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**NEW BUILDING AT
PARAGOULD
DEDICATED**





NEW HEADQUARTERS UNVEILED AT PARAGOULD

Thursday October 6 was a red letter day in Paragould for the Highway Department's District 10 when the new \$750,000 headquarters building was unveiled to the public in dedication ceremonies and an open house.

Approximately 500 persons attended the event and toured the new complex during open house. Officials and Department employees were on hand to act as guides through the maze of buildings and explain the various operations necessary to keep District 10 employees and machinery on the move in Northeast Arkansas.

Highway Commissioner Maurice Smith of Bird-eye delivered the dedicatory address and unveiled the plaque outside the front entrance to the administration building. Alvin B. Samuels, Jr., president of the Paragould Chamber of Commerce, was master of ceremonies. The welcoming addresses were given by Paragould Mayor J. T. "Chigger" Brown, and Greene County Judge J. P. Reed.

Highway Director Walter E. Hicks and several other Department heads from Little Rock and District 1 attended the ceremonies.

The new facilities are the most up-to-date in the state and an identical building is under construction at Camden's District 7 headquarters.

The complex consists of five buildings - administration, chemical, resident engineer, service station, and equipment storage, covering a 40,000 square foot, or one acre area. There are approximately five acres of asphalt pavement inside the compound for use as driveways and parking.

Punch and cookies were prepared and served by Mrs. M.S. Smith, Mrs. John Saunders, and Mrs. Darrell Holder. H. C. Martin, resident engineer, furnished some of his prize miniature plants for decorations. A steak dinner was given that night in the huge garage of the complex.



A reception was held in the Security Bank at Paragould. Standing before a table of hor d'oeuvres are Director W. E. Hicks, Commissioner Maurice Smith, W. W. (Bill) Misenhimer, president of the bank, and District 10 Engineer M. S. Smith.



Speakers at the ceremonies, left to right: Paragould Mayor J. T. Brown, Paragould Chamber of Commerce President Alvin Samules, Jr., and Highway Commissioner Maurice Smith.



Paul Keeton, a director of the Paragould Security Bank, dishes out a large steak to C. Don Hayes, chief of equipment.



County Judge J. R. Reed



Helping serve were Jane Martin, wife of Resident Engineer H.C. Martin; Betty Hesselbein, wife of Charles, job superintendent, and Judy Crail, an employee of Dr. Pepper Bottling Co.



Mrs. M. S. Smith, wife of District 10 engineer.

JOHN THOMPSON



APPOINTED GENERAL COUNSEL

Highway Commission Chairman Wayne Hampton October 5 appointed John R. Thompson, 63, as general counsel for the Highway Department. Mr. Thompson fills the position left vacant several months ago by Mark Woolsey when Woolsey became chairman of the Workmen's Compensation Commission. Highway Commissioner Truman Baker was also present when the announcement was made.

Thompson resigned October 4 as a member of the Public Service Commission to accept the general counsel's position. He had been a member of the Public Service Commission since 1949 with the exception of two years during which he served as assistant chief attorney general.

The new counsel's explanation for the shift was, "It is a promotion; there are more responsibilities; it is a bigger department, and it offers a challenge."

A native of Austin in Lonoke County, Thompson has a long record of public service serving in the administration of Gov. Carl Bailey. Aside from his tenures with the PSC and attorney general's office, he served as director of the state welfare for three years, was attorney for the Public Service Commission two years, and was city prosecutor for two years.

Thompson's formal education was rather sketchy during his early life. He attended an academy for underprivileged children at Magazine, Ark., then graduated from Austin High School and later Little Rock Law School.

Thompson is married to the former Miss Marie Beasley. They have a son, Edgar Ross, an attorney with his father in their law firm, Thompson and Thompson, and three granddaughters.

Thompson is a Sunday school teacher at the Austin Baptist Church and is a 32nd Degree Mason.

JOYCE RECEIVES 15-YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

Joyce Dillon Spencer, secretary to Highway Director W. E. Hicks, received her 15-year service pin and certificate of merit October 4 at an informal ceremony in the Commission Hearing Room.

The presentation was made by Mr. Hicks after a short speech. Joyce was pleasantly surprised as several were on hand to share her moment of triumph. Cake and coffee were served to the well wishers.

Joyce came to the Department in 1953 as secretary and stenographer for the late V. E. Scott, who was secretary to the Commission and administrative assistant. In January 1954 she was transferred to the Director's Office and became secretary to Herbert Eldredge. She has remained as secretary since that time, serving as Girl Friday to five other directors - two of whom were serving in a temporary capacity.

Prior to her employment with AHD Joyce worked at the Little Rock School Board and Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation. She graduated from Central High in Little Rock and attended the University of Arkansas one year.

Joyce and her husband, William R. (Gick) Spencer, an engineer with the U. S. Corps of Engineers, have a son, Bill, Jr., a senior at Central. They reside in the Broadmoor Section in Little Rock.

We hope Joyce has many more years with the Highway Department.



A smiling Joyce with her BOSS, Director Walter E. Hicks.

BE KIND TO THE FARKLEBERRY TREE



The poor Farkleberry tree has been in the news again recently after a lull of a couple of years.

The tree has been the brunt of many snide cracks, apparently only because of its name, and it seems that there are many who doubt that the tree exists.

If we're not mistaken, it was through the pages of this magazine that the publicity about the Farkleberry first appeared. In February 1963, R.B. Winfrey, then Maintenance engineer and now retired, brought a picture of the tree to be printed with the information that the tree was the largest in the United States. This statistic was supplied by Mr. Kendall Laughlin of Chicago in a letter to Mr. Winfrey. Mr. Kendall said the tree was larger than the tree shown in the last published list by the American Forestry Association.

So, lest any of you are non-believers, "Yes, Virginia, there is a Farkleberry Tree." The one shown is the Granddaddy of them all. It is located in Pike County near Glenwood. When the picture was first printed, it was 5 inches in diameter, had a circumference of 1'3", a height of 20 feet, and a spread of 14 feet. We're sure the tree has grown since that time but we have no current measurements.

There are a number of Farkleberry trees (*Vaccinium arboreum*) in Arkansas. Its botanical name is the genus of the blueberry and cranberry. It is our understanding that another large tree exists in North Little Rock. Mr. Laughlin stated in his letter to Mr. Winfrey that caution should be taken to prevent sightseers or vandals from molesting the trees.

If any of our readers have any intention of making Farkleberry jelly, better forget it unless you have plenty of time on your hands. You'll need it as the fruit of the Farkleberry tree is hard as concrete and cooking time would be somewhat more than the usual "boil 10 minutes."

Would you believe DAYS?

JOHNNIE GRAY GETS HONORABLE MENTION FOR FILM



Johnnie Gray, our able staff photographer, who has received some quite favorable publicity within recent months, has still another kudo to add to his list.

Johnnie's 1966 Highway Department film, "Arkansas Highways for Commerce, Work, and Play," was given honorable mention by INDUSTRIAL PHOTOGRAPHY, a national magazine that advances technical progress. Johnnie has entered his annual film seven times since the Magazine began making the awards eight years ago. Out of Johnnie's seven entries, four have been given honorable mention — a tribute to his photographic talents and artistic ability. Several hundred films were submitted in the contest.

In the September issue of INDUSTRIAL PHOTOGRAPHY, it cited the Highway film as "Another fine example of the work that can be done by a one-man department. 'Arkansas Highways For Commerce, Work, and Play,' done for the Arkansas Highway Commission, is a fine pictorial annual report of highway construction and maintenance, with its relationship to the needs and demands of industry and recreational areas. Good color, nice camera work, and smooth continuity make the film a fine effort in handling a vast subject."

ROADSIDE PARK DEDICATED

CHANGING CONCEPTS

"It is true that as we grow older we resist change."

These were the words the preacher was saying as my mind wandered back from some far away place.

