes.



John H. Lawrence, district engineer at Russellville, was named by Highway Director Sturgis to succeed Shumaker. He is a native of Little Rock and at 36, is the youngest of the Department's 10 district engineers. He came to the Department in 1951 as assistant resident engineer on the construction of LaHarpe Boulevard. He left the Department to work with the U.S. Corps of Engineers on preliminary studies and field reconnaissance for Greer's Ferry Reservoir. In 1957 he was associated with Garver and Garver where he assisted in design of the Lake David interchange on Interstate 55 between West Memphis and Blytheville, paving the Blytheville Air Force Base apron, and preliminary studies for the Eighth Street Expressway. He returned to AHD in 1960 as resident engineer for the South Terminal interchange construction project and was promoted to Freeway engineer before he was appointed in June 1962 to the Russellville post.

John is a veteran of the Korean conflict where he was a 1st sergeant in the Corps of Engineers. He is a graduate of Columbia Military Academy and has his civil engineering degree from the University of Arkansas.

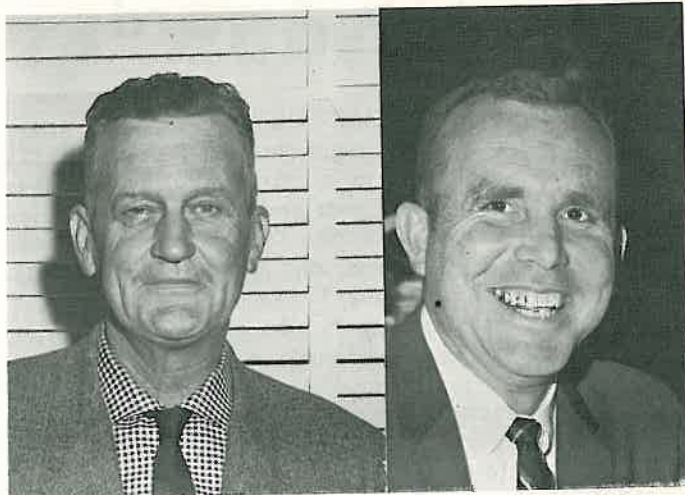
Married to the former Miss Jo Annette Wolff of Hugo, Oklahoma., the Lawrences have two sons, 13 and 10, and a daughter, 7.

John Ford Price, District 10 engineer at Paragould since 1961, will be transferred to the Russellville District. He is a native of Nashville and attended Henderson-Brown College at Arkadelphia. He came to AHD in 1933, but resigned after seven years to work with an engineering firm on reconstruction of Camp Robinson in Little Rock. He also worked in Fort Smith in charge of all road and street construction for Fort Chaffee. He returned to the Department in 1946 and since that time has worked as resident on several major construction jobs, including the West Memphis Interstate 40 route. He was named District 10 engineer in November 1959.

Price is married to the former Miss Kathleen Lewis of McCrory. They are members of the Methodist Church and he is a member of the Paragould Rotary Club. He is a registered professional engineer.

M. S. (Sam) Smith III, who had been assistant construction engineer in the Little Rock office, was promoted to the Paragould district to replace Price. He is a native of Forrest City where he attended schools. He received his engineering degree at the University of Arkansas.

His first job in 1954 when he came to the Department was as an instrumentman. In 1956 he was promoted to resident engineer and to the assistant construction engineers position in 1962. He is registered, a member of Hi-Noon Toastmasters, and a veteran of World War II and the Korean situation. He was discharged with the rank of a 1st Lieutenant. He and Mrs. Smith, the former Miss Mary Virginia Harrell, also of Forrest City, reside in Lakewood, North Little Rock with their two children, a daughter 9, and a son, 7. They are members of the Park Hill Presbyterian Church.



Price

Smith

FEATURING . . . HENRY VOPEL



Henry Herman Vopel, chief of the Reproduction Section, is unobtrusive and rather retiring while he's on the job, but on a party or gathering when he gets out his ukelele and plays, he's something else.

But playing the uke is just one of the things Henry does for a hobby. Listed among his sometime avocations are golf, fishing, woodwork, making bird feeders, and bowling. Had Henry kept up his golf, he probably could have been in the pro class. But he gave up golf for fishing and now that pasttime has been curtailed somewhat for his woodwork.

Vopel, a full-blooded German whose parents, the late W. M. and Minna Vopel, were born in a small town south of Berlin, was born at Paragould in 1907. A sister, Mrs. Emma V. Harrison of Little Rock, and a brother, the late W. H. Vopel, were also German born and Henry is the only one in the family to have been born in America.

When the elder Vopels moved to the United States they settled in Paragould but later moved to Jonesboro. Henry attended the Catholic Junior High School there, and graduated from Jonesboro High. His parents died when Henry was 6 years old and he lived with an aunt until he came to Little Rock in 1929.

From 1936 to 1941 Henry was with AHD in the Reproduction Section, but during World War II he went to the Jacksonville Ordnance Plant to work in their reproduction room. In 1943 he joined the Navy Air Force and was stationed at Olathe, Kans. When he was discharged in 1946 he worked for Little Rock Blue Print as an offset printer. He returned to AHD in 1958 and was made supervisor over the multilith and blue print operators.

Henry met his wife, the former Kathryn Andrews of Harrison, Ark., at Pulaski Heights Methodist Church in a Sunday school class. They were married in 1938. Kate was working at the Internal Revenue Service at the time, but now works at the Pulaski County Collector's Office. She likes to fish but has recently taken up bowling. Henry is a member of the Department's summer bowling league and is on one of the many teams during the winter months.

The Vopels live on Highway 10 on a 20-acre plot of land, on which there is not even a garden! Henry is too busy in his complete wood and metal workshop turning out bird feeders. The feeders, some of which are quite handsome, got a play couple of years ago when Henry was featured in a local paper. Henry either sells them or gives them away to his friends, of which he has many.

