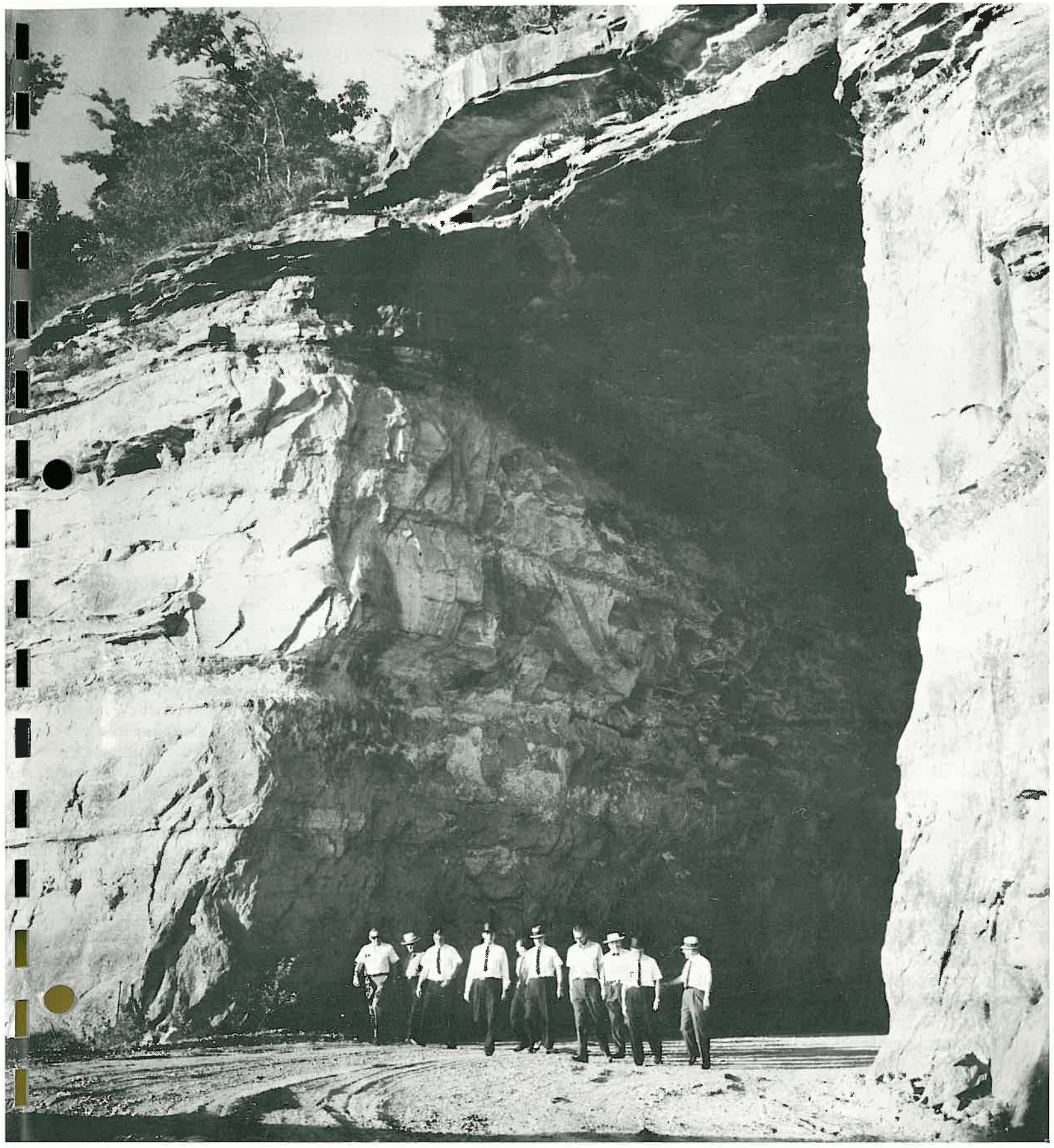
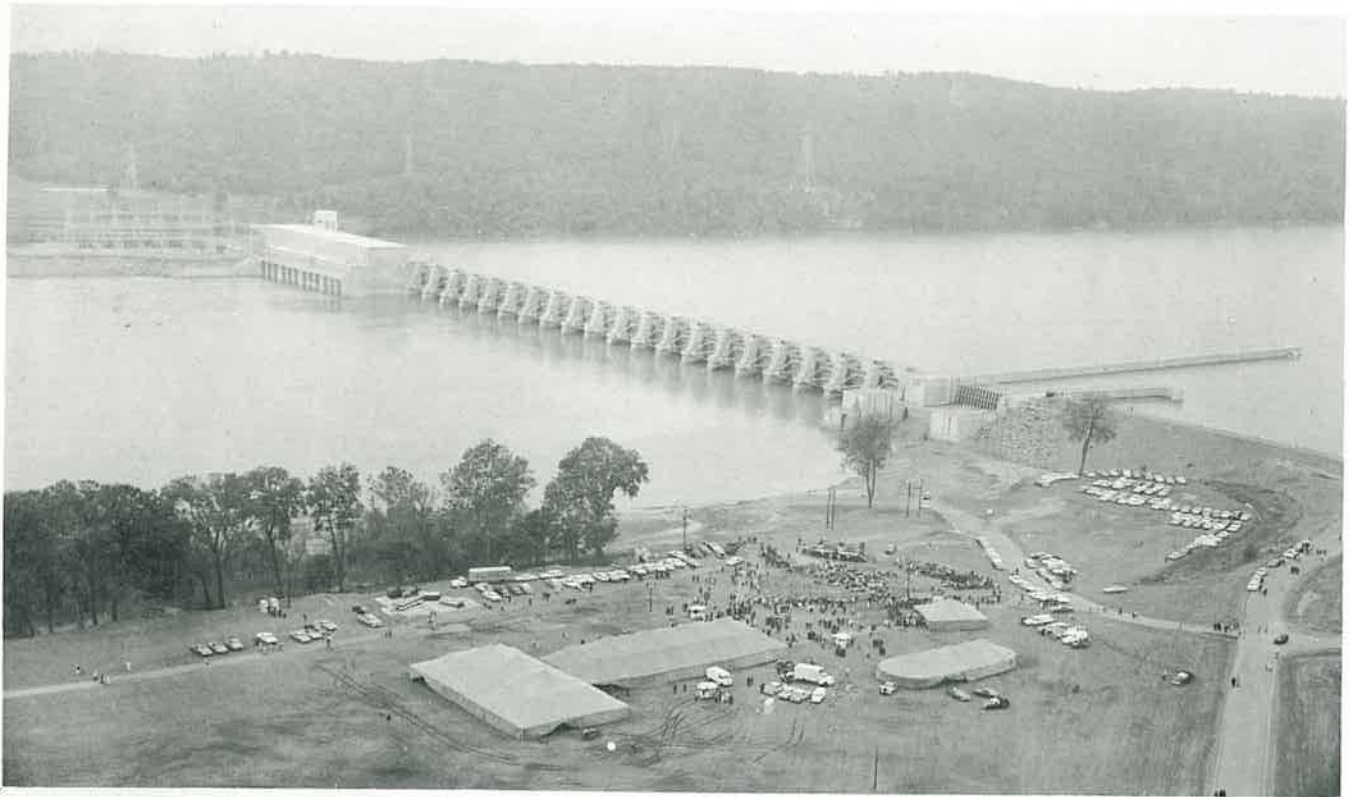


ARKANSAS HIGHWAYS

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BEAUTIFUL DARDANELLE DAM DEDICATED



The Dardanelle Dam, a major structure in the billion dollar Arkansas River navigation project, was dedicated May 13 under cloudy and chilly skies before an estimated crowd of 8,000 persons.

Principal speaker was U.S. Senator John McClellan, who spoke of the dedication as a symbol of an era of surging progress, symbolic of man's dreams.

