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I-540 SPAN AT FORT SMITH DEDICATED

Members of the Highway Commission, Director Walter Hicks and Chief Engineer Ward Goodman along with hundreds of other people shivered in 29-degree weather December 29 to witness the formal dedication of a \$4.36 million bridge across the Arkansas River between Fort Smith and Van Buren on Interstate 540, which is a spur route connecting the two cities with I-40 which passes to the north.

The Fort Smith Chamber of Commerce sponsored the program and J. Fred Patton, immediate past chairman of the Chamber's Highway Committee, acted as master of ceremonies. Governor Orval Faubus, who was on hand for the groundbreaking ceremonies early in 1965, made the dedicatory address and cut the ribbon. E. E. Barber, president of the construction company of the same name who built the structure, promised the governor when work began that his company would have the bridge finished and ready for dedication before the end of Faubus' term. Governor Faubus, in one of his last official acts as head of the state government, facetiously pointed out that Barber "had just made it." His term ends January 10 when governor-elect Winthrop Rockefeller will be inaugurated.

The Chamber of Commerce paid honor to the late Clarence F. Byrns, local newspaper publisher and civic worker fondly known as the "father of Arkansas River navigation," by recounting to the dedication crowd how Mr. Byrns had untiringly worked for the river navigation program, and by requesting Mrs. Byrns to assist the governor in the ribbon-cutting. Mrs. Byrns was presented a bouquet of red roses by E. B. Sparks, Chamber president.

Several antique auto buffs had their vehicles there for the initial trip across the 3400 foot span. Governor Faubus and Barber led the procession in a restored 1934 model 12-cylinder Auburn.

In order for Barber to keep his promise to the governor, the bridge was completed more than 100 days ahead of the estimated schedule of 750 calendar days.



E. E. Barber Sr., chairman of the board of E. E. Barber Construction Co. at Fort Smith, was one of the speakers at a luncheon given by the Chamber of Commerce following the bridge dedication. Governor Orval Faubus and E. E. Barber, Jr., left, and Highway Chief Engineer Ward Goodman listen.

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AHD DIRECTOR RESIGNS — NEW DIRECTOR APPOINTED

The Highway Commission has promoted Chief Engineer Ward Goodman to Director of Highways effective January 1. Former Director W. E. Hicks resigned to return to Camden where he will open a consulting engineer's office.

Goodman, who has been with the Department since 1927 and chief engineer since 1955, was born in Tennessee but has lived most all his life in Little Rock. He is a graduate of the University of Arkansas' engineering school and a member of the National and State societies for professional engineers, and past president of the Arkansas Society. He is very active in the national highway organization, the American Association of State Highway Officials. Presently he is a member of the AASHO executive board, a four-year elective position, and chairman of the Standing Committee on Bridges and Structures, a four-year appointment.

Active for many years in Boy Scout work, Goodman holds the Silver Beaver Award in scouting and is a former member of the Quapaw Council of Boy Scouts' executive board. He is also a Mason and a member of the Little Rock Rotary Club.

Goodman and his wife reside at 5905 Country Club Road. They have one son, William Ward, Jr. and are members of Trinity Episcopal Church.

Honored by University of Arkansas

Goodman was initiated into the Arkansas Chapter of Chi Epsilon fraternity at the University of Arkansas

Sunday, December 18 as a member with special honor and recognized for his outstanding work with the Arkansas Highway Department and civic activities.

Chi Epsilon is an honorary fraternity for undergraduate civil engineering students who rank in the top one-fourth of the Junior or Senior class. Occasionally the Chapter elects to take in honorary members who are outstanding practicing civil engineers.

PROMOTION FOR JOHN T. PENDERGRASS

John T. Pendergrass, an assistant chief engineer, was promoted to chief engineer. He has been with the Highway Department since 1939 with the exception of five years in service with the Navy Civil Engineer Corps during World War II. Pendergrass, 63, is retired from the Corps with the rank of captain. A native of Franklin County, he was associated in a family coal mining operation there prior to his employment with the Highway Department.

He received his education at the University of Arkansas. He holds membership in the American Society of Civil Engineers, the National Society of Professional Engineers, and the Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers, of which he is past president. He and Mrs. Pendergrass reside at 602 Miller Street in North Little Rock. They have one son and one daughter.



JOHN T. PENDERGRASS

OUTGOING AHC CHAIRMAN HONORED

Wayne Hampton, outgoing Highway Commissioner from Stuttgart, was presented a plaque by the other members of the Commission in recognition of his leadership as chairman of the group. He was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Chairman Harry W. Parkin, who resigned because of conflicting interests in May of 1962. Hampton was elected vice chairman in January, 1963 and chairman in April, 1963. He was re-elected chairman in February of 1965. It has been announced Lawrence Blackwell, a Pine Bluff attorney, former member of the Highway Commission and co-author of the Mack-Blackwell amendment, will be appointed to the Commission by Governor-elect Winthrop Rockefeller, effective at the expiration of Mr. Hampton's term.



Commissioner Smith presents the plaque to Hampton. The Commissioners also presented him a shotgun.



GENERAL COUNSEL TO HEAD LEGAL

The Legal Division has been placed under the supervision of General Counsel John R. Thompson. Henry Gray, chief of the Right of Way Division, has been acting as Division Head for the Legal Division since Chief Attorney Mark Woolsey resigned January 4, 1966 to become chairman of the Workmen's Compensation Commission. The Legal Division has 18 employees.



C. DON HAYES

NAMED MEMBER OF FAUBUS OFFICIAL FAMILY

C. Don Hayes, Chief of Equipment, was recently presented a certificate naming him a member of the "Faubus official family". Selection of recipients of the certificates were made by Mr. Faubus personally during his tenure as governor.

The certificate reads: "During the twelve years I have had the high honor of serving the citizens of my native state as Governor of Arkansas it has been my good fortune to be surrounded by many sincere, dedicated and able men and women, who have contributed greatly to the success of the administration and to the state's greatest era of growth and progress.

I therefore recognize with deep appreciation and sincere thanks, the services rendered by C. Don Hayes and certify he was a member of the FAUBUS OFFICIAL FAMILY during my six terms as Governor of Arkansas."

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An interesting sidelight to the bridge dedication was the recollection of Toney Hiatt, 1101 North May Avenue in Fort Smith, who recalls attending the dedication and opening of the Fort Smith-Van Buren bridge at the end of Midland Blvd. when one of the features of the dedication was a wedding ceremony in the middle of the structure!

Hiatt said the bridge was primarily constructed for two electric street car tracks down the center (automobiles had just begun to appear) and lanes for horse and buggy traffic.

Hiatt also attended the event opening the bridge at the Oklahoma end of Garrison Avenue in 1922. He said a big downtown parade highlighted the day.

WAYNE HAMPTON HONORED BY DE WITT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The DeWitt Chamber of Commerce honored outgoing Commission Chairman Wayne Hampton with an appreciation dinner on December 15. Many out-of-town guests were among the capacity crowd that filled the cafetorium of Southside Elementary School. Among them were Governor Orval Faubus, Congressman Wilbur D. Mills, State Senator Knox Nelson from Pine Bluff; Arkansas County Representative Albert Hayes of Stuttgart; Representative-elect Bennie Ryburn, Jr. of Monticello; State Senator Morrell Gathright of Pine Bluff; Senator-elect John F. Gibson of Dermott; W.R. (Witt) Stephens, president of Ark-La Gas Co., Lindsey Hatchett, vice president of Ark-La.; Gus Pugh of Portland, Chairman Tom Pugh of the State Game and Fish Commission; Vice Chairman Stanley McNulty of the Game and Fish Commission; Raymond Farris, a member of G & F from Biscoe; John S. Harris, District Engineer for the Highway Department from Pine Bluff; Bennie Ryburn, Sr., Monticello; Howard Holthoff of Gould; Mayor John Bueker of Stuttgart; Mayor Herbert Holzhauser of Gillett; Mayor Bill Dupslaff of St. Charles; Mayor Gary Sebree of Almyra; Mayor John Schallhorn of DeWitt; Horace Tarkington of Searcy; Highway Commissioners Armil Taylor of Clarksville, Truman Baker of Searcy, John Harsh of Magnolia, and Maurice Smith of Birdeye; Lawrence Blackwell, Pine Bluff, whom Governor-elect Winthrop Rockefeller has said he will appoint to fill Hampton's place on the Commission; Highway Director Walter Hicks and Chief Engineer Ward Goodman.



Hampton was presented a wrist watch and a plaque in recognition of outstanding service on the Commission by Judge Peterson on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce.

Also on hand to help Mr. Hampton enjoy the occasion were his father, John Hampton, and his son, Rick.

Chamber president H. C. Adams introduced Arkansas County Judge John L. Peterson who acted as master of ceremonies. Vice president of the Chamber, Elmer A. Ferguson, introduced the guests.

Many testimonials were given in behalf of Mr. Hampton.

Arnil Taylor, "Every public servant gets his strength from the support of his people. I know that Wayne has made a good Highway Commission chairman because you people were with him...He has been an inspiration to all of us."

Congressman Mills, "You've heard testimony tonight of Wayne Hampton's abilities as a member of the Highway Commission but I can tell you that there is more to Wayne Hampton than that. He is a Christian gentleman...."



Lawrence Blackwell, "I think one of the greatest compliments you can bestow on Wayne is your presence here tonight in paying tribute to him."

