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NEW FERRY OPENS AT MORO BAY



Moro Bay, a small community in the most far-reaching point of Bradley County, made its comeback as a boon to three south Arkansas counties on April 28 when the new Moro Bay ferry boat resumed business for the first time since the old hand-driven ferry was discontinued in the early 40's.

It was a century ago that the first ferry service was provided at Moro Bay. During the slave days the tiny community was a thriving river stopover with Negro slaves and cotton being shipped up river by steam boats.

Today, with the completion of the new, modern ferry, timber, petroleum products and travelers will be able to zip about from Union, Bradley and Calhoun counties with more ease on Highway 15.

Moro Bay lies at the point of all three of these counties and the nearest river crossing was the Highway 167 bridge near Cañon.

Governor Faubus dedicated the ferry system. A number of AHD officials were on hand, as were

other state and county representatives. A luncheon honoring Governor Faubus was held at Gates' Sportsmen One-Stop on the Bradley County side of the river.

Walter Hicks, District 7 engineer, and in whose jurisdiction the ferry is located, said the total cost of the ferry is something over \$75,000. Hicks said the boat would operate from 6:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. on a seven-day week basis and two shifts might be used if warranted by traffic. The ferry will have capacity of six cars or 64,000 pounds. The tow-boat, built by the Barber, Co., of St. Louis, will propel the barge across the river at 12 m.p.h.

Resumption of the ferry means that Highway 15 will be open from its beginning at the Louisiana line to El Dorado, Warren, Pine Bluff, and finally to its end around England, Ark. Travelers coming in from Highway 82 and the Strong area will also be able to travel into the Warren and Pine Bluff area by using the ferry.





Governor Faubus making the dedication speech



Highway Commission Chairman Wayne Hampton



Lt. Commander Carl M. Mortensen, U.S. Coast Guard officer, who is in charge of marine inspection at Memphis, talks with Bob Mattox, right, AHD bridge maintenance engineer.



Oliver Bass of El Dorado, at left, with Y. W. Welchel, administrative assistant, and C. Don Hayes, chief of the Equipment Division.



James Smith, bridge superintendent; Norman Pumphrey, resident engineer; A. W. Hardy, Jr., resident engineer, and Sam Smith, assistant construction engineer.



LETTERS

Mr. Mack Sturgis, Director
Highway Department
State Capitol Mall
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Sturgis:

Will you please convey to the personnel of the Highway Department in the Conway area the thanks, the appreciation, and the commendation of this administration, as well as the many people who helped, for the fine manner in which your Highway Department personnel performed at Conway during the Saturday evening storm.

I heard many words of praise for the Highway Department personnel while I was in Conway yesterday.

The annual banquet was held at 7 p.m. the first Highway Department, and this administration.

Please convey to each of the employees and supervisors in the Conway area my personal thanks and commendation.

Most Sincerely,
Orval E. Faubus
Governor

CARLETON COLLEGE
Northfield, Minnesota

State Highway Department
Russellville, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

On the morning of March 25, my family and I were proceeding north out of Russellville on Route 7. The road was covered with ice and visibility was poor. About 25 miles out of Russellville, as I was about to pass a Highway Department truck driven by Joseph E. Ragsdale (going toward Russellville), I swerved slightly, skidded across the highway in the path of Mr. Ragsdale's truck, finally righted the car and crashed into the right bank. Fortunately no one was hurt and the damage to the car was minimal.

I am writing to pay tribute to Mr. Ragsdale's presence of mind in avoiding what could have been a bad accident, and to his efficiency and kindness. He took charge of the situation; radioed for a tow truck, and very kindly drove my wife and children back to the garage in Russellville.

I am much impressed by what he did and very grateful for his thoughtful generosity, and I should like to take this means of rendering my thanks.

The Highway Department may well be proud of Mr. Ragsdale. He is truly representative of a fine spirit of public service and humanity.

Very truly yours,
Philip Sheridan

(From the Montgomery County News Mt. Ida, Ark. to the Editor)

I wish to take this opportunity to extend a personal note of thanks to F. L. Stovall and his crews of the Arkansas Highway Department here in Montgomery County. There are many motorists who take clear roads in bad weather for granted but I, for one, think that all the motoring public in Montgomery County owes you and your men a debt of gratitude for the quick handling of our roads and bridges in the last spell of inclement weather. I know that you, like myself, at times would rather stay home by the fire instead of getting out in the freezing rain and snow to do all that you can to prevent accidents. I want you to accept my deep appreciation and gratitude for your fine efforts.

Sincerely,
C. F. Shukers II, M.D.

To My Fellow Employees and Officials of the
Weight Division

On April 30 I retired from the service, and I leave the job I love so well with a heavy heart.

On April 14 I gave a dinner, barbecued goat, fried fish, chichke and all the other trimmings my friends so generously helped with. There were nearly 100 persons present, friends and fellow workers including officials from Little Rock. Major Roy Johnson and Captain Bob Baker honored me with their presence.

I have been mindful of the people I worked with, and our customers. Truckers spend a good portion in taxes in our state, and large sums for lumber, fertilizer, oil and other products too numerous to mention. I hope each employee will always deal fairly with those who come into our state to buy our products. With this in mind, I say goodbye and I am glad I had the opportunity to serve these 10 years and 15 days.

Isadore R. Jones



Isadore Jones

HIGHWAY 7 LEADS TO OZARK ADVENTURES

By John Hueston, Travel Writer
Arkansas Publicity and Parks Commission



Highways have a personality all their own. This is especially true of curvaceous Arkansas highway 7, in turn as exciting and peaceful as the Ozark Mountains it traverses.

Highway 7 crosses the western portion of Arkansas from north to south, but its famous portion is that breathtaking stretch across the Ozarks from Russellville to Harrison.

Your car engine strains protestingly when you first leave the Arkansas River Valley behind and swoop abruptly into the rugged mountains north of Dover.

Gone are the rolling fields. The hills jut upward like tortured stairsteps leading to the top floor of a stone castle. The highway embankment, sliced open by man's engineering skill, tells the story of these ancient hills like the pages of an open book.