On Monday, between catching up on the diary, making several telephone calls, answering complaints, and helping with estimates and weekly reports these words kept coming back to me. Sitting quietly behind my cluttered desk, in this little old shack, near a window which was completely covered by an overhanging arbovitae, my mind began to wander again. Remembering a time not too long ago when this office would have looked wonderful --- a time when you received a telephone call and heard - "Say - uh we would like for you to go to Texarkana." A slight pause and then "Ugh, how soon?" "Yesterday; No, seriously could you be there day after tomorrow?" "Yes, Sir."

Then the mad scramble to tell the wife to get packed, borrow money, pay bills, rent a pick-up truck, find an apartment and move and be at work day after tomorrow.

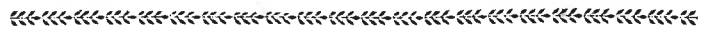
The good old days? They did have their compensations, but we must look forward.

A beautiful new modern office building is waiting to be occupied. This building has such a look of permanency about it. This office is something all Resident Engineers have dreamed about. It represents a changing concept in handling construction supervision.

Who wants to resist change? Especially when that change is to upgrade working conditions, to make for a more respectable and respected Highway Department.

So with anticipation, I'm looking forward to October, a time of moving and a time of change.

H. C. Martin
Resident Engineer
Paragould



MEXICO BUILDING HIGHWAY ALONG U.S.

Mexico hopes to complete by 1970 a highway along the United States border on which motorists can make the entire journey within Mexico, says the American Automobile Association. Travelers now must cross over to the United States roads when making the trip.

The 1,800-mile highway, to cost \$39 million, would link Matamoros on the Gulf Coast with Tijuana on the Pacific.



A new roadside park, located eight miles north of Waldron, was officially opened September 15. The park, one of several to be constructed in the state, is a spacious area with picnic facilities, and easily accessible to the public.

The contract for the park was let in April and was completed at a cost of \$82,000.

Pictured at the dedication ceremonies are, left to right: E.E. Barber; W.P. Grantham; D.C. Spencer, AHD resident engineer; Lindy Holland, AHD project engineer; Art Eble, chief engineer of Waldron Construction Co.; Mrs. Una May, local agent of Waldron Construction Co.; Roland Humble, AHD safety officer, and Arkansas Highway Department District 4 engineer, J.P. Clayton.

INTANGIBLES

This is supposedly a true story, told by a prominent Little Rock man when he was addressing a civic club meeting.

The speaker and his family are church going people and religion plays a big part in their lives. His young son approached the dinner table without washing his hands. His father admonished him to "go get the germs off your hands." The youngster reluctantly left to wash up. While washing his hands he muttered to himself, "Germs and Jesus, Germs and Jesus. That's all I hear around here and I haven't seen either one of them, yet."



IT'S GO FOR NEW BUILDING

About the only adjective that would appropriately describe a move is MEAN. It's bad enough to move household furniture and other effects from one house to another, but to move the contents of a four-story office building, plus contents of other outpouring buildings that make up the Highway Department on the Capitol Mall should be quite an interesting undertaking.

By contents we would list desks, filing cabinets, chairs to match the desks and quite a number of extras, tables, office machines, drafting and engineering equipment and so many other items it would be impossible to list them. But, they are the smaller objects. Consider the fact that the larger equipment, which includes IBM machines, computers, cameras, reproduction paraphernalia etc., all must be moved, too. And that's something to consider.

But, the business of life is to go forward and, if in the process, it causes a bit of inconvenience, it will be well worth it. The new Highway Building, located just off the New Benton Highway, is ready for occupancy and we should all be ensconced in our new 10-story edifice in a few weeks.

Our "new" old Highway Building on the Capitol Mall has long been obsolete to suit our ever-growing needs. Built in 1939, it was considered at the time to be more than adequate. Prior to moving into it, the operation of the Department was being carried on in the wooden structure "up on the hill," or in back of the administration building. The old structure has been in use by the Right of Way Division.

Through the years the growth of the Department became so crucial that it necessitated several divisions to literally move out of the building into other housing on a rental basis. This was not only an expense but an inconvenience for most concerned. For a while the Department was scattered about in such various areas it was difficult to keep track.

The new building is designed to accommodate all the divisions now housed in the present building and those in the older buildings "up on the hill." District 6, Materials and Tests, and Planning and Research have been located at the new compound for several years. Each has its own building with the exception of Planning and Research which shares part of its building with Weights and Standards.

So, what was only a nebulous vision 10 years ago has now become a reality and, when the building is all ready for occupancy, the hegira will begin.

The building directory will be as follows:
TENTH FLOOR: Commission Conference Room; Office of the Director; Office of Chief Engineer; Office of Assistant Chief Engineer (Moore); Office of Assistant to the Chief Engineer; Office of Administrative Assistant; Internal Audit Section; Safety Section; Magazine Section; Public Relations Section.

NINTH FLOOR: Office of Office Engineer; Construction Division; Office of Assistant Chief Engineer (Pendergrass); Final Estimates Section.

EIGHTH FLOOR: Right of Way; Legal.

SEVENTH FLOOR: Right of Way Division.

SIXTH FLOOR: Surveys Division; Roadway Design Division

FIFTH FLOOR: County Roads; Bridge Design Division; Procurement Section.

FOURTH FLOOR: Accounting Division; Photogrammetry Section; Weights and Standards Division.

THIRD FLOOR: Equipment Division; Data Processing Section.

SECOND FLOOR: Beautification Section; Road Plans Storage; Reproduction Section; Microfilming Section.

FIRST FLOOR: Lobby and Information Desk; Maintenance Division; Personnel Section; Commission Hearing Room.

BASEMENT: Radio Section; Stationery and Supply Room; Dining Room and Kitchen; Permit Section (tentatively); Photography Laboratory; Decontamination Room*.

*-All of the basement area is constructed and equipped to be utilized as an emergency operations center in the event of a nuclear attack or natural disaster.



GOODMAN PRESENTS

SERVICE AWARDS TO ORSINI

Edmund N. Orsini, assistant section head in the Internal Audit Section, received his 15-year service awards October 11. A group of Ed's co-workers were present for the presentation made by Deputy Director and Chief Engineer Ward Goodman.

Ed's first job with the Department was as a field auditor - a job he held until a transfer to the Right of Way Division as an accountant. After a year there, he was transferred to the Internal Audit Section.

Ed is a native of New Hampshire. He attended schools in Terre Haute, Ind., and New Castle, Pa. until his move to Arkansas. He graduated from North Little Rock High School, and received an LLB from Arkansas Law School in 1950.

Prior to coming to the Highway Department Ed was occupied in various work including selling, business for himself, and government agencies.

Ed has three children, Edmund Jr., David, and Merrily.



Orsini and Goodman

The popular comedian, Will Rogers, once said, "I always like to hear a man talk about himself because then I never hear anything but good."

HIGHWAY DAMES

Thirty-one of the Highway Dames met at the Top of the Rock Club September 22 for a luncheon and business meeting. Ruth Elledge, Evelyn Schamer, and Bobbie Moore were hostesses. Mrs. John Rea was guest speaker.

The Christmas Card Donation Fund was discussed and it was decided that it will be continued again this year. Send your donations, along with how you want your names listed on the giant Christmas card, to Mrs. Johnnie Gray, 4224 B. Street, Little Rock.

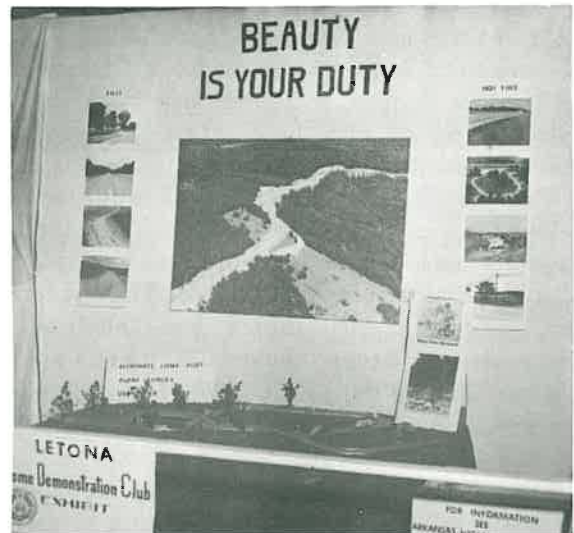
The next meeting will be October 27 at the Gardens Restaurant, located in the Magnolia Inn on Roosevelt Road. A luncheon is planned for 11 a.m. Please try to be there in time for us to start the meeting at 11 a.m.