HENRY GRAY MADE ASSISTANT TO CHIEF ENGINEER

Henry C. Gray, Chief of the Right of Way Division, assumed the duties and responsibilities of Assistant to the Chief Engineer for Administration and Realty effective January 16. He will continue to be Chief of Right of Way. Experienced in administration and real estate, Gray came to the Highway Department in September, 1962. He is a native of North Little Rock where he graduated from the high school and then attended Little Rock Junior College, Louisiana State University and the University of Wyoming where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree.

FORMER RESIDENT PROMOTED BY AHD



BILLY K. COOPER

Billy K. Cooper, a native of Melbourne and presently Engineer of Roadway Design at the Highway Department's central headquarters here, will become an Assistant Chief Engineer effective January 16. Cooper, 34, attended Arkansas Tech and the University of Arkansas where he earned a B. S. degree in civil engineering. He attended Purdue University on a fellowship in engineering and earned a master's degree in 1957. He majored in geometric highway design and pavement design.

Cooper first worked for the Department as a summer employee while attending college and then employed as an engineering assistant in the statistics and analysis section of Planning and Research in 1955. He was promoted to Engineer of Roadway Design in September of 1965.

He is a registered professional engineer with membership in the Arkansas and National societies of professional engineers, the Arkansas Society of Civil Engineers, Institute of Traffic Engineers, and Little Rock Toastmasters Club. He and his wife, the former Dorothy Redmon of Brinkley have one son. They are members of Second Baptist Church and reside at 618 North Mellon in Little Rock.

LOCAL MAN PROMOTED BY AHD

Brooks O. Nichols, a native of Locust Bayou, has been promoted from assistant division head to Engineer of Roadway Design at the central Highway Department headquarters here. Nichols, 31, was first employed as a summer employee in 1952 and after finishing his college work at Southern State in Magnolia and the University of Arkansas, was employed full time by the Department. The promotion becomes effective January 16.

He has been assistant division head in the Roadway Design Division since November, 1965. He is a registered professional engineer with membership in the National Society and Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers.

Nichols is married to the former Linda Goodwin of Hampton. They have three daughters, DeAnna, 11; and Gay and Kay, seven-year old twins. They reside at 6813 Juniper Road in Little Rock.

Nichols is the son of Mrs. Nishia Nichols of Camden.



BROOKS O. NICHOLS

CLAYTON RECEIVES AASHO AWARD

It was determined after this article was written that June Clayton's certification was a month earlier than Ashcraft's.
ASHCRAFT AWARDED CERTIFICATE



June Clayton with award presented by Director Ward Goodman.

June Clayton, District Engineer with headquarters at Fort Smith, was presented a 25-year Award of Merit at the December 29 meeting of the Highway Commission. The Merit award is the highest honor paid to highway department employees by the American Association of State Highway officials. Requirements include a person having held the title of District Engineer or the Division equivalent or above with a highway department for twenty-five years.

Clayton joined the Arkansas Highway Department in 1927. Later he worked for the Louisiana Department, Sinclair Oil Co., Corps of Engineers and Soil Conservation Service before returning to the Arkansas Highway Department in 1952 as a resident engineer. He has been District Engineer at Fort Smith since 1959.

Clayton and his wife the former Edna Chiles of Waldron, still live on the same farm at Ozark where he was born and educated, and where he now has a sizeable herd of cattle. They have one daughter and are members of the Episcopal Church. Clayton is the son of the late Junius P. and Jesse H. Clayton, both scholarly lawyers.

Eugene A. Ashcraft of the Final Estimates Section of the Construction Division is the ^{2nd.} first Arkansas Highway Department employee to receive certification as a Senior Engineering Technician by the Institute for the Certification of Engineering Technicians, which is sponsored by the National Society of Professional Engineers.

The ICET was created in 1961 and their certification program began on February 10, 1961 and is now recognized by all industrial, federal and state organizations. The definition of an engineering technician is "...one who can carry out in a responsible manner either proven techniques which are common knowledge among those who are technically expert in the branch of engineering, or those specially prescribed by professional engineers...."

The NSPE established the certification program when it was realized that part of an engineer's time was spent on work which was actually sub-professional, thus preventing him from utilizing his full engineering capabilities. At the same time it was felt that such work would greatly increase the knowledge and experience of engineers-in-training. The pattern of progression of certification begins with Junior Engineering Technician, then Engineering Technician, and Senior Engineering Technician which Ashcraft has attained.

An applicant for the senior level must be at least 35 years old, must have a minimum of 17 years technical experience under the guidance of a professional engineer or equivalent, (meaning a



EUGENE A. ASHCRAFT

person with a BS degree in engineering or science, mathematically oriented). The technical experience must be of such character that an evaluator can readily see how it contributes to the engineering effort. The applicant must also secure the endorsement of three professional engineers.

Ashcraft has been employed by the Highway Department 20½ years and received his qualifying experience under a number of Department Engineers. For the last six years he has been an Engineering Technician in the Final Estimates Section.

Requirements for the middle level are a minimum age of 25 years, seven years technical experience, the endorsement of two professional engineers and as of July, 1966, pass an examination equivalent to that given at the two year level by any accredited engineering school.

Certification at the Junior Engineering Technician level requires two years technical ex-

perience or graduation from an accredited engineering program, and endorsement by one professional engineer or equivalent. There is no minimum age.

Through May 1, 1966 certification had been gained by 51 Arkansans. The figure includes all three levels. Certification does not constitute a license to practice engineering, nor does it entitle the holder to membership in the NSPE. However, some of the members of ICET got together and formed a society known as the American Society of Certified Engineering Technicians. The only bond between them was that in order to be a member a person must be certified by ICET.

Others interested in further information about the certification program, application forms and instructions may write the Institute for the Certification of Engineering Technicians, 2029 K St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

REASSIGNMENTS FOR DIVISION ENGINEER FOR BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS



VERNON E. HARVEY and REX C. LEATHERS

Vernon E. Harvey, Division Engineer for the Bureau of Public Roads in Arkansas since March 1, 1963, has been reassigned to Indiana, effective January 15, where he will be Division Engineer there with headquarters at Indianapolis.

Harvey's successor here will be Rex C. Leathers, a native of South Dakota who comes to Little Rock from Columbus, Ohio. He graduated from the School of Mines in South Dakota and went to work immediately for the Bureau in the research area. He was a member of the team conducting the Illinois Test Road project for a number of years. For the last two years Leathers has been Assistant Division Engineer for the Bureau in Ohio. Prior to that he was assigned to the Design Section of the Region Six office in Fort Worth for three years and in that capacity has visited Arkansas several times.

Leathers is married and the father of four children between grade school and high school ages.

WHITTON'S HIGHWAY CAREER SPANS PERIOD OF 47 YEARS

Rex M. Whitton, retiring Federal Highway Administrator, leaves behind him a career of public service that spans almost the entire history of modern highway construction in the United States.

His career began almost 47 years ago, only four years after the enactment of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1916 which established the existing principle of Federal financial aid to States for highway improvements. He joined the Missouri State Highway Department as a member of a survey party in 1920 immediately upon his graduation from the University of Missouri with a degree in civil engineering. During the intervening years, he has been an active participant in the development of what today is the finest highway transportation system in the world.

Mr. Whitton advanced in rank with the Missouri State Highway Department until he was named Chief Engineer in 1951. He held that position until February 1961 when he was appointed Federal Highway Administrator by the then-President Kennedy.

Under his leadership as Federal Highway Administrator, construction of the 41,000-mile Interstate Highway System, which will link virtually all of the nation's large population centers, has forged ahead rapidly.

During Mr. Whitton's tenure as head of the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads, the capital outlay for improvements to the Federal-aid highway systems, which in addition to the Interstate include the primary and secondary systems and their urban extensions, has totaled \$36.6 billion in Federal and State funds. Of the 3.6 million miles of roads and streets in nation, about 900,000 are eligible for Federal financial aid.

Under Mr. Whitton's aegis, the Bureau of Public Roads underwent a revamping to increase its operational efficiency. Several new offices were created

to meet the needs of the expanding Federal-aid highway program. The Office of Highway Safety was established to plan and conduct a comprehensive traffic safety program. The Office of Audits and Investigations was organized to audit States' claim for reimbursement of the Federal share of the cost of projects, and to investigate fraud and irregularity. The Office of Planning was formed to work with States in developing highway plans and programs, and to develop recommendations to Congress on national highway transportation policy.

The Office of Research and Development was created because of the critical need for research into such programs as highway safety, urban transportation, and cost reductions in construction and maintenance. The Office of Right-of-Way and Location was formed to give greater attention to two vital aspects of the highway program - the selection of locations for highway routes and the acquisition of the necessary right-of-way. The Office of Engineering and Operations resulted from the amalgamation of the two separate offices to provide more efficient and coordinated procedures.

The reduction of traffic accidents, with their appalling loss of lives, became a priority effort under Mr. Whitton's leadership. A program was launched in 1964 to eliminate hazardous highway conditions which gave rise to accidents on older roads that could not be upgraded to Interstate standards. Thus far, 2,030 projects have been programmed under this spot improvement program at a cost of \$369 million.

With the urbanization of the United States increasing steadily the urgent need to move traffic efficiently into and through urban areas received unprecedented attention from Mr. Whitton. In addition to inaugurating steps to increase the traffic-carrying capacity of existing streets, the Bureau has advanced a new concept which holds the promise of solving many problems that arise in construction of urban freeways. It provides for the joint development of freeways and other urban facilities by a city acquiring entire blocks on the route of a planned freeway, selling to the highway department the space needed for the roadway, and using the remaining land for replacement housing, parks, playgrounds, shopping centers, etc.