Service Awards Presented To Three

CHARLES MARVIN MATTHEWS, District 1 engineer, is the fourteenth employee presently working with 35 or more years of service. He attained this status June 23 when he received his 35-year service pin and certificate of merit. Two other employees, Charles Graham Epperson, and Lambert Gross Willcockson, were presented 30 and 25 year awards.

The presentations were made in the Commission Room before a large audience composed of wives and relatives, friends, co-workers, and the Highway Commission members. Ward Goodman, chief engineer, introduced special guests and gave brief sketches on the men before presenting them with their awards.

MATTHEWS, a native of Ashley County, graduated from Lake Village High School after which he entered the University of Arkansas where he received a BS in civil engineering. His first employment began with the Corps of Engineers and other engineering firms, gaining valuable experience which benefited him and the Highway Department. During his long tenure with AHD he has held many titles and worked in virtually every county of the state. He is widely recognized as one of the best registered professional engineers in Arkansas as he is excellent in both maintenance and construction. He has received the AASHO 25-year award of merit. Charles married the former Miss Hazel Russell in Fordyce 36 years ago. They have three daughters and two grandchildren. Aside from his favorite pastime of visiting the grandchildren he enjoys horse racing at Hot Springs, crappie fishing, and entertaining friends with a good game of cards.

APPERSON, one of our best mechanics in District 10, was born in Greene County at Paragould. After high school graduation he worked in various garages in Paragould where he learned the mechanics field. He joined the Department in March 1935. Charles has witnessed many changes and improvements over the equipment of the old days. His ability to keep pace with these changes has been a determining factor in our equipment performing satisfactorily. He is well respected by his fellow workers and is often called upon to share responsibilities of supervision. Twenty-six years ago he married the former Miss Ethel Lee Cowley at Paragould. She enjoys sharing his favorite hobby of traveling to interesting places such as Murfreesboro where they hunt diamonds.

WILLCOCKSON, the 25-year man, is also a native of Greene County and was born at Paragould. After completing his education there, he worked as a laborer for a construction company. Here his interest in road building developed and he joined the Department in July 1938 as a truck driver. His abilities were soon discovered and he is recognized as one of our best engineering technicians in the Materials and Test Division. His career with the Department was interrupted during World War II when, as a

medical corpsman with the Sixth Infantry, he saw plenty of action and was awarded the Bronze Star for heroism against the Japanese. He was stationed near Montalban, Luzon, P.I. when a Japanese shell set fire to one of our tanks. "Red," as Willcockson is more familiarly known, made his way under fire to reach a wounded man and pull him to shelter. He made another trip through the danger area to rescue another man and the first aid treatment he administered saved the lives of his comrades. He is a member of the Methodist Church, the Disabled Veterans of America, and his interest centers around football, baseball, and all sports in general. Red, a confirmed bachelor, has stood pat on that status as several ladies have tried to change his mind, with no luck yet.



Habits - Safety Habits

by: Roland P. Humble
Safety Officer

We are all creatures of habits - some good - some bad. It has been said that acquiring a habit is like weaving a rope. We weave a strand of it every day, and at last we can't break it. However, if the habits are good ones, we will not want to break them; but if they are bad, we certainly will want to - and that's not always easy to accomplish. It has been said also that the second half of a man's life is made up of the following habits he has formed during the first half.

Few things are as important as a HABIT in the true approach to safety. Positive constructive thinking can lead only to the development of safe habits: ON-THE-JOB, ON-THE-HIGHWAY, IN-THE-HOME.

To illustrate how important habits are in our lives, let's think about the STOP sign down at the corner of your street. When you jump into your car in the morning and head for work, you really don't even have to think about that STOP sign. You just step on the brake, come to a stop, make sure the coast is clear, and move confidently into the flow of traffic. You do such things automatically. You do them dozens - hundreds of times, almost without thinking. That is HABIT - GOOD HABIT. Chances are you will never be involved in a traffic accident at that corner.

Perhaps the next driver who never really comes to a full stop at that corner takes a quick look at

traffic, rounds the corner, and squeezes into a moving line of cars. Maybe he has never had an accident, but he is developing a BAD HABIT. Sooner or later his luck may run out and there might be an accident involving injuries or even a fatality.

ON THE JOB HABITS will help you acquire the habit of being SAFE at all times on any kind of job you perform. The SAFE WAY HABIT can be something you do matter-of-factly or without even thinking too much about it. For example: If you get the SAFE lifting habit, the habit of lifting with your leg muscles, keeping your back straight and not with your back muscles, the wearing of the Safety Hat, Safety Goggles or glasses for the protection of the eyes, a guard or barricade that should be in place, and to always report all injuries not overlooking first aid care, even for a minor cut, to the supervisor.

Now, how does one go about establishing good working habits for every phase of one's job? There are three simple steps:

1. Start the job right. LEARN safe job habits.
2. PRACTICE the right habits. Continue doing the job right, properly and safely every time you do it.
3. KEEP SAFE WORK HABITS - never let these good habits slip away.



Roy L. Johnson, chief of the Weights and Standards Division, is shown holding a plaque he received June 10 from the Arkansas Peace Officers Association for having successfully completed a year as president of the Association. Lt. Governor Nathan Gordon, at left, made the presentation. The Association held its forty-fifth annual convention in the Velda Rose Towers at Hot Springs.



W. C. Wood and Eddie A. Williams are holding their certificates of merit they received in May. Others are Mr. Sturgis, Highway Commissioners Truman Baker, Wayne Hampton, Maurice Smith, John Harsh, and Arnil Taylor (all in the back row) and W. W. Mitchell, and Chief Engineer Ward Goodman.

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT



ACCOUNTING DIVISION

Mildred Harness

Now is the time of year for brides, graduations, vacations, dragging feet, mosquitos, and fishing. We have a little of all this and more in our office.