Mr. Collier from J. J. Hocott and Son Florist will be with us to teach more about flower arranging. Hostesses for the meeting will be Lena Rives and Sue Rownd.

Call our telephone chairman, Selma Hobby, MO. 4-5680, for reservations.

Betty Hutchison
Publicity

BLUE RIBBON EXHIBIT



Using the theme of beautification of highways, the Letona Home Demonstration Club won a blue ribbon for their booth at the Searcy Fair in September. The pictures were supplied by Johnnie Gray, AHD Staff photographer. Mrs. B. O. Parsons is president of the club.



VANDALS! PLEASE DON'T DESTROY

One of the most beautiful roadside parks in the state has been built by the Madison County Green Thumb crews. These dedicated men have put their talents and hearts into the creation that appears to be carved out of solid rock.

The drainage at the right of way has been developed by masonry walls which frame the area. A flagstone patio greets the visitor as he approaches the site from an ample parking area. The picnickers' haven, complete with tables and fabulous fireplaces, is two stops above the parking site.

After leaving the lower level, stone steps lead to a second recreational area on the second terrace, which also has eating and cooking facilities.

The entire setting, located on Highway 74, three miles east of Huntsville, is awe inspiring and yet it possesses every necessity for outdoor enjoyment.

Personnel of the two crews who built the park are Bert Vaughn and Claude McConnell, foremen; Dearing Beasley, William Berry, Charles Delk, Jess Doss, George Foshee, Roy Frederick, Clyde Hodge, James Nall, William Axford, Jappie Parker, Clyde Spradling, and Ewell Whelchel.

WORTHY ADVISOR

Robin Harrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Harrison of North Little Rock, was installed September 17 as Worthy Advisor of the North Little Rock Assembly No. 14, Order of Rainbow for Girls in ceremonies at the Crescent Masonic Hall. Robin's mother, Ethel, is secretary to Lee Allen, attorney in the Legal Division. We congratulate Robin on this fine tribute.



Robin Harrison

A. L. Moser, a retired employee from District 5, was a recent visitor in the Department. While here, he dropped by the Magazine Section and, during the course of conversation, asked if we knew why District 5 never sent any news anymore. We couldn't give him an answer but told him if he ever found out to let US know. Moser was always a faithful reporter for District 5, having missed only one time due to illness.

Dr. Dale G. Friend of the Massachusetts Medical Society told the New England Highway Traffic Safety Conference that a person who drinks eight to 12 cups of coffee a day is a potential road hazard. "Excessive use of coffee tends to make many people jumpy, jittery, and dizzy and can become a factor in highway accidents," he said.

AROUND the DEPARTMENT



Mildred Harness

Congratulations to the Carl Morrisises on the arrival of a baby girl, Carla Annette, who was born September 20 at Baptist Hospital weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces. Carl didn't have long to "pace" - only 12 minutes.

We have another new employee with us: Linda Kay Winbury, age 22, and single. (That makes two single girls in Accounting.) Linda graduated from Sheridan High School in 1962. Her hobbies are all sports and listening to records. She lives with her parents in the East End community south of Little Rock, and is a member of the East End Baptist Church. She has one sister who is married to Norman Pumphrey, resident engineer in District 7. Linda says her pet peeve is unfriendly people.

Betty Boysen, daughter of our Allene, was married September 17 to Lt. David Percell Hendricks in lovely ceremonies at Second Baptist Church in Little Rock. Most of the personnel in Accounting attended the wedding. The couple will be at home in Fort Campbell, Ky., where Lt. Hendricks is stationed.

Erma Smith was transferred September 30 to Jacksonville in the Equipment Division. Cake and coffee were served as going-away gesture. Good luck, Erma, and lots of good wishes go with you.

Cecilia Malone (Jo's daughter) is a Freshman at Arkansas Tech in Russellville. She is a major in business right now and is living at the Massie Dormitory and loving every minute of it.

Irene Hawkins' son Jim is in Vietnam. Irene hears about the conflict over there first hand. We will all be so glad when the fighting is over so that Jim and our boys are back home safely. Let's all pray that it will end soon.



BRIDGE DESIGN

Betty Claude

Charles Mayhan and Dale Gossien left our Division September 9 for the University of Arkansas to continue their education. We wish both of them good luck in their Senior year.

Fred Morgan returned from his vacation in Minnesota last month and had this story to tell:

"One dark stormy night I camped out by Lake Mille Lacs in northern Minnesota. During the night I awoke and heard this crunching, chomping noise from the corner of my tent. In the dim light of a hurricane candle my eyes first told me it was a wolverine or racoon and then I realized it was a skunk; I wished it had been a bear. After some 45 minutes of scampering around my tent and eating the chicken bones I had left inside as it was raining too hard to dispose of them, the skunk departed in peace. I spent the remaining portion of the night without sleep, for after zipping up the door of the tent, the skunk tried to crawl over and under the tent, probably in search of shelter. At a range of 6 feet, Fred says "Brer Skunk has all the cards."

Other than this incident with the skunk, Fred had a nice vacation, hunting and fishing in Minnesota, and while fishing at Lake Norfolk a deer came within a few feet of him before realizing anyone was around then bounded off into the woods. Anymore stories Fred?

Eddie Williams recently retired from our Division, is the proud owner of a red and white Mustang. He kept his old friend Packard though. Just couldn't part with it after all these years. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Williams many happy hours of driving their new car.

Jim Matthews' daughter Mary is on the staff of Central High School's paper the "Tiger" this year. Mary is a senior and we are proud of her accomplishments during the three years she has attended Central.

Harold and I, and our son Gary and his wife Lynne, visited my youngest sister in LaGrange, Ga. recently. We went to Atlanta one night while there and the last Club we visited was "Ruby Red's." This is a very informal place where everyone sings along with the band and requests your favorite song. During the period everyone was singing school songs, our group started calling the Hogs, and as always there were others to help us. A great time was had by all.



Luci Dishongh-H.B. Matthews

Patrecia Wilkerson is the new face you probably have seen in Construction lately. "Pat" joined our Construction family September 23 and we, indeed, welcome you. Pat!

Geraldine Kissier's son, Robert, a Parks and Recreation major at Arkansas Tech, Russellville, is doing nine weeks' internship at the Hot Springs Boys' Club for practical experience. Robert, a senior

at Tech, lettered at Harding Academy at Searcy in football, track, and basketball. He graduated from Harding in 1957, attended college for a year, and then worked for the Highway Department for three years before returning to college. He is working toward his Bachelor's Degree. His wife, the former Patsy Venable of Morrilton, is a secretary at Tech. Patsy is a former employee of the Department also, having worked in District 6, in E. E. Hurley's office. They have a son, Robert, Jr., age 3. While working in Hot Springs, Robert will headquarter at the Rehabilitation Center where he will devote one night a week to the program at the Center. He will supervise programs at the Spa Boys' Club from noon until 7 p.m. and work with the boys on pass, punt and kick competition, sponsored by the Ford Motor Company, with the contest set October 8; shuffleboard, table tennis, pool, basketball, and other activities. Robert arrived in Hot Springs September 26 to assume his duties. He will work with Ira Lollis, director of the Boys' club, United Fund.

A 35-year service award party was held in our office August 24 for H. B. "Fat" Matthews. Coffee and cake (special) were enjoyed by fellow employees.