New emphasis was placed by Mr. Whitton on humanizing the highway program by insuring that at all times it was considerate of the full range of human values and responsive to all its social responsibilities. He took the position that a functional, well-engineered highway falls short of its full purpose if it ignores the welfare of the public, or if it fails to preserve the aesthetic, cultural, historical and social values of communities and neighborhoods. He contended that highways were not to be built as entities in themselves, but as only one facet of the total community environment.

He issued regulations aimed at lessening the hardship imposed on persons whose homes and businesses were in the path of a highway route.

As a result of his actions, States acquiring property for right-of-way must offer full, fair market value at the outset. The owner must also be paid at least 75 percent of the value before he is required to surrender possession of his property.

Many honors have come to Mr. Whitton over the years. A former President of the American Association of State Highway officials, he was the recipient of the George S. Bartlett Award for outstanding service in highway progress, the Thomas H. MacDonald Award for continuous outstanding service in the highway engineering field, and the Roy W. Crum Award for distinguished service in the field of highway research. In 1961, he was granted an honorary degree of Doctor of Science by the University of Missouri, and this year became the first American to receive the International Road Federation's "Man of The Year" Award for distinguished service in national and international road developments. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of William Jewell College.

Mr. Whitton and his wife plan to make their home in Independence, Mo.

FRANCIS C. TURNER DESIGNATED ACTING HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR

Secretary of Commerce John T. Connor designated Francis C. Turner, Chief Engineer of the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Public Roads since 1957, as Acting Federal Highway Administrator, following the retirement of Federal Highway Administrator Rex M. Whitton.

A native of Dallas, Tex., Mr. Turner joined the Bureau of Public Roads in 1929 immediately after his graduation from Texas A and M with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering. He has served the Bureau in various capacities, and from 1944-46 was detailed to the War Department as advisor on maintenance for the Alaska Highway. From 1949-50, he was detailed to the Department of State as coordinator of the entire Philippine rehabilitation program, and was awarded the Philippine Legion of Honor by that country.

Mr. Turner is the recipient of the Department of Commerce Exceptional Service gold medal, the Thomas H. MacDonald Memorial Award for continuous outstanding service in the highway engineering field, and the George S. Bartlett Award for outstanding contributions to highway progress. He is a member of many professional societies.



Don Hayes, Chief of Equipment and deer hunting enthusiast, really roped in the dears this trip – all of those who make up the distaff side of his Division, in fact. The girls jestingly accused Mr. Hayes of being such a poor hunter that he couldn't kill a deer unless it was tied to a tree. Here he shows that the idea may not be sportsmanlike but gets

results just the same. The rope actually was used to tie together the Division's Christmas gifts to Mr. Hayes, a scope for a 30-06 rifle on one end, and a tip-off mount on the other. Sharing in the fun with Mr. Hayes are left to right, Bennie Robbins, Clyde Holmes, Shirley Spann, Erma Smith, Avalee Padgett, Helen Davis and Sue Fuller.

C. DON HAYES
DISPLAYS
HUNTING
PROWESS AT
CHRISTMAS
PARTY

HIGHWAY DAMES' FUND

In the December issue of "Arkansas Highways," only a partial list of donors to the Highway Dames' Christmas Fund was printed due to the fact that at publication date all contributions had not been made.

The Fund is an annual project of the Dames' to help any Department employee and family financially in the event of an emergency. The names of those who contributed after we went to press are listed below:

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Daggett
Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Hutchison
Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Andrews
Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Jetton
Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Vopel
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gray
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Walker C. Haigh

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY DAMES

The Auxiliary for the wives of the employees of the State Highway Department will have an 11:00 o'clock luncheon at the Hotel Sam Peck January 26. On the program will be Interior Decorator, Mrs. Andy Dillaha. Hostesses will be Mrs. Jo Nell Moore and Mrs. Ann Lawrence.

A bingo party for members and friends will be held Friday night, February 24, at the Wonder Bakery Hostess Room. Tickets are 50¢ per person. Ticket committee members are Mrs. Nancy Woodson, chairman, Mrs. Marge Davison and Mrs. Yvonne Mulholland.

If there are any questions please call the President, Mrs. Shirley Chaney, CA 5-2926.

Publicity,
Betty Hutchison

COY CAMPBELL TO BE DISTRICT 7 ENGINEER



POLL TAKEN FOR OPINIONS CONCERNING TRAFFIC SAFETY AND RELATED TOPICS

The Memphis COMMERCIAL APPEAL recently made a 3-state poll to determine how people feel about highway accidents and fatalities and what should be done about them. An article in the December 26, 1966 issue brought out, as the number of traffic accidents and fatalities continues its steady rise, that many Mid-Southerners are favoring increased legislation as one of the answers to slow the climb.

Three of the Commercial Appeal's correspondents and bureau chiefs combined their efforts to discover a cross section of Mid-Southerners' opinions concerning traffic safety and related topics. They found that the majority believes: "Drivers should be re-examined periodically and the examination should be both physical and a test of driving knowledge and skill; auto manufacturers are not doing their part in providing safe vehicles; courts frequently aren't tough enough as repeaters; pleasure cars should be governed to a speed of not more than 90 miles per hour or less; insurance rates often are too high, particularly in that safe drivers are paying too much where the person with a lengthy traffic record pays too little."

Opinion was divided on whether or not maximum age should be set for licensed drivers. Some felt an age limit should be enforced, while others felt an adequate alternative would be the word of a physician to provide authorities with proof of whether the elderly citizen was a capable driver.

Coy Campbell, Jr., Assistant Construction Engineer will be promoted to District 7 Engineer effective February 1 to fill the vacancy created by Frank D. Neighbors who is resigning to take a position with a private firm.

Neighbors has been District Engineer at Camden since November of 1965.

Campbell, 30, came to the Arkansas Highway Department in 1959 after three years with the Arizona Highway Department. He is a native of Yellville and a graduate of Finlay Engineering College of Kansas City, Missouri. He is a registered professional engineer and since coming to the Department, has held the positions of Assistant Resident Engineer on the Greater Little Rock Expressway and Resident Engineer at Texarkana prior to becoming an assistant construction engineer.

Campbell is married to the former Earlena Blasdel of Yellville. They now reside at 406 Sierra Madre in North Little Rock. They have three sons, John David, 7; Mark Steven, 4; and Coy Scott, 2; and one daughter, Joy Lynne, 1.

Although many felt courts were too lax in penalizing traffic violators, they believed the police are doing a capable job.

Others felt that to have a statute which provided for licenses only in the case of a person who carried liability insurance was an open invitation for insurance companies to raise their premiums.

On the question of whether all pleasure cars should be governed at a speed of not more than 90 to 100, Dyersburg, Tenn., service station operator James Travis Davidson spoke for the majority when he said: "Yes, there is not a time when a person needs to drive over 100. Our roads are not built for high speeds." Mrs. Evelyn D'Arcy of Forrest City, felt they should be governed at a maximum speed, but it should not be over 80 at the very most. Murray W. Blurton, an auto dealer feels, "Cars have been manufactured that wouldn't go over 90 but the public won't buy them. People want power whether they use it or not and that is what the industry builds." He also feels that the manufacturers are building cars with safety in mind, "but it is the drivers that misuse the products who are at fault."

There were other pros and cons on driver re-examinations, auto manufacturers not doing their part in providing safe vehicles, court laxity, speed limits and insurance rates not differentiating between careful drivers and frequent violators.

(Editor's Note: A man's intelligence is sometimes measured by the tools he uses. We have these tools for safety: good roads, good cars, good laws, insurance to mention a few. It is up to us to use them intelligently.)

WEIGHTS AND STANDARDS PARTY

Weights and Standards Division's annual Christmas party was a sumptuous affair as evidenced by the food-laden table pictured. It was held at Ark-La Gas Company's club house near the Livestock Show grounds.

Employees prepared the decorations and most of the food. Two bakeries helped prepare four 25-pound turkeys and several barbecued hams. The ladies of the Division spent quite a bit of midnight oil getting the decorations in place. Magnolia leaves sprayed gold and silver were used for table decorations. Greenery, lights, red velvet ribbon and fruit adorned with glitter were used to trim the party area for the Christmas season.

Roy Johnson, Chief of the Division, Gray Albright, Speedy Hutson, Ray Cole, John Phelan, Lee Jarvis and Bob Baker were hosts to approximately 200 people attending. Governor and Mrs. Faubus, special guests at the banquet, were presented 150 of old fashioned schoolroom desks and chairs to be used in restoration of Greasy Creek Elementary School which the governor has purchased and is in the process of restoring for a museum. A replica of the little school, which is the one the governor attended as a youngster, and where he later taught, was built by Janie Lou Johnson.

The group enjoyed dancing after dinner and an exchange of gifts.



The lovely overseers for chef-employees P. Linebarrier and Earl Whitlow are Janie Lou Johnson, daughter of Chief Roy and Mrs. Johnson (left) and her friend from State Teachers where they are freshmen, Sherrill Jessome. The girls wore matching dresses, one in red and one in green.

Posing in front of a replica of the governor's childhood school are Chief Roy Johnson, Mrs. Faubus, Mrs. Johnson and Governor Faubus.



AN EMPLOYER'S PRAYER

Dear Lord, please help me to accept human beings as they are,

Not yearn for perfect creatures.

To recognize ability and encourage it; to understand shortcomings

And make allowances for them;

To work patiently for improvement and not to expect Too much too quickly;

To appreciate what people do right, not just criticize what they do wrong!

