

ARKANSAS HIGHWAYS

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TAYLOR NEW COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

Arnil Taylor, senior member of the Highway Commission, was elevated by unanimous choice of the Commission from Vice Chairman to Chairman of the Commission. Mr. Taylor has served eight years on the Commission, having been appointed in 1959 for a ten-year term. He has been Vice Chairman for the past two years and will serve two years in the present capacity.

Mr. Taylor owns the Taylor Insurance Agency in Clarksville. He has long been involved in public service, having served in the House of Representatives two years, and in the Senate eight years. He was a member of the State Board of Education for seven years and a member of the Game and Fish Commission for seven years. He is past-President of the Rotary, and is a member of the Official Board of the First Methodist Church. He graduated from Hendrix College.

His hobbies are fishing and hunting when he finds time from his business interests, which include real estate and extensive farm and beef cattle operations.

Mr. Taylor and his wife, former Izola Strong, have a daughter, Mrs. Carol Mahlman, and two granddaughters, who reside in Palisades, California, and a son, David, who is attending the University of Arkansas Law School in Fayetteville.



BAKER NOW VICE CHAIRMAN OF HIGHWAY COMMISSION

Truman N. Baker, a long-time member of the Highway Commission, was elected Vice Chairman at the January Commission meeting. Mr. Baker was first appointed to the Commission in 1949 and served four years; was reappointed in January 1961 and served as Vice Chairman during 1963 and 1964. His present term will expire in January 1971.

Mr. Baker's early career in highway construction began in Arkansas in 1921, followed by five years of road construction in Florida supervising 16 million dollars of completed road work.

Mr. Baker owns and operates the Truman Baker Chevrolet Agency in Searcy. He has an extensive and outstanding record of public service, having at various times been a member of the State Welfare Board and the Game and Fish Commission, in addition to his membership on the Highway Commission. He was elected Commander of the North Little Rock Post of the American Legion for four years and the Herman Armstrong Post in Searcy for four years. He is a charter member of the Searcy Chamber of Commerce and a past-President of that group; a member of the National Security Commission, and a member of the Finance Committee, First Security Bank in Searcy. He holds a life membership in the North Little Rock Elks Club, and is a member of Official Board of the Methodist Church in Searcy.

He is an avid hunter and sportsman, pursuing these hobbies whenever and wherever time permits. He is a Razorback fan and a member of the Razorback Club.

Mr. Baker has one daughter, Mrs. Horace Tarkington, two grandsons and one great granddaughter.



**LAWRENCE BLACKWELL
APPOINTED TO
HIGHWAY COMMISSION**

Lawrence Blackwell, Pine Bluff attorney, was recently appointed by Governor Rockefeller as a member of the Highway Commission to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of Wayne Hampton's term. He previously served on the Commission from May, 1958 until January of 1961, filling the unexpired term of Cecil Lynch who died in an accident.

Blackwell, 55, represented the 23rd Senatorial District from 1946 until 1956. During his tenure he helped author the Mack-Blackwell amendment which reduced the number of Highway commissioners from 12 to 5. He served as President pro tem of the Senate during 1955.

He is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and Harvard Law School. He served as a city alderman of Pine Bluff from April of 1936 until January, 1941 when he became mayor. He resigned as mayor in August of 1943 to enter the Navy as an Air Combat Intelligence Officer.

Blackwell is a Shriner and a Scottish Rite Mason. He is a former Potentate of Sahara Temple in Pine Bluff. Presently he is a member of the Board of Directors of the Pine Bluff Chamber of Commerce and a member of the board of Arkansas Power and Light Company.

Mrs. Blackwell is the former Mai Banks of Dumas. They have three children; Dr. Banks Blackwell now in the Navy stationed at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina; Mrs. Ann Sullivan, Oklahoma City; and Alan Blackwell, a student at Henderson State College. The Blackwells are members of Lakeside Methodist Church.



1301 Creekway Drive
Mobile, Alabama 36605
29 December 1966

Director
State Highway Department
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

Recently I had the pleasure of traveling in your state.

Those State employees and citizens who are responsible for keeping the rights-of-way in your state in good repair are to be commended for a beautiful job.

In the past thirty or more years I have travelled from my own state of Alabama to Arkansas, and I have always been impressed by the miles of clean roadways in your state. And each time I have travelled in Arkansas, I have been pleased at the new improvements you have made for the traveler's comfort.

Yours very truly,
William C. Neville

December 20, 1966

Dear Mrs. Herndon:

I want to thank you for the cooperation you have given me in letting me borrow your film on "Arkansas Highways". It made my seminar talk of the Interstate system more interesting to the students. My speech had only half of the film in it, yet the students liked it so well, they wanted to see the last half of the film. We all enjoyed the film. Thanks, ever so much.

Sincerely,
Richard Edwards
University of Arkansas



Employees presented service awards on behalf of the Highway Commission were Joe J. Schamer, Grover E. Nunnally, Charles E. Gibbons, John B. McFerrin, and Joe C. (Jelly) Webb. Commissioners in the back row are new member Lawrence Blackwell, Maurice Smith, Armil Taylor, and John Harsh, and Director Ward Goodman.

FIVE EMPLOYEES RECEIVE SERVICE AWARDS IN JANUARY

Five Department employees received service awards which were presented to them by Director Ward Goodman on behalf of the Highway Commission during their meeting January 25.

JOE CARLTON WEBB, assistant resident engineer in District Seven, was presented a pin and certificate for 40 years' service, making him the fourth employee to enter the quadragesimal society. Walter Hicks, Don Hayes and Lanky Rives preceded him in completing forty years.

Webb, a native of Locust Bayou in Calhoun County, has worked with the Department since 1925 except during World War II when he worked with the Corps of Engineers building air bases. He started as a gravel checker and has worked as an inspector and instrumentman before being promoted to assistant resident engineer.

He and his wife, the former Mary Hazel Plunkett of Hampton reside at 655 Maple in Camden. They have two daughters. He is a member of the Methodist Church and a Scottish Rite Mason. Hunting and fishing occupy his leisure time.

JOE J. SCHAMER, an assistant in the Accounting Department, has completed 30 years' with the Department, having been first employed in January of 1937. Schamer, a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, graduated from Notre Dame University and worked for some other firms before coming to the Highway Department as a bookkeeper when the Highway Department was still in the State Capitol. Later he was transferred to the central office where he has

worked as a bookkeeper, auditor, and acting chief accountant before being promoted to assistant division head.

Schamer is married to the former Evelyn Bailey of Arkadelphia. They have one daughter, Margaret who is a buyer for Goldsmith's, Memphis' largest department store. The Schamers reside at 2505 North Fillmore in Little Rock. Joe is quite a boating and fishing enthusiast.

CHARLES ENOCH GIBBONS, JOHN BAYARD McFERRIN and GROVER E. NUNNALLY each received 25 year certificates.

Gibbons, a life-long resident of Perry County, has been the County Area Foreman there since 1962. He farmed before being first employed by the Highway Department in 1937 and still has a farm at Bigelow where he lives and raises cattle. He left the Department during World War II to work on defense projects and returned to our employ in 1945.

Gibbons is married to the former Opal Brown of Pleasant Valley. They will celebrate their fortieth wedding anniversary in May of this year. They have three children. The Gibbons are a real Highway Department family, since in addition to Charles, his son Lee is a technician in the Traffic Engineering section of Planning and Research, and his son-in-law, Cal Porterfield, is an engineering technician in the Radio section of the Maintenance Division, both at the central headquarters in Little Rock.

Charles Gibbons is a member of the Baptist

Church in Bigelow. His diversionary time is spent tending his cattle.

McFerrin, a motor patrol operator in District Nine, was born at Compton in Newton County. He joined the Highway Department in 1919, only six years after it was established. During the years of his employment, which have been continuous since 1945, he has operated every type of grader used by the Department from horse-drawn to the modern type now in use.

McFerrin and his wife, the former Gladys Richardson, have four children. The McFerrins are members of the Harrison Bible Church where he serves as a deacon.

Grover E. Nunnally, maintenance superintendent in District Seven, graduated from Strong High School and attended El Dorado Junior College and Arkansas Tech then worked as a rough neck in the oil fields and for county road crews. He was employed by the Highway Department in 1949 and received training under some of the Department's most competent engineers in different locations throughout the state.

Mrs. Nunnally is the former Jeanette Honeycutt, also of Strong. They have one daughter, Amelia Anne, whose marriage is a forthcoming event. The Nunnallys reside in Camden. He is a member of the First Baptist Church there and an enthusiastic sports fan, allegedly the arm chair variety especially. Fishing is one of the sports he likes best and word has been circulated that he is at his best fishing in his Sunday clothes. (Does that mean armchair hook-dipper too? Ed.)



Mrs. Webb and two of their grandchildren were on hand to see Jelly get his forty year service certificate at Little Rock.

The employees in the section of Accounting which work mostly with Federal-aid procedures pose at the refreshment table set up in honor of Joe's 30-year service award. Pictured with Accounting Chief J. E. McCarthy and the Schamers are Pat Koonce, Barbara Bueter, Johnnie Beavers. And back row, Betsy Morrison, Mell Jones, Les Perry and Jack Keilch.