Phyllis and Doyle Carson spent their vacation in Florida. They visited Silver Springs and took a cruise on a glass bottom boat. Silver Springs is where most of the Sea Hunt television series were filmed. From there they went to Daytona Beach, then on to Marineland to spend a part of two days and a night. From there they went to St. Augustine and Jacksonville Beach for two nights. They returned through Panama City. In Mobile, Ala., they visited the battleship, Alabama. They had a real enjoyable time and liked the beaches on the Atlantic best of all.

We miss J. R. Little being around and wish him the best of everything in his new venture in Heber Springs.

B. D. Mulhollen has succeeded J. R. and we welcome him into the workshop here. Mulhollen now has District 1 as his territory among his other duties.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence and family spent their vacation recently in Houston, Tex.

Geraldine Kissire entered her beautiful sequined Christmas tablecloth in the Morrilton County Fair and won the first prize. She deserved to win as it is a beautiful thing.



Mothers who scold little boys for carrying crazy things in their pockets should look in their own handbags.



COUNTY PROGRAM

Barbara Oldham

By the time everyone reads this column we hope to be in the New Highway Building on the Benton Highway. It is really a building to be proud of.

Jack Teasdale and wife, Mary, went on vacation in September. They visited with their daughter Pat in Houston and stayed a while in Galveston, Tex.

Billy Durham, Jr., a draftsman in our Division, was recently in a wreck. Billy came out of it with a few scratches but his car did not do as well. Since his car was salvaged, the only logical thing for him to do was to order a new one, a blue Chevrolet Malibu. We are glad to hear that he had a happy ending after all.

Jim and Jan Mitchell are driving a new 1966 2+2 Mustang. It is silver mist blue and is a beauty.

Lindsey Bellomy, Gene Thomas, and an employee who wishes to remain anonymous went squirrel hunting in Grant County during the first part of the season in October. They are all still wandering around in Grant County.

Charles Rain, Jr. and Paula are expecting a new addition to their family in October. We will keep you posted on the date. Bye til next time...

Congratulations to Gene Thomas and his wife Doris for being lucky enough to win a \$100 Savings Bond at the Balch Oldsmobile drawing in October.

Max C. Hall celebrated his birthday in October.



DATA PROCESSING

Peggy Hardin

Welcome to lovely Miss Rita Hendricks, our newest keypunch operator. Rita lives at Mabelvale with her parents, two brothers, Don, 16 and Mike, 11, and Major Black, their Labrador retriever. Since graduating from McClellan High School in 1965, she has been taking IBM courses at Arkansas School of Business.

Jerry Bowie is another new face in our Department. He comes from Morrilton where he lives with his mother, Mrs. Pauline Bowie. Jerry has some most interesting hobbies - ceramics and novelty painting. Sure would like to see some of this art on exhibit.

Ronald Eugene "Gene" Etcheson is our newest employee. He resides in Little Rock with wife Norma, and 1½-year-old son, Glenn. His hobbies are hunting and fishing. He is on the late shift so we don't see much of him.

Speaking of fishing, Jerry Conway, Jim Stringer, and Dale Hoggard, all of our

Department, took a trip to Lake Maumelle recently. Jim really caught the biggest one - Jerry, that is, right behind the left ear. He was really hooked. They couldn't remove it and over Jerry's protest they went to the hospital. Jerry wanted to try to catch one bigger than the one Jim caught.

We all enjoyed a lunch time visit from Pauline Morman recently. She likes her new job.

Patricia McDonald and Nedra Barton have both spent short stays in the hospital. They are back with us, now.

Our congratulations to Robert Plouch on his new position with Arkansas Valley Industries. We are all sorry to see him leave, but wish him much success.



MATERIALS AND TESTS

Julia Halliburton

Congratulations to Frances Roller, Bill Wood, and H.A. Sneed! Frances received her 15-year pin and certificate, and Bill and Herald each received their 20-year awards. We celebrated with coffee and cake.

Julia Halliburton, Sibyl Maddox, and daughter Pat Downing, attended Opportunity Chapter of ABWA's sixth birthday dinner at the "Fountains" in Pine Bluff recently. The dinner was delicious and the speaker was Charles Allbright, former "Our Town" columnist of the Gazette, and he was simply sensational.

Russell Newsom and wife Ruth vacationed in Illinois recently. They visited his brother Billie in Mt. Prospect and while there motored to Chicago and saw the show, "Hello Dolly" with Eve Arden. They also visited his daughter, Mrs. Nancy Hoehn and family in Robertson, Ill. Hear they had a wonderful time.



Allan Holmes little boy, Marlon, 14 has been ill with a virus, but the young tad is up and playing again, now.

Mr. Schneider has returned to work. We really missed our boss and we're glad to have him back with us.

Herald Sneed has resigned to become postmaster at Quitman, Ark. We wish him the best of luck.

Several of our boys have resigned to return to college. R.O. Clifton enters Henderson for his second year; P. Tomkins returned to Arkansas Tech at Russellville for his third year, and Robert Lea, the University of Arkansas where he is a chemistry major in his senior year.

Dale Trost, engineering technician, has resigned to accept a position with an electronics firm.



Bill Wood and Frances Roller hold their service awards presented by M&T Engineer H. W. Schneider, center.

Billie Whiteside

P&R has regained two former employees; Ruby Crouse and Mary Louise Bailey. Ruby will be assigned to the Data Analysis Section, and Mary Lou to Mapping and Drafting. We're happy to have them back with us.

There are three new employees in the Data Collection Section: Howard L. West and Richard L. Turner, both assigned in the field, and Winnie Lyles in the office. Winnie is a Little Rock resident, married, and the mother of a little boy. We welcome all of them.

More Students: Bill Cyfert has been in New Orleans, taking an IBM course; Sharon Pelley and Libby Mills are attending Vocational School at night, taking business courses, and Larry Johnson and Paul Elcan are taking courses in IBM at New Orleans.

Time Off: Bill Smith and family attended a baseball game at the Astrodome while visiting in Houston, and son Peter Allen lasted through all nine innings. Marlin Powell painted his house and fished, and fished, and Pete Bentz went camping. Bob and Alta Faulkner went fishing at Lake Overcup over the week end and caught a nice string of catfish, crappie, and bream.

Mayo White's son, Jerry Allen, was married to Miss Patricia Ann Newton on September 4 at the Geyer Springs Church of Christ.

Mayo recently conducted two groups on tours of his newly-completed house, which is about 10 miles west of here on Chicot Road. This was a pleasant noontime drive. On the way, we passed a great meadow of lemon-yellow wildflowers. His house is a very attractive colonial style with grey-blended, stone-faced brick, with three white columns. There is a long living-dining room area, and a long kitchen-family room, three bedrooms, a utility room, two baths, and many, many closets and store-rooms. Furnishings are also in the colonial motif and the hutch and their dishes are beautiful. The big fireplace, in a brick wall, and warm paneling and gunrack dominate the family room. Toby White, Mayo's youngest son, brought in one of his dachshound puppies to join the group. We all appreciated the courtesy of the White family and enjoyed our visit.

Besides Mayo, several other P&R employees are living on/or near Chicot Road - Claud Roberson, Jim Head, Pete Benetz, Gary Whittington, Winnie Lyles, and Howard West.

In celebration of Sue Walls' birthday, she was presented with a cherry cake from this reporter, and a gift from all the girls. Sue recently got her driver's license, which was issued to her by former employee Bonnie Thomas' husband, Earl, with the State Police. Sue and Buddy are living on West 44th Street now and have bought their own furniture.



Winnie Lyles, at left is a new employee, but Mary Louise Bailey and Ruby Crouse are former employees who recently returned to the P&R fold.

Robert F. Kirkland, junior engineer with the Bureau of Public Roads, has completed his assignment with P&R and will go to Tallahassee, Fla. next. We enjoyed his stay and appreciate the good work he did.

Ken Bynum, employed for the summer in the Traffic Engineering Section has returned to the University to continue his education. We hope to have him with us again.