The U. S. Corps of Engineers, which made the official estimate of visitors, attributed the lower-than-expected attendance to the chilly weather and threatening rain.

Lock and Dam 10 is the largest structure in Arkansas in the gigantic \$1.2 billion Arkansas River Development Program, its cost estimated at \$90 million.

The dedication took place on the north side of the river in Pope County, adjacent to the 2,700 foot long concrete dam.

Senator McClellan termed the dedication a "milestone," marking the completion of more than half the overall river navigation project. "This river program is not something that has been bestowed

upon us," the Senator said. "It is something we have had to fight for all the way. The Dardanelle Dam is a key unit in the overall program to transform a wild and unruly river to the service to mankind."

The dedication was the kind of ceremony which adults and young alike will long remember. There was gaiety and there was drama, because the program was well planned and staged. Winged jets and helicopters, and the cruising cars of Arkansas State patrolmen and the jeeps of National Guard units from many surrounding cities furnished action. So did youngsters lining up to buy cold drinks and hot dogs at the many concession stands.

And amid all the color there were stilling moments of wonderment as folks gathered in groups to view at close hand the massive concrete and steel structure between the rugged face of historic Dardanelle Rock and the base of Old Norristown Mountain.

The crowd was made aware during Senator McClellan's talk and the speeches made by others, that Dardanelle Lake is the king of all power,

recreational and flood control structures along the river within the bounds of Arkansas.

Engineers had erected four large tents on the dedication site, preparing to shelter the crowds. The podium behind which McClellan delivered the address was the same one behind which the late President John F. Kennedy spoke when he dedicated Greers Ferry in October 1963.

Senator McClellan's address climaxed the day's activities which included a big luncheon on the grounds and inside the tents. He and the speakers who preceded him, including Governor Orval E. Faubus and Senator J. William Fulbright, lauded the pioneers of the river development which made such structures as the Dam and the lake above it one of the finest of its kind in the south or southwest.

The total river project includes 17 locks and dams on the main channel, plus facilities on the tributaries of the Arkansas. Money for the program is divided about equally for projects in Arkansas and Oklahoma - each spending about \$600 million.

The spillway on the Dam measures 1,200 feet, and the dam measures 85 feet at its highest point. It has four generators, each with a 31,000 kilowatt output.

The drainage area above the reservoir covers 153,703 square miles. The construction consisted of 600,000 cubic yards of concrete, with 218,000 of fill for the earth embankment.

Representing the Corps of Engineers were Lt. Gen. William F. Cassidy, chief of engineers; Brig. Gen. Richard H. Free, Southwestern Division engineer; Col. Frank P. Bane, Little Rock District engineer, and Col. George A. Rebh, Tulsa District engineer. Other dignitaries at the ceremonies were Congressman James Trimble, who introduced Sen. McClellan; Congressman Wilbur Mills; Federal Judge Oren Harris; State Sen. Dansel Garrison, who represented Oklahoma Governor Henry Bellmon; Maj. Gen. Teddy Sandford, commanding officer of the XIX Corps at Ft. Chaffee; Jeta Taylor of Ozark, active in the river development, Highway Commissioner Armil Taylor, and AHD Director W.E. Hicks.



Senator John McClellan making the dedicatory speech.

ARKANSAS RIVER BRIDGE I-540

The forming of the bridge deck on the Arkansas River Bridge on I-540 at Van Buren is unique. The contractor is using corrugated metal remain-in-place forms for the forming operations. The forms, commonly referred to as SIP forms, are not new to the construction industry. However, they are relatively new to bridge construction.

Supports for the forms are welded to the girders and the forms are then welded to the supports. A bond also results when the concrete hardens in the forms. These two factors make the forms a permanent part of the bridge structure.

The most interesting factor connected with the use of these forms is the inspection procedure used to detect voids, commonly called "honeycomb," which may exist if proper construction procedures are not followed. The Bureau of Public Roads advised that if the forms were used a sounding must be made within each 100 square feet of form area. These soundings are normally made by tapping the forms with a hammer and observing the sound and vibrations to detect voids. Due to the large area to be formed, this would require approximately 2000 soundings.

The forms are not easily accessible from underneath the deck due to the fact that some of the

girders are 16' 'in height. This was one factor which prompted the contractor to use the SIP forms. Since the ordinary tapping with a hammer procedure did not appear practical and was to be extremely hazardous to the inspectors, the state construction personnel began to look about for a more practical means of inspection.

J. P. Clayton, District 4 engineer, conceived the idea of experimenting with some type of fire-arm to sound the forms. Several experimental samples were prepared and numerous tests were made. Excellent results were obtained by shooting the forms with 22 short gallery cartridges. If a void exists, the bullet will penetrate the form and if no void exists, the bullet will only dent the form.

The 22 caliber rifle is equipped with a 6 power telescopic sight. The inspector can stand on the ground or sit in a boat in the river and shoot the forms and easily distinguish if the bullet penetrates the form or only dents it.

Resident Engr. M. C. Peevy and District Engineer Clayton prepared and presented the reports on the tests. The proposal was approved by the Bureau of Public Roads and is now in use on the job. So far as we know, this is the first time this type inspection has ever been used on a bridge and it is certainly a first for Arkansas.

- M. C. Peevy
Resident Engineer



Looking west towards Ft. Smith.

LAW OFFICERS HOLD TWO WEEK TRAINING COURSE

The Arkansas Law Enforcement Academy, which was inaugurated in September 1965, held a two-weeks' training school May 6-20 at Petit Jean Mountain.

Approximately 34 members including sheriffs, city police, state police, and Weights and Standards were George Coffman, Jack Dorris, Jimmy Sexton, Glen Sullivan, and Major Roy Johnson, chief of Weights and Standards.

At the recent meeting, Coffman, an enforcement officer, was spokesman for Class 66-F. The following is part of his speech:

"It would be impossible to individually name all the people responsible for this Academy in the short time I have. However, I believe acknowledgement of some of the people should be made. These would include the people who worked to have the bill introduced before the Legislature to form the Academy; the Legislature for passing the bill, and Governor Faubus for ratifying it. Also, thanks to the board members; the chairman, Robert Moore, sheriff of Desha County; the Secretary, Lt. Col. Carl Miller, assistant director of the Arkansas State Police; Board Member Hollis Spencer, chief of police at Fayetteville, and Col. George V. Armstrong, director of the Academy. And a very special thanks to Sgt. Everett Eason of the Arkansas State

Police who has helped with any and all of our problems. His devotion to this Academy and our profession is appreciated by all.

"The Academy has filled a great void in the arsenal of law enforcement in our state. I believe it will soon become mandatory that we have a training and education program for all city, county, and state law enforcement officers. One of the main reasons that this will be necessary, is the recent decisions of our higher courts. It is true that our duty is to enforce the law, not to pass judgement. However, it is also our duty to make our arrests and gather all evidence so that it may be presented before the courts in a proper way so that the person on trial is judged either innocent or guilty because of his act, not a technicality of law. If an officer has not received training and education of the type offered by this Academy, he still might, in time, learn through trial and error, to make his arrest, investigate, and present his case properly before the courts. However, in this time that he is gaining his experience, a large number of guilty persons may have been freed. The Academy will eliminate a very large percentage of this fault.

"Our profession is one of the few which has not been documented. The Academy will also eliminate this problem.

"We offer our thanks to the instructors. They have done an excellent job. For the most part they have been experienced law enforcement officers, and we have learned much from both their knowledge and experience. →



Left to right: Jimmy Sexton, Glen Sullivan, Col. Armstrong, director of the Training Academy; Major Roy Johnson, chief of the Weights and Standards Division, Jack Dorris, and George Coffman.

"I have presented but a few of the many reasons why this Academy is so urgently needed. I know I speak for every member of this class when I say we have learned much. At the same time, we have been cautioned that we must and will learn something each and every day we work. It has been our privilege to attend the Academy, and our diploma is one we can have pride in displaying. It is a symbol of hard work, not only on our part, but of the instructors and people responsible for the Academy. We hope that we can, by our actions, justify and reflect honor upon the Academy. You can rest assured we will support it, any and every way we can. For without it, our profession cannot survive."