To be slow to anger and hard to discourage; to have the hide of an elephant and the patience of Job;

In short, Lord, please help me to be a better boss



LETTERS

December 9, 1966

Mr. Ward Goodman
Arkansas Highway Department
New Benton Highway
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Ward:

I would like to congratulate the highway department on the wonderful way you handled the re-vamping of the intersection at Asher and Hayes.

Sincerely,
Siebert News Agency, Inc.
S. A. Siebert, President

December 1, 1966

Arkansas Highway Department
Little Rock, Ark.

Editorial from Times Dispatch
Walnut Ridge, Ark.

Thank You, Mr. Smith

We applaud the action of the State Highway Department in implementing hard surfacing another section of Highway 25. This newspaper, along with many citizens, has been urging new construction of Highways 25, 115, and 117.

New construction on these highways is important to Lawrence County. We are delighted that Commissioner Maurice Smith of Birdeye has taken the time to go over these routes and be knowledgeable when the Commission discusses future construction.

Thank you, Mr. Smith, for consideration given this county.

KOSE...KOSE-FM (OSCEOLA) EDITORIAL

In an editorial last July, this station pointed out a need for the State Highway Department to assume the responsibility of repair and maintenance of alternate Highway 61, which runs north from East Quinn Street in Osceola to U.S. Highway 61, north of the city. It is with much appreciation that we acknowledge the receipt of a news release from the Arkansas State Highway Department dated November 30, 1966 stating that alternate Highway 61 has been added to the State Highway System and is earmarked for improvements and maintenance. We commend the State Highway Commission, the Director and the District Office of the State Highway Department for their response to the needs of our citizens.

The editorial policy for KOSE and KOSE-FM affords equal time to responsible parties with opposing views. We welcome your comments and your letters to the Editor.

AFTER CHRISTMAS DIET

Special Lo-Calorie Diet - 10 Carat Meal

Monday

Breakfast - Weak Tea

Lunch - 1 Bouillon Cube in ½ c. diluted water

Dinner - 1 Pigeon thigh and 3 ozs. prune juice (gargle only)

Tuesday

Breakfast - Scraped crumbs from burned toast

Lunch - 1 Donut Hole (without sugar)

Dinner - 1 Glass dehydrated water

Wednesday

Breakfast - Shredded egg shell skins

Lunch - Bellybutton from Naval Orange

Dinner - Two eyes from Irish Potato (diced)

Thursday

Breakfast - Boiled-out stains from table cloth

Lunch - Half dozen Poppy Seeds

Dinner - Bees knees and Mosquito knuckles, sauted in vinegar

Friday

Breakfast - 2 Lobster Antenna's

Lunch - 1 Guppy Fin (Broiled)

Dinner - 1 Jelly Fish Vertabrae

Saturday

Breakfast - Pickled Humming Bird's Tongue

Lunch - Pickled Ribs of Tadpole (2)

Dinner - Atoma of Empty Custard Pie Plate

Sunday

Breakfast - 4 Chopped Banana Seeds

Lunch - Broiled Butterfly Liver

Dinner - Filet-of-Soft-Shelled-Crab-Claw Salad:
Tossed paprika and 1 clover leaf

HAPPENS EVERY YEAR

'Twas a week after Christmas and all through the house
The place was a wreck, and I looked like a frowse;
The stockings were flung on the sofa, and chairs,
Toys and banana peel littered the stairs.
The dishes were piled 'way up high in the sink,
Even the trash can was filled to the brink;
Old crumbs on the floor, and more on the table,
I vowed I would get out the vacuum, when able;
I promised myself I would do it tomorrow,
But I had a feeling 'twould be to my sorrow...
However, I skipped it, and took me a nap,
With old Darby doggie curled up in my lap;
No sooner had both of us started to snore,
When something like meteors crashed at the door;
I never have heard such a brain-splitting noise,
It sounded like General Grant, and his boys!
I managed to wade through a wall-to-wall trap
Of ribbons, and tinsel, and glittered gift-wrap;
Old Darby and I (with a bit of a cuss,)
Went forth to find out what was pesterin' us;
Then what to our half-open eyes should appear...
But twenty more kinfolk with HAPPY NEW YEAR!

J. Pat Babin
379 Malboro Road
Memphis, Tenn.



VIRGINIA TACKETT INSTALLED AS RECORDING SECRETARY

Virginia Tackett, staff attorney for the Legal Division, was installed January 7, 1967 as recording secretary for the Arkansas Association of Women Lawyers. The organization (formerly The Little Rock Association of Women Lawyers) has recently expanded their membership to include the entire state. Virginia has been an employee of the Highway Department for 11½ years. She received her L.L.B. from Arkansas Law School in 1964 after attending night classes for four years. She is married to Lowell Tackett of Southwestern Transportation Company. They have two sons, Richard, a Naval Flight Officer, and Fred, a senior music major at Oklahoma City University.

MRS. M. FANNING ON HER 15th YEAR OF SERVICE WITH THE DEPARTMENT

On Wednesday, January 11, Mrs. Mamie Fanning, who works in Reproduction, was presented a certificate and pin for 15 years' service. Asst. Chief Engineer John Pendergrass made the presentation of awards to her. Almost under her nose the other Reproduction employees set up a surprise refreshment table complete with cloth, centerpiece and candlesticks where cake, punch and coffee were served to her many friends in the building.

She taught in the Durham, North Carolina school system for 18 years prior to coming to Arkansas where her husband was transferred as an engineer with U. S. Time Corporation.

INCONVENIENT CONVENIENCES

by John C. Hicks

Did you ever wonder what would happen if you awoke to find all the pushbutton gadgets in your home out of order? A young suburban couple recently found themselves face to face with this problem.

The soft pleasant tinkle of an electric clock broke the early morning stillness. Jim opened his eyes, yawned and stretched. In the midst of his second yawn Betty said, "Dear, will you please do something about that drippy old faucet in the bathroom? It just drip, drip, dripped all night; I didn't sleep a wink."

He knew, of course, she was exaggerating. Hadn't he heard her snoring for at least a couple of hours? However being a "housebroke" husband, he refrained from comment.

Arising, he grabbed robe and slippers and hurried to the garage for the tool kit. Returning he set about dismantling the faucet. Of course, he forgot to cut off the water and was rewarded with an unexpected shower. Betty dashed into the kitchen to turn off the house valve. Yes, you guessed it — it was stuck tight. With much heaving and straining Jim finally broke it loose. On his return to the bathroom he found the floor covered with an inch of water; but the worst of the job was finished.

In a matter of a few minutes Jim had the drip stopped, the floor mopped and everything in shipshape order. A glance at the clock told him he'd have to skip his bath; but a look in the mirror convinced him that a shave was absolutely necessary. Then — he remembered that his electric razor had shorted out yesterday morning. A ten minute search turned up the old safety razor he'd used in the "dark ages". The only remaining blade was as dull



John Pendergrass presenting awards to Mamie Fanning

as a putty knife. Well, he used to sharpen blades by rubbing them around the inside of a pickle jar — perhaps it would still work. Ten precious minutes were wasted finding a jar and five more in putting only a fair edge on the blade.

Shaving was an ordeal. He'd almost forgotten how to manipulate the razor. Thirty minutes later, Jim emerged from the bathroom his face nicked and bleeding, looking for all the world like the loser of a battle with a wildcat in a bramble patch.

Adjusting his tie, he dashed into the kitchen and grabbed a cup of coffee which he liked black and bitter. This morning it tasted flat and anemic. During the hectic plumbing episode, Betty had, accidentally, pushed the regulator over to "mild".

A cloud of smoke curled up from the automatic toaster which refused to automat. The anticipated golden brown toast came out a poor burnt offering; but Jim had to eat it and like it as time was fast running out on him.

Snatching his coat and hat from the closet and delivering a kiss in Betty's direction, which landed on her left ear, he dashed for the garage.

In the garage, he discovered that the car had a flat tire and, as luck would have it, the spare was at the service station. Well, he'd just have to ride the bus or thumb a ride.

Luckily he caught the bus at the corner, but all seats were taken and he had to stand. The poorly ventilated bus, filled with gas fumes and tobacco smoke soon nauseated him and by the time he reached his transfer point he'd had it.

When he reached the transfer point his bus had just left and it was twenty minutes until the next one arrived; also, it was fifteen minutes until time for him to check-in at the office. There was nothing for him to do but walk the twelve blocks in a drizzly, nasty rain. He set out at a fast pace and made it just under the wire — wet, discouraged, sick and strictly out of tune with the world.

Eight hours dragged slowly to an end. Now, Jim could go home to the peace and comfort of chair, and the evening paper — or so he thought. He certainly deserved a rest after this hectic day.

On the parking lot, he found Betty waiting for him in the car. His first glance at Betty's troubled face told him all was not well; she had something on her mind. As he took the wheel she said, "Jim, we'll have to hurry; the kitchen sink has been stopped up all day. I've worked, sweated, cried and tried every way in the world to unstop it; but it's still stopped up."

Threading through the endless stream of home-bound traffic made a total wreck of his already frazzled nerves. He kept up an endless tirade on the driving ability of his fellow commuters, calling them, "Morons, half-wits, old women" and names of more sulphurous nature. However, without major mishap or fatality they reached home safe and sound.