First, we have a new summer girl. She is Janella Howell, who resides on North Cleveland in Little Rock, and attends Southern Methodist University in Dallas during school semesters. Janella is majoring in Spanish and sociology. Her hobbies are water skiing and tennis.

Johnnie and Mollie Beavers are the proud grandparents of a second granddaughter. Leslie Paige Beavers was born June 3, weighing 6 pounds, 4½ ounces, at Fort Walton Beach, Fla., where her dad, Charlie, was stationed with the Air Force. Since that time, Charlie has been discharged and he and Kay and their two little ones will move in July to North Carolina where Charlie has accepted an accounting position with the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company.

Jo and Ceciel Malone spent the week of June 21-26 in the Fontainebleau Hotel in Miami Beach, attending the Employment Security Convention. We hope Ceciel looks as good as Jo.

Rose Clingen spent a week with her parents in Chidester, Ark., while her husband Don was in Camp Fort Polk, La., for National Guard training.



Margaret McCarthy, daughter of James McCarthy, graduated from Mount St. Mary's, where she was an honor student. She will enter St. Vincent's School of Nursing this fall.

Margaret and John Allen and some friends spent the week end of June 26 at Greers Ferry Lake. Margaret says she doesn't care too much for the big outdoors and wide open spaces.

Irene and Jim Hawkins made a recent trip to Fayetteville to see their son, Jim, graduate. Jim also received his commission from the Army ROTC unit at the University.



Gerald Koonce, who graduated from Hall High, son of Pat Koonce, received a full four-year scholarship to attend Southwestern at Memphis. He was installed May 24 as master councilor of the Capitol City Chapter Order of DeMolay.



BRIDGE DESIGN

Betty Claude

Just in case there is someone who hasn't heard, John Sage is the proud papa of twin boys, David Wayne and Donald Allen. The little ones arrived Saturday, June 12. Mother and babies are fine, John tells us.

We welcome Fred Hegi back with us. Fred was a summer employee during 1961 and 1962.

L. P. Carlson's daughter Catherine and his granddaughter from Slidell, La., recently visited the Carlsons for a week. Catherine and Christy came by the office to see us one day, and we enjoyed seeing Christy after all these months of hearing

about her, and she is just as cute as Mr. Carlson said she was.

On Friday, June 18, we had a fish fry at Burns Park. Frank Battisto cooked the fish, and the wives of our men brought the potato salad, baked beans, slaw, and dessert. Everything was perfect including the weather. Our guests included Mr. and Mrs. Mack Sturgis, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hampton, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moore, Virginia and Lowell Tackett, and Ancal and Billie Neal. Ancal recently left us to accept a job with an oil company.

One of my younger sisters, her husband and four children, visited with us after spending 40 months in Japan. We had a wonderful visit bringing each other up to date on everything.

Jim Matthews has returned after two weeks at Fort Leavenworth, Kans., where he graduated from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. Mini, Jim's wife, also received a diploma from the College. She received her "PHT" (Pushing Hubby Thru) degree. Jim told us the food was delicious and he enjoyed the school, but as always, "there's no place like home."



COUNTY PROGRAM

Barbara Oldham

The County Program Division is expanding.

We welcome Ronnie Hughes and James Caviness as new employees of this department as of July 1, 1965. We are also glad to have Charles Rain, Jr. back with us again. Welcome back Charlie! We will have more news about our new employees next time.

Congratulations to Jack and Mary Teasdale who celebrated 36 years of marriage on June 29. We wish both of them many years together.



EQUIPMENT

Sally Crook

Sorry I missed last month's edition. I have no excuse - the deadline date simply slipped by.

Carl Hillis and family enjoyed a trip to Morehouse, Mo. for a visit with Carl's

father, G. G. Hillis, who celebrated his birthday, April 28. Eighty years young! Frank and Anna Boyett vacationed in Texas and Oklahoma June 3-11. Among the places they visited were Six Flags Over Texas and Clinton Wells Air Force Base in Oklahoma. They visited Frank's sister-in-law in Burkburnett, Tex. Frank said they had a nice trip.

W. W. Yancey and wife Mary Sue, spent their vacation in Atlanta, Ga. visiting their son, T. E. Yancey and his family. While there, he enjoyed seeing Atlanta and Buffalo play baseball in the new stadium there.

Frank Pitts spent June 7-18 at Fort Chaffee with the National Guard. He returned to work with a good tan but was glad to be back on the job.

We welcome our summer NYC employees: Emmett Jones, Tommy Jones, Dale Loveil, Tetsumi Oishi, Robert Quinonez, Joe Heard, and Robert Mosley.

Other employees who have taken vacations are Sally Hibbs, Charlie Cox, W. L. Hatcher, H. L. Helton, R. L. Keathley, and Clyde Thomas.

At this writing T. C. Ellis is at home recuperating from a back injury. Hope he recovers soon.



LEGAL DIVISION (Barristers' Bench)

Virginia Tackett

We are happy to be able to report to his friends in other divisions of the Department that Mark Woolsey, our chief attorney and Division Head, is back in his office after a bout with atypical pneumonia - what else? Would Mark Woolsey have typical pneumonia? As is well known by those who have had experience with pneumonia, much depends upon the nursing care the patient receives, and Mrs. Woolsey is due an enormous amount of credit for keeping him off cigars and conversation for the length of time she had him at home in her care. The doctor is working to clear up a lingering laryngitis and has prescribed medication and a three-day period of silence, and so it is with trepidation that we hear that the Woolseys are going to Ozark for the 4th of July week end. Independence Day in that part of the country calls for lots of visiting and talking.

The week end of the Fourth will be a busy one for Betty Grimes. She has planned a week end on the lake with her children, swimming, boating and fishing. Jackie Gills, son Mike, and Jim, her husband, will join Jackie's family at Lake Nimrod for a family reunion. The occasion is the return from South Viet Nam of her uncle, an Intelligence Officer with the Army, after a two-year tour of duty. He was seriously wounded when his patrol was ambushed on his last assignment, and the family all feel extremely lucky and grateful to have him back at all.