The Schamers share cake-cutting honors at social time in honor of his service award. (Hope this isn't the first time they've held hands since their wedding day.)



Personnel Director Dale Davison presents Sible Cox' 10 year service certificate.

Sible Cox in our Personnel Office was honored on Thursday, January 26 for 10 years of faithful service with the Highway Department. Dale Davison, with a speech, presented the certificate and pin. Sible was pleasantly surprised and deeply moved by the many friends present. Cake, punch and nuts were served by hostesses Dorothy Lehman and Shirley Bain. The table decorations were in the valentine mood. Sible was given a lovely white corsage. Congratulations, Sible.



Baker, Hutson, Jarvis and Charles Green of the State Civil Defense office at Conway, who also attended the course.

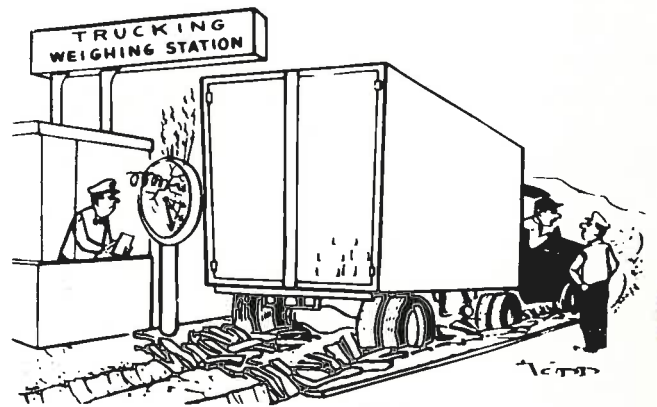
WEIGHT OFFICERS ATTEND ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY

Capt. Bob Baker, Assistant Weights Chief S. A. Hutson and Capt. Lee Jarvis of the Weights and Standards Division attended an intensive work-study program in community relations offered January 30 to February 3 by the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy.

Classes were held at the Grady Manning Motor Hotel in Little Rock with demonstrations given at the training facilities of the Little Rock Police Department.

The course was designed to improve the image of law enforcement with the news media, other governmental agencies, political administrations, industry and the public.

Capt. Ray Cole attended a similar course at Fayetteville the week of February 13 and Capt. John Phelan attended one at Jonesboro the week of February 20.



"Really? . . . Why It Handles Like a Feather."

SPRING BANK FERRY WAS FAMILY OPERATION FOR GENERATIONS

FRONT COVER STORY

The Highway Department currently has under construction some new approaches to the Spring Bank ferry (also under construction) on Highway 160 at Red River between Doddridge and Bradley in Miller County. The new location of the ferry crossing will be south of the old crossing used by the privately-owned ferry which plied back and forth across the river until 1964. The ferry service was discontinued when it's operation became too much for the widow of the owner who died in 1952.

George K. Phillips of Hartman, Arkansas is constructing the barge on the site. It will be 20 feet by 60 feet and have a capacity of 6 cars. Grafton Boat Company of Grafton, Illinois is constructing the tug. Cost of the barge will be about \$28,000 and the tug about \$29,000. The ferry, which will not be in use for some months yet, will be operated toll-free by the Highway Department. Approaches to the crossing are being built by R.N. Reynolds Construction Co. of Camden at an estimated cost of \$121,600. R.V. Wilkison is the Resident Engineer for the Highway Department.

The Spring Bank ferry operation is almost synonymous with the name Blanton whose family members operated the ferry for some 125 years. However the ferry was first established even earlier (in the late 1820's) by a man described only as a "rugged old pioneer". The ferry was actually a small raft oared with the current and poled to the

Grafton Boat Company of Grafton, Illinois is constructing the new tug which will power the ferry barge. The old tug shown below now sits abandoned on dry land near the old ferry crossing.

landing which would carry several footmen or one horse and his rider.

John Caffery bought the ferry in 1934 and hired a Swede named Ocie Sandlson to build a bigger barge. The boat house had sides hewn from cypress logs with rough timber floor. Caffery used slaves to power the boat.

William Richard Blanton migrated from Alabama to the Spring Bank area in the extreme southwestern part of the state and became the first of the Blantons to operate the ferry. Blanton, who with his wife Mary, moved from South Carolina to Lowndes County, Alabama, and later migrated with their three children to Arkansas about 1836, became a prominent citizen and enterprising business man who established a plantation which reached from the confluence of the Sulphur and Red rivers to the Arkansas-Louisiana line. He was appointed a Lieutenant Colonel of the Militia by President James K. Polk and was the first Justice of the Peace west of Red River in that general locality.

Blanton and John Caffery became good friends and in 1839 Blanton bought the ferry from Caffery who stayed on as "bookkeeper". Blanton also used slave labor to power the ferry. He died in 1863 just before his plantation collapsed from effects of the Civil War. One of his sons, James Deas Blanton, only surviving child of the three born in Alabama, operated the ferry after his father but the exact period of his ownership of the ferry is not known.

James Deas Blanton was also a very successful farmer who seemed to withstand the ravages of the war. In addition to the plantation, and the ferry, he owned and operated a store, a wood yard for refueling steamboats and a cotton warehouse. He served as an officer in the cavalry of the Confederacy during the War. Years later he became a State representative and was one of the first trustees of School District 23.

In later years William Kelly Blanton, Sr. took over the ferry operation from his father and when his son, William Kelly, Jr. who was born in 1922, became old enough to manage the ferry, he assumed its operation and modernized it with a complete new ferry and tug-

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**J. R. CHANEY PROMOTED TO ASSISTANT
CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER**

J. R. Chaney, former resident engineer, has been promoted to assistant construction engineer, filling the vacancy created by Coy Campbell's promotion to District 7 engineer. He is a graduate of the University of Arkansas and a registered professional engineer with membership in the Central Arkansas Chapter of ASPE.

He worked with the Highway Department two years, left to assume employment with the Corps of Engineers and then returned to the Highway Department in 1965.

Both Chaney and his wife, Shirley, are natives of Nebraska. They reside at 10202 Ronald Drive and have one daughter, Karen, aged 2.



Maurice Head's boss, Don Hayes, presents him a 10-year service certificate.

SPRING BANK FERRY OPERATION

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boat which was used until the operation was discontinued in 1964. William Kelly Blanton, Jr. died in 1952, thus ending many years of a family's service to their community. Blanton's wife Willie B. and their two daughters, Linda and Mary Ann operated the boat with hired help until the ferry was taken out of operation.



A craftsman diligently working on the new barge.



Hermit Vestal (right) and his brother at work on the barge.

COCKTAIL PARTY IN RETURN FOR AIR HAMMERS

For most business firms public relations is what they make it and it can do as much or as little as the officials wish, but when a highway contractor is rewarded with a cocktail party by area residents after having bombarded their ears with the shattering staccato of air hammers on a nearby project, then surely his comprehension of public relations must pretty nearly have approached the ultimate. John Harbert, head of a construction firm in Birmingham, Alabama, figures his company's efforts at earning the goodwill of the residents near a close-quarters project saved him 2 million dollars in lawsuits.

Since the job consisted of digging a 24 foot tunnel, 300 feet long, between two apartment buildings as part of the construction of an already controversial expressway in Birmingham, Harbert anticipated the complications which would likely arise when three huge air hammers went to work.

In an effort to short-circuit complaints and at the same time put in a plug for progress, Harbert threw a cocktail party for all the tenants of the two buildings, most of whom were elderly people. He explained to them what his men were doing and laid down ground rules. The construction crew would work from 6 a.m. until about 8 p.m. each day until the work was done. The get-acquainted party was a huge success and some of the tenants even made suggestions about working hours and conditions.

Going even further, Harbert had his men construct grandstands where the tenants could sit and watch while the hammers beat out an incessant 70 blows a minute, firming up the foundation of the tunnel.

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY DAMES

The auxiliary for the wives of the State Highway employees will have a tea at 10:30 at the First Federal Savings and Loan Building in North Little Rock, March 16. A style show will be given by Kempners Department Store. Mrs. Ruth Newsom is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Marge Davison will be the commentator.

Betty Hutchison
Publicity

BLOODMOBILE TO VISIT NEW BUILDING

In order to receive blood donations in the expeditious manner and with the least possible inconvenience to employees, the Red Cross Blood Center will set up their equipment at the new central headquarters building south of Little Rock on March 15 between 12:30 and 4:30.

All employees who qualify to give blood are urged to make a donation. The equipment will be set up in the nurse's station at the north end of the basement.

The crew put their names on their helmets and talked with the people. Bulletins were posted each week with a progress report and telling what was planned the following week.

During the month-long excavation, the tenants were jolted and shaken by the heavy equipment working outside but no one moved out.

One lady in the high-rise buildings said the workers looked like little ants scurrying around below and she would miss them when they left.

After the project was completed, ahead of schedule, the residents compensated with a cocktail party for Harbert and his men.