Nothing could have been more discouraging than that sink of cold, greasy dishwater and dirty

dishes that faced Jim. Well, it had to be done; so he changed to jeans and bravely tackled it. He poured a can of grease solvent into the drain. The result — not so much as one single bubble. Then he tried a can of concentrated lye. The water bubbled and boiled, but the drain remained closed as tight as the "Iron Curtain". Finally he sent Betty to borrow a suction plunger; of course, it took the neighbor a half hour to find it. Armed with this, he plunged it vigorously up and down over the drain, splashing the strong lye water on the floor and walls, ruining a good tile floor and paint job. Just before he dropped from exhaustion the drain opened up, letting the water flow merrily on its way.

Order restored in the kitchen, Jim walked into the living room to find it as frigid as the North Pole. He turned the thermostat up to eighty degrees, but the floor furnace failed to respond. "No! No!", he yelled, "This could not happen to a dog," but it had. The wind had extinguished the pilot light.

The cold east wind screeching around the corners and the thermometer standing in the lower twenties made the prospects of a heatless evening more terrifying than anything he had faced in Korea. Gritting his teeth, he lifted the floor gate to light the pilot. Where in blazes was that valve key? Betty finally unearthed it from the bottom of an ash tray under a layer of ashes.

Placing a match in the lighting rod, he lighted it and gingerly lowered it into the furnace. Woosh! a strong draft extinguished it. Again and again he repeated the performance, using several matches at a time. Several minutes and a box of matches later Betty, unable to stand any more of his profanity, offered to help. Very calmly, she lowered one tiny little match into the furnace and it "took off" like a jet.

Later as Jim sat in his comfortable easy chair, watching a third rate T.V. program without energy to change channels, Betty said, "Jim, let's buy an electric clothes dryer; the down payment would not be over thirty dollars."

This was the straw that broke the camel's back. He got up and stamped off to bed, growling that he was through with modern gimmicks and was going to move to the country where life was simple, easy and inconvenient.

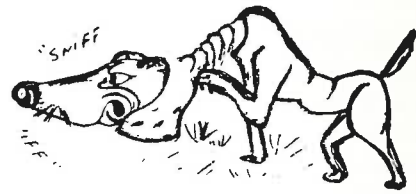
Off The Record



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"Furthermore, if I catch you again on this freeway looking like this, I'll report you for sabotaging the highway beautification program."

AROUND the DEPARTMENT



Mildred Harness

Here we go on to another year, hope it brings good luck and health for all of you.

It was Happy Birthday for Margaret Allen on December 9. We girls surprised her with a luncheon at the Lamplighter, all had a very nice time. She received lots of cards from over the building. Congratulations my dear.

Billie Bain left us on December 15. She was presented a nice blouse and cake from accounting. Johnny Beavers made the presentation. Good luck Billie.

Johnny and Mollie Beavers flew to Winston-Salem, N. C. December 21 to spend Christmas with their son, Charlie and family. Mollie had sent the grandchildren's gifts ahead of time.

Mell Jones is our new employee working in the retirement section. Mell lives at 8420 Herrick Lane, just a stone's throw from our building. She is the mother of four children, three boys and one girl. Jim, the oldest son, is married and in the Marine Corps. Lewis is in California going to school, Mike is in the 10th grade at McClellan High School. Teri Lynn is in the 7th grade at Mabelvale Junior High School. Mell's hobbies are crocheting and sketching, and grandmothing, since the arrival of Jim and Peggy's son, Patrick on January 3. Poor Mell, her first time as a grandmother. Us old hands in the business of being grandmother tried to console her, but this being her first, we didn't accomplish much. Don't blame you my dear.

Congratulations to Jimmy and Annette Hawkins on the birth of their daughter, Madaline, born November 3, 10:30 a.m. at St. Vincents hospital. Madaline weighed in at 8 pounds, 8 ounces. Grandparents are Jim and Irene Hawkins. Irene said, "Madaline is the prettiest little baby you ever saw." Isn't that just like a grandmother. Jimmy has not seen his little daughter yet, as he is still in Viet Nam. Here's hoping he will be home soon.

December 21, Accounting had open house, all divisions were invited. We had all kinds of goodies. Hostesses were Irene Hawkins, Pat Koonce, Bonnie Hill, and Willene Dorris, and what a fine job they did. We of Accounting were glad you all came and hope each of you enjoyed yourselves and please come back.

Bonnie Hill, our world traveler, took off again, this time to visit relatives and friends in Des Moines, Ia. and Indianola, Ia. Sure glad to have her back.

Another traveler is Pat Koonce, she slipped and slid all the way to the border of Indiana. From the state line into Evansville, she had good roads. Bless the dear little thing, we had made so much fun of her talking about ox tail soup, she brought back a gallon to share it with the ones who had laughed so much about it. And you know it was good, and to think how many ox tails we threw away when we were on the farm.

Vernon Fulmer brought his little girl, Stacy Lynn up to see us during the Christmas holidays. She is sure a darling. Of course, her daddy is a good one too.

Allene Boysen's newly married daughter, Betty and husband, Dave, visited Allene during the Christmas season, and was nice enough to come to Accounting and pay us a visit. Hope they come again soon.



Cindy Allen



John E. Allen, IV

John Allen Jr. and family from San Antonio, Tex., spent Christmas with their parents, John and Margaret. I finally talked Margaret into letting me have the pictures of her grandchildren, so all could see them.

Well, this is it for now.



Barbara Oldham

We hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. Isn't it great that holidays like these come just once a year! so much food and so much traveling and so little sleep.

Our division had a real nice Christmas party. Thanks again to all the wonderful employees' wives for sending food and making our party a success. Without these wives, we just wouldn't have had as successful a party.

Max and Mary Hall had a house full of company during the holidays and are looking forward to another year when everyone can be together again.

Mr. Harry Wright, our former division head visited us on January 3. It was a good new year's present to all. Come by anytime and bring Mrs. Wright with you next time if you can.

Jack and Mary Teasdale were happy to have their daughter Pat and her husband visit during the holidays.

Kay Tallant, daughter of John Tallant, our boss, was home for the holidays from Southwestern College in Memphis.

Jim Mitchell, a draftsman in this division, will be leaving sometime in January for his basic training in the Army Special Forces.

Gene Thomas, a draftsman trainee, in this division will be resigning January 26 to return to college full time. Good luck to both of you. We wish you both the best in the future.

A special "Thank You" goes out to Mr. Archie Jones, supervisor at the Helena Bridge for his wonderful cooperation in helping with some scenes in the 1967 highway movie. In fact, everyone connected with the Helena bridge was very cooperative and are looking forward to seeing that new 1967 highway movie which will be released in late March.

Remember...Keep smiling...your smile just might brighten someone else's day!
Bye 'til next time.

DEFINITIONS: Litterbug: "strew-ball"
As mentioned in the November, 1966 issue of Reader's Digest.



DATA PROCESSING

Trisha McDonald

With the holiday season behind us, we're settling back down to the usual routine. All employees in DPC had a luncheon at the holiday Inn on December 15. Everyone attended and all had an enjoyable time. We also had a buffet luncheon in the Department on December 21.

Little Kimberly Reddin, two-year-old daughter of Carolyn Reddin, paid us a visit on the 16th to sample Erma Jetton's birthday cake. Kim seemed to enjoy the visit as much as everyone here enjoyed having her. Erma's birthday was December 18. Happy Birthday, Erma.

Erma and husband, Robert, enjoyed a white Christmas in Trimble, Tenn. They were part of a family reunion in the home of Robert's mother, Mrs. Allie Jetton.

Former magazine reporter, Peggy Hardin, has recently left us to work for the Bureau of Revenue. We're already missing her, and from last reports, she's missing us too.

We're glad to welcome Charlotte Gilliam to the clan. Charlotte's husband, Tommy, is a member of the National Guard, presently stationed at Fort Polk, La. We're all happy that he was able to make it home for the holidays.

We've had several mighty hunters in the department in recent weeks. Among them are Jerry Conway, Jim Stringer, and Dale Hoggard. Dale says he never kills anything, he just likes to hunt.

Roy Shelby's wife gave him an AM-FM clock radio for Christmas. Now his new TV puts him to sleep and his new radio wakes him up.

Both Frances Richardson and Art Johnson had children home from school for the holidays. Frances' son, Larry, was home from Tech at Russellville and Art's daughter, Lynn, was home from Arkansas State College at Jonesboro. We know that they were very glad to have them home.

Grover Smith spent most of the holiday season on vacation, visiting with relatives in Camden.



DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Mary Day Herndon

Dorothy and Drummond Switzer were happy to have son Wallace home for the holidays from active National Guard duty. He is stationed at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio.

Ferol Jones and husband Jimmy enjoyed a leisurely trip to La Mirada, Calif.

during the holidays where they visited his sister and her husband. They traveled by car and saw many points of interest enroute.

Nelson Morgan vacationed and visited relatives at Houston during Christmas.

Marilyn Robinson who works summers in the Director's office also worked during her Christmas vacation from Bethany Nazarene College in Bethany, Okla. Ferol Jones delighted Marilyn when she dropped in at the store where Marilyn was working as a gift wrapper at Bethany before college was out for Christmas, and Ferol was on the way "out West".

Dr. Alice Ann O'Donnell of Galveston, Tex. spent Christmas with her parents, Frank and Mrs. O'Donnell and brother, Mike at Griffithville.

Ed Orsini chose to spend a part of the holiday season at New Orleans.

Ronald Keene visited relatives in Minnesota during Christmas. He said he encountered the worst weather of the trip in Missouri, not in Minnesota as you might imagine.

I don't believe in polygamy but it was great fun to be one of the king's wives in the cast of "The King and I" which was put on at Robinson Auditorium in mid-December. If anyone had ever told me I would appear barefoot before 15,000 people - and not even for money, but just applause - I would have been

aghast. My son and I enjoyed a Christmas weekend with our kin in Springhill, La., too.