You can park your car on one of the highway's numerous overlooks and read a chapter from the story of these Ozark hills at leisure.

Fossil collectors will find a fertile field here. The Ozarks are the oldest known mountains on the North American continent, evidencing at least 12 major periods of emergence. In between these upheavals, what are now mountain crests was once the floor of a warm sea. A sea in which many forms of plant and animal life once thrived. Farmers planting strawberries on the limestone ridges occasionally turn up the fossilized remains of starfish and other ocean creatures. During a much later period, the now extinct Sabertooth Tiger and other large animals roamed what is now the Ozarks.

After collecting a few specimens you continue on your way, pausing for panoramic views of the countryside from Rotary Ann, near Pelsor, one of many scenic overlooks that line highway 7 all the way to Harrison.

Those who love camping and fishing by a mountain stream may want to take a side trip down highway

164 to Long Pool Recreation Area. Long Pool is one of two excellent U. S. Forest Service maintained public campgrounds on Big Piney Creek, one of the most beautiful mountain fishing streams in Arkansas. The other campground, Haw Creek Falls, is located west of Pelsor on highway 123 near Ft. Douglas.

Antique collectors will enjoy shopping in the many roadside curio shops that line highway 7. Usually perched on some prominent overlook, the shops contain many examples of original Ozark handicraft and pioneer relics.

Jasper, the county seat of Newton County, is a quaint mountain town and the gateway to one of Arkansas' most popular attractions... Buffalo River.

One crosses the Little Buffalo River, a smaller edition of its famous big brother, at Jasper and a short trek westward on highway 74 leads to Ponca and Boxley. Ponca, a booming mining town during WWI, is the "jumping off place" for float fishing trips on the upper Buffalo River. Ponca now boasts excellent tourist facilities.

This portion of Newton County abounds in mysterious box canyons, like famed Lost Valley and Hemmed-In-Hollow, and the communities here have a timeless charm. When swimming in the sky-clear Buffalo River, hiking through its "hollers" or exploring its many limestone caves, the tensions of a space age existence seem far away.

Continuing your journey up highway 7 one crosses the Buffalo at Pruitt, a popular gathering place for swimmers who like to wiggle their toes in a non-chlorinated, unpolluted mountain river.

As late summer dwindles into glorious fall, the oaks, elms, hickories, sycamores and other hardwoods blossom forth with brilliant fall colors. Like a Van Gogh painting, flaming orange, yellow and red leaves contrast with the constant green of pines and cedars.

Marble Falls, site of a grist mill built by Pete Bellah in 1834, is located north of Pruitt and is well worth a visit. Marble Falls is now a trout hatchery that produces scrappy rainbow trout amidst magnificent scenery.

You end your northward journey across the portion of highway 7 that the American Automobile Association voted "one of America's seven most scenic highways" at Harrison, called the "hub of the Ozarks" by its Boone County boosters.

But you'll be back. Once one has made the pilgrimage across Arkansas' sky high motorway, it's hard to stay away for long.

AHD ENGINEERS PARTICIPATE IN SHORT COURSE

Several of our Highway Department engineers attended the Tenth Annual Short Course March 25-26 in Fayetteville. The event is sponsored by the University of Arkansas' College of Engineering, in cooperation with the Highway Department and the University Division of General Extension.

The welcome address was given by Dr. David W. Mullins, president of the University, after which Johnnie Gray, staff photographer, showed the new movie, "Arkansas Grows Where Good Roads Go."

AHD engineers who took part in the program were W. L. Moore, assistant chief engineer; Frank Neighbors, assistant construction engineer; Ward Goodman, chief engineer; C. A. Shumaker, construction engineer; M. G. Gross, research engineer in Planning and Research; M. J. Hensley, research engineer in P&R; and Bob Kessinger, of Planning and Research.

Paul Schenke, district engineer with the Bureau of Public Roads, participated on the program, and V. E. Harvey, division engineer with BPR, presided over one of the afternoon sessions.

Others taking part were L. R. Heiple, head of the Civil Engineering Department; Sanford Wilbourn, principal of Garver and Garver; W. R. McConnell with Shell Oil Company, and Ben M. Hogan, Jr., contractor.

The annual banquet was held at 7 p.m. the first evening at the Student Union at the University.



Highway Commissioner John Harsh and Don Osmond, who is with the New Products Division of the 3M Company, St. Paul, Minn.



Bill Moore, assistant chief engineer



Ben Hogan, Jr., H. W. Schneider, John Tallant, Max Hall, Jack Teasdale, and John Price, shown at the banquet.

AHD RECEIVES PLAQUE FOR MOST BEAUTIFUL BRIDGE

The Highway Department on April 14 was the recipient of an award presented by the American Institute of Steel Construction, Inc. as the owner of the most beautiful bridge in the medium span category. At right, Director Mack Sturgis and Highway Commission Chairman Wayne Hampton are shown being presented the plaque by Fred Brown, Jr., president of Arkansas Foundry Company. The plaque will be mounted on the bridge, which spans White River on Highway 12, east of Rogers in northwest Arkansas. Also present were Jim Graham of Oklahoma City, chief bridge engineer of Howard, Needles, Tammen and Bergendoff, who accepted a plaque for his company as designers; Bob Chesney of St. Joseph Steel Company, St. Joseph, Mo., steel fabricators; and Guy H. James, president of the Guy H. James Construction Company in Oklahoma City as builder.



ARKANSAS HIGHWAY DAMES

The final meeting of the Arkansas Highway Dames for the 1964-65 year will begin at 11 a.m. May 20, at the Lakeside Pavilion, in Lakewood, North Little Rock. This is the third Thursday of the month, instead of the fourth Thursday when our meetings are usually held. A potluck picnic will be served at noon.

Forty-three members and guests attended the benefit card party and salad luncheon April 22 at the Hostess Room of the Wonder Bakery. A "May Basket" theme was used for the party. Operating expenses for the group are raised at their annual event.