We have lost Dee Jenkins and Martha Cushing. Dee accepted a job with the Soil Conservation Service, and Martha has gone to Oregon to join her husband.

Former employees: Mary Ann Schuh's baby is a boy, weighing 6 pounds, 3 ounces. Frank Pimique is teaching at night at LRU. We saw Keren Wolfe clerking at Blass Park Plaza store; she said she is planning to go to Germany to be with her husband.

Hal Phillips' wife and children were shaken up in an auto accident, but are doing o.k.

J. C. Longcoy has recovered from a bout with virus pneumonia and is back at work. His wife and sister, who were ill at the same time, are out of the hospital.



Pete Powell has made friends with a neighborhood squirrel, who has a good thing going with the begging routine. The squirrel visits three houses daily. Here are Pete and his friend.



PROCUREMENT

Lou Hardy

Bernie Cox took off for Pike County and reported a "Delight"ful visiting with relatives and renewing old acquaintances in Delight and Murfreesboro. He says they sure do eat good down there. Bemie's No. 1 son, Bernie, finished college last spring and is now assistant coach in Searcy High School. As soon as his No. 2 son Donnie finishes college, which should be in another year, he will begin to make his fortune, also.

Several other people of our office have been on the go recently. Frank Pitts spent two lovely weeks at Fort Chaffee playing soldier. While there he visited our District 4 offices. Frank also has shoveled approximately 90 yards of dirt over his lawn. His wife Frances celebrated a birthday September 9.

Lewis Wade and son Kevin visited with David and Linda Wade in St. Louis on his vacation. We understand that Keven enjoyed his first train ride - especially the water fountain and rest room.

Janie and Harold Ladd toured Louisiana visiting with friends and relatives. Everyone had better beware as there is

one more woman driver on the road — Janie recently purchased a Toyota and is learning to drive.

Lem Kirkpatrick will be starting his vacation soon and will be visiting his daughter, Kitty, at Houston. October 8 is Lem's birthday. The office helped him celebrate by taking him to Brown-ing's for lunch.

Our boss, Frank Caple, attended a magic convention in Dallas, Tex., learning more new ways to captivate his audiences. He also made a trip to New Orleans with wife Sylvia and daughter, Debbie.

Doris Haskett is getting prepared for the forthcoming event. Daughter Linda and her husband Harold are expecting their first child in November. Doris has been working on a bassinet for the little bundle of joy.

Neal Healy and three companions went trout fishing at Norfolk and caught their limit. Shirley says next time she plans to go along. Neal is quite a sportsman. He recently went squirrel hunting at Norfolk, also. You name it — anything that crawls, swims, flies, etc., he will hunt it.

This reporter and family spent a vacation touring the northern part of the state. Kent and Kevin really enjoyed their stay in the motel. Kent wanted to know why he couldn't have a TV on the wall in his room.

Patsy Navens spent part of her vacation in Memphis visiting with her sister and family. The other part was spent down town and just doing what she wanted to do.



RIGHT OF WAY

Shirley Childress

We had several people on vacation during September and several in the hospital...Alton Van Patten and Curtis Hutchins both underwent surgery September 26. We wish them a quick recovery and hope they will be back at work in time to read this.

A. C. Ledbetter's son, Michael, was hospitalized several days recovering from injuries suffered in a bicycle accident September 16. It was the last day of A. C.'s vacation which he spent at home doing some remodeling.

Other vacationers were Carl Keehn, Vick Winchell, and Glendol Jackson. Carl and Janie Keehn traveled to Wisconsin to visit his parents; Vick, Barbara and daughter Suzanne spent their vacation in Galveston, Tex., and Glendon and wife Geraldine, daughter Karen, and son Johnny made a three-day trip to the Smokey Mountains in Tennessee.

"No horns honking, no phones ringing, no resemblance at all to Grand Central Station exists at the Sipe household since Sandra has left for college."

The preceding remark is a direct quote from Nancy Sipe, mother of Sandra who is now residing at Kay's Hall, a newly constructed 10-story dorm on the beautiful campus of Arkansas State at Jonesboro. Sandra, a Freshman, is greatly missed by Nancy, her Dad Kenny, and sister Connie.

Several of our employees had college students home this summer and are having to adjust to their being gone again. They were Don Martin's daughter Ann, who is a Sophomore at SMU in Dallas; Herbert Hooten's son Mike, a Sophomore at Southern State, Magnolia, and Terry Griffin, a Sophomore at Henderson State at Arkadelphia, and the son of Retha Griffin.



We welcome Linda Jones, a new employee. Linda is almost a newlywed, having been married only a few weeks. She and her husband Marty reside at the Crestwood Manor Apartments in Little Rock.

Two of our Appraisal girls have become owners of new cars. They are Sue Boyett and Evalena Squires. Sue and Jimmy purchased a fawn colored 1966 Buick Skylark and Evalena and Joe are the new owners of a 1965 light blue Comet.

Sue and Jimmy tried their new car out making a trip to Dallas where they visited friends and took in Six Flags. They took their young son Keith with them and he thoroughly enjoyed it.

Our sympathies to Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Elledge in the loss of Mrs. Elledge's mother October 2.

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One roving snooper asked a stenographer what book she would choose if in her whole life she could only have one. Without hesitation came the reply: "a checkbook."

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ROADWAY DESIGN

Virginia Ash

Joe Hicks was hospitalized for a week, but he's back with us, now...At this writing, Ann Sutton is in the hospital for tests. We hope it's nothing serious and she can be back with us soon.

Eddie McClain left us the end of September for a six months' stay with the National Guard. Good luck, Eddie.

John Dunn reports that his new home is now finished on Senate Drive and he's anxious to get moved in. He invites everyone to come out and see it.

Poor "old" Marvin Bunch has just about quit hobbling around now. He claims he had a pinched nerve in his back but we've heard that's how old age affects you. Anyway, it's good to have him back to his own sweet smiling self.

I'll be glad to get moved into our new offices. Guess everyone feels the same way.

Our sympathies are extended to John and Peggy Hicks in the death of her father, Mr. J. A. Bratton, who died September 10.



DISTRICT



Leslie Lo

Ah! Autumn! The sight of it! The smell of it! The feel of it! AND ARKANSAS RAZORBACK TIME. The games have been and will be attended by our many enthusiastic "Rooters."

Johnny & Louise Harris departed Sept. 17 to attend the SASHO Meeting at Nashville, Tenn. They enjoyed the many points of interest and reported a nice trip.

Spectators report John Merle Hollis sprinting down side line urging his son Johnny on as he drives for the Rison Wildcats. Tailback Johnny Hollis scored four touchdowns and ran one extra point in the Wildcats' second league win. He now has scored 87 points in four games and gained 833 yards. Rison, playing a 17-man squad, now is 3-1 overall. Cheers for Johnny and we hope he continues with his good work.

"Peanut" Woodfield would like to auction off one cold that is approximately two weeks old, — Doc has made two offers and Joe Hays made an offer. The most interesting offer will be accepted.

Francis Rabb, wife of E. J., was a \$500.00 winner in the Safeway "Play 21" at Monticello. We could suggest ways to spend the loot.

Mrs. E. F. Myhand has received her Masters Degree from State Teachers College at Conway and is teaching in Monticello. We hope she has a happy and successful year.

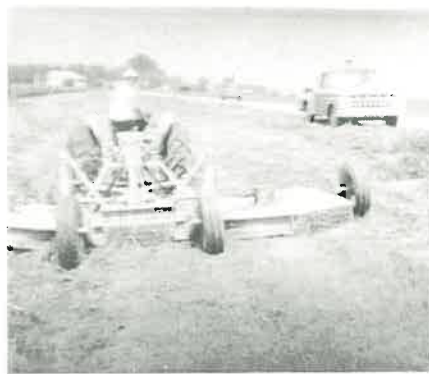
The James Cockrills with son, Jim, motored to Texas for a visit with their two daughters and families. They enjoyed

the beach and swimming at Galveston, and a point of special interest was a guided tour of the Astrodome at Houston.