It was a long-anticipated pleasure to meet Janet McElduff from Wynne a few days ago. She was in town as accompanist for daughter Ellen, who was in the "Junior Miss" competition, and came out to the building to visit us. Janet's writings are always so refreshing and she is just as interesting. Hope she will come again soon.

It was a brief, but pleasant association we had with Jane Mann who worked as Mr. Goodman's secretary the two weeks Ferol was on vacation.

Martha and Harry Adams enjoyed having son Jimmy home for the holidays. At this writing Editor Martha is under the weather but we hope she will soon conquer whatever it is and get back on her feet again.

Bill Pryor and family spent part of the holidays visiting Mrs. Pryor's folks at Tuckerman.

Jay Ehrhorn and husband, Bob, who is the Arkansas manager of Vari-Typer Corp. entertained his employees with a dinner at their home before Christmas.

Sympathy is extended to A. G. Cruce and his family due to the death of his nephew at Warren whose funeral was Christmas Day.



Bill Padgett, husband of Avalee, (left) and Thurman Payne, Equipment Division employee, help their plates during the Central Shops Christmas party at Jacksonville while Earl Bowman with Voss-Hutton-Barbee Co. looks on.



EQUIPMENT

Sue Fuller

Watson Yancey took a few days off to visit his son and family in Atlanta, Ga. He reports that he and his wife had a wonderful visit. While there his grandson cut his first tooth and "Grandpa" even had the privilege of taking him for his first haircut.

Congratulations to Dub Colvert, mechanic in our shops, who received his 10 year pin and certificate.

Some of our men took a few days off during deer season and one of them was successful - Jack Barnes killed his on his first morning out.

C. P. Brooks, our shop superintendent, took a week's vacation while his brother was visiting with him. They drove to Nashville, Tenn. to spend Christmas with relatives and found a 5" snow with 6 degree temperature. Needless to say they were glad to get back to Arkansas.

We welcome two new employees to our shop - C. E. Abbott and James G. Pay, Jr.

Carl Hillis took a couple of days off and drove up to Essick, Mo. to visit with his father and brother.

A grand time was had by all when the employees of the Equipment Division and Central Shops got together for their Christmas Luncheon on December 21 at Central Shops, at Jacksonville. The food was certainly much in abundance and was "superb". We were very pleased to have all the guests, especially Mrs. C. Don Hayes, Mrs. M. B. Head, Mrs. Leon Sneed, and Mrs. C. Brooks, Jr.



FINAL ESTIMATE

Pat Reeves

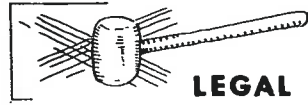
We have two new employees in our section. Our new typist is Cheryl Moore, a 1965 graduate of Bryant High School. She also attended Arkansas Adult Vocational School. Cheryl is 18 years old and single, but fellows, beware! She wears a big diamond on her left hand. Wonder who the lucky one is? Welcome, Cheryl.

Our new technician is H. Y. Griffin, girls!! A bachelor, age 24, he had previously worked with the Highway Department before spending two years in Germany in the U. S. Army. Hank tells us the girls in Germany aren't nearly as desirable as those he has seen around the Department. We welcome you, Hank.

Some young bachelors spend money on wine, women and song, but Final Estimate Section boasts a sport who invests his money on the more stable things in life; a \$200 'coon hound'! The proud owner of this expensive beast assures

us he actually intends to permit this recently-acquired pet to roam virtually unescorted thru strange woods at night, baying at fur-bearing mammals and running the risk of getting lost or 'coon-eaten'!! Careful friend, you may lose your expensive hound dog.

Our leader, H. H. Perkins, and Mrs. Perkins were host and hostess of a very nice Christmas party. A good time was reported from all who attended.



LEGAL DIVISION

Betty Grimes

The Legal Division celebrated the first Christmas in the new building with our traditional smörgasbord luncheon. If we were inclined to nostalgia we could say we missed the "coziness" of our old quarters but truthfully we all commented on how nice it was to be in our new, clean, roomy and more comfortable offices. As usual, we all ate more than we should and the pièce de resistance was assorted candies made by Marylin Keys and Doris Green.

Doris Harper rushed to Tulsa, Okla. when her father, John Sturdivant, had an emergency operation on the Tuesday before Christmas. His condition was considered satisfactory enough, however, that she was able to return home for Christmas. We are glad that he is now able to be at home, although he still must go to the hospital daily for out-patient treatments. Doris and her family have had more than their share of illness in the past year and let's hope 1967 will be brighter for all of them.

Don Langston, our perennial bachelor and man about town, who received his five year pin and certificate in December, has resigned to accept a position in the

Attorney General's office. A party, to bid him fond adieu, was held on his last day and Don was presented with a black fiber glass attache case as a token of our affection for him. Don has always worked as hard as he played, and his leaving will create a real gap in the ranks of the trial staff.

Ethyl Harrison's daughter, Robin, is as bright a young lass as she is comely. The results of a nation wide test given to High School seniors, the S.A.C.T. (Scholastic Achievement College Test), were recently posted and Robin ranked in the top five percent for the nation. Her rating for math was in the top four percent. There is no pleasure that can exceed that of pride for our children's outstanding achievements; and all of Ethyl's co-workers share in her pride of Robin.

My eldest child, Mary Anne has received a letter from Bobbs-Merrill, Co., stating that her book "The Green Gretchen", a children's fantasy story, has been reviewed and is under favorable consideration for publication. Everyone, please join me in "crossing of fingers" and other modes of general hopefulness that the book will be published. Mary is so thrilled to receive something other than another rejection slip, that the actual publication would come somewhat as an anti-climax to her. Her more practical-minded mother, however, knows that the boost to her pocketbook (even though secondary to the boost already provided the morale) is not to be overlooked. Here is a sample of fairy-tales for grown-ups. "Once upon a time there was a little mermaid, the littlest mermaid of all. She fell in love with a handsome human prince and was on the verge of swimming off down to her old mer-granny (who was a mer-witch) in order to be changed into a human and win the prince's love when a sting-ray whistled at her. The fickle mermaid swam off with him instead. That was two years ago, and the last I heard of her, she was still running around with a bunch of fishy characters."



Philip Gowan, man of many interests.

Philip Gowan, our newest Staff attorney, is not really a new "face" to most of us because of the close association and proximity of his former office. Phil served as Clerk of the Supreme Court of Arkansas for a period of 8 yrs. and as Deputy Clerk for 5 yrs. prior to that. He has recently served a "tour of duty" as Chief Assistant Attorney for the State of Arkansas. He is a native of Clay County and received his L.L.B. from the Arkansas Law School in 1963. His wife is the former Deloris Ham-buchen, of Conway, and they have four children whose ages range from 9 to 14. Phil is a man who has many interests and his most current is shooting - both guns and cameras, so if you want to strike-up an interesting conversation with Phil just mention either. Or, as a matter of fact, if you're an avid reader you'll find a kindred spirit in Phil. P. S. He is also a great sketch artist.



MATERIALS AND TESTS

Sibyl Maddox

Another new year has started...Resolutions have been made! Will they be broken???

All in all it has been a good year... Let's make it a still better one next year!

We had our annual Christmas party Friday, December 23...Lots and lots of delicious (fattening) food...Maurice Tillery brought his stereo and Christmas albums to provide the music...Our Christmas tree was beautiful...We had our first snow and sleet to add the final trimming. Allen Holmes and J. W. Chapman brought their wives and darling children to the party. Also attending the party was: Permit Section; Dale Davison and Sibble Cox of Personnel; and Marie Blankenship of Safety...

Bill Wood has a new granddaughter, Andrea Louise, born December 3. She tipped the scales at 6 pounds 10 ounces. She is the daughter of Kay and Gary Wood. Gary is doing his Residency at a Hospital in St. Louis.

Allen Holmes and family spent the holidays at Danville...John Adams spent his holidays in Starke, Fla. visiting relatives...Jim Reynolds visited a cousin at Hot Springs Saturday night, December 24, and enjoyed barbecue goat...Barney Phillips went quail hunting, says he had a little luck and lots of fun...

Lynn Hart, stationed at Fort Hood, is spending his leave with his parents, the Henry Harts.

Robert Fisher has resigned to accept employment at Hercules, Jacksonville, Ark.

Doyle Murphy Hughes has resigned to enter military service. He will be at San Diego, Cal. for his basic training.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY...

There is always somebody or something to work for; and while there is, life must be, and shall become, worth living.

LeBaron Briggs

"HAPPY NEW YEAR"



P&R Staff

Sam Elsberry, who retired December 31, will be missed. He received a certificate authorizing him "a Public Relations Officer" for the Highway Department. Sam indicated he will fish, hunt, and "take it easy".

We will also miss Janet Smith, who resigned to accept a position with a firm in Sheridan.

New employees: Jimmy Brown joins the County Coverage crew; Del Rea replaces John Wilhite as Classification Technician. We welcome both. John Wilhite has moved into the County Coverage group.

We now have three newly-married women in this Division: Libby Mills Brockinton, Phillis Smith Munnerlyn, and Joann Jones Neihaus. We wish the gals all happiness; but we've been kidding them that those new last names are not nearly as easy to spell as the old ones. More distinctive, though. After a wedding trip to Hot Springs, Phyllis and Bernie are living in North Little Rock. Henry Mercer's daughter, Mary Virginia, also married recently.