Officers for the coming year were elected at the April meeting and will be installed at the picnic May 20. They are: President, Mrs. J. T. Pendergrass; Vice President, Mrs. Mack Sturgis; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. H. Woodson; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. R. Holland; Treasurer, Mrs. Henry Gray; Parliamentarian, Mrs. Charles Venable; Historian, Mrs. J. C. Longcoy.

--Eamestine Martin



These bearded gentlemen are not members of the House of David, but an IZARD County delegation who visited Director Sturgis to discuss a road. The beards are in keeping with a centennial observance. They are, left to right: James E. Miller, Harlin Hames, Johnny Guthrie, Jerry Crosby, John E. Miller, Vance Tate, Boyce J. Cook, and Mr. Sturgis.

"MACK STURGIS NIGHT" OBSERVED AT DOVER



On April 15, the city of Dover paid tribute to a native son, our Highway Director, Mack Sturgis. The host for the occasion was the Dover Men's Club.

The program, titled, "Fifty Years with Mack Sturgis," patterned after the television program, "This is your Life." It featured Willie B. Jennings and J. Y. Poynter, who told of Mr. Sturgis's early life, then Governor Faubus and Frank Whitbeck told the audience of his accomplishments and the work he is currently doing.

Preceding the program, a banquet was served to approximately 190 persons, including the Sturgis' children, Bobbie Sturgis McAlister of Morrilton, and James Harold Sturgis of Crossett, and their families; Mr. and Mrs. Arnil Taylor; Mr. and Mrs. Orville Cheney; Mr. and Mrs. Y. W. Welchel; Arnold Sikes, and friends from Pope and surrounding counties. Over 300 persons were present for the event.

At the conclusion of the program, Wayne Wallace presented Mr. and Mrs. Sturgis a silver tray from the citizens of Dover, as a token of recognition. Musical entertainment was furnished by a group known as "Bartenders." Several employees from District 8 attended the banquet and meeting.

HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE NEW PRESIDENT OF BLYTHEVILLE JCC

Jerry (Bo) Hollingsworth was elected president of the Blytheville's Junior Chamber of Commerce last month.

Hollingsworth, a weight officer in the Weights and Standards Division, is a lifetime resident of Blytheville and a graduate of Blytheville High School.

He is a veteran of the Korean War and has been an active Jaycee for seven years, serving as chairman of the National Cotton Picking Contest and holding the offices of first and second vice-president. He is a member of the First Baptist Church in Blytheville.



This young redbud sapling doesn't look like much here, but eventually it will be part of the colorful "Redbud Trail," a plan to plant the trees on Highway 4 from the Mississippi line to the Oklahoma line. It was planted by the maintenance group in District 7 at the Ouachita County area headquarters building along the right of way on Highway 4 in front of area headquarters.

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT



BRIDGE DESIGN

Alice Joe

Fall has fell, winter's gone (we hope) and spring is - well, we can't really say definitely, but it brought car buying fever pretty seriously. L. P. Carlson and Mrs. Carlson are happy driving their lovely blue cadillac. Jim Matthews is driving a pretty white Dynamic 88 Oldsmobile, and Dan Morgan is sporting a blue F85 Olds, also. The fever may yet bite another one or two.

Ancal Neal left us to join Cities Service Oil Company. We were sorry to see him leave, but wish him good luck and the best.

W. E. Wilson retired April 30 after 11 years in Bridge Design. He and Mrs. Wilson moved to Winona, Miss., to live on their farm. He says the fishing there is "out of this world." We hope he enjoys each day of his retirement.

John Sage has some important news, but definiteness will have to await its time and then we will let everyone in on it.

Frank Harrison is building, via a contractor, a new home on Brookridge Cove in Brookfield. One of the designers has had a sneak preview and says it will be a nice house.

Mr. Carlson, B. Vinson, and Veral Pinkerton attended the AISC Annual Convention at Memphis, April 22 and 23. On the way over they toured all the road and bridge projects under construction. Highlights of the program included a report on various structural problems worked out on computers, a talk on using tables to design completely any composite short spans, a report on the pullout of stud shear connectors, and a bolting demonstration. It sounded like a highly successful convention with the program and events thoroughly enjoyed by our participants.

Jim Matthews is back in the ole' baseball game as manager of Reynolds and Williams Optimist Pony League Team, Lamar Porter Field. His son, Jimmy, is a member of the team so we expect great things this year from them.



COUNTY PROGRAM

Barbara Oldham

We were sorry to hear that Cecil Cochran's boy, Nathen, was taken to the emergency room at the Baptist Hospital.

After checking him over, the doctor said he is doing fine.

A3C Kermit M. Gray, this reporter's little brother and Johnnie Gray's No. 1 son, returned from four months' basic training at Amarillo Air Force Base in Texas. The family is glad to have him home to stay for a while. While he was in the service, he wrote home several times that he just wished he could see a tree. When he arrived in Little Rock, Amy, the youngest member of the family, presented him with a small pine tree which she dug up for the occasion.



Kermit Gray

This office has a new addition to its aquarium - two gold fish and one water dog. The water dog was donated by Billy Durham, Jr., as a gift to this reporter. So far, the only result of having it is one shaggy-tailed gold fish.

The curiosity of many of our distinguished visitors has gotten the best of them. We now have a rather large painted hand-instructing how to enter our office door. The sign was placed on the pane as a means of clarifying which side should be pushed or pulled. On one side there is the inscription PULL, on the other, THRUST, which usually brings the question, "What's that, some kind of joke?" There is one thing for sure, though, nobody has any trouble knowing how to open the door because they take time to stop and read it.

Have you seen the new movie? Our boss, John Tallant, with County Judge Moore of Yell County, "stars" in it.

This reporter extends a thank you to Buddy Burrows, an AHD employee, who

changed a tire May 3 for my mother-in-law, Mrs. Aleta Carmichael, on the Benton Highway.



DATA PROCESSING

Anne Minor

Everyone in DPC is happy to welcome Willie Pollnow as a new employee. Willie is married and has a daughter, 2, and a son, 3 months.