Ouida Cruce and Debbie, with friends from Sheridan, motored to Dallas for a vacation and visit to "Six Flags." They returned with all kinds of interesting stories of places to go and things to see.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Richard White were united in marriage Sunday, July 17, 1966, at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Star City, with Rev. Don Cooper officiating. Mrs. White is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harmon, Star City and Mr. White is the son of Mr. and Mrs. I. V. White, also of Star City. They are now at home at LeMoore Naval Aviation base in California where Mr. White is stationed.

A re-union of all the descendants of the late William M. Martin, better known as "Uncle Math" was held at the home of his son, W. P. Martin, at the intersection of Cellar Creek and Long Creek, near Landis, Ark. Mr. Martin has several hundred living descendants. He was the father of 24 children, eight are known to be living today. The oldest one living is W. P. Martin who is 96 years old and the youngest, Nellie Wallis, who is 58 years old. All of his children were born in Searcy County and most of them near Landis, Ark. Hundreds of these descendants still live in Searcy County, however many more are scattered throughout the country from the East Coast to the West Coast. Uncle "Math" Martin was a pioneer settler of Searcy County. He, his father, and a brother served together in the Civil War, and all were in the same Company and Regiment. His family migrated from Tennessee to Arkansas before the Civil War and settled in Searcy County. This was the first time this large family had planned a reunion and it is hoped this can be made an annual affair. Some of the families who have descended from this one family are: The Martins, Morrisons, Masseys, Wallaces, Cyperts, Pembertons, Lawrences, Harnesses, Hamiltons, Ruckers, Lasiters, Hawkins, Boyds, Binghamms, Clarks, Fultzs, and many more too numerous to mention. "Uncle Math" has 187 grandchildren, the oldest 78 and the youngest, 16. Our Elbert Martin, job superintendent is one of the 24 children of the late "Uncle Math."



Johnny Yelvington, mower operator in Desha County, on his big mower on Hwy. 1. Richard Waller, station attendant, and his flowers on the McGehee Area Headquarters. The Patching Crew, Paul Barley, James Minchew, James Thorn and William Allison on Hwy. 4.

were "The Shifters." Included in this group were Randy Worthy, Ronnie Barham, son of John Ed; Doug Cross, Bobby Barham, son of Joe, and Randy Tullis, son of Clyde. All of these proud "dads" work for the Maintenance Department. The boys were awarded a cash prize of \$50. Congratulations.



The Texarkana Construction employees had their annual picnic at Lake Texarkana August 27. Bob Mattox and his lovely family were guests. Don Mitchell didn't have much luck in getting the women to water ski, but the men and children gave it a sporting try. One small youngster made the remark that maybe now Daddy would look at a boat since he could ski. How about that, Dad? The food was good, the swimming and skiing fine, and everyone had a wonderful time. We hope that next year even more can attend.

Harlan Grimes, accompanied by his wife, Mary, daughter Nancy, and son Richard, covered a lot of territory on their recent vacation of four days. They visited Larry, the youngest son, who is stationed in Ft. Lee, Va. While in Washington they toured the Capitol and other points of interest including Arlington Cemetery. They reported having traveled over some very good, well-signed roads and the trip through the mountains was wonderful. The weather was ideal but the only thing, time was just too short.

Olive Jackson spent several days visiting with her sister and family in Marianna.

The Mattoxes (Bob and Adelle) attended the SASHO Convention in Nashville. Also, the week end they returned they moved into their new home, located in the Southland Heights addition of Hope. We all wish them the best in their new place. Time hasn't permitted any of us to visit with them yet, but we hope to soon.

Janice Ederington, daughter of Jim Ederington, really won the ribbons at the Four States Fair in several 4-H categories. The Ederingtons must be very proud of her achievements. Janice is a student at the University of Arkansas.

Larry Grimes is now at home with his parents, Harlan and Mary, for a few days' leave before reporting to Viet Nam.

Donald and Jo Ann Embry of Hope are parents of another little girl. Sherri Lenae, who arrived September 13, weighed 7 pounds.

DISTRICT 3

Edna Lewallen

We extended our congratulations, best wishes, and farewells to Charles Parham recently. Charles was married to Johnnet Dalrymple, formerly of Magnolia, on August 20 in Texarkana. They will make their home in Wynne where Charles will begin teaching music to the Wynne elementary pupils. He has worked with the Texarkana office for four summers and they have always enjoyed having him.

The Mitchell household has become a busy place since the arrival of Karen Gwen. Relatives and friends are dropping in to see her and the proud parents. Over the Labor Day week end, Don, Bett, and Karen headed for Kansas for a big family get-together. Reports are that Karen made the trip just fine but Dad and Mom were pretty tired.

Congratulations to Larry Nolte on his engagement to Sharon Davis of Baxter Springs, Kans. They have set the date for November 5. Larry is a rodman in the Interstate resident's office in Hope.

The Third District Fair stated in Hope September 26. The first night a talent contest was held and the first place winners

Kenneth and Deloris Kidd became the parents of a little son September 26. We haven't been able to get any statistics on the little one as yet. Congratulations to both families.

Carolyn Carlton, daughter of Freida and Shorty Carlton, is a freshman at Southern State in Magnolia this year.

Congratulations to Herman Barham and Sam Huckabee who received their 15-year service awards in September.

We hope Mrs. Oscar Marcum will have a speedy recovery from recent surgery... Ray Murrah, Nevada County, is able to be back after having undergone surgery... Lee Helton is back home from St. Vincent's in Little Rock. Lee had the misfortune of having a very bad accident on September 7, when he and a large trailer truck collided on Highway 67 between Fulton and Hope.

Due to ill health, Virgil Surber, truck driver in Little River County, has resigned. Good luck in the future, Virgil.

We extend our sympathies to the family of Nick Jones, retired employee of Nevada County, who died at his home in Prescott September 14. Also to the family of Houston Kitchens, whose brother-in-law died September 24 in Jena, La.



DISTRICT



George Ann

Some of our folks have been "hollering" because we haven't been in the news lately. So we'll try to scramble together some news and names to get in print.

We enjoyed having Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stanton visit us again. Hope they will come often.

Think this bunch is trying to keep the hospitals in business. Billie Jones was hospitalized and then home for several weeks recuperating... Mr. Jeter's wife and two of our job superintendents, Les Baker and Glenn Appleby, have made trips to the hospital recently but we are glad they are doing well again. This reporter's mother, Mrs. Alice Lock, is still hospitalized after suffering a heart attack but we hope to have her home in a few days.

but we hope feeling much better by this time.



Charles Brent Lewis, son of Jerry and Tommy Lewis, weighed in at 7 pounds on August 14. For further information, contact this reporter as Grandma knows everything! (I just happen to have a picture.)



DISTRICT



The Informers

Hats off to those who attended the Hartford-Mansfield High School football game September 16 (Hartford's Homecoming). They had the privilege of seeing the 16-year-old twin daughters of one of our heavy truck drivers, John W. (Bill) Michael. Many have reported how the pretty girls were in their evening gowns. The twins, Norma Ray and Nina Kaye Michael made quite a hit.

Our bookkeeper, Emily Rogers, is due back to work soon from her vacation with her daughter, son-in-law, and GRANDSON, who live in San Francisco.

Our District secretary, Mona Gross, has really been having a whirl attending showers for her brand new sister-in-law, who was married to Merle Ray Gross September 9 at the First Baptist Church in Mansfield, Merle and his bride, Kathy, are living in Fayetteville, where he is a Junior at the University, majoring in agriculture. Mona was in Fayetteville September 24 to see the RAZORBACKS in action and reports a fine time.

Congratulations to the following who recently received service awards: Mike O'Shea, 20 years; Jewell D. Kuydenall, 15 years; Olen Brooks, Ronnie Roam, and V. W. Nelson, 5 years.