Almost everyone in the office has tentative plans, but hesitates to get out in the holiday highway crowd. A quiet Fourth in the back yard does have its merits.

Thomas and Marilyn Keys have had a card from their oldest son, Tom, to say that he has arrived at the Baptist General Assembly in Glorieta, New Mexico, and that the weather is cool and comfortable and the surroundings beautiful.

Ethyl Harrison's daughter, Robin, attended the Grand Assembly of Rainbow Girls at the Marion Hotel here recently and represented her Local Chapter 13 as Faith. She was awarded a National Certificate of Service for her work in the past year. Her mother and father are rightly proud of Robin.

Don Langston is leaving this week for summer military duty, his first since receiving his commission, and will go to the University of Texas. It sure beats Camp Polk, assignment-wise.

As you may have noticed, Elva Tibbs' byline does not appear over our news this month. She is now with the Soil Conservation Service in the Capitol Building and some of the girls in the office took her lunch recently and report that she seems to be learning a great deal more about watersheds etc. than she ever thought she would care to know.

Mr. Thrasher brought to the office some of the most delicious large sweet yellow plums we have ever seen. We knew he was a great fisherman, but not that he is a great orchardist. However, he claims he had very little to do with it, the tree did it all. One branch he had broken off with the fruit still on, bore plums in a great cluster. We certainly enjoyed the fruit and appreciated his thoughtfulness.

By the time this news appears, I hope to have been to Pensacola, Florida and back. The eldest Tackett son, Richard, will receive his commission as an ensign in the U.S. Navy on July 2, and will then receive further training before assignment as a Bombardier-Navigator. He was graduated from the University of New Mexico this spring with a degree in Electrical Engineering under the Navy Enlisted Men's Science Education Program (NESEP), and his parents, too, are proud of him.



MATERIALS AND TESTS

Julia Halliburton

We have several summer employees with us. Hugh G. Battershell of Marshall, Ark., will teach school at the Beebe branch of Arkansas State College. Others are Doyle M. Hughes of Malvern, who will attend the University of Arkansas in the fall; Robert Lea, Little Rock, also the University; David Lee, North Little Rock, a student at Arkansas State Teacher's College;

Dennis Spencer, Little Rock, the University; James F. Vandergrift, Benton, who recently received a scholarship to study at the University of Arkansas Medical Center; Robert W. West, Little Rock, a Tulane student, and Ronald Zawislak, Little Rock, Vanderbilt.

Will Woods' son, Gary, recently graduated from the University of Arkansas Medical School. He and family moved to Kansas City where he will intern.

Don Tolar left for summer encampment at Fort Polk, La. with his reserve unit. Mike Hunter will leave July 18 for summer camp at Fort Chaffee.

L. G. Willcoxon received his 25-year service awards at the Commission meeting. W. L. Banks received a 5-year award, and Joe D. Magness received his 10-year awards.

Fred Griffin's daughter, Mrs. Jeff Hubbard, and her family of San Francisco, recently visited in Sheridan.

J. L. Owens of Harrison and family, took an extended vacation to California, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and Colorado.

Several birthdays were celebrated this month: J. D. Storey, Henty Hart, and Billie Wood.

Frances Roller and Ervin spent a week at Lake Ouachita.

Clark W. Salley has returned to work after being on leave due to illness.



We are real proud of J. W. Chapman, engineers assistant, who passed his registered professional examination. He has been with M&T since September 1960.

Our sympathies to Clark Salley, whose mother died. She was buried at Benton May 6.



PLANNING AND RESEARCH

Billie Whiteside

B. K. Cooper spoke on "Uniformity of Traffic Control Devices" at the annual meeting of the International Municipal

Signal Association, which was held June 10-12 at the Albert Pike Hotel.

Prof. W. S. Bonner, who has been on leave in Washington, working for the BPR on a guide for effective coordination of land use and highway planning for small cities, has returned to the University of Arkansas and will be working with us again on urban transportation planning in numerous cities over the state. We are happy that he has returned. His assistance is first quality and besides, we like the Prof.



One of our former employees, Ralph Pack, pictured at left above, is back to assist us this summer in Road Inventory, and we have two new employees, shown with Ralph: Legiena Keller in Traffic Section, and Doyle Dillahunty in Mapping and Drafting.

M L. Beckett's daughter, Varyne, graduated from Hall High School.

J. R. Henderson's son, John, was married May 28 to Miss Mary Elizabeth Reid of Little Rock, in an evening ceremony at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. They are residing in Fayetteville.

On June 4 the women of P&R and Weights and Standards Divisions, and Jean Ellis of Materials and Tests, held a noontime shower for the bride-to-be Sue Cullins, complete with cake. On June 11, Susie changed her last name to Walls. She and her new husband are living on Ludwig Street and have acquired a Collie puppy.

Bill Cypert has left his bachelor days behind; he and his bride were given a wedding gift.

Vacationers: John Helgen and family toured Bull Shoals, Buffalo State Park, etc., and had a big time. Mignon Besancon vacationed in Texas and crossed over into Mexico. Ruby and Bill Crouse made a trip to California, the Grand Canyon, and other points. W. K. Bartleson and family visited Fort Worth, and while there, Bart registered for and won a free trip to Mexico City for two, which he can look forward to. It couldn't happen to a nicer guy.

The excavations for the new main building have been producing sea shell and other fossil formations, from limestone and shale, which are fascinating to J. C. Longcoy and Helen McNutt. There was once a great sea in this area. Since Helen is a member of the Arkansas Archeological Society, she has been studying the building site since the first day. The discovery of the mammoth bones in construction of Interstate 40 took our research men, Marc Gross, M. J. Hensley, and Bob Kessinger to the site. Helen and her son-in-law, Gordon Naylor, who went on behalf of the Democrat, also made the scene on a Saturday. Archeology is an interesting subject to many of us and we have been enjoying our close-up view.