Pauline Mormon's son, Steven, is doing fine after spending two days in St. Vincent's recovering from a tonsillectomy.

Jerry Conway is driving a new white Comet these days. It goes real well with his sunburn he got while fishing at Lake Conway.

Erma Jetton spent a week's vacation visiting with relatives in Tennessee.

All the girls in the office enjoyed the surprise luncheon given April 30 at Island X for Sarah Henry of Microfilming, who retired on that date. We will miss Sarah and hope she will come back to visit with us.



EQUIPMENT

Sally Crook

We say "Thanks" to Johnnie Gray for showing his new Highway Film "Arkansas Grows Where Good Roads Go" to this Division on April 9. We all enjoyed it, Johnnie.

Cecil Jones, welder in Central Shop, resigned April 23 to retire under Social Security benefits. We wish him a long and happy retirement.

We welcome Adrian L. Webb, a former Highway employee, who has joined Central Shop as a carpenter.

The girls in the Procurement for Equipment office treated Bonnie Hill to a steak supper at Buck Powers April 28th. The occasion was Bonnie's birthday and she reports they also gave her a nice gift.

Doris and Jerry Healy, Shirley and Neal Healy and another couple enjoyed a short vacation recently. They went fishing and camping at Irons Fork Landing on Lake Ouachita. Doris said they had a late visit from a raccoon who ate most of their bread and almost scared them to death but caught quite a few fish and really enjoyed the outing.

We were all glad to see W. K. Heard, retired Central Shop carpenter, who visited us April 23. We are always happy to see our retired employees when they are in this vicinity.



FINAL ESTIMATE

Lynda Harris

We have three new members on our staff: Larry Meeks, Jr., estimate technician who lives with his wife, Claudia, in their new home at 9004 Woodford Drive in Little Rock; Bennie Cooper who, with his wife, Jean, and 10-month-old son, James, lives at 1022 East 8th; and Patsy Ballew, who recently moved here from Texarkana where she was employed at the Wadley Hospital.

We will miss Jane Tidmore who resigned to care for her family.

The Park Plaza Lanes bowling team, on which two of our men, Joel Bradley and Bill Moore, belong, went to Mobile, Ala. March 20-21 for the Southern Bowling Tournament. Their team won the team event and set a new record in the tournament with a scratch score of 3058. Joel also won the ALL-EVENTS with a highly respectable score of 1899, officially making him the No. 1 bowler in the tournament this year.

We were all glad to welcome our new "Boss" Mack Sturgis when he visited our section and personally introduced himself to each one of us. We all feel that this type of relationship will help us all run a "tight ship," and we want him to know he is most welcome any time he wishes to visit.

We also miss J. C. "Chet" Hedrick. He was needed on a construction project and was recently transferred to B. D. Mulhollen in Brinkley.

Two employees of Ralph Jones worked for us during the winter, but one, A. C. Gibbons, inspector, returned May 1 to work with Jones. We will miss A. C. and express our appreciation for the help he has rendered during the winter. The other, L. M. Burrow, engineers helper, had done a fine job with us and expressed a desire to continue to work here, so arrangements have been made for him to be a permanent employee in the section.

The H. H. Perkins' had all their family with them over the Easter holidays and a happy occasion it was. (It was also a housefull!)



LEGAL DIVISION (Barristers' Bench)

Elva C. Tibbs

Greetings to you! Did you know the various greetings from people of other nations? Here are a few: How do you do? -

American; How do you carry yourself? - French; How do you stand? - Italian; How do you find yourself? - German; How do you fare? - Dutch; How can you? - Swedish; How do you perspire? - Egyptian; How is your stomach? or, Have you eaten your rice? - Chinese; How do you have yourself? - Polish; How do you live on? - Russian; May thy shadow never be less! - Persian. And they all mean about the same!

In the last news report, I omitted a very important happening: Virginia Tackett was awarded a 10-year service pin. Recognition of loyalty and faithfulness (virtue of virtues) will never be amiss when justly deserved, and so, to Virginia, Congratulations are the order.

Jackie Gill and Betty Grimes both graced our division with new spring coiffures. There already lovely locks transformed into eye-catching glamorous "do's."

The horse racing season is over (and probably not forgotten by many) and several in our offices participated, but try the Hackett-Jones-Langston system: Seven horses were running in the seventh race on the seventh day of the seventh week so their money was placed on number seven. Did the horse come in? Yes, SEVENTH!

Joyce Jones' mother successfully underwent surgery March 3 and is climbing the hill to recovery . . . Joyce's fiance, Marshall, made a flying trip to see his love on March 6, but cross-examinations have proved futile in obtaining pertinent details of this visit.

Betty Grimes was hospitalized March 16, but convalesced successfully, and is back with us fit and fine.

Bobbi Sneed's baby girl, Angela Noel, was born March 16, weighing 7 pounds 9½ ounces. Before her arrival, W. D. Kelly rashly promised to buy her polka dot diapers, but since her birth, he has met difficulty in finding this style. Surely there must be a polka dotted pattern - something new for the Youngest Set.

March 17: An eventful month that blew gusty winter winds and brought many things (other than flippin' skirts) and on this day the "Wearin' o' the Green." St. Patrick was remembered and represented in Legal. I know of two Shamrocks who went to Oaklawn but with them went "the luck of the Irish."

Virginia Tackett and Lee Allen represented Legal and enjoyed participating in the Highway Short Course in Fayetteville March 25-26.

Joyce Jones was treated to lunch on her birthday, March 30, at the Lido.

Colorful April: Each month holds dear its own beauty and April was a pageant of loveliness. With the sun and showers, she gives our state the Dogwood, breathtaking azaleas without number, and the freshness of the first flowers heralding spring.

In the never ending chain we have personal portions and these were delivered in our division: One of Legal's prizes, Skip Wallin, swerved his course and is now an assistant attorney general in the Attorney General's Office. Congratulations to Skip . . . Good show.

April 1: Jackie Gillis was hospitalized and remained (as of April 29) on our sick list.

The Mark Woolseys stayed Easter weekend in Ozark, their home. Mr. Woolsey was the guest teacher there and delivered the Sunday School message.