A 22-MONTH JOB IN EIGHT, By John M. Harbert III

SCHOOL FOR FALLOUT SHELTER MANAGERS IS HELD

A Shelter Managers' training course was sponsored by the Safety Section of the Highway Department in February to build a nucleus of shelter workers for the central headquarters building. It was conducted by Phillip Lipsmeyer, Marion Johnson and Ray Ellis, instructors at Arkansas State Teachers College, with Lipsmeyer as instructor in charge. Roland Humble, Safety Director and Leon Sneed of the Equipment Division who is trained in radiological monitoring, also aided in the course.

The first day and a half of the session was devoted to classroom work on subjects including organization and operation of a shelter, entry into a shelter, supplying and maintaining a shelter, feeding, sleeping arrangements and health and sanitation. Two hours and a half of the second day were devoted to a realistic mock exercise conducted in a hallway with doors leading out locked. During the exercise persons were assigned to places of responsibility, including guards at the doors. It is part of a shelter manager's responsibility to see that no one leaves a shelter as long as radiation outside is at a dangerously high level.

(Right) Lee Gibbons (P&R), acting as Shelter Manager during the exercise, gives instructions to Juanita Whiley (Office Engineer's office) and Ernestine Tucker (Weights & Standards), who were appointed to handle communications while Jim Francis (Maint.) looks on.



(Left) A.C. Ledbetter (Right-of-Way), Sybil Maddox (M&T), Ethyl Harrison (Legal,) Retha Griffin (Right-of-Way) and Winnie Lyles (P&R) make the best of cramped quarters for sleeping while James Trost (Surveys) guards the door.



(Left) "Open wide and say 'Ah-h' ", and Barbara Oldham (County Roads) does for John Helgen (Final Estimates) as he makes a medical check of shelterees.

(Right) Instructors for the training course were Phillip Lipsmeyer, standing left, in charge, Col. Marion Johnson, seated, and Ray Ellis from ASTC. Radiological monitor for measuring radiation is seen in the foreground of picture.



The central headquarters building is rated to have sufficient shelter space for 2700 people. Those attending the training session were: Bonnie Hill of Accounting; Betty Claude and Jim Matthews, Bridge Design; Geraldine Kissire and John Helgen of Construction; Barbara Oldham, County Roads; Frances Richardson, Data Processing; Billie Jones and Georgia Russenberger, District 6; A. G. Cruse and Ed Orsini, Internal Audit; Ethyl Harrison, Legal; Madge Livingston, Jim Francis and Bob Fulton, Maintenance; Sibyl Maddox, Terrall Watts, and Carmath Phillips, Materials and Tests; Juanita Whiley, Office Engineer; Sibble Cox, Personnel; Sharon Pelley, Lee Gibbons, Harold Woolsey, Winnie Lyles and Dave Conner, Planning and Research; Lou Hardy, Procurement; Rachel Simmons, Reproduction; Retha Griffin and A. C. Ledbetter, Right of Way; Richard Butler and Don Potter, Roadway Design; Marie Blankenship, Safety; William J. Harrod and Jim Trost, Surveys; James Mellard and Richard Hobby, Traffic Services; Ernestine Tucker,

Weights and Standards; E. C. Walther, Jr., Permits; and Mildred M. Davis, Buildings and Grounds.

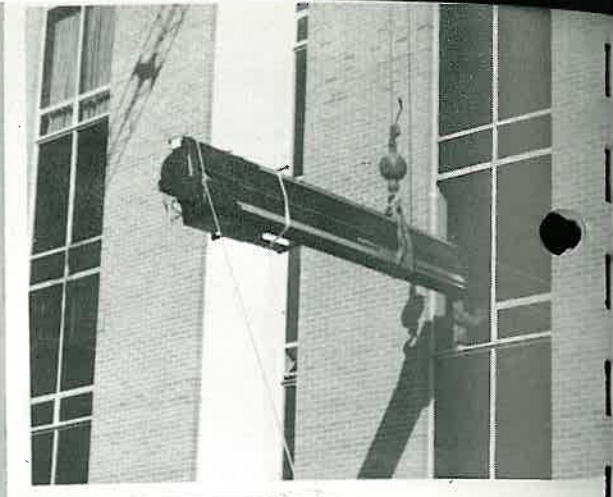
According to the instructors, this group was one of the most serious and interested schools they had ever conducted.



"Did you have an appointment?"



Above
The vacuum table
crated, barely clears
the window.



Above
The large shaft en-
tering the window
safely.



Delicate instruments to aid delicate instruments, though seemingly cumbersome. The crane is gently lifting the shaft of the new camera into the window.

Below: Al Dunn at the new camera set-up. The vacuum table is in po ready to go to work. Above Al is the shaft. Behind is the lens of the c that is built into a room.

VERSATILE CAMERA INSTALLED

Delivery of a custom-made 41" Admiral precision overhead camera manufactured to the specifications of the Highway Department was made in early February. The giant camera is equipped with a combination of three lens, 30", 19" and 10 3/4", a 52" and 72" copyboard and a bank of 4 lights totalling 12,000 watts to light it. It is designed to enlarge to 10 1/2 times and reduce to 3 1/2 times the subject. A primary function of the camera, which will photograph by transmission of light as well as by reflection of it, will be to make copies of delicate original map tracings. Later it will be a vital part of the photogrammetric process when aerial mapping is put into service by the Department.

Allen Dunn, who has 21 years' experience in the photo-reproduction field, has been employed to operate the camera.



Certificate Granted to C. E. Naugle Engineering Technician in District Seven

C. E. "Gene" Naugle, Engineering Technician in the Residency of Norman Pumphrey at Camden, was granted certification in the grade of Senior Engineering Technician by the Institute for the Certification of Engineering Technicians on November 21, 1966.

He is a native of Oklahoma and attended the University of Tulsa and Oklahoma State University. He has also supplemented his college training by studying law and engineering through correspondence.

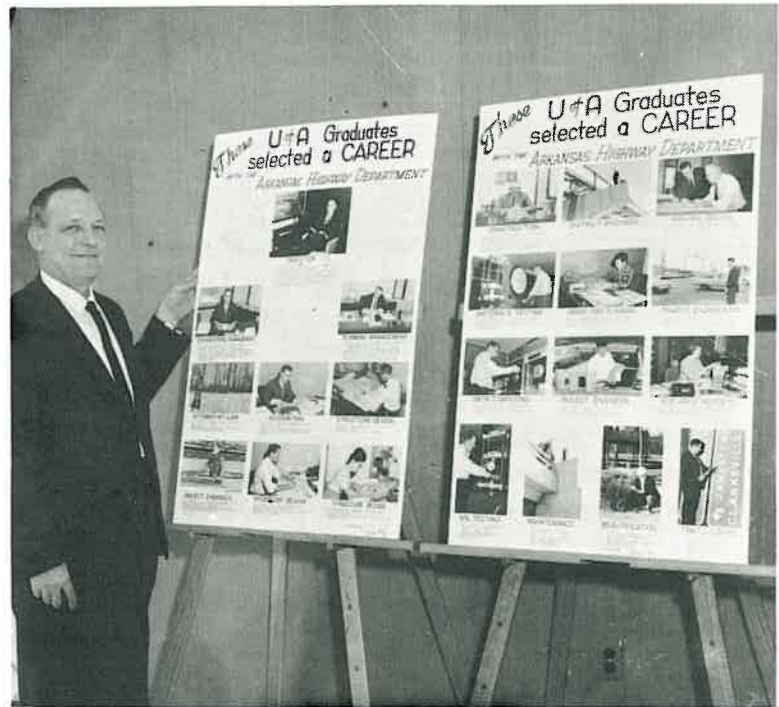
The Naugles are Presbyterians. Gene is a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Society of Exploration Geophysicists and the American Society of Certified Engineering Technicians. Norman Pumphrey presented the certificate to Naugle. (At the writing of the January issue of the Magazine, we did not know about Naugle's certification. Gene Ashcraft of the Final Estimates Section whom we noted as the first Department employee to receive certification from ICET was approved in December. Ed.)



C. E. Naugle (left)
Norman Pumphrey (right)

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPRESENTED AT "CAREER DAYS"

Dale Davison, Personnel Officer and Jack Coleman, Resident Engineer at Alma, represented the Highway Department as one of the 70 Arkansas-based companies who interviewed graduate students at the University of Arkansas for prospective employment during "Career Days" on February 7 and 8. During the two days posters and exhibits such as the ones shown are set up in the student union building, advising students of the opportunities and advantages of making a career with the Department. Conferences were held with students, particularly from the engineering school, who desired them.



Dale Davison with display posters showing phases of Highway know-how.

District 7 Headquarters



IF YOUR DRIVING NEEDS IMPROVING.....

Mary Day Herndon

If your driving needs improving (and who thinks theirs does), then pay heed to some pointers given by a person who knows her subject. That's right, her subject.

Now, fellows, this is primarily for ladies, but after you have finished guffawing, we'd like you to sit and listen, too. After all, we ladies never forget which sex it is that causes ALL of us to have to pay high insurance rates and that the 16-25 year age group of them are in the high-risk category because of past accidents. And surely, all those dented fenders and mashed in doors weren't the fault of women.