In the future, all Weights and Standards law enforcement officers will attend the training programs which will be held at Camden.

TROST RECEIVES TRAINING CERTIFICATE

Jimmie Eugene Trost is the most recent "graduate" of the Department's Engineering Training Program. For this accomplishment, he was presented a certificate by the Highway Commission and Deputy Director and Chief Engineer Ward Goodman. The presentation was made May 25.

Jim was born in Leedey, Okla., but moved early in life to Green Forest. After completing high school, he worked for three years as a barber - until Uncle Sam beckoned. His work with charts and maps during his two years in the Army helped his interest in civil engineering and, upon being discharged, he began studying at Arkansas Tech, later transferring to the University of Arkansas. He received his BS degree in civil engineering in July, 1965.



Ward Goodman and Trost

BRIDGE DESIGN BOWLERS PLACE SECOND

The Capitol Team of the Highway Bowling League took first place recently for having the highest average for the season. Bridge Design players took second place trophy, and Right-of-Way Engineers Team came in for third.

A banquet was held May 16 at the Pancake House where the trophies were presented. Herbert Heffington of the Right-of-Way Team was presented the Sportsmanship Trophy. Planning and Research won the High Game Trophy.

There were 12 teams in the Highway League. Winner of the last place trophy was General Services.



Second place winners in the Highway Bowling League was the Bridge Design team. Left to right: Cole Martin, Dale F. Loe, James D. Barnett, Kenneth B. Henrickson, and John Sage.



Third place was the Right-of-Way Division. Left to Right: Charles Stearns, Levi Patton, Neel Gibbs, and Herbert Heffington. A fifth member, Larry Lorence, is not shown.

APPRECIATION DINNER HELD FOR TRUMAN BAKER AT GUION

An Appreciation Dinner was held June 9 at Wild Haw Park for Highway Commissioner Truman Baker. Approximately 500 persons attended.

Early settlers gave Wild Haw its name to what is now called Guion, because of the large amount of haw berries in the area.

Al Harris, mayor of Guion and general manager of Silica Products, was among the speakers at the dinner. Other notables and speakers were Congressman Wilbur D. Mills, Highway Commission Chairman Wayne Hampton, Mr. Baker, and John Miller, representative from IZARD County.

Mr. Baker announced at the dinner that Highway 58, which was added to the State Highway System two years ago, will be rebuilt and black-topped. Highway 58 connects Highway 69 to the White River ferry at Guion, and is 11.9 miles long. It is a beautiful drive through the mountains and well worth a trip there.

Catfish and all the trimmings were served.



Mr. Baker, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Hampton, and State Representative John Miller, who acted as master of ceremonies.



Al Harris, Guion mayor, showing a piece of silica to Highway Commissioners Baker and Hampton, and Congressman Wilbur Mills.

MOTOR PATROL GETS A DUNKING

Considerable excitement was caused in District 10 when a ferry dumped a motor patrol into the swollen current River and the ensuing efforts to retrieve it.

The patrol stopped in 25 feet of water so it was necessary to secure the services of scuba divers to attach retrieving lines to the machine. It was first located on its side approximately half submerged in drift sand. It was turned upright on its wheels and pulled to the ferry landing by two wenches.



The scuba divers and their catch. The men are Virgil Richardson of Pocahontas, and Diok Olvey from Neelville, Mo.



Fish breaking water?



The inevitable "sidewalk" superintendents. Actually, they are the ferry boat superintendents looking at the rescue procedures.

AHD TO PARTICIPATE IN 1966 YOC

The Highway Commission has authorized the Department to cooperate fully in the Youth Opportunity Campaign for 1966 which includes a college work study program where needy college students between the ages of 16 and 21 may work a maximum of 10 weeks, 40 hours per week, for \$50 per week. Cost is shared, 90% being paid by college student attends, or is enrolled in, and employer (which must be a non-profit organization) paying the remaining 10% plus 6% for social security and workmen's compensation. Selection of students is made by the college which student attends. The Department will also employ students in the Neighborhood Youth Corps program as they did last year.

All youths 16-21 are eligible for the NYC which enables them to work 12 weeks of the summer at \$1.25 per hour, 32 hours per week, plus 8 hours instruction. The Farmers Union administers this program with selection of students being made by the Employment Security Division. The Federal government pays 90% of the cost and the employer provides supervision as his 10% share. The Highway Department employed over 800 youths last summer.

The trip was o.k., as far as trips go,
But we were bored by much of the scenery.
The billboards were there, all in a row,
And beer cans replaced all of the greenery.

M.A.

DIRECTOR HICKS COMMITTEE MEMBER

Walter E. Hicks, AHD director, was appointed by Representative L. Weems Trussell, chairman of the Arkansas Commission on Interstate Cooperation, to serve as a committee member of the Southern Regional Highway Policy Committee of the Council of State Governments.

Other members were Senator Olen Hendrix of Prescott, Representative Talbot Feild, Jr., of Hope, and W. H. L. Woodyard, director of the Motor Vehicle Division of the Revenue Department. Senator Hendrix and Representative Feild attended the first organizational meeting of the Policy Committee in Atlanta on May 26-27.

AHD AND CORPS OF ENGINEERS ASSIST IN BATEMAN LEVEE WORK

The Highway Department and the U.S. Corps of Engineers furnished personnel and materials to assist local residents fortify the Bateman Levee and hold back rising White and Black Rivers between Newport and Macks last month.

The levee protects 600 acres of farm land from flooding and keeps water off Highway 14 when White River is on the rise. The May flooding was the highest water in the area since 1961 when flood waters spilled over the levee and covered a large area.

The Highway Department help came from District 5 at Batesville. George Cavaness, District 5 engineer, and Edgar McClure, Construction Division, and 16 other AHD men in the area, helped on the project.

About 1,200 sandbags were placed on the levee, which has a length of $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles, in a three-day period. Several local people and engineers personnel worked continuously for 24 hours or more at one time during the fight to hold back the water.

This world is made up of some real weirdos. When the Legislative Audit Committee meeting was televised as a public service May 27, an irate woman called through the Department's switchboard demanding that the men "get off the screen" so that she could watch "As The World Turns," a daytime soap opera. Joyce Spencer, Director Hicks' secretary, doubled up with laughter, but assured the woman that such an action would not come within the jurisdiction of the Highway Department.

LITTER

Litter collection for April totaled 729 loads at an average cost of \$23.20 per load. Picking up after the carelessness of some required an expenditure of 9,945 man hours, or 13.6 hours per load. Department trucks traveled 3,253 miles collecting and disposing of the rubbish. In Boone County, where the Green Thumb project is in operation, 130 loads of trash were removed. A part of the Green Thumb employees' job is to pick up litter. Thirty-one loads each were removed from Saline, Crittenden and Jefferson counties; 29 from Lonoke; 25 from Newton; 22 from Ouachita; and 20 from Clay. Total cost for the month of April to remove litter was \$16,919.50, not counting what the Green Thumb employees' (who are paid by the Federal government) collected. During the first four months of the year \$53,381.08 has been spent collecting trash.



Kay Tallant, the very talented daughter of County Roads Engineer John Tallent, was one of four speakers at Central High's Exercises June 2. Kay, an honor student, was in the top 25 in the senior class. She was president of the Y-Teens for two years, a member of the Beta Club, a member of the National Honor Society. She received a national merit scholarship in leadership from Southwestern University in Memphis, where she plans to major in psychology.

PAT KOONCE ELECTED TO OFFICE IN ABWA



Pat Koonce, secretary for the Department's Retirement System in the Accounting Division, was elected to serve as the recording secretary for the Diamond Charter Chapter of American Business Women's Association (ABWA).