The Mapping and Drafting folks decided the girls had been monopolizing the "showers" around here long enough and got together during the Christmas season and "showered" prospective bridegroom Paul Edwards with a big basket full of groceries and other useful kitchen items. Paul also received a gift of insulated coffeecups from P&R. He and Miss Theresa Massey of Haskell were married on December 29.



Paul Edwards at "his shower"

The P&R Christmas luncheon this year featured some of the best food ever, and we snapped a picture of four of the girls most responsible: June Brown, Joan Niehaus, Fern Speights, and Jo Nell Threet. We also got a picture of the



June Brown, Joan Neihaus, Fern Speights, and Joe Nell Threet, hostesses.

crowd closing in on the goodies. The Santa Claus head in the background was executed for the occasion by our artist Hal Phillips. We had many visitors, including Walter Hicks and Ward Goodman, whom we were glad to welcome. Former employee Neill Morehead joined us, and we were delighted to see him. Come again soon, Neill.

Some of the P&R crowd also gathered one evening at Tia Wanna for dinner.

Employees in the Finance and Economics Section celebrated by designating a different person each day to bring something sweet to eat. Since all but one of the employees are men, we think this is worthy of note - the men claimed they were doing their own baking. Fellows, is this Scouts' honor?

Other notes of the Festive Season: Ruth Cantley had a visit from her sister, Mrs. Mary Redd, from Hays, Kans. (she's a college housemother); her son Russell and his wife from Dallas; and her daughter Alyce and her husband from Shreveport and the grandchildren, of course. Marjie and Dodson Leonard spent Christmas attending a family reunion at the home of her sister in Plainview. Former employee Aline Daniel and her husband and son visited Buddy Lewter and family and attended a party with them. Buddy says Aline asked about everyone. Helen McNutt's Air Force daughter was home. Bob Faulkner and wife had some trouble going from Paragould to Fayetteville to visit the two sets of parents - ice and snow and all that - making a nine-hour trip and wearing out a new set of chains. Among those vacationing: F. C. McCormack, Graham Noble, Leo Biggs, Hershel Russell, W. T. Mann, Carl Bratcher, Archie Wyatt, H. L. Gregory, C. O. Roberson, H. W. Sanders, Chester Willis, and Pat Patillo.

Gary Whittington spent most of his vacation bird hunting. Accompanying him one day were fellow employees Jim Head and Jim Barnett. They report that having



The crowd closing in on the goodies.

fire and some five boxes of shells, only 14 were downed, and they hope their average will improve.

The Vandenberg are grandparents again. Little Terrie Ann arrived November 4. Her parents, Linda and Paul Bradley, live at Hamilton, N.Y. That's three for the Vans.

Knowing our hour lunch period was about to be shortened, many from this Division made good use of the last two weeks.

A large group visited Trapnall Hall one day while the Garden Clubs of Little Rock were holding their exhibit and sale of Christmas foods and decorations.

Another day, a group attended a similar bazaar at Trinity Cathedral. Some who had never seen the Cathedral before went into the sanctuary and found this beautiful old church the main pleasure of this trip.

Visiting the Greek Orthodox Church

when the annual Greek Bread Sale was being held was also enjoyed. This is a fascinating and impressive church to visit, and the P&R group appreciated the courtesy of the gentleman who explained the various aspects of the church.

Another group lunched at Rupert's Restaurant on Base Line Road and report they saw a fashion show featuring clothes from the Bamboo House.

These visits were educational and a lot of fun, too.

The P&R bowling team is now in second place in the Highway Bowling League.

Ed Johnson's daughter, Ramona underwent a mastoidectomy and spent six days in the hospital but is healing well.

We extend our sympathy to Larry Bradford on the death of his mother, and to Gary Whittington and family on the loss of his grandfather.

of anyone more deserving of this title and add our congratulations to the many she has already received. The flowers shown in the picture was one of the gifts Nancy received with this honor.



This was Lisa Michell Johnston's first Christmas and she looks like she is really enjoying it. Lisa is the seven month old daughter of Ronald and Linda Johnston. Ronald is an engineering technician in the Engineering Section of Right-of-Way.

Larry Lorence of the Engineering Section, is the proud owner of a 1967, fast-buck model, Volkswagon. Larry found out just how good a car it is when he made a trip to Chicago over the holidays. He had to drive thru a big snow in Missouri and said he drove up hills and over highways that other cars had found impossible.

Jimmy Giles is also proud of the 1964, gold-colored, Plymouth he recently purchased. I don't suppose he has had to try it out in the snow yet and most of us hope he doesn't have to, around here anyhow.

We had several other employees leaving the State for the holiday besides Larry Lorence. They were Alton Van Patten, wife Lou Ann and children, who visited Lou Ann's uncle in Texas, while Leroy Elledge and wife Ruth flew to Richmond, Va. to spend Christmas with their son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter and Sue Witherington traveled all the way to South Carolina where she enjoyed Christmas with her sister and her family.

Employees taking time off but staying in Arkansas were Carolyn Halbert, who spent the holidays with her parents at Prattville; Retha Griffin spent several days in Dumas where she and sons Bob and Terry visited relatives and friends while Marvin Cazer and family visited relatives in Stone County. Doug Thacker and Woody Laird took a week off and stayed home.

The person showing more initiative than anyone else in planning his holiday



RIGHT OF WAY

Shirley Childress

Everyone is trying to settle down and get back in the old routine after the holidays, the Christmas and New Year parties and all that good food. A few of us found it hard to come back to work after sleeping late for three days.

Our Christmas party was held at Tia Wanna this year and everyone agreed it was one of the best parties we've had. The picture shown here was made at our office party held in the afternoon on December 23. We had all kinds of goodies to eat with punch and coffee to drink. Glendol Jackson played Santa Claus and passed out the small gifts we exchanged. Most of the gifts were cute or funny so we always look forward to this.

Our own Nancy Sipe, secretary to Mr. Gray, chief of Right of Way, was Secretary of the Day, December 14. We cannot think



Nancy Sipes



was Bruce Johnson. Bruce along with his mother and sister spent two days at Pine Tree Lodge at Higdon and went fishing at Greers Ferry. No luck tho, the fish did not like frozen minnows.

Jim Mode took two extra days off after Christmas and when I asked him what he did, he just grinned.

Congratulations to Henry Williams and wife Gwen on the birth of their new daughter, Natalie Ann, December 19 at St. Vincent Infirmary. Natalie weighed in at 6 pounds, 11½ ounces. The Williams family have had their share of trouble

along with the joy of a new baby for Natalie's big sister, Sherry Lynn, age 5 years came down with the chicken pox soon after the new baby was brought home and daddy took the flu. Can you beat that for luck.

J. C. Merritt underwent ear surgery December 7 at the Arkansas Baptist Medical Center. J. C. is back at work now and the last report was a good one.

Mr. Luton is back with us and everyone was mighty proud to see him.

did see him. We missed them very much as we were looking forward to their visit. Mr. Cook came by earlier to inform us that his plans were to spend Christmas in New Orleans.

Many of our folks had their families home for the holidays and I haven't had an opportunity to check up on them as yet as I was too busy becoming 'grandmother' again, at 11:30 p.m., December 24. 'Tis a boy this time and we are really

Jewell E. Taylor, mower operator on the Cleveland County crew has retired after some 15 yrs. with the Department. He was honored with a fish fry at Cleveland County headquarters on Friday, December 9. Approximately 45 people attended; the Cleveland County crew and families and John and Mrs. Harris, also Woody and Mrs. Wilson. Mack Walker was chief cook, the ladies furnished salads, cakes and pies. We hope your retirement brings you much happiness.

Earl Appling our station attendant, spent the last deer season in camp at Appling Deer Camp, Appling County, and of course they bagged a deer or two. Seems as tho' it's all in the family?

From Desha County, pictured is deer hunter, John Hughes, area foreman, who says that he was after the steak and not the rack.



ROADWAY DESIGN

Virginia Ashlin

On the night of December 16 Roadway Design held their annual Christmas party at the Alamo Plaza. Almost everyone was able to be there, and seemed to have a good time. A short program was presented before dinner, at which time all the bosses and secretaries were presented gag Christmas gifts. Following dinner, most of group stayed on to enjoy the dancing.

We also had a small Christmas party at the office on the morning of the 23rd. At this time three employees were presented their service awards. They were as follows: Bill Hurt, 5 yrs., Charles Toland, 10 yrs. and Pat Thompson, 10 yrs. After the presentation coffee and cake were served.

Those taking extended vacations during the Christmas Holidays were John Hicks, Ray Maxey and Charles Ashcraft. We understand Ray went all the way to Cal. Hope you had a good time, Ray.

Others leaving town for the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cooper who visited in Melbourne (in the snow!!), Brooks and Linda Nichols made a trip down to Camden and Lois and Pat Thompson drove up to Oklahoma to visit their parents.

John and Peggy Hicks' son, Robert was home from college visiting over the holidays.



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Leslie Long

Old St. Nick has come and gone. We even had a surprise visit from Santa Claus at our District 2 Christmas party. He passed out the sacks to the younger children and listened to their "wants" for Christmas. Our party was a huge success. More employees attended than we've had in a long time. The food was delicious, even tho we ran short and had to replenish with a quick trip to the store. The cakes, pies and Christmas cookies that our area people furnished looked like pictures in recipe books and tho it was impossible to taste them all, I got around to a few of them and they were really delicious. Our Christmas carols sing was cut short when the snow began to fall and everyone had to return early to his station. I believe the largest representation from any one family was Selma and Van Dyke Chavis with their four grandsons, son, Phillip and wife, Sandy, and baby, Lara. Running a close second, was Jimmy Leopard, his wife and five children. We were especially happy to have some of our retirees with us for the occasion, Mrs. Inez Royston, Mrs. Peggy Goins, Mrs. Geo. Cooley, and Mr. Laminack with his grandson. Mr. Bob Warren had accepted our invitation but guess the weather prevented his trip. Mr. Walter Combs assured us he would arrive early to visit with all of us but we never



Also from Desha County, Kevin Barley, three month old son of Paul and Glenda Barley. Paul is a motor patrol operator.