The her we mentioned is Denise McCluggage, who probably has far more male readers than feminine fans — that is, until the recent release of her booklet entitled "Are You a 'Woman Driver'?"

The credentials which make her an authority on the subject are her past experience as a newspaper woman and a sports car racing driver. She is a winner of the Gran Turismo category at the Sebring Twelve-hour Race and has contributed articles to CAR AND DRIVER, ROAD AND TRACK, NUGGET, SCIENCE AND MECHANICS, and CAR LIFE (publications found on very few dressing tables.) But the salon set may recognize her name as a contributing editor of TOWN AND COUNTRY magazine in connection with automotive and travel subjects.

Miss McCluggage's answer to the constant scorn women drivers must endure is that it's because "...men taught them how to drive." (Time out for laughter, again.) She also says that "...women are more aware of their shortcomings and are more willing than men to listen and learn." (More laughter.)

Apparently drivers — both men and women — have a lot to learn. In Miss McCluggage's opinion the general level of driving ability among Americans is frighteningly low. When newspapers report that a driver "lost control" of a car, it frequently means he abdicated control, she says. "He gave up when his limited reserve of skill gave out."

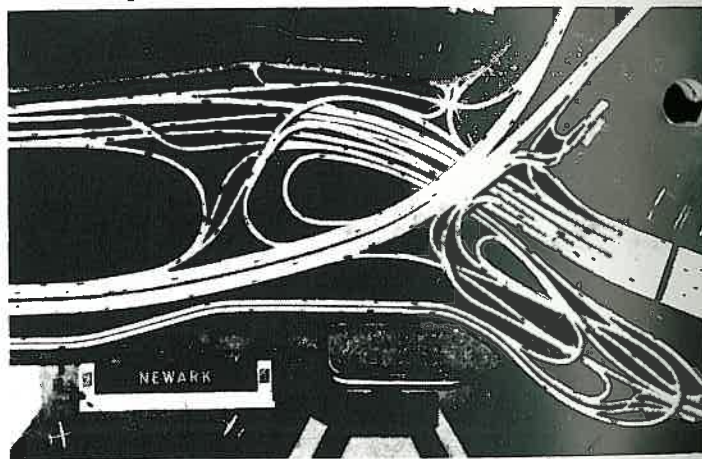
A driver needs a sense of motion, giving her (or him, gender means nothing here) control of her vehicle, and a sense of traffic (helping her predict the pattern of cars in motion.). Miss McCluggage stresses driver awareness: "While you are driving, develop a habit of sending darting, observing glances everywhere." No matter what signal the driver of another car is giving, or where he is looking, the wheels of his car determine which direction it will go, so watch them, especially the front ones where the tire meets the ground.

Miss McCluggage says that when emergencies

occur while driving, judgment plays a major part in determining the seriousness of an accident. Her publication, sponsored by CITGO, lists seven rules for staying alive if a crash seems to be inevitable.

(1) Always dodge to the right, not into on-coming traffic. (2) Always drive off the road rather than skid off. (3) Always hit something soft before you hit something hard, if possible (a snowbank or bushes are preferable to a car, for example). (4) Always hit something going your way before you hit something stationary. (5) Always hit something stationary with a glancing blow. (6) Always hit something stationary before you hit something moving toward you. (7) Never hit anything head-on. These pointers must be qualified with "If possible".

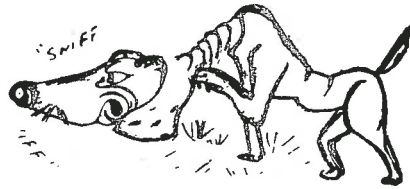
Another pointer for around-the-neighborhood driving is to never lean across the passenger's seat to open the door without shifting into Park or Neutral since the foot might slip off the brake and hit the accelerator." This point should be well taken because I know of a lady who had that accident and her current model Oldsmobile wound up directly between men's casual slacks and better quality dress shirts of the men's toggerly in front of which she was parked.



VAST INTERCHANGE A BRIDGE TO EASIER TRAFFIC FLOW

How would you like to run upon this interchange for the first time at 70 miles per hour? Looking like a sponful of dropped spaghetti, this multi-figured interchange is being constructed near the Newark, N. J. airport and is designed to handle a staggering half-million cars a day. Twenty new or rehabilitated roads will be interconnected with 27 new bridges to handle a traffic load expected to expand to five times what it now is by 1990. When completed in 1970 the vast interchange, estimated to cost \$40 million, will connect four state routes and the New Jersey Turnpike to relieve congestion in the metropolitan New Jersey vicinity and to provide access lanes into Newark airport for fast through service without requirement of traffic lights.

AROUND the DEPARTMENT



ACCOUNTING DIVISION

Mildred Harness

Congratulations to Joe Schamer, who January 25 received his 30 yr. service award. Refreshments were served in Accounting in honor of his award. Mr. Schamer's very pretty wife, Evelyn, charmed the commissioners and us in Accounting with her presence. Edith Gibson, Mell Jones, Linda Winbury and Jo Malone were hostesses for the party.

January 20, Leland Bull left the Highway Department for another job located in Danville, Ark. Leland started in Accounting when he came to the Highway Department, and then moved to Internal Audit. We miss him dropping in to see us, but tons of luck to you, Leland.

We were all invited to Personnel, December 26 to help Sibble Cox celebrate receiving her 10 yr. service pin. We were served punch and cake. Congratulations to a wonderful person.

Georgia Cottrell paid us a visit in January and we hope she will be back with us again.

Tyronza Hines, a former employee, came to see the new building and us. We were surely glad to see her and hear all about her new baby. Come again Tyronza.

At a Valentine dance on Friday, February 3 a Valentine queen will be selected for Beta Sigma Phi from Sweethearts elected by each of the 13 chapters in Little Rock. Our own Barbara Bueter has been chosen the Sweetheart from Lambda chapter. Good luck, Barbara. We hope you make queen. Proceeds of the dance will go to the Enterprises of the Blind. Barbara has enjoyed newspaper publicity, TV appearances and attended a tea.



Barbara Bueter



This handsome youngster is known as Master James Hoyt Harness, Jr., grandson of your reporter Mildred Harness. He was born December 24, 1965 - no one could ask for a better Christmas present.



Nancy Allen

Editor's Goof! In the January issue of the Highway Magazine there appeared two pictures of Margaret Allen's grandchildren. When pages were in the make-ready process there were three pictures. Not realizing the two girls were twins, I returned one of the pictures. The error was discovered too late for the January issue. Here we see Nancy, the other twin.

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Well, we may all dislike having to pay Income Taxes, but think for a moment about how much more we'd dislike NOT having to pay them—like living in Russia, for instance.



COUNTY PROGRAM

Barbara Oldham

The County Program Division takes this opportunity to say WELCOME to our two new employees: Bobby Hoover and Todd Salkeld. Bobby is married and is attending night classes at Little Rock University. Todd was recently employed at Southern Equitable Life Insurance Company. He is also attending night classes at LRU studying Architectural Engineering. And Todd is single, girls. His favorite sport is waterskiing. We are happy to have both these new men with us and hope to keep them a long time.

Gene Thomas, who resigned to attend college full time to obtain a Civil Engineering degree, was given a cigarette lighter with his name engraved on it from all fellow employees on January 27 at a party.

Marvin Griffin, draftsman, received his five year pin on February 1, 1967. CONGRATULATIONS! Marvin...and we hope to have you with us many more years.

Harold Mize, father of Bob Mize, Jr. designer in our division, has been in the hospital in Benton recently...We send him get well wishes for a speedy recovery.



DATA PROCESSING

Trisha McDonald

Our congratulations to Dale and Sherry Hoggard, proud parents of Robin Kay born January 19. Robin tipped the scales at 8 pounds and 13 ounces. The Hoggards also have a son, Mike, one and a half.

Charlotte Gilliam and a friend, Karen Riggins, recently visited their husbands who are stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. where they are receiving extended training in the National Guard.

Erma and Robert Jetton spent the weekend visiting with Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Halls at their home on Lake Hamilton at Hot Springs.

Speaking of new arrivals, we in DP are looking for a new arrival of our own about mid-February, the 360 IBM computer which will replace the 1401 system now in use. The 360 computer has been ready for shipment for sometime but programming for it has just been recently completed, which goes to show you how rapid progress is in the computer field. (If you have never seen the computers at work you should pay DP a visit some-

time. The many lights flashing look like a small town switchboard when the fire siren goes off. Ed.) All are invited to come and see - see but don't touch, that is!

Frances Richardson is mighty proud of her son, Larry, for making the Dean's List at Arkansas Tech. Our congratulations to Larry, also.



DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Mary Day Herndon



First of all, we present to you a most congenial personality in the person of Virginia Williams who has come to be secretary to the Internal Auditors. Bless the auditors, they need not feel like stepchildren anymore. We've already warned Virginia - this group unabashedly likes to be coddled. But that's alright - they're nice enough to warrant it.