This high honor came at the Association's June 9 meeting held in the Women's City Club. Pat will serve in her new position for the coming year.

Other AHD employees who are members of the Diamond Chapter are: Ferol Jones, Joyce Spencer, Dorothy Switzer, Bertie Carr, Marie Blankenship, Virginia Tackett, and Mary K. Acheson. Marjarine Leonard and Daisy Conley are active members, but have retired from the Highway Department. They are all very proud of you, Pat. We offer our congratulations, and we know you will do a great job.

MILDRED HARNESS FETED WITH PARTY

Mildred Harness, an employee in the Accounting Division, and one of the favorite personalities around the Highway Department, was feted May 6 by many of her friends with a surprise luncheon-birthday party in the Commission Hearing Room during the lunch hour.

It took some doing to get Mildred to finally realize that the party was for her and she was reluctant to enter the room. And when she did, she was overwhelmed by the heavily-laden table and other preparations made. There was food of all description and it was quickly consumed by the 35

or so attendants, including special guests Director W. E. Hicks and Johnnie Gray, staff photographer.

Mildred received over 150 cards and an umbrella and matching case, a gift from all the "girls." She also received other small gifts from individuals.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the get-together and the food. We ought to have more of them.



Mildred holding gifts while her friends look on.

A THANK-YOU LETTER

Mr. Alton Farley
Springdale, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

I just want to take this opportunity, in behalf of the Sons Chapel Cemetery Association, to thank you for your very prompt and efficient attention to the work you did along Highway 45 East that will give us a very fine entrance to the west part of the Cemetery.

Personally, I have always found you and your men to be very courteous and thorough in your maintenance of our highways. In fact, I think you have a very fine crew of men. Thanks very much.

Sincerely yours,
Curtis S. Crouch
Board Member

SEMINAR HELD IN CENTRAL BUILDING

A three-day seminar was held early in May to instruct residency employees in filling out data problems correctly for computing purposes.

The meeting was an outgrowth of a resident engineers' conference which took place earlier this year. At that time, Pat Huddleston, head of the Computer Center, presented a paper on how the employees could make use of the computing system. After that, the men were sending in their problems but were not giving the data properly. The May seminar was held so that they could learn the correct technique.

An employee or employees from each residency attended. They, in turn, will instruct the other employees.



Pat Huddleston, left, and Jim Little, assistant Construction Division engineer.

TIPS FOR VACATION DRIVING

If you are planning to pile the wife and kids in the car for a vacation, you would do well to take a few tips from a check list developed by Hertz Rent-A-Car. You may avoid many of the pitfalls that often incur.

TURNPIKE DRIVING - Check maps to prepare for exits and entrances. Maintain speed with

traffic, but don't tailgate. If exit is missed, continue to the next one; don't stop, back up or make U-turn. Before entering turnpike, check gas. If in trouble, pull onto shoulder, raise hood, hang white handkerchief on traffic side of car.

DRIVING IN RAIN - During the first few minutes of light rain, roads are extremely slippery. During heavy rain, roads remain slippery. Slow down, stay back extra distance from cars ahead.

NIGHT DRIVING - Hertz reports that night driving is considered about three times as dangerous as daylight driving. If continuing trip at night, remove sunglasses as nightfall approaches. Clean windshield and headlights of dirt and bugs accumulated during day.

RURAL DRIVING - Be prepared for the unexpected, such as stray animals. On gravel, drive very slowly, avoid sudden braking or turns.

ANIMALS - Heed crossing signs. If an animal stops on road, dim lights and sound horn in short blasts.

RURAL RAILROAD CROSSING - Virtually all are marked, but not all have warning signals that can readily be seen at night. Be extra alert for them.

MOUNTAIN DRIVING - Cars lose power at higher altitudes, may require greater acceleration in passing. If overheating, turn off air conditioning unit, stop on shoulder for at least 15 minutes. Then proceed to service station. Add water slowly to radiator while running engine.

DESERT DRIVING - Check tires carefully; avoid overinflation. Be sure radiator is full. Take extra water if engine has been overheating. En-route, check engine temperature often. If sudden rainstorm or sandstorm blows up, pull to side of road and wait it out. If necessary to drive during storm, drive slowly, using low-beam headlights.

SEAT BELTS - Use them. Hertz suggests older children can use adult belts made snug with a pillow. Be sure belts have no slack.

CHILDREN - Have children ride in back, sitting squarely on seat. Don't let them stand up or lean out windows. Keep children occupied, perhaps with small, light toys without sharp edges.

DOCUMENTS - Keep all licenses, ownership documents, and other valuable papers and identification with driver at all times.

The effort needed to maintain these safety measures is small, Hertz explains, compared with the amount of pleasure a relaxing trouble-free trip will bring.

SWITZER - HARRIS



The betrothal of Miss Florence Gertrude (Trude) Switzer to Edward McCray Harris is made known by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Drummond W. Switzer, Sr., 8 Westbrook Circle. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Harris, 2803 Longcoy. Trude's mother is Mrs. Dorothy Switzer, recording secretary for the Highway Commission.

Trude is a graduate of Hall High School and received a B.S.E. degree from Arkansas State Teachers College in Conway, where she was a member of Sigma Kappa Sorority and Royal Rooters.

Edward is a graduate of Little Rock Central and received his B.S. degree in chemistry from Little Rock University June 1. He is a member of the Student American Chemical Society and is employed by the U.S. Geological Survey.

The marriage vows will be exchanged at 2:30 p.m. August 6 in Second Baptist Church.

AGING THE EDITOR BEFORE HIS TIME

A typographical error terrifies the newspaper and magazine editor and delights the reader. A misplaced letter or a mis-spelled word induces instant white hair on the city desk and copy desk, especially if the mistake creates an off-color meaning.

An amusing collection of typos which have occurred in various print has been put into book form by Dick Hyman and Bob Dunn, who draws "They'll Do It Every Time." The publication, "Stop The Presses," contains

a great number of the boo-boos, such as some of the following to try on for size:

A New Jersey paper: "One of the most interesting events for ladies will take place when there will be a petting and approach contest on the golf course."

Sometimes, the error is the result of absent-minded writing. The St. Petersburg Evening Independent had a reporter who wrote: "If you want to go to Bermuda by air, take a plane. That's the best way to travel through the air."

The director of the Miss Canada beauty contest was correctly quoted when he said: "I have fought for five years to get the bathing suits off the girls."

Kansas saw nothing wrong in this: "A woman was overcome by gas while taking a bath but owes her life to the watchfulness of her janitor." The Greensboro Daily News learned that "Southern girls marry at an early urge." The Winfield, Kans., Courier choked on this social item: "As an encore, Miss Brown played the old favorite, 'Carry Me Back to Old Virginia'."

The Pittsburgh Press covered the inauguration of Gov. John S. Fine with this: "Mr. Fine wore a bow tie - all he ever wears."

HOW ABOUT a home hint from a magazine: "When she washes the dishes, he should wash the dishes with her. When she mops the floor, he should mop up the floor with her." The Pomeroy Democrat of Ohio had good intentions when it published this: "For 59 years he practiced medicine, being responsible for most of the babies born in this community."

Substitute an "a" for an "o," and you get: "When Miss Smith awakened to find a burglar at her bedside, she gave him a shave and screamed for help." A Wichita Eagle reporter covered an Indian encampment: "An Indian woman squatted over a fire in one tepee, and you could smell fresh meat cooking." An ad in The Tucson Daily Star read: "Don't kill your wife. Let our Bendix washing machine do the dirty work."

The Philadelphia Inquirer: "Goose Given to Eisenhower." And how about the Boston Globe: "Autos killing 110 a day; Let's Resolve to do better."

An ex-citizen of Waverly, O., may have been shocked by the Watchman headline: "Former Girl Wins Top Honors in Dog Show." In war conservation, a Wakefield, Mass. paper headlined: "Woman Urged to Flatten Cans." The Montreal Herald was writing about a steamer when it clarified: "Electric Girdle on Queen Elizabeth is Naval Secret."