April 17: Tragedy claimed a victim. Jackie Gills's family suffered a loss in the drowning of little Bobby Treadwell of Jacksonville, Fla. Mrs. Edith Treadwell, Jackie's mother, is with the State Office Arkansas Emergency Planning.



Don Langston

April 21: Congratulations are due Don Langston, our promising and popular young attorney, who received his reserve commission as first lieutenant in the Army. Langston will be a legal officer in the 431st Civil Affairs Company, which meets every Wednesday night at the Armory on the campus of Little Rock' University.

Gravely and stately our lives are balanced with the bitter and sweet, and a shadow was cast over the Legal Division on February 16 when Guy Fulk, an attorney in Legal, died. Silently and swiftly he was gone from our midst, leaving his office stilled with the ever present memory of this fine, quiet man.

On March 31, Doris Harper's husband, James Miller Harper, died. With battling courage she and her beloved mate bravely faced their trials until it was the time to rest. Our sympathies to Doris and her family, and to the family of Mr. Fulk.



MATERIALS AND TESTS

Julia Halliburton

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Troy Laha, April 1, a baby girl, at St. Vincent's Hospital. Little Dana weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

W. L. Banks, F. O. Griffin, H. T. Hollingsworth, H. W. Schneider, and Clark Salley observed their birthdays in April. George C. Allen received his 15-year service pin and certificate, and C. F. Jones, his 10-year awards.

Ronald Martel resigned April 15 to accept other employment.

Edwin (Sonny) Wilkinson is entering a hospital in Memphis to have an ear operation and we hope it is completely successful.

Wedding Bells! Maureen W. Rodgers and Frank Ulmer, of Benton, were married March 5 in the home of Mrs. Bob McNeill, Maureen's sister, who resides in Stuttgart. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend Howard Upson. They drove to Fort Walton Beach, Fla. on their honeymoon. They toured the Bellingrath Gardens in Mobile, and heard Pete Fountain in Laurel, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. James Briley are parents of a son, Benjamin Reed, who arrived April 13 at St. Vincent's, weighing 6 pounds.

Henry Hart's son, Larry, and his wife and baby, moved here from Pine Bluff. He is an announcer for KMYO.

Clark W. Salley was hospitalized in Benton with measles.

Sibyl and C. A. Maddox will drive to Washington, D. C. for the Building and Trades Convention to be held May 3-4. Accompanying them will be Mr. and Mrs. George Stenard of Benton.

On April 13, Materials and Tests employees gave this writer a surprise party in observance of receiving my 20-year service awards. Our boss, C. W. Schneider, was unable to be present, and Joe D. Magness, assistant division head, presented the award. G. W. Roark, (retired), Dale Davison, Jim Meredith, and Johnnie Gray were among the guests. Coffee and cake were served and enjoyed by all. I most certainly appreciate the party so much and will always remember it. I started on Friday, April 13, 1945.



PERSONNEL

Dorothy Lehman

At the mention of a birthday - and when our pocketbooks can stand it - we, in Personnel run to Island X for Mexican food on the lunch hour. We had a good excuse on March 23 when Shirley Bain celebrated a birthday. We don't actually run, but after one of the luncheons we need to run or do a few push-ups, eh, Juniata?

During March Jackie Wallace went to Heber Springs and this writer made a sad journey to Texas. I thank everyone for the kindness and thoughtfulness extended to me and my family on the loss of my father. I knew there were many nice people here in Personnel and throughout the Highway Department, but your kindness overwhelmed me.

Juniata Morgan has been quite a help-mate to her husband, Morris. The formal opening of their drug store in Bryant was held early in March and although we are late in doing so, we wish them the best of luck in their new endeavor.

Jimmie Farnam, an attractive brunette, has joined our crew in Personnel. Jimmie's husband, Richard, works for Big Rock Stone and Material Co. They have two lively boys - Troy, 18 months, and Tony, 3.

By now everyone knows of Sibble's misfortune when the runaway truck ran over her little Kamman Ghia. In case you haven't noticed, she is now sporting a new model - a red Volkswagen.

Our neighbor next door, Martha (Marty) Adams, had, of all things, the German measles on her birthday, April 3, so we could not take her out to lunch as planned. But, we did finally get around to taking her to the Golden Host about three weeks later.

Recently there was minor chaos in the Bain household. Sandy disappeared, and after a lengthy search, hope was gone. There were smiles again for Angela, Shirley's daughter, when Sandy, the pet hamster came out of hiding.

Wendy, our dog, shared in the limelight in April when Peggy, our sixth grader, put her through the traces in a talent show at Garland School. Naturally, we are prejudiced, but we do have a pretty smart dog, or perhaps Peggy is just a smart

trainer. Wendy, a "Heinz 57" variety, will, on command, sit, shake hands, lie down, and even speak. Honest!

Sibble Cox is a year-round fisherman, but with the balmy days she will have company, including this writer and Marty Adams . . . Shirley and family enjoyed an outing with her parents a few week ends ago and the catch was a good one - six nice catfish.



Billie Whiteside

A group of representatives of our division met at Ft. Smith on April 22 with those from the Oklahoma Highway Department's Planning and Research for a day's discussion of mutual problems.



Sue Cullins, the girl who mails out all those maps, has announced her engagement to Harrison L. Walls, who worked for P&R last summer and is now associated with the Gazette. The marriage will take place on June 11 at the United Missionary Baptist Church, near Benton. We all wish Susie and her intended the best.

We are very pleased to welcome Nathan Bingham back to work after his illness, and he says he is glad to be back.

Mayo White has had a trip to Clarksville, Tenn., and enjoyed a family visit.

We have had recent visits from Bureau of Public Roads men formerly located here: Messrs: Vandenberg and Watt, who were both very popular with us. A former employee of this division reports on another - Bea Davis says that on a recent trip to Memphis she had a long visit with Aline Daniel, and Aline looked fine.