In a spirit of good fellowship, employees of P&R, 31 strong, decided to have lunch together at the new Paul's Lamp-lighter restaurant just down our access road. This is a beautiful place, and the food very good. We called and ordered ahead, and found a big U-shaped table arranged for us. It was a very pleasant occasion, perhaps in part because of its impromptu nature. After we arrived we thought of something to say we were celebrating - we have been two years in our new building. County Judges Milton R. Beck, and C. S. Fielder, and Official Marion Ward of the County Judges Association had dropped in just before lunchtime, so they joined us. Mr. Ward made a hit, insisting on paying the tip.



The P&R Inventory Bowling Team won a trophy for high team game. Shown in front of our building are (standing) Team Captain Lester Jester, Mayo White, and Bill Smith; (kneeling) Buddy Lewter and Nathan Bingham. Bingham also received the sportsmanship award for the Highway Bowling League. Members not pictured are Lee Gibbons and Archie Wyatt of P&R; Jerry Perrin, principal of Romine School, and Johnny Rinehart of KARK. We're proud of this team.



Mayo White's youngest son, Toby, recently made a big catch while fishing in a pond near his home - a 3-pound bass. Mayo says he has been fishing there all year and hasn't caught one that big.

Fred McCormack's wife was seriously ill for a time in the hospital but is now recovered. Asa McCord's wife was hospitalized for a check-up and is much better.

I lost a pearl and diamond ring which meant a great deal to me. If anyone finds such a ring, please let me know. However, in the search I did discover a long-lost amethyst that my grandmother left me.



PROCUREMENT

Lou Hardy

This reporter is back on the job after letting two months go by without any news. Of course, this was due to the fact that one month we had measles at our house and the next, when news was due, we had chickenpox. We've made it so far without anything yet, and I hope if the kids get anything else it's after January so I'll have more leave. I don't lack for any information as it seems everyone has been busy doing something.

Bud and Willene Dorris bought a new home at 1910 No. McKinley. Roger Gray, Willene's son, spent the week end of May 15 at home . . . This was his first visit home since Christmas and Willene and Bud were glad to see him. Bud turned a year older May 1. Also, this writer had a birthday June 3.

The Frank Caples have been rather busy of late. Frank spent one week end in Oklahoma doing a show with some of his magician friends at their annual convention. He also performed for the Miss City Beautiful Contest at the North Little Rock High School. Frank and Sylvia's daughter, Pam, won a trip to the World's Fair with the University Choir and really had a wonderful time. The Caple household is one less in number now since Pam and Don were married June 11. We hope they will be very happy.

The office held potluck at the home of Doris Haskett for Pam and her mother, Sylvia and presented a silver tray to Pam. Doris is getting in practice for this party giving. Linda, her daughter, has announced her forthcoming marriage to Harold Chakal in September and Doris gave her an announcement party. Before it's all over, several more will have to be given. Have fun!

The Wade family made several trips to Morrilton to see parents and now little Kevin is visiting them for a week.

Janie Yancy visited in Missouri and toured some of the caves there.



RIGHT OF WAY

Shirley Childress

Several of our employees have been on vacation, including this reporter. I got back a day before the news was due, but managed to collect some items. My vacation was spent at home visiting with my sister and her family from Tucson, Ariz. We have several others who vacationed at home: Bill Courtney, Neil Gibbs, and Glendol Jackson, all of the Engineering Section. Glendol said he had a "honey-do" vacation. His wife said honey do this and honey do that - and he did. Neil fished and worked on his yard.

Carolyn Halbert spent her time off with her folks in Prattsville. Dick Andry went to Chicago to visit his folks . . . Charlotte Lee took a nice trip - at least it started out nice. She had planned to spend a week in Galveston visiting a cousin but on the third day she became ill and returned home so the remaining time was spent lying around the house recuperating. Charlotte was in Galveston long enough to bring back some souvenirs, though. The picture below shows A. C. Ledbetter enjoying his Texas-size cigar she brought him.



This bowling group from Right-of-Way, members of the AHD League, received the championship trophy for the 1964-65 year. Each received a trophy and Neil Gibbs received a trophy for the high series game. They are, left to right: Neil Gibbs, Herbert Heffington, Earle Wiley (holding the championship trophy), and Jim Mode. Heffington is in the Appraisal Section and the others are in R/W Engineering.

Zack Mashburn and his wife visited their son, daughter-in-law and new granddaughter in Madison, Wis. Alton Van Patten and family spent a week in Texas fishing and swimming on the Gulf. David Nelsen and family bought a new Ford station wagon and tried it out on a trip to Devils Den State Park.

Speaking of vacations, we think it's about time Al Lowrance, of the Utilities Section, took a long one. It seems he's been talking to an empty chair lately. The camera caught him in the very act one day recently and he seems to be enjoying it. (?)



Al Lowrance and - Harvey?

Three temporary employees are with us this summer: Jim Hawkins, Marian Riddell, and Sharon King. Jim will work in the Utilities Section until August when he will enter the service. He and his wife are both from Little Rock. Marian and Sharon

are both from Clarksville. Marian graduated from ASTC in the spring and will teach music at Henderson Junior High this fall. Sharon will be a sophomore at the College of the Ozarks in the fall. Glad to have all three even though it is for a short time.



Marian is pictured at top, and Sharon, below. We didn't receive a picture of Jim.

The girls in the Appraisal Section and Traffic Services had lunch at Sue's new home in Sherwood last month and were joined by Marilyn Padgett, a former employee, who is still awaiting the stork.

Doug Thacker and Frank Wiggins spent two weeks at Camp Chaffee in June for the National Guard.

Gip Robertson of the Pre-Audit Section was out several days due to illness and Nancy Sipe was only off a day sick, but was ill for the entire week end.