A wedding story in the Scarsdale Inquirer said: "The groom's father was dressed in mauve lace and a shell pink hat." When the word betrothel is misspelled, the society announcement reads like this: "Mr. and Mrs. J. Brown announce the betrayal of their daughter to Mr. T. Smith."

And, finally, a lady baby sitter hit the classified ads with this: "Middle-aged woman who enjoys boys by the hour; mostly at night."

(The excerpts in the above article were in a column by Jim Bishop, who writes a syndicated column. Ed.)

AROUND the DEPARTMENT



ACCOUNTING DIVISION

Mildred Harness

Congratulations to Jim Hawkins, Irene's husband, who was appointed recently by Chief Justice Carlton Harris to be the chief clerk of the Arkansas Supreme Court.

Frank and Agnes Phillips were in Lodie, Calif, the last two weeks in May to visit their son Phil and family, which includes one-year-old Mike, whom Frank met for the first time. We know it must have been a happy experience.

We are glad to hear Molly Beavers, Johnnie's "boss," is making a good recovery from her recent illness.

Jack Keilch is now driving a new 1966 Chevrolet and it's so pretty. Little Patricia Rose, Jack's darling daughter, didn't seem to think much of it at first - she wanted the old car back.

Willene Dorris is taking a short vacation and we bet she is getting some fishing in. Lucky you, Willene.

Pat Koonce drove to Memphis June 2 to pick up her son Jerry, who attends Northwestern.

This humble person wishes to thank each of you for the most wonderful "shock" party you gave me on my birthday. I know how hard you girls worked on it, and believe it or not, it most certainly was a surprise. To think that you all thought enough of old me to do that makes me sure count my blessings. Many thanks again.



surprised Mildred Harness at the party given for her May 6. Jane Greenlee is in background.



BRIDGE DESIGN

Betty Claude

I have a lot of catching up to do in the news department for Bridge Design.

Wayne and Kay Major are watching their first home go up - slowly, but surely - in the Twin Lakes area. They hope to move in about two weeks. We're real happy for them.

Jim Matthews' daughter, Mary, who will be a senior at Central in the fall, won a medal on "Journalism Day," held at Arkansas State College at Jonesboro, for her feature writing. She also had five of her poems published in Central's "Writer's Rendezvous." Real good work, Mary. We're proud of you.

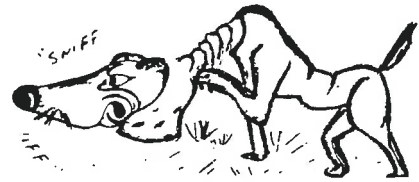
John Dickinson's daughter, Sisi, has graduated from Florida State University and has been accepted as a stewardess for Pan American Airlines on their foreign route. Sisi has lived abroad most of her life, but she still wants to travel. We know she will have many exciting trips and we wish her good luck in her new adventure.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Williams made their annual trip to Florida and enjoyed every minute of it. The L.P. Carlsons made a quick trip to Florida, also, with a number of other couples and enjoyed the many activities that were planned for them. Over the Memorial Day week end, they went to Huntsville, Ala., to visit Catherine, Mr. Carlson's daughter and her family. Mr. Carlson said they had not seen them since Christmas and that was much too long. He reports everyone was fine in Alabama and the trip pleasant. Catherine and her husband have a lovely new home there with a large yard and a nice view.

Veral Pinkerton and Mr. Carlson went to New Orleans for the Regional AASHO Bridge Committee meeting. This was Veral's first trip there and he said everyone should visit New Orleans at least once.

We are proud of Dale Loe and John Safe for their good bowling this year. Their team finished the season in second and received a beautiful trophy, which we have displayed in our office, now. Congratulations, fellows. Let's be first next year.

Fishing trips were made recently by Dale Loe, Robert Seay, Jim Hillis, Dan Morgan, Frank Battisto, and L.P. Carlson, but to this date we haven't heard a good fish story. In fact, Seay says he may give up fishing for good, and Frank, after all these years, has decided he's not a fisherman. Maybe your luck will change soon. Let's hope so, anyway.



Dallas Vire attended a fish fry at Lake Conway over Memorial Day week end, along with other members of his church. These attending were supposed to catch their own fish, but there were some who brought frozen fish caught previously, for fear there wouldn't be enough caught. Dallas caught his share, he said, and everyone had enough fish with all the trimmings.



CONSTRUCTION

H. B. Matthews

Doyle Carson spent a week end off fishing - haven't heard about the results, yet.

Luci and Dish (Dishongh) made their annual trip and contribution to Las Vegas. We understand the one-armed bandits didn't hold them up!

Larry Meeks and his family made Six Flags Over Texas during vacation and worked around the house.

Our deepest sympathies to Margaret Weathers on the loss of her husband, Bob, who had been sick several years without stopping work. Keep your chin up, Margaret.



DATA PROCESSING

Pauline Mormon

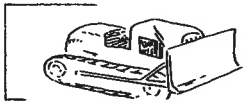
Carolyn Reddin returned from vacation with many interesting things to tell us about the places she visited in Houston, Tex., and of particular interest to most of us was the Astrodome. Carolyn says you would have to see it to believe it. Sounds like a fabulous building.

Willie Pollnow and her husband left for New Mexico, and plan to stay 10 days. I know she will have lots to tell us, also.

This reporter will leave for Texas for a 5-day stay in Ft. Worth, with plans to visit Six Flags, and the Western Museum in Dallas.

Dale Hoggard returned May 31 from New Orleans where he had been attending IBM school for two weeks.

We all wish Nedra Barton's husband, Joe, a very speedy recovery.



EQUIPMENT

Sally Crook

Frank Boyett and wife, Anne, made a trip to Wichita Falls and Burkburnett, Tex., to visit relatives and friends June 2-12. They toured Six Flags Over Texas and Albuquerque, N.M. during their stay. Frank reports his sister, Eva Larson and his grandson Tommy accompanied them.



Pfc. Victor T. Homsley, machine-gunner with the Marine Corps, is on leave visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arvel B. Homsley. He will leave June 23 for duty in Viet Nam. Victor is a former employee in District 6 where he worked in the supply room. His father is a night watchman for Central Shops.

C. Don Hayes presented Willie Williams his 20-year service awards May 6.

We welcome Phillip Stephen Youtz, who joined our "family" May 23.

We were all pleased to see W. K. Heard when he paid us a visit in May. He is a retired carpenter from Central Shops.



MATERIALS AND TESTS

Julia M. Halliburton

Congratulations to J. D. Storey of Ft. Smith on receiving his 15-year service awards, and M.E. Villines of Harrison and R.M. Hickey of West Helena, 5 years, Villines resigned May 31.

Robert Fisher is a new employee in the M&T Division. He is married, has two children, and lives in North Little Rock.

Hugh Battershell, who teaches school in Beebe and who worked in M&T last summer, returned again this summer to work. Hugh lives in Marshall...Doyle M. Hughes, also a summer employee, returned. Paul O. Tompkins, a new employee, resides in North Little Rock and has been attending Arkansas Tech.

G. R. Sanders, inspector at El Dorado, resigned for other employment. Good luck, Sanders.

Henry Hart and family visited their son, Larry Hart and family, Sandy and Kevin of Midland, Tex. over the Memorial Day holiday. Larry is a radio announcer there for KWEL.

Louis Douglas Turney, son of R. C. and Georgette Turney, was one of the 20 seniors at Central High to be inducted into the Cum Laude Society in ceremonies at the school.

Sue Griffin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Griffin of Sheridan, was a June graduate at Sheridan High School.

Lynn Hart, son of Henry and Dorothy Hart, and Travis Beard, son of Alton and Dorothy Beard, were graduates of Central High. Mr. and Mrs. Herald Sneed's daughter, Linda, graduated from Quitman High School and plans to enter State Teachers in the fall.