Bonnie Thomas' recent birthday was celebrated with a cake baked by Edith Garland, and luncheon at Bruno's, attended by Bonnie, Edith, Mignon Besancon, and this reporter. The food was fine, but we



G. W. Roark & Julia M. Halliburton

had to really fly back with the wheels off the ground - slow service.

Charles Neal's red Mustang has been attracting a lot of attention.

Ruth Cantley is expecting her son to be here on his vacation, and Ruth will return to Dallas with him for a visit.

Larry Johnson and his wife have moved their place of residence to Base Line Road.

Chester Jester's little girl was injured recently, but after a stay in the hospital is at home again and doing much better.

Cute sayings of the small fry: From Bonnie Thomas' Rhonda, when she hurt her arm, "Call Ben Casey." From Pat Patton's Jay, who had been just a bit naughty on the eve of Easter. "The Easter Bunny must have been deaf and dumb. He left me this basket of eggs."

The new Highway building site is no longer a big hole of water. Footings are going in. Honorary supervisor of construction is our own J. C. Longcoy.

Mary Ann Schuh has a car for sale - a 1964 white Ford Falcon with automatic transmission. If interested, get in touch with her.



RIGHT OF WAY

Shirley Childress

Four of our appraisers, Herbert Hooten, Henry Williams, Bob Hamilton, and Walker attended a meeting of the Society of Real Estate Appraisers, April 20 at the Top of the Rock Club. The meeting included lunch and a program with Stuart Euman, director of the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission of Little Rock as guest speaker.

Zack Mashburn is a happy man these days because his son and daughter-in-law of Madison, Wis. presented him with a granddaughter April 19. The little girl's name is Molly Elizabeth, and she weighed 9 pounds, 11 ounces.

We have two new home owners among us this month. They are Sue Boyett of the Appraisal Section and husband Jimmy, and Neil Gibbs of the Engineering Section and wife Nola. Sue and Jimmy's new home is at 623 Sherwood Avenue, North Little Rock, and Neil's is located on High Road East, Mablevale. Neil had a bit of bad luck the week he was to move into his new house. He had another car accident (not his fault) and had to rent a car for a few days to move some small things he had planned to move at night before they moved their furniture in and for transportation to work.

We are sure a lot of people in the Highway Department who remember Doloris and Jim French will be interested to know that they are now parents of a baby girl. Named Dennie Kay, the little one weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and made her arrival April 26 at Rebsamen Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville.



Planning and Research's latest winners of service awards are Harold L. Woolsey, 5 years; Lukie Atkinson, 20 years; and Ray V. Martin, 10 years. J. R. Henderson, engineer of P&R, made the presentations.

We were sorry to lose Linda Schueren of the Utilities Section. Linda's husband Tommy is with the Air Force and is being transferred to Florida. We wish them the best of everything as they start a new life so far from home.

Colonel Schafer has been back to Brooke General Hospital at Fort Sam Houston, Tex. for a checkup and we sure missed him while he was gone.

The following is a special message to George Howell who is recuperating from a heart attack a few weeks ago:

Dear George:

We sure do miss you around this place, for its just not the same, when we can't see your smiling face and occasionally hear your name.

Our coffee is no longer ready by Eight, as it was when you use to plug it in, and as a joke teller you really rate, for the ones we've heard lately only brought on a grin.

So we're rooting for you to get well real quick and return to work when you do,

because we know this illness you can lick

for we are all pulling for you.

We extend sympathies to A. C. Ledbetter in the death April 6 of his father, Arthur Ledbetter of Benton.



ROADWAY DESIGN

Virginia Deckard

Wayne Sutton and his wife will celebrate their first wedding anniversary on May 2. Congratulations!

Pat and Lois Thompson went to Oklahoma to spend the Easter holidays.

With the coming of spring, everyone seems to be getting the wanderlust. I don't

know if they're just admiring our new road maps or if they are planning to pack up and take off on a vacation, but a lot of people are doing a lot of looking.

Sam Acheson was off for a few days with a virus, and we missed him.

Birthday boys for this month are Brooks Nichols, Arlo Waggoner, Bob Narrell, and John Hicks. Happy birthday to all of you guys.

Fishing is big news in this office. For all, this reporter got the urge to fishing once but all I got was sunburned, hot and dirty, except for two little ones.



The real fisherman is Travis Orton, Sr., who caught the big whopper above April 17 at Lake Maumelle at 5:52 a.m. The big bass weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was caught on a Lucky 13.

John Hicks took first place in genre feature writing in the literary division of the "Arkansas Arts Festival" held annually the first week in May. John's entry was titled, "Sorghum Making Time,"

and the announcement was made May 7. Congratulations, John.

Bill Duncan is planning a fishing trip to Loaf Mountain fishing dock at Greer's for the week end of April 23. Better luck than I had, Bill. Hope you will catch some big ones and have a picture for us next issue.

We're glad to report that Fred Pulliam's mother-in-law and father-in-law are improving. Both have been ill.

The Billy Hurt's infant daughter had surgery but is rapidly improving.

And last, but not least, we are proud of our bowling league. For the last two weeks they have won all four games. That's the way to go.



Jim Meredith, chief of General Services, presenting Sarah Henry her retirement certificate.



RECORDS AND SUPPLY

"Cookie" McCook

Sarah Henry retired April 30 after 12 years' service with AHD. Sarah had been assisting Verna Daes in the Microfilming Section for the past few years and prior to that time she was in Personnel and Accounting. I have been closely associated with Sarah since she had been with the Department, working with her in Accounting and also since she transferred to Microfilming. The girls gave her a luncheon at Island X on her last day, to bid her goodbye, but we hope she comes back to see us often. Sarah and Henry took a tour of the southwest shortly after she retired. Some of the places they saw were San Antonio, later going on down into the interior of Mexico to visit Mexico City and other cities south of the border.

Our mail clerk, Nebraska Droughter, delivered the sermon May 2 in his church, the First Baptist, at 18th and Oak Streets.

Verna and Ivan Daes have been doing things up brown lately. They bought a new home on Oaklawn Drive in Lakewood, and are taking instructions presently to prepare them for future flying lessons.