Virginia has worked parttime (meaning part of the year she worked and a part of it she didn't) for Woodson-Tenent Laboratories in North Little Rock for several years. She and her husband, Kenneth, Sr. live at 4316 Locust in North Little Rock. He is manager of Standard Furniture's Budget Store. They have one son, Kenneth, Jr. who is married and lives in Little Rock.

Bo Cruce's wife and daughter Jean paid him an office visit recently and he was nice enough to bring them around for introductions, especially Jean whom we hadn't met.

Leland Bull, youngest member of the Audit Section, left to range back nearer the old stomping grounds of earlier days and William E. Pilcher Jr. has been hired to take his place. He formerly had been associated in the banking and insurance fields. Bill and his wife Mary Jo reside at 8805 Cloverhill Road. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and a charter member of the Rosedale Optimists. He attended L.R.U. and Draughton's School of Business. We're glad to have you among us, Bill.

It was nice to have R. B. Winfrey, retired from Engineer of Maintenance, pay us a visit one day recently. He looks

as though retirement is really agreeing with him.

Wallace Switzer will be home from National Guard Training this month and Dorothy and Drummond are glad. Expect Wallace is a little excited over it, too.

Ronald Keene has been contemplating going to Acapulco in late February with his brother-in-law from the north who goes every year. Now Ronald is saying he has too much work to do to get away. Can you imagine anyone reasoning themselves out of going to Acapulco, especially when he has already been to Mexico City and that area twice and knows something of what it's like (and he really liked it). I even showed him what the girls are almost wearing in bathing suits at the resort (as shown by a current magazine.) As of this writing he is still saying he has too much to do to get away.

POTPOURRI: Had a telephone call from Leontee Connelly and also paid her a stoplight visit recently and she is still recuperating nicely from the severe heart attack suffered in December. She has now taken retirement and says she will pay us a visit to the building one day soon. Sibble Cox was so worried that Personnel would have a surprise "happening" for awarding her 10-yr. pin and she wouldn't know when to wear her "good" dress...and sure enough they did. She was completely surprised...You just can't get around some people...When they want to do good, they're bound to find a way... Mamie Fanning knows. She received her 15 yr. pin early in January and was treated by the other folks in Reproduction with cake, coffee, picture making - the whole treatment, so Mamie, being the modest soul that she is, emphatically said that when her birthday came, Friday, January 27, she wanted no recognition given to it, and if necessary to accomplish that fact, she would stay home that day. So on Thursday, the 26th the Reproduction employees surprised her with a little to-do for her birthday, reasoning that she hadn't said anything about not permitting anything to be done for her on Thursday. Can't folks be just wonderful sometimes?

News is short this month. Everyone gadded about during the holidays but in January about the only trip most people take is to the License Bureau. The rest of the time they work.



EQUIPMENT AND CENTRAL SHOP

Avalee Padgett and Sue Fuller

A little farewell get together was held at Central Shop in honor of one of our long time employees, George Lewis, who is retiring on January 31 with 38½ years of service with the Highway Department. We all wish George the best of luck.

We regret to report A. B. Homsley, Central Shop watchman, had to resign from the Department because of illness, and hope by this time he is much improved.

The Equipment Office celebrated Thurman Payne's birthday on January 3 with cake and coffee. Gail Hamm and Sharon Burnett from Computer Center across the hall were guests. It was also Sharon's birthday, so our cake was quite full with candles.

Several of our former employees have visited us since we have been in our new offices, Kavanaugh Heard, Frank Fleming P. L. Harris, J. L. Goins, Jr., W. E. Burns and Lee Hardin. We are always happy to have any of them visit us.

Our boss, C. Don Hayes, presented his assistant, Maurice Head, with his 10 yr. pin and service award. Congratulations, Mr. Head.

Since we have written news for the magazine several changes were made in personnel in this office. Sally Crook and Martha Pearle resigned to accept employment in Jacksonville at the time we moved and Sue Fuller transferred to Central Shop Office. Sally was replaced by Shirley Spann and Martha by Bonita Robbins. Welcome to all our new employees. We would like to keep the former ones and new ones also. Martha Pearle has been re-employed. Welcome back, Martha. We have all missed her warm and friendly nature and look forward to our continued association.



MATERIALS AND TESTS

Sibyl Maddox

We have a distinguished "Country Gentleman" in our midst - Jim Briley, one of our engineers, has been awarded the "Country Gentleman" Certificate of Award from Radio Station KDXE...Congratulations, Jim!

Doug Turney, son of Georgette and R.C. Turney, had a wreck in Huntsville... He has been dismissed from the hospital at Fayetteville and is getting along nicely...Doug is now attending LRU, having transferred from the University of Arkansas at semester.

John Adams, cement lab, has resigned to enter military service...He will undergo basic training at Fort Polk, La. We will miss him!

Wendell Williams has returned from Oklahoma City, where he visited the Oklahoma Highway Department to observe the procedures and apparatus used in testing reflective sheeting used on highway signs.

Allan Holmes and family have purchased a new home in Winston Terrace sub-division...They will move in the early part of February...We are happy for you and yours, Allan.

Maurice Tillery has purchased a 1960 "Renault"...Watch out for him, he's dangerous!

Your reporter and Julia Halliburton had the privilege of serving as judges at a statewide high school debate contest, held at Hall High School, Saturday, January 21. ...More Fun.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

There is no truer and more abiding happiness than the knowledge that one is free to go on doing, day by day, the best work one can do.

Robin G. Collingwood



PLANNING AND RESEARCH

P & R Staff

We are very proud of our receptionist. Not only is Sharon Pelley pretty — as everyone has no doubt noticed — she is also an unusually nice person. For months she has been trying to help a severely burned 10-year-old boy she knew about whose family has had misfortune; and in January she and her husband took off from work and drove him to the Shrine Hospital in Shreveport for examination.



Sharon Pelley

Others in the P&R and Weights and Standards Divisions have contributed clothing for the boy and for the rest of the family — there are nine children. This spontaneous charitable effort has resulted in a whole truckload of gifts without benefit of solicitation.



Peggy McFarlin and Karen Lynn Phillips

New Employees: We have two new girls. Peggy McFarlin, who will be assigned to the Data Analysis Section,

is married and has two little boys. She is a past employee of Southwestern Bell. Karen Lynn Phillips will work in the Data Collection Office and comes to us after a semester of study at LRU. Welcome!

Joe Banks, of Roy Jorgensen and Associates, consultants, told us all goodbye and took off for South Dakota — his job with us done. He said he knew how cold it gets in South Dakota and asked his boss if there were not something available in Hawaii but was told an alternative would be Ontario, which is even colder. Joe Banks is a quiet person who tends strictly to business, but there is a very likable quality about him that made everyone his friend. We're sorry he has gone. He did a good job.

We are in the midst of reconstruction of our building, with walls half up all over the place. It's very confusing now, but we feel the result will be better.

Jay Hensley and Bob Kessinger attended a Highway Research Board meeting in Washington, D.C., January 16-20, to learn what progress in research is being made in other states.

James Barnett, chief of the Traffic Engineering Section, presented the highlights and findings of the Pulaski Area Transportation Study to the Little Rock Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers at their regular monthly meeting on January 23rd. The presentation was supplemented with color slides of maps and charts taken from the formal reports of the study.

It's much easier now for many of us to get home in the evening. This Division has been waiting to report our part in this matter until we tried out peak-hour trips through the redesigned Asher-University intersection. The re-do surely does expedite the traffic! We have received a letter of commendation from the Chief of Police of Little Rock, as well as a similar memorandum from the Director of Highways. Let's not forget to mention the contribution of Bill Headrick, who assisted in the design and construction of the project, staying on the job early and late.

Ruth Cantley's birthday was celebrated with a cake from Mary Louise Bailey and gifts from the girls. There being no feminine members of Bill Cypert's section, and he having expressed a desire for a cake for his birthday, one was brought by Billie Whiteside. Of course, the front office crew got a share.

Stuart Pattillo got an interesting Xmas present that he brought to the office to show us. We, at least, had never seen anything like it. It's called a "lava light", and the brilliantly colored material inside it moves constantly, forming different shapes. Fascinating.

New Cars: Jim Barnett has a blue Oldsmobile; Joann Niehaus a red Ford; Leroy Beckett a Dodge Coronet station-wagon and Lester Jester a lime-green Mustang.

Don Finkbeiner has moved back to Perry County and will car-pool to work every day.



PERSONNEL

Dorothy Lehman

Our office lost one lovely girl, Linda Young to Right-of-Way but gained another in the form of Billie Carlton. Billie attended Fuller High School at Sweet Home before entering Southern State College in Magnolia where she majored in Office Administration.

Several of us have enjoyed vacations since our last writing. Fay Sullivan, Hugh Wadley, Jane Greenlee and I were the lucky ones. Fay told us she spent her time refereeing children. Jane's family made a trip to Gallatin, Tenn. One of the highlights of their visit was a nine course authentic Chinese dinner served by Mrs. Hee, mother-in-law of Jane's brother, Dr. H. W. Hooper. Mrs. Hee and daughter Billy were visiting from Hawaii. My mother Mrs. L. T. Murray of Waco, Tex. visited in Little Rock over the holidays and son Ron was home from the University. Needless to say, I enjoyed the houseful since I was on vacation too.