Our sincere sympathies are extended to Jake and Carolyn Clements in the death of their little daughter, Janet.



PLANNING AND RESEARCH

Billie Whiteside

The P&R Division has held its annual rites of spring - a fish fry May 20, at Boyle Park. Chairman of the Committee was Marc Gross, and chief cooks were Henry Mercer and Pete Bentz, with assistance from Joe Lovell, B. C. Lewis, Mary Jane Acheson, Joann Jones, June Brown, Fern Speights, and Bob and Alta Faulkner. Featured with the fish were french fries, hush puppies, cole slaw, and other go-alongs. A good time was had by all.

Another spring activity - J. L. Vandenberg, Bill Looney, and B. C. Lewis have been practicing their golf across from our building during the noon hour.

Our office has been graced by some beautiful flowers - giant white peonies, true orange roses, all-colored iris, and others.

Jim Carvell, Jr., spent two weeks in Washington, D.C., attending a Bureau of Public Roads-sponsored course, Traffic Assignment and Forecasting, which utilized the latest electronic computer techniques.

We have some winners this month: Henry Mercer has been displaying a beautiful, shiny gold trophy awarded be-

cause his bowling team was first in its league; this reporter had a short story and a poem printed in the LRU Forum Literary Issue for 1966; Joann Jones won \$5 on the Safeway bingo game - good old money.

Proud Parents: We hear Don Mount's son has accepted a position as a professor in the Department of International Relations at the University of South Carolina; M. L. Beckett's daughter, Varyne, has joined the WAF's and is stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas; Bill Smith's little one, Peter Allen, age 2½, is one of the most excited little boys in town over a new dog, Adolf, a fine dachshund, of whom he is now the master. Peter Allen is a very lively, up-and-coming boy. We intended to get his picture (below) for the magazine before now, but just now received it.



This month's car: Joe Griffin has acquired a new, blue Chevelle Malibu.

Don Finkbeiner of Mapping and Drafting is now also in the chinchilla ranch business and hopes to make a fortune; and fellow worker Pete Benetz has a new bunch of rabbits. Well, these sound like enterprises that might grow.

In honor of Helen McNutt's birthday, the ladies of P&R had coffee 'n cake and presented the birthday girl with gifts.

Retired employee Bill Moore paid us a visit and said to tell folks he is now self-employed, the hours are easy, and he is having a great time.

"Blue" is all set for another year. Neill Morehead, on his last day with the Division, took our watchdog to be vaccinated.

Recently on the sick list, but now doing nicely - David Conner, who was felled by a powerful virus, and John Hume's mother, who underwent surgery.

We were very sorry to hear that P. Martin has suffered a double tragedy - losing both wife and mother in a week's time. All of us in P&R extend our sincerest sympathies to him.



RIGHT OF WAY

Shirley Childress

Since I've been reporter for Right-of-Way I have written about several men retiring and since most of them were men I didn't personally work with, it wasn't too hard a task, but this time it's hard to find the right words because it's my boss, Dwight Little, who retired. Dwight left May 31. A party was held in his honor May 27 by all his friends in the Division. Cake, coffee, cokes, and nuts were served, and he was presented a camera and case from all of us and we're sure he will use it mainly to take pictures of his granddaughter. The Engineering Section, in which he worked, presented him with a hand painted reproduction of an 1863 Arkansas map, which was painted by Ronald Johnston, a draftsman. It was framed and presented to Dwight, along with a trophy and award from his fellow employees in the Engineering Section. (The trophy and award are shown in the picture.) Guests at the party were Mrs. Little and the Littles' daughter, Barbara. The Engineering Section had another party the same night at Tia-Wanna for Mr. and Mrs. Little and this one was a surprise. Of course, Mrs. Little knew about it because she had to help to get the honored guest there. We thank Mrs. Little, for this was quite an accomplishment. Dwight has been taking flying lessons so we gave him an airplane. We don't know how high he will get with that friction motor but we hope he enjoys it. We are going to miss Dwight as we're sure he knows by now, and we hope he will drop by to see us every chance he gets and bring some of those pictures of his granddaughter with him.



Glendol Jackson and Dwight Little. The trophy shows a man with a stogie in his mouth and a roll of maps under his arm.

Our annual fish fry was held at Burn's Park May 6, and it was a huge success. The weather couldn't have been better and the fish was just right. We also enjoyed some very delicious dips, baked beans, potato chips, pickles, etc.

Carl Foster left the Administrative Section May 13 to move back to Baton Rouge, La. He will work at Donaldsonville, La. after three months' schooling in Jackson, Miss. The Section had a party for him before he left and presented him with a cigarette lighter and billfold. We hated to lose Carl, but we know he is happy to be back in his home state. We wish him the best in his new job.

Charlotte Lee is very proud of her brother and has every right to be. Jim won a National Science Foundation Award for research work at the University of Arkansas this summer.

Terry, son of Retha Griffin, was recently elected as one of the Sophomore Senators for the next school year at Henderson State Teachers College. Terry is spending the month of June with the U.S. Navy, and received his orders to report to Key West, Fla., for sea duty.

We have several vacations during the month of May. Colonel Schafer and wife Norma visited their daughter, son-in-law, and three grandchildren in Santa Fe, N.M., They were gone from May 14 until May 23.

Leroy Elledge and wife Ruth visited their son, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter in Richmond, Va., for two weeks beginning April 29. Part of the time was spent touring the surrounding area with their son's family.

Jean Barrett and husband Ronnie took a week off and visited relatives in Miami, Fla. While there, they visited the Serpenterium Sea Aquarium, Parrot Jungle, Coral Gables, and went deep-sea fishing. Jean claims to have caught the biggest fish, but I would like to hear Ronnie's version of this story.



We welcome William M. Whalin to the Utilities Section. William will be a draftsman; he's from Jacksonville, and is single.

J. C. Merritt's son Rodney just returned to the USS Bancroft Nuclear Power submarine after being home for a two-week convalescent furlough from St. Alban's Naval Hospital in New York.

Ronald Johnston arrived at work after our Memorial Day week end smiling from ear-to-ear and handing out cigars. He and Linda Sue are now the proud parents of a baby girl named Lisa Michelle. Lisa was born May 27 at Morrilton and weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces. Congratulations to the happy couple.

Dick Andry's wife Jean underwent surgery at Baptist Hospital in May, but is now doing fine and has returned home.

W. D. Luton's wife Alice is a patient at Baptist now, but we received a good report about her so we're sure she will be home soon.

Gip Roberson's daughter Diane had her tonsils removed earlier this month and is doing fine, now.

Several of our children are still having mumps. Herman Schmidt's daughter Sherri came down with them the very day of our fish fry and was very upset because she had to miss it. We missed Sherri, too; she's been at every fish fry for several years now. A.C. Ledbetter's youngest son Stevie has the mumps now and Fred's little girl Karen took the mumps from him and then she gave them to her grandmother. Fred said this could go on forever because his wife and two boys have not had them yet, nor has he.

In between the mumps, the Williams family moved into a new home in the Ponderosa Addition, which is close to our new Highway building. They are just about straightened up now, so it's safe for everybody to stop by to see them.

Jim Mode is the owner of a 1965 Oldsmobile 442 Sports Coupe. Jim's personality has really changed. His old car was black, but this one is red inside and out. (Maybe the color had something to do with the personality change.)

Our sympathies to Bryon McArthur and family in the loss of his mother, Mrs. Jennie McArthur of Monticello, May 28, and his nephew, S. Wood McArthur, of Little Rock, May 15.



ROADWAY DESIGN

Neil Pat Thompson

On Friday, May 13, Roadway Design held its first annual picnic at Burns Park - Pavillion #1. We had almost 100% attendance and everyone seemed to have a good time. The food was furnished by Herb's Bar-B-Q and afterwards the crowd enjoyed games and skits prepared by Robert Thomas.