Congratulations to Pink May in recognition of his 10 yrs. of service to the department and to Hollis L. Lisenby, for his 15 yrs. service.



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Edna Lewallen

Thomas Smith and his family are happy to have Lisa Ann, their 3 month old daughter, back home for a few weeks. She has been a patient in a Little Rock hospital and was to have surgery for a heart ailment when she took pneumonia. She is at home now to gain some strength for the up-coming surgery. We wish her the best of luck and hope that she will soon be well.

Donald McKenzie, one of our Maintenance employees, got married during the holidays. The lucky girl was Mary Frances Bain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hawley of Hope. The wedding took place on December 23 at the home of the bride's parents with Rev. Denman of the Church of Christ officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Maryman visited his sister, Mrs. Sam Miciotto, and family in Lake Charles, La., during the holidays.

Betty Penny celebrated a birthday January 31 and Bob Mattox celebrated one on January 2. Tuesday, the 3rd, we enjoyed coffee and donuts with both of them and extended our well wishes.

Our annual Christmas dinner was held at the District Shop December 21. An abundance of people attended and a huge table full of turkey, barbequed venison, potato salad, baked beans and the trimmings. We did away with most of the speech making and stuck to the business of the day, eating and enjoying each others company. Our guests were Jim Lowder, Charlie Hooker, Glendol Jackson and Bud Witter. We had the Shifters (the rock-n-roll group we wrote an article about a few months ago) as our entertainment. They played excellently and all of us who are "young at heart" really enjoyed them although it took all of us a while after they stopped to get the ringing out of our ears. Bob Mattox, Ardell Clark and Ted Maryman were given gift certificates and Floyd Pharris was given a gift of money from the employees. We haven't received reports as to what was bought

as yet. We sincerely hope that our little get-together helped everyone to have a more enjoyable holiday season and we want to wish everyone a very prosperous and happy New Year.



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The Informers

We are happy to welcome E. A. Rowland, Mower operator in Montgomery County, back to work. Erlene was off work due to a serious illness from July 15 to November 1.

Our district office celebrated Emily Rogers' birthday with coffee and cake November 21. We might also mention that we had three distinguished visitors from the Safety Department, Mr. Roland Humble, Mr. Leon Sneed and Mr. Frank O'Donald, who joined us in celebrating the special occasion.

Thomas Leakey's daughter, Danna Vay, was married to Roger McLaughlin of Ozark Friday evening, November 25 at the Leakey home.



Clarence Booher was made proud to learn that his niece, Kay Davignon, made the honor roll at Harlem Jr. High School in Grovetown, Ga.

Lee Jackson Tarvin received his twenty year pin last month.

Jimmy Don Eledge, who is with the Pope County Maintenance Crew, has been helping out in the stockroom the last month. He celebrated his birthday on December 28, by bringing a cake for all to share.

Netha Brown, payroll clerk, and her husband are vacationing in Miami, Fla. at this writing.

Tommy Kinslow spent part of the holiday season recuperating from having had minor surgery in St. Mary's Hospital recently. We are happy to report that he is back on the job and feeling fine.

Our sympathy is extended to Mr. Homer Hill, a retired employee of District 8, in the recent death of his wife, Jewell.



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Howell and McCoy

Many of the men in this District spent their vacation time during deer hunting season. What kind of luck did you have boys? Where are the pictures?

Leslie Ruth Moore, weighing 6 pounds 4 ounces was born December 12 in St. Mary's Hospital. Leslie Ruth is the granddaughter of Fred Moore, our paint and body man, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Moore of Dover, Ark.

CRITICISM

Pray, find no fault with the man who limps...Or stumbles along the road...Unless you have worn the shoes he wears...Or struggled beneath his load."

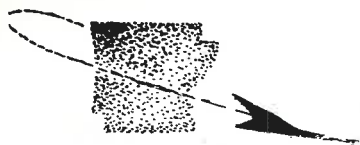
ENGLAND SWINGS...

The "World Road News" reports that a do-it-yourself safety poster erected on a road in Surrey, England, successfully turned confusion into chaos for a number of drivers. The sign, erected by a local highway safety committee, displayed a diagram illustrating the correct procedure to follow in making a right-hand turn. It read, "Turn right right, don't turn right wrong."

Many drivers read only the first part of the sign, and took the first right-hand turn. Others read the last half of the poster and turned left. The sign was finally removed as the complaints poured in from angry motorists, but it remains in the annals of highway signing as a classic example of what happens when laymen become "safety experts" by virtue of appointment, not experience.



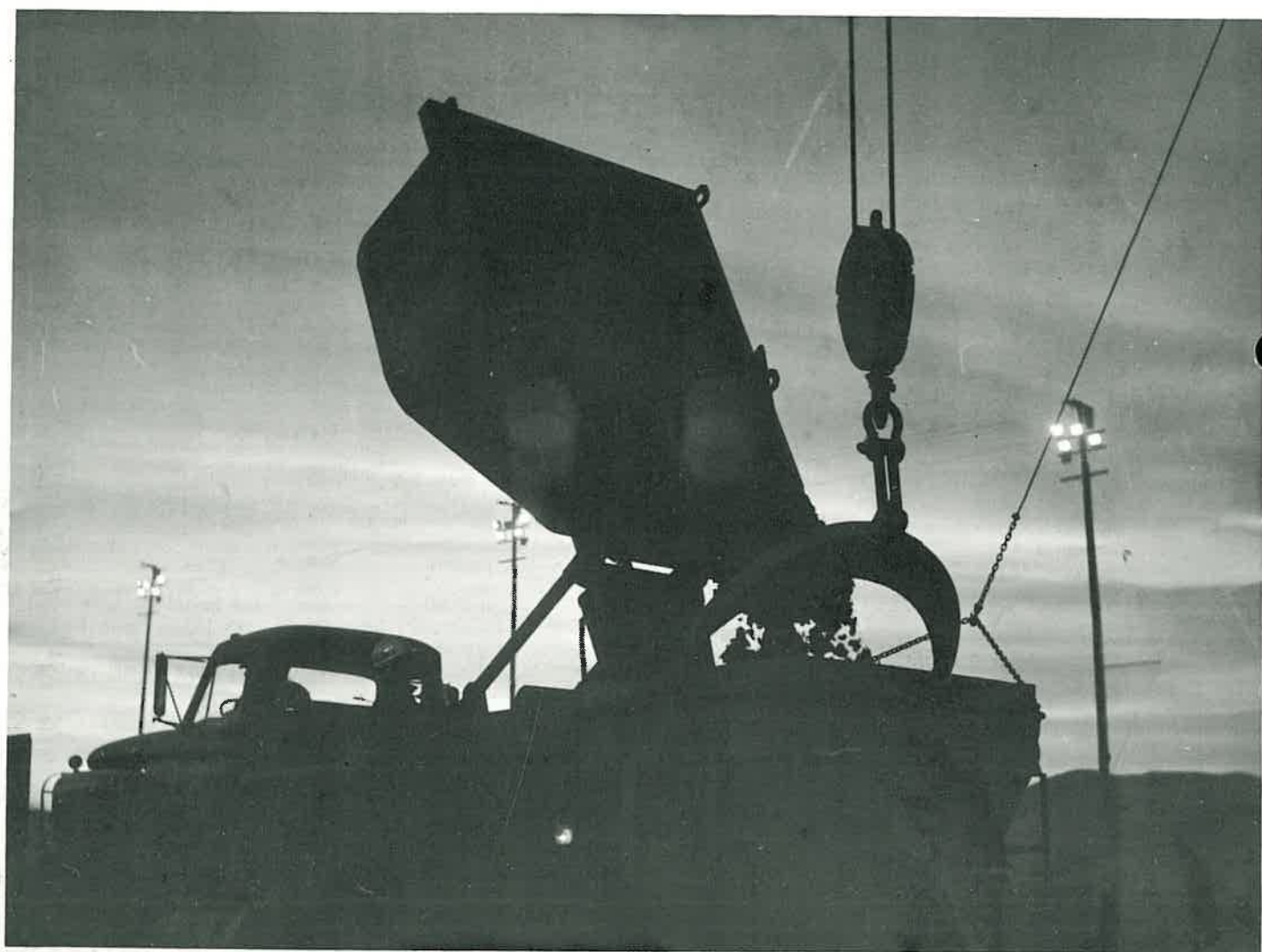
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A dump truck unloading ready-mix concrete stands out in bold relief against the twilight sky on Lock and Dam No. 8 project below Toad Suck Ferry off Highway 60 in Faulkner County.

Concrete is poured between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. because preparation for the pour requires all day.

Cover: The "big scissors for big occasions" make the scene again as Governor Faubus wields them to snip the ribbon officially opening the new I-540 bridge at Fort Smith on December 29th while Commission members Truman Baker of Searcy and Armil Taylor of Clarksville, J. Fred Patton, master of ceremonies, Mrs. C. F. Byrns, along with others, look on. Commission Chairman Wayne Hampton of Stuttgart and Member Maurice Smith give the governor an assist.