Seldon Cope survived all that 25-year publicity enough to have just returned from his two-weeks' vacation in Kansas. He said it was too cold for the fish to bite. We are all proud of his longevity with the department.



The Bobby Parkers are mighty proud of their little girl. Paige Elizabeth was four months old when this picture was made. Bobby is our resident engineer at Malvern.

Bob Valentine, our stock clerk for about four years, resigned for other employment and we wish him the best in the future... Al Pruss is replacing Bob in the stock room. We have two new employees in the stock room: Danny Plyler and William "Butch" Garner. Butch is a new bridegroom. He and Miss Bobbie Alice Lewis were married September 10 in Waldron.

Two of our Sheridan crew, Burt Williams and Marion Rodgers, enjoyed vacations in California.

C. B. Rasico has a new grandson and we think this is No. 6. Congratulations! Also, Rasico's wife is in the hospital



DISTRICT



Burnham and Campbe

For those of us whose vacations are in the past or the future, the vacations of our co-workers have been the topics of conversation the past month. Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Thompson with their two grandchildren flew to Hawaii for a vacation and visit with his son and daughter-in-law, who are making their home in Saigon. The airlines strike made the return trip a little difficult, but they enjoyed the Islands, sightseeing, and especially the beach. Mr. Thompson said one of the things that amazed him was the lack of insects, mosquitoes, ants, etc., what with the siege of insects we have had here this summer.

Eugene Slaton and wife vacationed in Miami, Fla., visiting his son Jerry and family. While there, they went to Key West and took an excursion train around the Keys where a guide gave them a resume of the history of the Keys. Luther Hambrick took a short trip to Silver Dollar City, Mo. He visited some caverns and an amusement park there, similar to the one at Dallas... Otis Alexander and his wife visited relatives in Straughn, Ind. Other tourists to Indiana were Jesse Parker and family, who spent a week in Evansville visiting relatives... G. E. Nunnally and Janette were accompanied by J. Q. and Mrs. Nunnally for a visit with their sister and family down in Pensacola. While there they enjoyed beach and all the sea food they could eat.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dickey are parents of a baby girl born September 4, weighing

9 pounds, 8½ ounces. Little Miss Dickey's name is Tamra Dawn.

We welcome to our Highway family the following new employees: Mary Lee Lane, clerk and radio operator; Ralph Toward, assistant stock clerk, and Lloyd Cross, mechanic. Mary and her three children moved here from Jonesboro, but it's like coming home to her as her parents live in Camden. Lloyd is from Elliott, Ark. and replaces James Jones who resigned in August. Ralph's home is in Camden, and he was previously employed by Westbrook Supply Co.

We have missed auditors Nelson Morgan and Frank Miller...We still drink coffee and give them a toast every morning and evening. Ronald Keene and Roland Humble breezed in one afternoon for a short visit. You all come back when you can stay longer.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Neighbors attended the SASHO Convention in Nashville in September.

Jesse W. Millican, inspector at El Dorado, spent two weeks' training with the Army Reserve in Washington state during July. He came back just in time to get moved into his new home.

James B. Williamson, El Dorado resident engineer, received his 5-year pin and certificate in July.

We welcome Mrs. Jeanne Johnson, who was recently employed as field clerk in the Magnolia resident engineer's office. Jeanne lives in Magnolia with her husband, and their 4-year-old daughter.

We are glad to know that A. W. Hardy, Jr., retired AHD employee, and father of Magnolia's resident engineer. A. W. Hardy, Jr., is doing well following surgery several months ago.

Julia Anne Hicks, daughter of Director Walter E. Hicks, is teaching math in the Gravette Public schools.



DISTRICT



McCoy and Howell

District Engineer and Mrs. John F. Price attended the SASHO Convention in Nashville, Tenn. early in September. They reported a pleasant trip.

Elizabeth Bice, wife of our maintenance superintendent, recently completed an 8-weeks' course in quality control for Morton Foods, which was offered at Arkansas Tech. Upon completion of the course she was employed by the local Morton Food plant.

Resident Engineer and Mrs. Lawrence Fletcher, members of his crew and their families enjoyed a fish fry with hush puppies and delicious baked beans at Lake Beverfork, September 10. Lots of tall tales were spun around the sizzling pot of fish and a wonderful time was had by all.

Netha and Loren Brown spent three days recently in Hot Springs.

Leonard C. Keeling received his 15-year service awards.

Barbara McCoy, daughter of Jean McCoy, left for an extended vacation in Mapleton, Ore. with her aunt. They spent several days enroute viewing parts of the country. One of the scenic points was Yellowstone National Park.

James and Marie Brown are the parents of a baby girl, Elizabeth Dawn, born September 7 at St. Mary's Hospital in Russellville. Dawn has a brother, James Ronald, Jr., who is 21 months old. James is employed in the surveys Division in Little Rock and is the son of Netha Brown, payroll clerk in District 8.

The Maintenance Department softball teams this year. The last game of the season was played against the Construction team, managed by T. G. Orton, Jr., with the Maintenance team winning by a score of 15 to 13. However, an additional 3 innings were played, with the Construction team winning by a score of 4 to 0, which the Maintenance team refuses to discuss.

We extend our sympathies to Roy Taylor whose aunt died recently.



DISTRICT



Shirley Morton

New arrivals in District 9: Michael Shanon, 9 pounds, 3 ounces, was welcomed September 4 by his happy parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Howard of Berryville. The Ed McLaughlins' number two son, Patrick Neal, 5 pounds, 15 ounces, made his arrival September 3 at Springdale. Congratulations to the parents.

Charles Howard recently had ear surgery but he is recovering satisfactorily, we're happy to report...Get well wishes are sent to John Box, who is hospitalized in Springdale... Mrs. Doss Bishop had surgery at the Boone County Hospital in September. We hope she is progressing nicely...Henry Hollensworth (retired) is recuperating at his home in Rogers after a recent illness.

Judy Owens, daughter of the J. L. Owens', has returned to Hillcrest Hospital in Tulsa to resume her nurses training. Judy received her cap and first year stripe at Hillcrest last summer. She will go to St. Louis for three months' training during this year.

George Dockery, Basil Shoptaw, and Rick Cowdrey, summer employees at the Fayetteville residency, have returned to their studies at the University. Good luck, fellows!

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hodnett and family spent their vacation at Yellowstone National Park. Larry reported they had lots of fun and he had good luck trout fishing.

Ward Goodman, Coy Campbell, and Frank Battisto visited the Fayetteville residency in September.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sanders took a few days' vacation to visit Diamond Cave at Jasper, the Saunders Museum at Berryville, and Silver Dollar City in Missouri, and other points of interest in our beautiful Ozarks.

Curtis Gardner, stock clerk, resigned September 30 to enter private business. We will miss Curtis and we wish him good luck in his new venture.

Frank Rose was promoted to stock clerk October 1. We're sure he will do a good job and welcome him to the office crew.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Williams motored to Magnolia for a few days' visit with relatives and friends.

Charlie and Opal Baker flew to California for an enjoyable vacation with their son and family.

Others enjoying time off in September were Clide Bailey, James McConnell, Phillip Cain, and Dave Thomsberry and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Holland (retired) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house September 18. Arrangements of yellow roses and gold mums were used throughout the house. The serving table was centered with a lovely arrangement of yellow roses, and little tea cakes and gold punch were served by sisters of the couple to the many friends who called during the receiving hours.

Mr. and Mrs. John Parker of Alpena observed their 25th wedding anniversary with an open house September 4. A two-tiered cake, fruit punch, and coffee were served from a table centered with white carnations and pom-pom mums flanked by silver tapers in cut glass candelabras. Miss Bobbye Parker, their daughter, was in charge of the guest book. Many friends and relatives called during the afternoon hours.

Congratulations to the Madison County Green Thumb crew who were awarded the "Award of the Month" for developing Whorton Park, located about 10 miles south of Huntsville on Highway 74.

We extend our sympathies to Charles Presley and Harley Gilliam in the death of their grandfather and father-in-law.