Ted Mitchell, top, and Ronald Johnson, are two new employees in the Engineering Section. Both are draftsmen, married, and live in Conway. Ted's a little ahead of Ron on the family bit, though, as he has three boys.

We extend our sympathies to Neil Gibbs and wife Nola, in the loss of Neil's grandfather, Tom Gibbs of Swifton.



ROADWAY DESIGN

Virginia Deckard

Larry Trammel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Trammel (Glenn is a squad boss), received his master's degree in business



Pictured here are the members of the 1964-65 Roadway Design bowling team who bowled in the Highway League. They are, front row, left to right: John Adams (team captain), Paul Haydon, and Sam Acheson. In back are Richard Butler, Arlo Waggoner, and Brooks Nichols. The trophies they are holding are for bowling the league's high tea series. This team also bowled the league's high team game.

administration from the University of Arkansas. Larry and his wife accompanied his mother in California and returned via Sequoia, Yosemite, Yellowstone, and the Black Hills of North Dakota.

The Glenn Trammels, June 22, celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. Our congratulations to them.

Pat and Lois Thompson and Bill Duncan spent a week of their vacation in Panama City, Fla., and returned with beautiful tans and lots of pretty pictures.

Some more of our vacationers were Joe Hicks and his wife, who spent a week in New York seeing the Fair.

We welcome new employees Richard Henriker, who will be working with us permanently, and summer employees John Matthews and Mike Nowell. John worked with us last summer and we're glad to have him again.

Ruth Siesicki, Chester's wife, had surgery but is now at home and doing nicely.

New car fever has struck some Roadway employees. John Adams is driving a new 1965 black Chevrolet Impala, and Wayne Sutton has a new black Mustang with a red interior.

Paul Haydon just returned from summer camp. They spent their two weeks at Fort Chaffee this summer. He had a nice tan which makes us wonder if he really was at camp or lying around some lake taking it easy. He says they really have it rough, though.

This reporter was married Friday night, July 2, to Charles Ashlin of Little Rock. Our marriage vows were spoken in the home of my parents at Perryville. My father, the Reverend Curtis Bull, officiated. Some of the girls in the building took me to lunch at the Golden Host and I was presented with gifts from many in the building, including the "boys" in Roadway. Sure appreciate the lovely luggage and the shortie p.j.'s.



New bride, Virginia Ashlin



SIGN SHOP

Carolyn Coykendall

Henry McCrotty loaded his family in the car June 20 and headed for Florida. They had so much fun there last year they decided to go again.

Did you folks have as many headaches over those job questionnaires as we? We know what we do and how, but trying to get it all down and correctly rated was a problem.

J. H. (Pop) Richards' wife underwent surgery recently. She is on the mend and we hope she continues to be in good health.

Vernon Pearce is back on the job after a nice vacation in the northern part of California. Said they had an enjoyable time but that it was beginning to warm up out there.

Shelton Leach and family have gone to Kentucky to visit his wife's relatives.

Jon Roe resigned June 30 to return to Des Arc to work with his brother. Best of luck, Jon.

We've spent a couple of anxious weeks around here waiting to hear from Scott Jones's wife about the new arrival. He has been out on the road and we were to get the word and pass it on. Two weeks of that was all he could stand so he is off this week to try and be there for the event.

We welcomed Lou Deane Burr to our office on June 16. She is the proud mom of two children - a girl, Jimmy Lou of Fayetteville, and Richard of the El Toro Marine Base in California, and is from Springdale. She was involved in a car accident one morning on her way to work. She hit a car and then another car hit her car. It pretty well demolished her car and shook her up. She has a lot of bruises and is quite sore, but luckily no broken bones.

Lou Deane is replacing me as of June 30. I'm going with my family to California for the month of July before settling down to being a housewife again. It has been supercallafragilisticextraallositious (whew!) working with all of you.

SAFETY, PERMIT, & INTERNAL AUDIT

Marie Blankenship

Roland Humble, officer of the Safety Section, has been busy gaining knowledge at Arkansas State Teachers College at Conway. On June 7-11, he attended the Civil Defense Radiological Monitoring for Instructors Course and received a certificate. On June 21-25, he took the Civil Defense Management Course and received his certificate from that, also. He said he feels like a student again, but is glad to be back at his safety work.

We have moved into our new offices in the northeast corner of the Materials and Test Building on the New Benton Highway. Everyone here is so nice to us, and are trying to make us feel at home, but it is pretty lonesome without our old friends we acquired through the years and saw during the day at work. However, it won't be long before everyone will be here, and it is interesting to see the work that is going on at the new building site.

Joanne Horton from Morrilton is the new girl in the Permit Section. She is a blue-eyed blond and cute. She graduated from Arkansas Tech at Russellville. Ann Fitzgerald left us pretty soon after we moved.



DISTRICT



Leslie Long

Claud Verl Cope recently received his 15-year service awards, and William Henry Poston, Jr. and Charles Cecil Danner received 5-year awards.

Y. W. Whelchel was guest of the Pine Bluff Rotary Club June 8 and presented a pictorial report on highway construction in Arkansas.

Ed Nissblatt, better known as "Sarge," signed up for a week of his vacation to be spent the long, leisurely way with his missus. Side trips included domestic work around the house.

Everyone seems to be bitten by the vacation bug. Getting away from it all is all right. Fishing is still an all-time sport among many of our men and the fish seem to be plentiful, as well as all the many places available for fishing, picnicing, and swimming. James Pierce has spent part of his vacation being a grocery store operator, assisting his father during his past illness. James Davidson dug out his vacation pay and bought a 1963 red Impala.

Beware of Gaddy's measures to protect his warehouse. Calvin Rawls and Willie Key had to literally beat to death a 3½ inch moccasin to gain admittance.