Birthdays have rolled around for three of us — October 18 for Hugh Wadley, November 27 for me and only yesterday (February 6) we celebrated Sibble Cox's. Jane made a delicious pound cake and it was enjoyed by all of us and some visitors.

It's next to impossible to put one over on Sib but on January 26 we pulled a fast one on her. The small commission room next to our office served as a lovely reception area for Sib's 10th anniversary with AHD. There were so many guests, and we were amply supplied with punch and cake for all. Mildred Harness sent a beautiful corsage to Sibble and she became a little misty with our surprise.

Arkansas Career Days took Mr. Davison to Fayetteville early in February.

Must dash off to do my filing — income tax filing, that is. How do we manage to end on such a happy note!

If you are one of those egotistical "know-it-alls" who thinks the world cannot get along without them—just consider your local cemeteries.

A gold-digger is a gal who may not believe in love at first sight—but she'd sure like you to mink it over.

Vacationing: Mayo White and family (Sybil and Tobe) spent part of the Christmas holidays in Clarksville, Tenn. visiting the daughter-in-law. Also on vacation was H. C. Hudspeth, who made a trip to Hermitage.

Phyllis Munnerlyn reports her husband, Bernie, is serving his six months' active duty with the Army reserves at Fort Polk, La., and later at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

The P&R Inventory bowling team is "going to town", having bowled the highest team game in the history of the Highway Department league with a score of 1111. Members bowling when the record was set were Lester Jester, Mayo White, Buddy Lewter, Jerry Perrin, and substitute Arlo Waggoner. Good going! P&R is snapping at their heels, with only one game behind.

Katie Brasel's chihuahua has become the proud mother of two puppies.

Dodson Leonard said they didn't give trading stamps where he bought his car license this year, and he didn't think he would go back there.

This Month's Suspense Story: During a very cold weekend, Billie Whiteside and her family started to go out to dinner. Upon leaving the house, she first found that the two front doors of her car were frozen shut and a tire was flat. After a one-hour wait, a service station attendant arrived, got the tire changed and the doors unstuck, and departed. It was then learned that the two rear doors of the car were frozen. After all doors had been freed, Billie and her parents drove to the Sam Peck Hotel, where they were told that the dining room was closed. All turned out well, however. They had one of the best meals of their lives at the Coachmen's Inn. (Ed.'s note: Sounds like John Hicks' "Inconvenient Conveniences".)

Archie Wyatt's wife had major surgery on January 10th but is recovering very well.



RIGHT OF WAY

Shirley Childress

CONGRATULATIONS SAM AND BILL! Charlotte (Sam) Lee, secretary in the Administrative Section and William (Bill) Whalin, III, a draftsman in the Engineering Section, were married January 28 in Our Lady of Holy Souls Catholic Church. The bride, given in marriage by her brother, James Richard Lee, wore a white wool suit with a lace mantilla and carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums centered with an orchid. Maid of honor was Miss Sherrie Buckels, a former employee in Right-of-Way. Evan Whalin served his brother as best man.

The girls in Right-of-Way honored Charlotte with a miscellaneous shower and dinner January 25 at Paul's Lamplighter Restaurant. There were 17 guests present. Charlotte received a nice variety of gifts and I'm sure she will enjoy

using them. A bit of advice for the bride... please cut your fingernails. After all, Bill is a draftsman and uses his hands in his work. Our advice to the groom; do not call your wife a cat.



Linda Young

Taking Charlotte's place when she leaves February 28 is Linda Young. Since Charlotte has to quit, we (especially the men), can think of no better replacement. Linda transferred to Right-of-Way from Personnel where she was an employee for one year. Her hometown is Bearden. In case any of you single men do not know by now, Linda is single. Welcome to Right-of-Way, Linda.

Home from college for a few days between semesters were Terry Griffin, son of Retha Griffin; Sandra Sipe, daughter of Nancy Sipe; and Anne Martin, daughter of Don Martin. Needless to say, their parents enjoyed having them home.

Donna Barbee has had a mixture of luck during January. Her husband, Allen, came home again, this time to stay. That is good luck. Then when they were moving into their house Donna came down with influenza and was sick for a week. That is bad luck. While Donna was ill they added a new member to their household - a Pekinese puppy named Scrappy. That's good(?) luck...

Nancy Sipe, Larry Lorence and Alton Van Patten were also out several days because of the flu.

Glendol Jackson's mother, Mrs. J. A. Jackson, underwent surgery at St. Vincent Infirmary January 18. At this time she is still hospitalized but expects to be released some time in February. Jeannette Barrett's mother, Mrs. C. L. Dwiggin, underwent surgery at Arkansas Baptist Medical Center January 17. She is home now and doing real well. We wish Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Dwiggin speedy recoveries.



ROADWAY DESIGN

Virginia Ashlin

February was quite a month! Our former boss, B. K. Cooper, was promoted to Assistant Chief Engineer and his Assistant, Brooks O. Nichols, was promoted to Engineer of Roadway Design. Our congratulations to both.

Putting superstition aside, we had a going upstairs party for Mr. Cooper on Friday, the 13th. He was presented a Coleman stove and oven for use on camping and fishing trips. Cake and coffee were served. We will miss him here in Roadway but we wish him the very best in his new position.

My four year old son, Don, thought things were a bit dull at his babysitters so he swallowed a bottle of aspirin just to liven things up. After the ordeal of having his stomach pumped out, he is not too keen on taking medicine of any kind. He is to have his tonsils removed the 30th of January.

John Hicks won the second place award in the Authors, Composers and Artists Annual Achievement Contest.

Arlo Waggoner attended the Highway Research Board Meeting in Washington, D. C. the week of January 16th.



Brooks Nichols, Ann Sutton, B. K. Cooper and Virginia Ashlin



Brooks Nichols and B. K. Cooper



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Janet McElduff

Am I too late? Just for a quickie? Hope not! First to say how much I enjoyed visiting with all of you late in December, how much fun it was to meet people to match up with voices that I have known for five years. Felt like I had the cook's grand tour of the new highway building, and believe me, I was duly impressed. It is beautiful! Many thanks for your hospitality, and I hope it won't be five years before I get to come back.

First of all we have Gail Burnett back with us in West Memphis Residency. Gail moved to West Memphis last summer and when Mary Lynn Busby left V. H. Shassere as field clerk (a lullaby leave), Gail aptly stepped in to fill her shoes.

Don't believe all of you have heard about the wonderful Christmas goodies we received in the office this year, but want to thank all our wonderful men whose SWEET wives sent us luscious, scrumptious, calorie-filled cakes, pies, cookies - oh, what have you! We LOVED it, every bite of it, and if you don't believe it, just come and see us and you will see living proof. I don't know why I say thank you for Christmas goodies - we get this treatment all year long, and believe me, I say a heartfelt thanks from all of us here in the office.

We're losing Todd today, and we're all crying! Todd is Herbert Todd, shop foreman, and if anyone was ever near and dear to all the girls in the office, it is Todd. He's just a good ol' boy, and besides that, he likes to eat as much as any one of us, and to us, that is the best recommendation anyone can have. Besides that, who do you think brings the quail that makes the makings for these delicious quail dinners we fix out here. See now why we'll miss Todd? Seriously, it is with real regret that we see Todd go, but we wish him luck!

We've had tragedy and sorrow among us during the month of January and want to express our sympathy for all of those who have been touched. To Brown Altman, whom we have missed so much, and whom we hope will be back with us soon; to Virgil Parr, in the serious illness of his little grandson; and to Clyde (Bud) Jones and his family, who lost everything they had in a fire, and whose little daughter was so seriously burned. And to Bud's 12-yr. old son, who tried so heroically to help his little sister. We have a lot of men working out of this District office, and sometimes we are not sure of each other's names, but without a doubt the concern for each other is so genuine, and the desire and willingness to help is really something!

And on a happier note, we'd like to report on our TV stars, Andy Jetton and Norris "Red" Hudson. They appeared on Slim Rhodes program out of Memphis on January 28, and while I missed the show, I've heard nothing but glowing reports on their country-style singing and playing, and we're proud of them to say the least. Also heard that James Leonard and his group had cut their first record. They play country-style music too, and have a wonderful reputation around Eastern Arkansas.

Happy days for James Ford who recently received his 15-year service award. James is sub-ing for Shelby Patrick, Phillips County area foreman, who has been on sick leave for several weeks.

Must close and get to work or you sho' 'nough will get me! COME SEE US!



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Leslie Long

The Resident Engineers attended a meeting at the District Office on Friday, January 20, to make plans for the Inspectors' Training School that is now being conducted by K. F. Tyler in our new materials testing building on Highway 81. We are very proud of our new lab and hope to have a picture before long.

Mrs. Inez Royston paid us a short visit last week and brought some of her homemade goodies (I deserted my diet). So sweet of her. We always enjoy her visits, even without the sweets. We were unable to sway Gaddy from his diet, he is so proud of his new slim figure.