"Butch" Wilson, who transferred to us from Surveys, and is our "go-between" to the New Benton Highway offices, got ambitious the other day and carried some boxes out in a large waste basket. It slipped from his hand and landed on his toe. He limped around for a week or two with a badly bruised foot.

Albert Comeau has been working in Data Processing Center in the afternoons, learning to run some of the machines over there.

This reporter's sister and brother-in-law from St. Louis visited me the week end of May 1.

We all extend our sympathies to Verna and her family, whose sister died April 26 at her home in Indiana.

Some of his friends might be interested to know that Mr. McCook (my father-in-law), who lives with my niece in Benton

has been ill. He would appreciate it if those of you who know him would drop in to see him. He has been depressed since the death last February of Mrs. McCook.



DISTRICT



Leslie Long

April 24 was designated as "Clean Up" day for District 2 employees. Crews were dispatched to pick up litter and clean right of ways in much the same manner as a housewife doing "spring cleaning." This was a most talked about event which increased the interest of our crews who did a splendid job.

The Messrs. Harris, Shalmy, Howell, Kames and Tyler of District 2 all attended the Annual Short Course in Fayetteville March 25 and 26.

"Peanut" Woodfield had visitors recently; his brother and family from Jacksonville, Fla.

Brewster Shalmy and son John, spent the week end on Lake Ouachita . . . Selma Chavis and husband, Van Dyke, have been vacationing at Fort Worth, and Memphis.

The radio "squawk box" was quiet on the afternoon of March 30 until word was received that there was a truck, orange in color, turned upside down in the bayou near Ferda, and someone's cap was floating on the surface. There seemed to be no witnesses to the accident and preparations were being made to drag the place for missing persons when we learned they were not really missing. Still, accidents do happen - Fred Denton closed a car door on his hand, breaking a finger, and Archie Hutto slipped on the wet pavement, falling and breaking a leg. Both are getting along fine.

George J. Ashcraft received service awards for 10 years, and Aubry Murphy for 15 years.

If you have ever considered the idea of becoming a fisherman or a gardner, now is the time while there is so much "free" information." The lures are all shapes, sizes, and colors, and it's amazing what a person can do with a few seeds, plants, and fertilizer, so I've been told.



DISTRICT



Edna Lewallen

Johnny Robinson, assistant resident engineer in Hope, reports his wife, "Liz," won a 7-day all expense paid trip for two to Miami, which can be taken any time until December 15. Johnny hopes that he will be invited to go, but not to fly, because he prefers riding a horse or at least staying on the ground. If he doesn't go, his excuse will be he couldn't get away from the job.

Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Hollis are parents of a daughter, Mary Caroline, who arrived April 13. Angelo is a truck driver in the sealing crew.

We welcome four new employees to our Highway Department family: Coy Ashley and Bernard Tallant, Pike County, and Loy Townsend and C. B. Jones, in Lafayette County.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleburn Skinner have returned home from Dallas where they visited their son and his family.

Two former employees visited us recently: Lee Huskey of Blevins and Ray Faris of Marshall, Tex.

The Texarkana construction office is happy to have their new clerk, Mrs. Lovella Meyer, who is replacing Nina Atkins. Nina resigned to become a full time mother.



Sharon Bailey is the new secretary in the district office. She was born in Chicago, but at an early age moved with her family to Hot Springs where she graduated from high school. She attended Henderson State Teachers College; is married and has a daughter, Karen, 5 years old.

Turkey season has been quite successful in District 3 this year. One of our employees, Bernard Tallant, bagged one each season. Others reporting good luck were Noel Jester, W. T. Tallant, and George O'Neal.

Carolyn Beck, a student nurse at Arkansas Baptist Hospital in Little Rock, visited her parents, W. C. and Jean Beck, during the Easter holidays.

C. O. Adams is back in the shop after having undergone surgery recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Haynie of Prescott will be celebrating their 42nd wedding anniversary on May 5. Loyd retired in January as job superintendent with the sealing crew.

Employees in our district who received 5-year service awards were Oren White and Robert Jack Holder.

Annetta Hatfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Hatfield of Hope, was named 1965 FFA Rodeo Queen. She is a senior, and a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, FHA, FTA, and played basket ball three years. LeRoy is a heavy roller operator with the sealing crew.

We extend our sympathies to Howard Wright, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Greeson, and Houston Kitchens in the loss of their loved one who died recently.



DISTRICT



The Informers

Elmer J. Roths, after an extended illness, has applied for his disability retirement. Elmer has been with the Department a long time and we hate to see him go. He

started with AHD in 1924; was re-employed in 1953 and has been with us ever since.

R. B. Winfrey and J. C. Perkins visited our office April 18-19. We were glad to have them.

E. E. Pierce suffered an eye injury on March 25, which necessitated surgery to remove a foreign body from his left eye. It isn't known yet if he will lose his eye or sight.

We're glad to have Loyde Dukes and H. J. Holt back with us after their long seige of illness. Each was hospitalized.

Emily Rogers, payroll clerk, was promoted to bookkeeper after B. J. Gibson resigned . . . Helen Cooksey, a new employee, accepted the vacancy created by Emily's promotion. Other new employees with the Department are Jerry D. Tudor with the city crew; Lenard Wagner, Jr. in Scott County; and Orvel H. Thomas, Crawford County. W. E. Montgomery, with the district wide bridge crew, has been re-employed after being away from the Department for four years.

A belated welcome to Helen Butler's first grandson, Cricket's little brother, Steven. He made his first appearance February 1. He has blonde, curly hair and, according to Helen, the most beautiful baby in the world. Everyone agrees with her except the other grandparents.

Marg Pamell's talented daughter, Pam, composed a song and set it to music of Fireball XL V. She will sing it at Darby Jr. High's farewell party to the ninth grade April 30, accompanying herself on the guitar.

We are pretty proud of J. C. Lancaster. He won second place in the Massey Ferguson backhoe operating contest. First place was taken by a man experienced with a Massey Ferguson, but it was J. C.'s first time to operate one of the machines.