We had the pleasure of a visit from the audit crew. Gaddy served coffee and donuts, Selma baked a cake, and Floyd entertained with a fish fry. We extend a welcome any time.

Our sincere sympathies to C. E. Woodfield on the death of his father, and to Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson on the death of her father.



DISTRICT



Edna Lewallen

Floyd Pharris, Sr., equipment supervisor, is sporting a 500 Galaxie Town Victoria with all the gadgets.

Curtis Crow and family of Ashdown have returned from a week's vacation with relatives in Montrose, Colo. They had to return home by way of Kansas because of flood waters. He reported that the damage to highways was extensive. In spite of his race with the floods, they had a wonderful time.

Marion Lingo, patrol operator of Murfreesboro, received his 5-year service awards in June.

Danny Hatfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hatfield, has won for the fourth consecutive year a \$500 scholarship, awarded by the Hope Junior Auxiliary. He attended Southern State College for two years and transferred to the University of Arkansas last fall. LeRoy, Danny's father, is a heavy roller operator in the sealing crew.

Jessie Tullis resigned recently to accept a job with a Hope hardware company. Gary Don Formby will work in Louisiana. New employees are Billy Aldridge, Richard Glasgow, James Gilbert, Ronald Faulkner, Richard Lang, Jesse Jones, Larry Lawrence, Ross Wylie, and Charles Walker.

We are happy that Langdon Hodges, son of Mary Frances and Albert Hodges, has been released from Branch Hospital. Langdon suffered a broken leg when his horse stumbled and fell on him while horseback riding.

Several of our employees are on the sick list. Virgil Surber of Ashdown is a patient in Veteran's Hospital at Shreveport; Errol Arledge is ill in a local hospital. Calvin Brown underwent surgery in Memorial Hospital but has returned to his home. B. C. Benson of DeQueen has been on the sick list, also.

We extend our sympathies to George Woolsey, of Nevada County, in the death of his wife June 25, and to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cogbille, whose daughter-in-law died recently.



DISTRICT



Harold Medlock

Several employees have taken vacations. Hassel Glover, Myrt Hoofman, and Forest Hale, employees of White and Cleburne Counties, took a few days off. It's not known if these boys went out of the state, or stayed at home.

George McMurry, bridge foreman in District 5, has just returned from a few days vacation in Florida. George reported the trip would have been more pleasant if it had not been for a visit to the hospital. He has entered Gray's Hospital here in Batesville since his return home. We hope he recovers soon.

James Shaw, construction employee, and Robert L. Goforth, maintenance, are attending annual field training at Fort Chaffee.

Howard Carpenter and his wife are parents of a boy, Joel Mark. Joel arrived weighing 8 pounds, 5 ounces. Howard is a jr. inspector in construction. He has two other children, Clark, 3 years old, and Glenda, one.

Virgil Taylor, Independence County foreman, returned from his vacation and has been bragging about the number of fish he caught in one week: 35 buffalo and 14 cat fish. We need to find out where Virgil does his fishing.

Eulis Caraway, who suffered a broken leg in an accident several weeks ago, came by the office for a visit. He is getting along fine and anxious to start back to work.

Freece Kimmer, bookkeeper, should try to stay out of the dog house. He was bitten by the dog.

District 5 is doing its part in cooperating with the government's NYC program. George Cavaness, District 5 engineer, reports 80 boys are employed at this time.



DISTRICT



Burnham & Campbell

Service awards for 10 years went to Henry Wesley Herring and George Edward Turner, and 5-year awards were presented to Mary Elizabeth Silliman, George Earl Griffis and Oliver Albert Redding.

Julia Ann Hicks, daughter of our boss, W. E. Hicks, completed her requirements for a BA degree at the University of Arkansas this spring. She plans to continue studies in graduate work to lead toward a master's degree in mathematics and will enter the teaching profession.

Norman Pumphrey, resident engineer, is opening an office at Gurdon for work on Interstate 30 through Clark County.

Abby Hardy, resident engineer at El Dorado, has returned from a trip to Six Flags Over Texas. He took his daughter with him.

Hal Woodson and Red Lindsey, job superintendents, and Lonnie Lansdale, Homer Wilson, and Ray Rogers, job foremen, have completed 18 miles of road reconstruction and pavement this season.



DISTRICT



Netha Brown

And the rains came down! Friday night, June 25, that is, the night District 8 had their annual party for all employees and their families at the Pope County Area Headquarters near Russellville. Our clothes might have been dampened, but the spirit of the party wasn't. Everyone had a good time, and supper was served to approximately 350 guests (fried chicken and all that goes with it), with musical entertainment by the Bartenders, a group of business and professional men from the Russellville-Dover area. They formed the band for their own enjoyment, but are so very good they are in great demand for group entertainment.

We wish to say a special thank you to Johnnie Gray for showing the new film, which was of interest to every one because we all share the common bond of Arkansas highways. Besides Johnnie and Mrs. Gray and their children, others attending from Little Rock included Mr. and Mrs. Mack Sturgis and their granddaughter, Charlene McAlister, Mr. and Mrs. Y. W. Whelchel, Mr. and Mrs. Arnil Taylor of Clarksville, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hampton from Stuttgart. We extend an invitation now to them and all of you to visit us again in District 8.



Mrs. Sturgis, Mrs. Wayne Hampton, Mrs. Y. W. Whelchel, and Mrs. Netha Brown are having a pleasant conversation at the District 8 picnic. Others are Noel Moody, who was in charge of arrangements, and Mr. Sturgis; Mrs. Mary M. Hill and Mrs. T. D. Casey, and two members of the "Bartenders," a band of renown in the vicinity of Russellville, Dr. Layne of Dover, and Don Robard.



DISTRICT



Isabelle Psalmonds

Graham Apperson, shop foreman, received his 30-year service awards June 23 before the Highway Commission. Congratulations, Graham. Others who received pins and certificates for June were Maurice William Sims, John Taylor Penn, Samuel Granger McDaniel, and Warren Gee Glenn, 10 years; Omar Neil Smith, Dallas Ray Foster, Thomas Edward Dixon, and Melvin Brown, 5 years.