Our slogan for a few days this month - LET'S HELP TO KEEP THEM GOING ON ICE AND SNOW!! Thought we were going to be slighted but we did get some, and have you heard "Winter Driving Conditions do not Cause Accidents - Failure to Adjust to Conditions Cause them!?" SO!! Be prepared for winter, get the feel of the road, don't follow too closely, make sure windshields and windows are clear, take chains along, don't go into a skid - and - you will be much safer!



It also snowed at Athens, Ala. where Will and Polly Wright's grandchildren, Margaret and Carole Wright were visiting their other grandparents at the time this picture was made.

James Henderson, Willie Key and Dequinne Lewis are great rabbit hunters and they really enjoy the sport. James has bagged his limit (8) several times this season. Will Wright takes his beagle rabbit hunting and they have a merry chase.



Time for fishing license agsin, but little 3-year old Ricky Renee Goins, granddaughter of "Red" Goins, is too young to be bothered with such expense, altho she is one of Red's best partners.

"Sarge" is having a birthday cake again, Oh, Yeah! Seems to me we have birthday cake for him more than once a year.

Hot Springs is still one of my favorite weekend spots. Some of the race horses for the coming season were galloped up the avenue Sunday. They were off to a good start.

Congratulations to Dennis Henley, recipient of his 10-yr. certificate of service and lapel pin in recognition of his efficient and loyal service to the department.

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A man's size is often determined by the size of what it takes to upset him.



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Edna Lewallen

We are sorry to report that LeRoy Hatfield had the misfortune of severing a toe recently when he dropped an end gate from a truck on it. We wish LeRoy a speedy recovery and hope he will soon be back on the job.

This office force had a nice surprise visit from a former employee, Lee Huskey of Blevins. Lee was a heavy truck driver for many years but resigned to look after his farming interest.

Certificates of service awards received in District 3 in the month of December were as follows: W. C. Becks, 15 yrs. Errol Arledge 10 yrs.

We are very proud of the new service station which has just been completed. Now, we are looking forward to a fresh coat of paint in the office.

Lige Scott, Little River area foreman, had to spend several days in Little River Memorial Hospital in Ashdown because he injured his elbow.



Sandra Sharp, age 17, is the daughter of Clifton Sharp of Dierks, a member of Howard County area crew. Sandra is a Senior at Dierks High School.

Welcome to four new employees: Joe Dennis, Paul Edward Murphy, Dale Aaron, Wilbur Poindexter. We were sorry to lose Jessie Tullis who will be in the army for 6 months. Jessie is receiving his boot training at Fort Polk, La.

Margie and Bennett Wood of Hope are the parents of a little girl, Carol Ann who arrived on December 17, 1966. Ardell and Nellie Clark are the proud grandparents.

On November 18 wedding bells rang for A 3/c Errol Arledge, Jr. and Miss Marilyn Hamilton. They were married in the home of the officiating minister, A. C. Kirby of Hope. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hamilton of Washington. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Errol Arledge, Sr. of Springhill. Airman Arledge is stationed at Langley Air Force Base, Va.

Arkadelphia Junior Chamber of Commerce recently presented the Outstanding Young Educator of the Year award to Bill



A3/C and Mrs. Errol Arledge, Jr.

Clark, Son of District 3 maintenance superintendent and Mrs. Clark.

James William Caudle was married to Miss Zettie Hays of El Dorado, January 27 in the El Dorado Assembly of God Church. They are at home in Fayetteville where he is a student at the University. James William is the son of Dortha Faye and Sam Huckabee.

Our sympathies are extended to Nolen and Elmer Clark in the loss of their father, Grover C. Clark, who died January 27, after a long illness.



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The Informers

Our "byline" is certainly inaccurate because "informative" we are not. At least not with any degree of regularity. But since there are five of us taking turns trying to get the news out, until someone comes up with something better we'll continue to use it. A New Year has begun and among our resolutions is one to get something from District 4 in every issue of our Highway Magazine. (Iss vely good resolution to make - and keep! Ed.)

Deer season is long gone, but since we have a picture of one of our mighty hunters, we wanted to mention it. Posing with his deer is Harrison Heath, Polk County foreman. A few others from the the District might have bagged their deer but Harrison was the only one to bring the proof. We understand Mrs. Heath is quite a hunter, also, but we were assured that this really was Harrison's trophy.

We had a Christmas "social" hour the afternoon of December 23 in the District Office, attended by several of



Harrison Heath with trophy

the office personnel and men from the Shop, along with a few of our spouses who braved the snow to come. Everyone seemed to enjoy it - especially the yummy cake Mrs. Parker baked. She is the wife of our District Maintenance Superintendent and we can always depend on her for some "goodies" on special occasions. We're sending in a picture of Mr. Parker - better known as Nealy - serving the punch at the festivities.

Helen Butler, Don Cooper's right hand man(?) in the Stock Room, took a few days vacation the week after Christmas and visited in St. Louis and surrounding area with daughter Candy and son-in-law, Glenn. She reports a marvelous visit in spite of all the snow and ice that covered St. Louis at that time.

Gerald Dunn, another of Don's helpers, resigned effective Dec. 15 to go to work for the Arkansas Oklahoma Gas Co. at their Hartford office. We wish the very best to Gerald in his new venture.

F. L. Stovall, Montgomery County foreman, was hospitalized in Fort Smith for several days but is back at home now. He is doing better but still unable to return to work. Hope you'll be back on the job soon, Red.

H. W. Gimlin, of the Scott County crew, announces the birth of a daughter at Sparks Hospital in Fort Smith on January 24. She was a "preemie" -



weighing in at only four pounds but Harlan said she and the Missus were both doing okay. Another new arrival is David Gold Brown whose daddy works here the District Headquarters. He is the Brown's second child but the first boy and you should hear some of the tall tales Tex is trying to make us believe. All kidding aside, we enjoy hearing from proud fathers and we're real happy for both of you.

We have been so hit or miss with our news that it is difficult to remember which new employees we have already greeted, so lest we overlook someone, we'll just say "Glad to have all you new fellows".

We hope you have stayed with us this far because we saved the best until last.

At the Highway Commission meeting on December 28, J. P. Clayton, our Engineer, was presented a 25 yr. Award of Merit by the American Association of State Highway officials - the national organization of State Highway departments. This award is the highest award the organization makes to highway employees. Congratulations, Boss.

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Marilyn Coffman

Congratulations to the following employees receiving service awards for January: Leo Wright, 20 yrs.; Virgil J. Butler, Jr., 15 yrs.; and Claudis Mitchell, 10 yrs.



Assistant Chief Engineer Bill Moore and Construction Engineer John Lawrence were recent visitors in our District. They came especially to present our District Engineer George Cavaness, with his 15 yr. certificate and pin. Mrs. Cavaness and their daughter Beverly were among those invited to the surprise party. We were convinced that the party was a well kept secret when our boss almost swallowed his cigar from surprise.

The shop and office employees, among others, will miss George Kirkdoffer, who is retiring this month. We gave George a farewell party with an appropriately decorated cake and presented him a rod and reel that he can use on Lake Conway, where he plans to make his home. George and Mrs. Kirkdoffer are proud grandparents of a granddaughter.



15 yr. pin is put in place by Mrs. George Cavaness on Mr. George's lapel.



George Cavaness, district engineer (right) and George Kirkdoffer, retiring employee.



George Kirkdoffer and retirement gift (Fishing rod and reel)

Dorlis Yvonne, born December 10 to their son Edgar and his wife at Texarkana. The little lady weighed 7 pounds and 1 ounce.

Gary Loggains, 15 yr. old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Loggains, suffered minor injuries in a car-motorcycle accident. He was released after an overnight stay in the hospital.

Glad to report Ruby Masner, retired fuel clerk, is recovering nicely from surgery in Dr. Gray's Hospital.

Resident Engineer Ralph Wyatt is teaching the Basic Materials Course to several construction employees in the District. We do hope it doesn't last too long. (They have our lunch-room tables; and it is hard to hold our biscuits in our lap.)

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Burnham & Campbell

The employees in District 7 regret that our District Engineer, Frank D. Neighbors, resigned February 1, 1967 to accept a position as engineer with the Portland Cement Association. We wish him the best of luck and success in this work. It has been a pleasure working with Mr. Neighbors. His leaving is our loss and Portland's gain. So don't forget—stop by and visit us when in our District. The free coffee will be waiting.

We are pleased to have Coy Campbell, former assistant construction engineer, as our new District Engineer. We hope Mr. and Mrs. Campbell and three sons, John David, Mark Steven and Coy Scott and daughter Joy Lynne will be happy in Camden.

W. E. Hicks, our former Director, is improving and at home (565 Maple St., in Camden) after undergoing surgery at Warner Brown Hospital in El Dorado. Mrs. Hicks fell and broke her arm, so both have been confined to their home this month. We hope February will bring clear sailing for our friends, the Hicks.