Talk about fishing luck! Buck and Helen Cooksey went fishing at Lake Ouachita; got their pickup-camper stuck in the mud up to the frame and dropped their boat motor in about 100 feet of water. They didn't have time to catch any fish after getting out of all their troubles. They are going back though and fish again - for a motor.



DISTRICT



Burnham & Campbell

Bud Witter, horticulturist for the Department, gave a talk April 15 to the area foremen in District 7. He emphasized the need for seeding of roadway slopes and stated that grass could be grown in any soil if proper care is taken during and after seeding. He also covered the proper use of herbicides.

The people of Bradley and Union Counties hosted a luncheon when dedication ceremonies were held for the new ferry at Moro Bay. Governor Faubus spoke and Bradley County's "Miss Pink Tomato"

broke a bottle of tomato juice on the barge during the ceremonies.

Highway Director Mack Sturgis and Assistant Chief Engineer Bill Moore were entertained with a luncheon by Mrs. James Cames, National Committee woman, at Camden April 21. Twenty guests were present. The occasion was in appreciation to the Department for the construction of the Camden Bypass which will affect the nearby and newly expanded Cames City Park.

N. D. Pumphrey spent April 8 and 9 "vacationing" with his Guard Unit at Fort Polk, La.

Harold Moore, inspector for Pumphrey, has retired after 10 years with the Department.

Mary Nell Carlson's mother, who is Eddie Beasley's wife, is home from the hospital and doing nicely.

Frank Mulligar is driving a 1965 Fairlane 500, all white and very pretty.



DISTRICT



Netha Brown

The tornado which struck Conway the evening of April 3 completely demolished the home of James Creed Skaggs, a maintenance employee in Faulkner County. We understand that he and his wife and daughter left the area with a neighbor just seconds before the destructive wind struck, destroying their home and its contents, their car and a truck. The skaggs have a new home under construction at the same location. We are so thankful that they escaped personal injury.

Grady Lasley, area foreman of Faulkner County, and his crew, express their thanks and appreciation to maintenance and construction crews from Pope, Perry, Van Buren, and Conway Counties for their help in clearing the debris left by the tomado. These men arrived to help in any way they could just as soon as possible after the storm abated.

We extend sympathies to Lewis McGee and his family of Dover on the death of his wife, Janie. Funeral services were Sunday, April 25, at the Rushing Community Cemetery, with the Reverend U. L. Gray in charge.

GOOD WILL

The most precious thing anyone or anything - man or business - can have is the Good Will of others. It is as fragile as an orchid, and as beautiful. As precious as a gold nugget, and as hard to find. As powerful as a great turbine, and as hard to build. As wonderful as youth, and difficult to keep.

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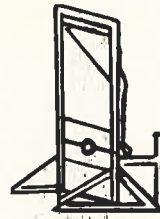
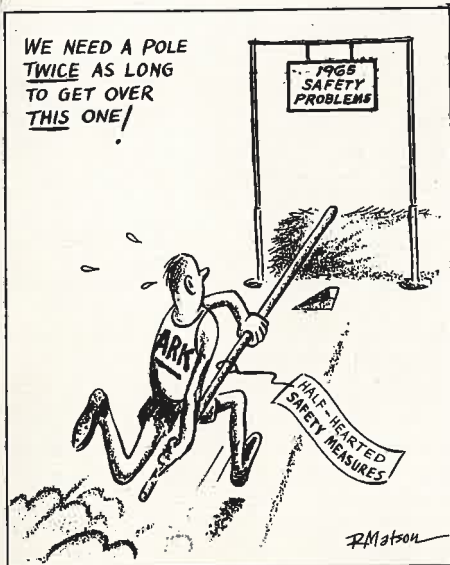
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DON PITTS

Don Pitts, 57, an employee of Buildings and grounds, died in April at his home in North Little Rock. Funeral services were held at England, Ark., at the Wilson Funeral Chapel. Burial was at Mulberry Cemetery. He was a Roman Catholic. Survivors include his wife; a son, Don Pitts, Jr., of Little Rock; two daughters, Mrs. Bonnie Jean Elrod of North Little Rock and Miss Linda Pitts of Little Rock; four brothers, Frank Pitts of North Little Rock, and Leo, William, and Thomas Pitts of Little Rock, and a grandchild.



this'll kill ya!

One woman's definition of retirement: "Twice as much husband on half as much income."

One advantage of being married is that you don't make a fool of yourself without finding out about it.

If medical science continues to find ways to prolong life, some of us may live long enough to pay off the mortgages on our houses.

Middle age is when a woman's hair begins to turn from gray to black.

A midget escaped from behind the Iron Curtain and sought refuge from pursuing secret police. From one place to another throughout Europe he went, begging piteously, "Could you please cache a small Czech?"

"It has now been proven beyond a doubt," says a local newspaper, "that smoking is a major cause of statistics."

She: "Darling, did you ever try to sell vacuum cleaners?"
He: "No. Of course not."
She: "Well, you'd better start now. That's my husband coming up the front walk."

A reporter asked the candidate for mayor what the main issues of the campaign were.

"Issues?" he replied. "There weren't any great issues I guess. It's just that Mac's got the job and I want it."

Youngster: "Lady, if you will give us a nickel, my little brother will imitate a hen."

Lady: "You mean he can cackle like a hen?"
Youngster (disgusted): "Naw. He wouldn't do a cheap imitation like that. He'll eat a worm."

Doctor: "Would you like a local anesthetic?"
Mr. Gatrocks: "No, I can afford the best. Give me something imported."

A returning visitor tells us that the most sought after place at the World's Fair is a place to sit down.

The new super-highway system is making it more and more difficult to have any distant relations.



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RETURN POSTAGE GUARANTEED

COVER PICTURE: "Miss Pink Tomato," Miss Nancy Herring of Warren, broke a bottle of tomato juice to christen the new ferry at Moro Bay. Others are Highway Director Mack Sturgis; Highway Commission Chairman Wayne Hampton; Senator Jim Raney of Warren; Governor Faubus; Bill Wells, representative from Bradley County.