Virginia will have a new co-worker beginning June 1st. Ann Sutton will be employed to assist her in her various tasks and duties here in Roadway Design. Incidentally, Ann is a new bride of two weeks. Congratulations, Ann, and welcome to Roadway Design.

Robert Thomas and wife, "Eve," enjoyed a long Memorial Day week-end on Lake Hamilton. We haven't had any fishing reports as of yet, but they should be back in time to make next month's issue.

Rick Henriksen has just joined Paul Haydon as a new neighbor out at the Chateau DeVille apartments. Wow! what a place - to hear Paul tell it.

George Major will be leaving in June for six months' active duty at Ft. Polk, La. He'll be taking a few days' vacation before reporting. Good Luck, George, with your new Army career.

Bill Duncan is sporting a new Pontiac GTO. Silver grey with a black top. Congratulations, Bill.



Barbie Hays, daughter of the Joe Hayses, was elected to serve as secretary of the Dollarway High School Student Council. She is one of nine cheer leaders of the Dollarway Cardinals and captain of the squad. She is also a member of the National Hour Society.

Selma and Van Dyke Chavis are happy to have their daughter-in-law, Myrt, and four grandsons move to Pine Bluff from Little Rock. They are in temporary quarters at 401 W. 27th until the contractor can complete their new home.

Lanell Pierce, daughter of the James Pierces, has been chosen as a delegate to Girls State from Dollarway High School.



Pink May is the proud owner of a new red brick home on Highway 35, three miles south of Rison. It has the historical background of standing on the Court Square of the old County Seat of Cleveland County.

The James Pierces also are proud owners of a new brick home in the Hardin Community. Too new for a picture, as yet.

Debbie, 10-year-old daughter of Ouida Cruse, proudly presented her mother with her final school grades of (5) COMMENDABLES.

Russell Gaddy is glad to have his two nieces returning home from Arkansas A&M, even if he does have to hire a moving van to fetch all of their precious belongings.



DISTRICT

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Leslie Long

Our safety discussions were continued this month with a meeting at Lake Village headquarters.

Lake Chicot State Park will be headquarters for our District-Wide picnic on June 11. I'm expecting a big write-up and pictures from committee members, Ouida Cruse and Russell Gaddy.

I was treated to a two-day vacation at Lake Catherine State Park. It offers much to those who seek out an enjoyable blend of scenery, fishing, boating, swimming, and good 'ole solitude.

Messrs. Wright, Shalmy, Goins, Clark, White, and Leopard were just a few of our fishermen over Memorial Day holiday. They seem a bit shy about reporting their catch.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Chisom of Monticello announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Carolyn, to Dale High. The bride-elect is a graduate of Monticello High School and is attending Arkansas A&M College. The couple has chosen July 31 as the wedding date.



This picture of District 2 superintendents and area foremen was taken at a recent meeting in Pine Bluff.



DISTRICT



Bailey and Lewallen

Claude Dunne, Jr., engineering technician, is sporting a new GTO hardtop. It's platinum with a black vinyl top and black leather interior. In case any of you wonder what GTO stands for, we have it figured out. After taking into consideration all of the special features this automobile has, such as a 360 hp engine and 3 two-barrel carburetors, we decided GTO must stand for GAS-TIRES-OIL. Anyone has a gas station for sale, CHEAP?

Bob and Brenda Steed are the proud parents of a new baby boy named Bryan Randall. Bryan was born May 24 and weighed 6½ pounds. Bob is an instrumentman for R. V. Wilkison in Hope.

We welcome Vicki Denman. Vickie took Billy Ferguson's place as field clerk for Wilkison. She is a 1965 graduate of Hope High School. Her husband, Byron, is pastor of the Church of Christ at McNab.

Clovis Tittle and his wife just spent a week visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Guidos and family in Denver, Colo. Part of their sightseeing included a trip to the Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs, and the Royal Gorge in Pueblo. Clovis reports that they had a wonderful time. Mrs. Tittle was presented a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond just before their trip for her salesmanship at West's, where she is employed. "Doc" Greeson and his wife left May 27 for a trip to Garden Grove, Calif., to visit P. L. Connell and family. They also plan to visit other relatives while there plus seeing some of the sights.



Gail Walden, daughter of Otis Walden, crew leader of our district-wide mowing crew, is marrying Jessie Tullis, who works in our bridge crew. We haven't heard what the exact date is for the marriage, but Jessie is going to summer camp in June and it will be soon after he returns. We wish them the best of luck and much happiness.



Carolyn Hatfield, daughter of LeRoy Hatfield of our sealing crew, was presented a certificate of award by the Commerce Civic Club of Southern State College in recognition of outstanding service. This award was given to one boy and one girl. Carolyn is a sophomore and is majoring in the executive secretarial field.

Our Howard County maintenance crew was presented a trophy from the Chamber of Commerce of Nashville for being the highest donors of blood to the Blood Bank in 1965. Kermit Glasgow is the area foreman and we all want to say congratulations to him and his men.

Johnny W. Robinson of the Construction office in Hope has been in Florida enjoying the sun and relaxing. Must be nice.

Two of our graduates are the children of C. R. Carlton, heavy truck driver. They are Carolyn and Jimmie, who graduated from Laneburg School. Carolyn is planning to go to Southern State in Magnolia, but Jimmie is still undecided as to what he is going to do. Best of luck to them.



Jimmy Carlton



Carolyn Carlton

Jerry Blackmon has resigned to accept a position on the Texarkana Police Force. The best of luck to Jerry in his new career.

Miller County area headquarters had a fish fry, but we are a little shy on details of the event. We did hear that the men who attended enjoyed it and the fish was excellent, as usual.

Debbie Barham found a half-carat diamond which, when polished and cut, will be worth about \$100. She was on a field trip with her sixth-grade class at the Johnson Diamond Mine near Murfreesboro when she found the stone. Debbie is the daughter of Joe Barham, a welder in the district shop.

Service awards were given to Roy Ward and James Ellis for 15 years; Albert Hodges for 10 years, and Cecil Mc Corkle, Robert Stell, and Glathan Monroe, 5 years.

We've had quite a bit of illness lately. One of our retired employees, H. W. Taylor, is doing nicely after surgery at St. Michael's in Texarkana; Schley Carter, retired Pike County area foreman and his wife, Syble, had a wreck in Muskogee, Okla., and were hospitalized, but we hear they are doing much better. J. H. Johnson of Nevada County, was hospitalized, but has returned to work; Delbert McGraw of Little River County was hospitalized, but is at home, now; Kathy Cox, Linda Cox's daughter, was hospitalized, but is doing good, now.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to the R. H. Green, Jr. family in the death of his father-in-law, and to the S. A. Flowers' family in the death of his grandmother.

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"What's worse than a giraffe with a sore throat?"

"A centipede with corns."



Isabelle Psalmonds

Those who received service awards in May were: Jacqueline Black, Dewayne Combs, Willard Brown, and Earl Short, 5 years; W. R. East, 10 years; W. C. (Bill) Pillow and Oscar McDaniel, 20 years.



Bill Pillow and Oscar McDaniel, holding their 20-year service certificates.

Carl Williams of Jonesboro completed his two weeks' military training for the summer.

Junior and L. S. Wycoff took their wives to Murfreesboro to hunt diamonds. Mary Lee, Junior's wife, really and truly found a diamond. It's a very small one, but it's a diamond, nevertheless, and she is really happy about it.

Our sincere sympathies to James Mason, whose father died, and to Donald Lemons, on the death of his mother.

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How good are your car's windshield wipers? After a period of salty slush the rubber may be weak and inefficient. For clear vision get new wiper blades.

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There's nothing like an accident to upset a vacation budget.

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It is a wise parent that teaches his children not to play on the street.

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If someone asks you, "What is a defensive driver?" the answer is: "A defensive driver believes an accident could happen to him."