We are proud of Assistant Resident Engineer J. C. (Jelly) Webb, who received his 40-yr. service award in the Highway office at Little Rock January 25, 1967. Several friends from Camden attended the recognition service and enjoyed coffee and cake with Mr. and Mrs. Webb, their daughter and family of Prescott, and other little Rock Highway personnel.

Congratulation to G. E. Nunnally, District Maintenance Superintendent who received his 25 yr. service pin January 25, 1967.

Jube E. Gilbert, Calhoun County, retired January 31, 1967 after 18 years service with the Department. Congratulations and the best of hunting, fishing and farming in the future. We plan to take you up on that invitation to help you eat your fresh vegetables this summer.

Hugh Anderson had an unexpected grand finale to the deer season. He slipped and fractured two ribs. He still has a "sore spot" but is doing fine now.

Ralph Toward's son Edwin, left for Fort Worth January 7 to spend a few days with his in-laws before returning to Turkey, where he is stationed with the U. S. Air Force.

Carolyn Milner is sporting a new white Impala - and looking forward to a vacation to really put it through its paces.

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Shirley Morton

J. B. McFerrin received his 25 yr. service award at the January 25 Commission Meeting.

Frank O'Donnell conducted safety meetings at the Area Headquarters in District Nine during the month of January.

Minnie Shinn is on leave in Colorado Springs, Col. to be with her father who is convalescing from a broken hip.

We are happy to welcome Bennie Edwards back to the Department. Bennie reported to work February 1 at the Huntsville residency.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed McLaughlin are new home owners in Springdale. Nan, Ed, and two sons, are very proud of their new home and invite all their friends to drop in anytime.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald King announce the arrival of a 6 pound, 10 ounce boy, Gerald Ray, on January 22. Our congratulations to the happy parents, Sue and Gerald.

C. R. Narramore (Ret.) passed away January 6, 1967. Funeral services were conducted at Yellville. J. A. "Gus" Flippin (Ret.) passed away January 12, 1967 at his home in Yellville. James Paul Byrom, sign foreman, passed away December 26, 1966 at a Springfield, Mo. hospital. Our deepest sympathy is extended to their families.



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Isabelle Psalmonds

All those last minute vacations are over and we are pretty well settled down to the tasks of 1967. Some news that should have been in the last magazine

I. Stannard Baker of the Northwestern University Traffic Institute told the Highway Research Board at Washington that the chance of a traffic accident is 3½ times greater traveling in a small car than in a standard size auto.

AN UNUSUAL AWARD - FOR GOOFING OFF!

Some fellows in the Appraisal Section of the North Dakota Highway Department hit upon the idea of making a "man of the month" award to the person in the Right of Way Division who is credited with the biggest goof-off of the month. The only redeeming factor of the practice, which is done strictly in fun, is that the current titleholder gets to make the award to next month's culprit.

According to the North Dakota "Hiway Hilites", competition is so strong that during January the award will be a split between three appraisers for allegedly pausing too long at a coffee break. So far 26 employees, including the department head, are listed among the recipients.

The "Hilites" showed a picture of the winners but for some reason or other they covered their faces with their hands as though they didn't particularly care for the publicity.

(but didn't make it because I didn't get it in) is that Jerry N. and Mrs. Barnes, inspector at Osceola, are the proud parents of their first child - a daughter, Sherri Kay. Sherri was born on November 3, 1966, and weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces. On December 3, 1966, Wesley Lee Garrett made his appearance at the home of Resident Engineer James M. and Mrs. Garrett of Osceola. Wesley is the Garrett's third child. Congratulations to the Barnes and the Garretts.

Guy B. Williams, engineering assistant at Walnut Ridge, took two week's vacation and spent most of it visiting relatives in sunny California while we sloshed around in the snow and cold - lucky man.

Frank Robert, inspector, is transferring from Construction to Maintenance. He will be the caretaker of our newest rest area in District 10 - the Imboden-Black Rock rest area.

Ruben McConnell, resident engineer at Jonesboro, is transferring to a Residency at Conway, District 8. He will be working on Interstate. We hate to lose him in District 10, but wish for him much success in his new office at Conway.

Raymond Penn, area foreman, Walnut Ridge, retired December 31, 1966, after some 20 years plus of service with the Highway Department. His crew had a farewell get together for him. They served coffee and doughnuts and presented Raymond with a hat and a gift certificate. Sam Smith, John Sanders, Darrell Holder and Junior Wycoff from the Paragould

office were there. Also attending were Mrs. Penn and County Judge Brooks Penn. Raymond, we hope you enjoy your retirement.

Melvin Brown of Walnut Ridge has been promoted to Area Foreman for Lawrence County.

Resident Engineer Ruben McConnell taught a school for inspectors in District 10 Headquarters at Paragould. There were 18 enrolled. Hope they all passed the examination. Bill Mulholland came from the Little Rock office and gave the examination. It was good to see Bill again.

Thad Crowley, stock clerk, spent a few days in the hospital and has been on the sick list for several weeks. He is improving and is to come back to work February 13. We sure miss him and hope he is able to come back.

Jackie Black, clerk in the Resident Engineer's office, Paragould, took part of her vacation and went to the hospital for minor surgery (if there is any such thing as minor surgery). She is back on the job and feeling fine.

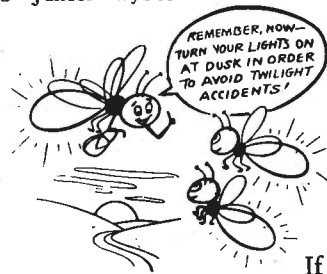
District Engineer Sam Smith, attended the Highway Research Board annual meeting in Washington, D. C. He reports an interesting meeting, a good time and a new experience - travel by jet.

Visitors from Camden, Coy Campbell, Frank Neighbors, G. E. Nunnally, and Norman Pumphrey came to look over our new building. They are anxious to get in their new headquarters, I am sure. We were glad to have them and invite others to visit us.

John Sanders, maintenance superintendent, is driving a new Chrysler

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Trouble is opportunity in work clothes.



WATCH THAT "GRAMMER"

If you ever have occasion to make a speech, write a report or theme, or just open your mouth, you have need to be grammar-conscious. We have passed on a few rules courtesy of the "Education Reporter", to-wit:

1. Don't use no double negatives.
2. Make each pronoun agree with their antecedent.
3. Join clauses good, like a conjunction should.
4. About them sentence fragments.
5. When dangling, watch your participles.
6. Verbs has to agree with their subjects.
7. Just between you and I, case is important, too.
8. Don't write run-on sentences they are hard to read.
9. Don't use commas, which aren't necessary.
10. Try to not ever split infinitives.
11. It's important to use apostrophe's correctly.
12. Proofread your writing to see if any words out.
13. Correct spelling is most esential.

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NOW THEY'VE DONE IT!

For the benefit of the average driver who approaches a traffic light on green, miscalculates time left and must screech to a halt in the nick of time, a new traffic signal is being tested in various cities. The signal flashes time left on a green light from nine down to the moment it goes amber.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

The human eye takes seven seconds to recover from headlight glare. At 60 mph you would travel 616 feet in those brief seconds.

Protect yourself from the glare - don't look into the headlights of oncoming cars, but to the right edge of the pavement.

*Thistle
Kill Ya!*



"Does the baby talk yet?" inquired the friend of the family of the little brother.

"Naw," said that disgusted youth. "He doesn't have to talk. I have to wait for Christmas to get anything, but all he has to do is yell and he gets everything in the house."



I'll say this about middle-age spread - it sure brings people closer together.



A 19-year old reporting for his physical at the Army Induction Center was classified 1A by the examining physician who happened to be his family doctor.

"Your hay fever seems much better," the doctor remarked.

Replied the angry youth: "That's pretty strange, Doc. When I was paying you \$10 an office visit, you always found it worse."



French proverb: God cures; the doctor sends the bill.



A scoutmaster, after watching several new scouts at their attempts at outdoor cooking, asked, "How are you managing, lads? Have you forgotten any essential equipment?"

"Yes, I have," answered one of the scouts.

"Oh, what?"

"My mother."



Her father asked his prospective son-in-law if he could support a family, and we have to admire the young man's answer. "No, sir, I was only planning to support your daughter. The rest of you will have to take care of yourselves."



Clerk's wife at breakfast: "It looks like rain."

Clerk: "Yeah, but it smells like coffee, anyway."



A man who thinks marriage is a 50-50 proposition doesn't understand one of two things - women or fractions.



The passenger with the beer breath fumbled a folded transfer from his pocket to the bus driver's hand. The driver straightened it out and took a quick look.

"This transfer's no good Mac," he said.

"Oh? Why not?" demanded the passenger.

"It's a Saturday transfer; today's Monday."

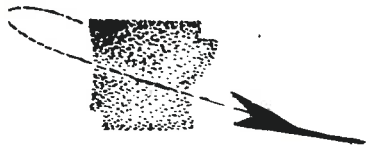
"So what?" the drunk insisted. "Is it my fault you're two days late?"



Nothing is so gratifying to a wife as to see a double chin on her husband's old flame.



What do you call a sleeping bull? A bull dozer.



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