DISTRICT



Isabelle Psalmonds

Those who received service awards in September were: Melvin House, Fred Berry, and Lester Horton, 5 years; Glendon Parker, 10 years.

Welcome back to Bertha Wood, clerk at Osceola. Bertha has been on maternity leave.

Billy Arnold, Paragould, and his wife were watching TV at their home one night Billy decided to turn the set off and go to bed. He put his foot on the floor and felt a sharp sting. Upon investigation he discovered he had been bitten by a small copperhead that had gotten into the house some way. He gave himself first aid and rushed to the hospital. He is getting along fine and is back on the job. He said he supposed the copperhead didn't like the idea of his turning the television set off so early.

September was the month for returning to school. Jo and Alice Martin, daughters

of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Martin, resident engineer in Paragould, are students at the University of Arkansas. Jo is a Freshman and of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Holder, assistant maintenance superintendent, is a junior at Arkansas State, Jonesboro.



James Tritch, area foreman in Paragould, took his wife, four boys and two girls and went on a camping trip to Norfolk, Buffalo State Park, and other points of interest in Northwest Arkansas. He says that a fellow certainly doesn't have to leave Arkansas to have a good vacation and to see beautiful and interesting sights. We enclose some pictures he took.

At top, James relaxing with Darrell on his lap with Joan and Letha standing nearby. If you look closely you may see the fish James caught. He said you don't have to go to Canada to catch the big ones (we don't think this proves that fact).



Mrs. M. S. Smith has been elected president of the Woodrow Wilson P.T.A. in Paragould. Congratulations, Mrs. Smith.

Congratulations also to Mr. and Mrs. Chester Cooper of Paragould. Their youngest son, Glen Wayne, made his appearance on September 18. He weighed in at 8 pounds, 6 ounces. Just two months ago, Chester became a grandfather so he is really feeling his importance. Another new arrival is a son, born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Herren, weighing 6 pounds, 2 ounces. Herren is on the Coming maintenance crew.

Mrs. Jackie Black, clerk at the Paragould resident's office, reports that her daughter, son-in-law, and six-week-old grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Herschell and Darrell, from Toronto, Canada, have been visiting her for a few days. Jackie sure sounds like a proud grandmother.

John Sanders and Charles Hesselbein accused me of playing favorites by not reporting that they attended a ball game in St. Louis. I don't want to do that, so let it go on record that they did attend a game in St. Louis and enjoyed it.

James C. Cobb and family spent a few days of their vacation in Florida and reported a good trip. The weather was fine and they had a good time.

The M. S. Smiths attended the SASHO Convention in Nashville and said it was a good meeting.

Several of us took in a day at the Mid-South Fair in Memphis. Those we know about are Junior Wycoff, Dewayne Combs, Jerry Glack, Jackie Hopkins, Kay Vangilder, and yours truly, Isabelle Psalmon.

Hugh Mitchell, Jonesboro, retired September 2, after more than 19 years with the Department, and Harlie O. McFall retired September 30 after 22 years' service with AHD. All of us wish them the best of everything in their retirement and trust they will enjoy it for many years. Hope they will stop in and visit us real often.

Rayburn Pritchard, a member of the Coming crew, found a billfold while he was working and returned it to the owner, Mario A. Munoz, Mission, Tex. He first wrote to Mr. Munoz asking where he should send the billfold and after receiving the first letter from Mr. Munoz, he returned the billfold and received a second letter.

Virgil Stuart, equipment supervisor, is hospitalized at Newport. Hope you're up and about soon, Virgil.

All of us in the office and shop are pretty excited these days. The first week in October we will have Open House in our new Headquarters Building, then we will move in. So next month, I'm sure we will have much to say about that.



Donald Streeter and Miss Lavonne Benefield were married August 5 in a double ring ceremony at the First United Penecostal Church in Blytheville. Donald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Streeter,

area foreman at Blytheville. They are making their home in Memphis where the groom is employed at Bluff City Elevator Co. Billy Crump, area foreman at Jonesboro, was best man.

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Jim and Barbara Oldham, at left, joined Senator Clyde E. Byrd and television star, Michael Landon, for a brief visit at the Arkansas Livestock Show Grounds. Senator Byrd is executive vice president and general manager of the annual show and, of course, everyone knows that Landon plays "Little Joe" on the TV series, BONANZA. Landon was one of the star attractions at the show during the week of October 4-8. Barbara is a secretary in County Roads. Johnnie was at the stock show to film night sequences of the fair to include in his 1967 Highway film.

Thistle Kill Ya!



The philosopher who said, "A work well done never needs doing over," evidently never pulled weeds in the garden.

Women who insist on wearing the pants frequently find some other woman wearing the mink.

Success is when your ship comes in and most of your friends and relatives are waiting on the dock.

Two hollywood stars ran into each other at the door of their psychiatrist's office. "Hello, there," said one. "Are you coming or going?"

"If I knew that," said the other, "I wouldn't be here."

"I am sorry," said the dentist, "but you can't have an appointment with me this afternoon. I have eighteen cavities to fill." Then he picked up his golf bag and went out.

Albert was taking part in a local concert. He was only 7 years old, but recited so well that he was encored.

"Well, Albert, and how did you get on?" asked the proud father when he returned home.

"Why, I thought I did all right," replied the youngster, "but they made me do it again."

Widow taking auto trip to west coast with two children, wants someone to accompany her to share expenses. If you long for children of your own or a trip to the coast - here is your chance to get over it.

Cute young thing to prospective employer 'Before I accept this job, Mr. Slawson, I think it only fair to tell you there won't be any opportunities for advances.'

Barbara: "I see by the paper that a woman in Omaha just cremated her fourth husband."

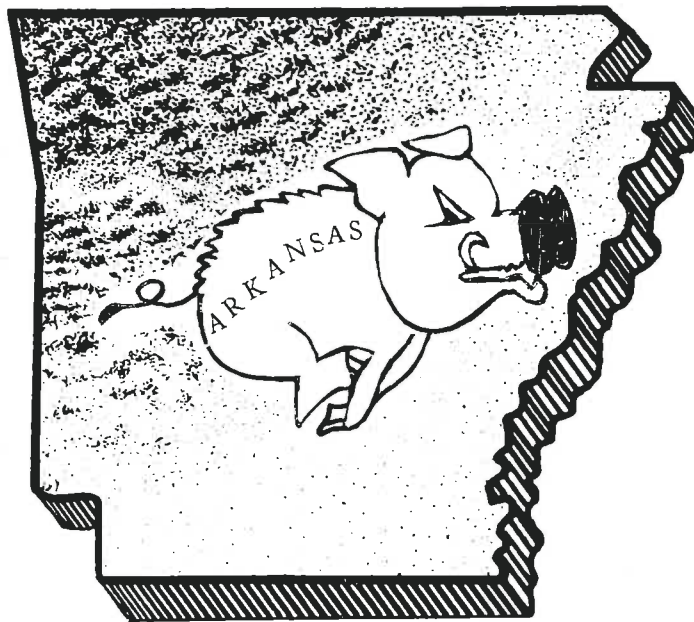
Anne: "Isn't that always the way! Some of us can't get a man, while others have husbands to burn."

The sergeant was instructing the young paratrooper before his first jump. "Count ten and pull the first ripcord. If that doesn't work, pull the second ripcord for the auxiliary 'chute. After you land, a truck will pick you up."

The paratrooper jumped, counted ten and pulled the ripcord. Nothing happened. He pulled the second cord, and nothing happened. He muttered angrily as he fell, then said to himself, "I'll bet that damn truck won't be there either."


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Cover: The new District 10 Headquarters at Paragould were dedicated October 6. Highway Commissioner Maurice Smith of Birdeye, second from left, unveiled the plaque while District 10 Engineer M. S. (Sam) Smith, at left, Director W. E. Hicks, and Chief of Right of Way Henry Gray looked on. Approximately 500 persons were on hand for the ceremonies.