The Highway Department's youngest employee? No, he's 3-year-old Dennis Jack Randall, son of Resident Engineer Jack Coleman and Mrs. Coleman of Alma. Young Dennis knows at his tender age how important it is to wear a hard hat for safety precautions.



This young lady, Gloria Carraro, daughter of Hazel Carraro, a secretary to Don Kelly in the Title Section of the Legal Division, is holding a certificate for excellence received from Arkansas School for the Blind superintendent, J. M. Woolley.

Gloria, 9 years old, was presented the award for having been top student from the first through fourth grades. Accompanying this honor was a Braille wristwatch from the Yale Jewelry Company. Hazel is very proud of Gloria as she was one of six to receive these awards in the whole school. It goes without saying that the rest of us share her pride.

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A fellow was pretty sick and his doctor ordered him to take a long vacation in the Lake Mohave Rancho country in Arizona. After a few months he died, and his body was shipped back home for burial.

Viewing the remains were his wife and brother. "Doesn't he look good?" his wife asked. "He sure does," answered the brother. "That two months he spent in Arizona did him a lot of good."

For three years he was an Elk . . . then he moved to Greenwich Village where he became an Odd Fellow.

A husband of ten years was consulting a marriage counsellor. "When I was first married, I was very happy. I'd come from a hard day at the shop; my little dog would race around barking and my wife would bring me my slippers. Now, after all these years, everything's changed. When I come home, my dog brings me my slippers, and my wife barks at me!"

"I don't know what you're complaining about," said the counsellor. "You're still getting the same service."

My dog can read . . . he passed a sign that said WET PAINT, and did just what it said.

In the old days the family spent much time hunting for granny's glasses. Nowadays she just leaves them where she empties them.

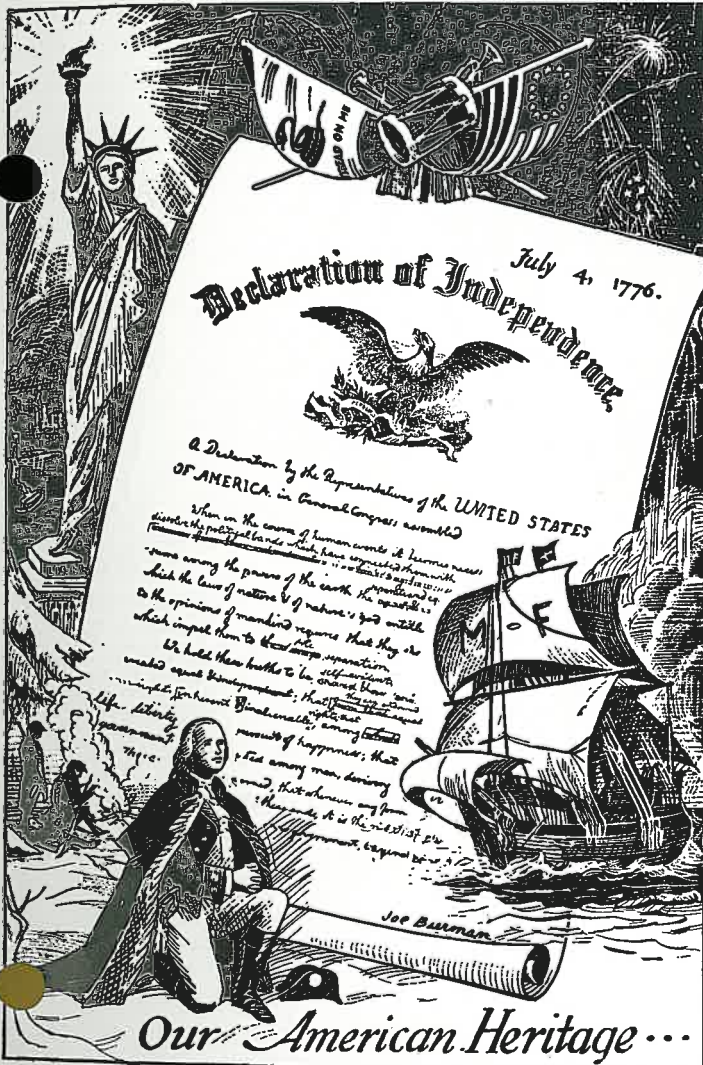
One of the residents of the President Madison Hotel had a good complaint. His doctor told him: "Stop all red meats - it's not good for you, in your trouble." Next day, the medico told him to resume eating red meats - it was good for him. The puzzled patient cried: "What goes here, Doc? Yesterday, you told me that red meats weren't good for me - now you tell me they are good!" The reply was, you'd be surprised how medicine has progressed in the last 24 hours."

Angry Motorist: "One of your drives sliced out onto the road and crashed through my windshield! What are you going to do about it?"

Golfer: "I think I'll try to hold my thumb a little straighter."

"That vase on the mantel contains my husband's ashes."
 "Oh, I'm sorry, I didn't know. How long has he been dead?"
 "He's not dead - he's just too lazy to find an ash tray."

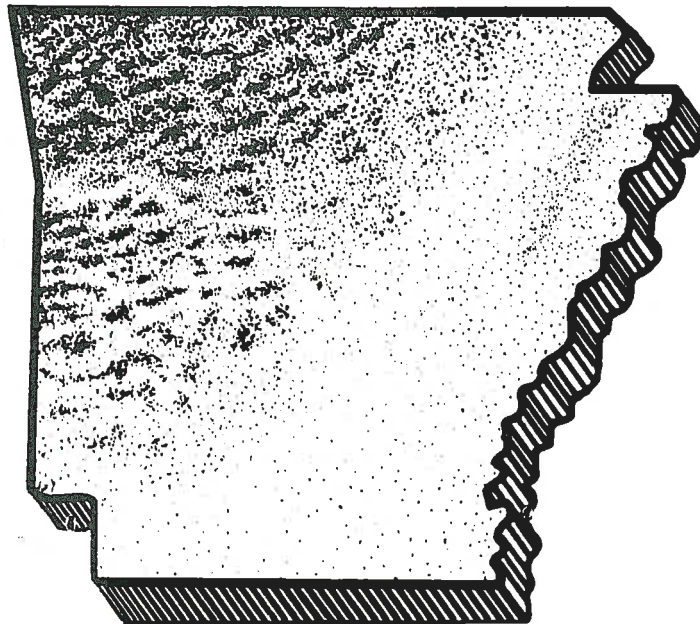
The boy was practicing his violin lesson in the house, while out on the porch his younger sister was playing with the dog. As the boy scraped away on his fiddle, the hound howled dismally. The sister stood it as long as she could, then she poked her head in the open window and said: "For goodness sake, Jimmy, can't you play something the dog doesn't know?"





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Cover: One of many entrances to the silica mine at Guion. The only desposit of silica in the southern United States, the mine is owned and operated by Mrs. Mertie A. Harris, who is president of the Silica Products Company. The Missouri Pacific runs a train from Newport six days a week to pick up cars loaded with this material. Between 75 and 110 cars are hauled away each week. Silica sand is used in the manufacture of bottles, glass jars, windows, fibre glass, lamps, and other glass products. The cavern (called a mine drift in miners' lingo) goes more than a mile back into the mountain. This St. Peters silica deposit is inexhaustible in supply. There are approximately 65 persons employed at the mine. The mine has been in operation for the past 44 years. Shown in the picture are, left to right; Virgil Butler, Jr., assistant maintenance superintendent in District 5; Virgil Butler, Sr., representative of Independence County; George Cavaness, District 5 engineer; Highway Commissioner Truman Baker; John Miller, representative of Izard County; Albert M. Hayes, representative of Arkansas County; Sam Cooke, Jr., assistant general Manager of Silica Products; Al Harris, Guion mayor and general manager of Silica Products; Commission Chairman Wayne Hampton, and Wilbur Mills, U. S. congressman.