Wedding bells rang in District 10 when Wyman Barber, mechanic, took as his bride Mozella Rollings. They were married on June 4.

Bob Pillows, mechanic, is recuperating from burns received in an accident in the shop.

Emma Jean Cole, payroll clerk, has resigned so she can spend more time with her mother who is quite ill. We're sorry it was necessary for her to resign under these circumstances.

Jacquelyn (Jackie) Hopkins has been employed as payroll clerk to replace Emma Jean. Jackie is the wife of a retired Air Force flight engineer and is the mother of a 21-year-old married daughter, and an 8-year-old son. We welcome her to our district and look forward to working with her.

He who keeps himself in a stew eventually goes to pot.

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This is the free bridge over the Arkansas River at Pine Bluff. It is one of the few draw bridges in the state. The draw span is 250 ft. long and the lift towers are 110 ft. higher than the floor of the bridge. Lifting operations are controlled from a small control room at the top of the bridge. The operation of the bridge is done by the District 2 bridge crew with the help from the local maintenance crew. Due to work on the river, the lift span has to be raised about once or twice a month.

this'll kill ya!

Si Cornell, columnist for the Cincinnati Post-Times-Star, reports that he found a switchman at the union terminal there who was a tremendous fighter. When Si offered to get him financial backing to go into the ring, the man declined, saying, "Thanks, but I'd rather switch than fight."

First Worker: "I got a new-type muffler today that's going to make driving my car much more enjoyable."

Second Worker: "A new type muffler? How's it installed?"

First Worker: "Right across her mouth!"

"What do you think of my argument?"

"It was very sound, very sound - in fact, there was nothing but sound to it."

Horace Greeley always insisted that the word "news" was plural. He once wired a reporter: "Are there any news?"

The reply came: "Not a new."

Victor Borge was asked to explain why the keys on his piano were yellow.

"It's not really because the piano is old," he pointed out. "It's just that the elephant was a heavy smoker!"

The freshman's father paid his son a surprise visit. Arriving at 1 a.m., he banged on the fraternity house door.

A voice from the second floor yelled: "Whaddya' want?"

"Does Harvey Chapman live here?" asked the father.

"Yeah," answered the voice, "bring him in."

A bachelor never quite gets over the idea he is a thing of beauty and a boy forever.

Minister to policeman: "Please don't give me a ticket for parking overtime. I'm just a poor preacher."

"I know," said the policeman, "I've heard you."

Old Jones decided to mend his ways and go straight home without his usual stop at his favorite tavern. He just took a firm hold on his will power, stared straight ahead, and passed right by without so much as a backward, longing glance.

After walking about 50 feet, he stopped abruptly and said to himself . . . "Jonsy, old boy, I'm proud of you! Come on back to the tavern and I'll treat you to a couple of snorts!"

The golf match to end all golf matches was being played up in Heaven by St. Peter and St. Paul.

St. Peter had the honor of the first tee and promptly played the hole in one. St. Paul, undaunted, repeated the performance.

St. Peter marked the scores down dutifully on his card, then remarked: "What do you say, Paul? Let's cut out the miracles and get down to business."

A gossip is one who talks to you about others. A bore is one who talks to you about himself. And a brilliant conversationalist is one who talks to you about you.

The customs man looked through an old gentleman's luggage and located a flask of whiskey. "I thought you said you have nothing in here but clothes," the inspector said.

"I did, and it's true," the old gent replied. "That, sir, is my night-cap."

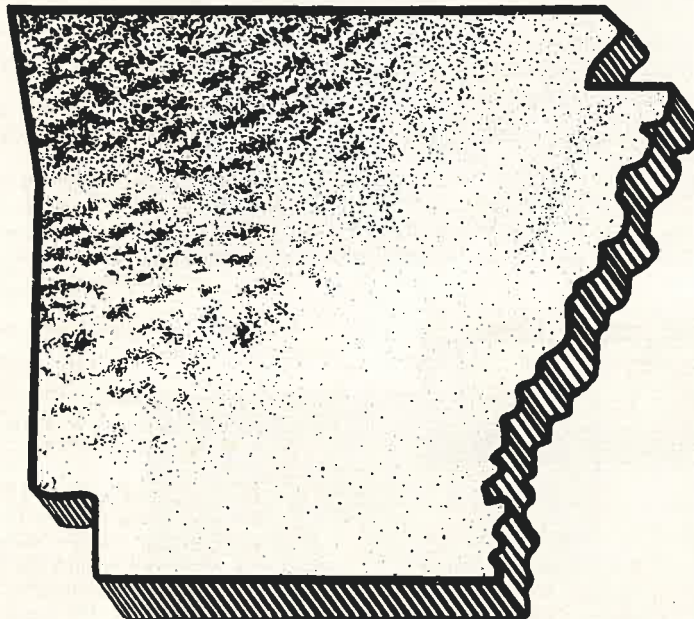
Doctor to portly patient: Follow this diet and in a couple of months I want to see three-fourths of you back here for a checkup.

You go to a psychiatrist when you're slightly cracked and keep going until you're completely broke.



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".... land of pleasant driving."

Cover Dignitaries shown in the bottom picture at the Interstate 40 ribbon-cutting ceremonies June 17 on the Arkansas-Oklahoma border are: Fred Patton, chairman of the Highway Committee of the Fort Smith Chamber of Commerce; Nat Irish, member of the Oklahoma Highway Commission; Allan Toothaker, mayor of Van Buren; Jean Gryagley, "Miss Fort Smith"; Governor Orval E. Faubus, and John Yantis, president of the Fort Smith Chamber of Commerce. At top, a part of the large crowd on hand for the dedication ceremonies. Further details on page 2.