

# Arkansas Highways

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*Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the  
65th General Assembly of the State of Arkansas,  
the Senate Concurring Therein:*

That the State Highway Commission is respectfully requested to study the feasibility of providing a swinging bridge over Spring River on State Highway 166 as the same is located between the Old Davidsonville State Park in Randolph County and Black Rock in Lawrence County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Highway Commission shall report the findings of its feasibility study to the appropriate officials of Randolph and Lawrence Counties and to the 66th session of the Arkansas General Assembly.

Adopted

Bridges  
file

H. C. R. No. 33  
(Hayes of Randolph)

REQUESTING the State Highway Commission to Study the Feasibility of Providing a Swinging Bridge on State Highway 166, Over Spring River.

WHEREAS, at one time a swinging bridge was provided, for the convenience of the traveling public, over Spring River on State Highway 166 between the Old Davidsonville State Park in Randolph County and Black Rock in Lawrence County; and

WHEREAS, the loss of this means of crossing Spring River has resulted in considerable inconvenience to the public traveling in the area and has especially worked a hardship and inconvenience on tourists desiring to visit the Old Davidsonville State Park; and

WHEREAS, such lack of adequate crossing of Spring River is working a hardship on the economy of the area affected and will continue to work great inconvenience to the traveling public and economic loss to to this area; and

WHEREAS, a swinging bridge over Spring River on State Highway 166 would offer an additional tourist attraction which would greatly add to the attractiveness of the area for tourist and recreational purposes, especially with respect to those persons visiting Old Davidsonville State Park; and

WHEREAS, it is believed that a study should be made of the feasibility of constructing such swinging bridge in view of the fact that concrete foundations and other structures are available at the old bridge site which might be used in constructing a new bridge;

NOW, THEREFORE

H. C. R. No. 33 -- 1

1965 Regular Session.

## BRIDGE BECOMES HISTORY IN AREA ALREADY STEEPED IN IT

If you keep going at the end of Highway 166, which ends at Old Davidsonville State Park near Pocahontas, and keep going on the county road going east, you end up at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Dixon. But the road used to continue past their property on to Spring River where a bridge spanned the stream, joining Lawrence and Randolph counties. However, the structure mysteriously burned during the night in 1951 and no one has bothered to either rebuild the bridge or take down the remains of the first one.

Accessible now only by foot, the skeleton of the suspension structure sits in the midst of a secluded wooded section. Trees which have grown up on either side of the river bank between the cable towers are as tall as the towers themselves. Charred pieces of timber swing creakily from vertical cables, unmindful of time, like a scene from an Earle Stanley Gardner novel, as seen in the picture below

An imprint on the cable towers states that it was erected as a W.P.A. project in 1936. Cables from the anchor posts extending over the towers, and concrete piers on the approaches remain intact, through the wooden timbers which floored the bridge evidently were of poor quality because it had become dangerous long before it burned. **Because of its location just below where the**

Eleven Point River runs into the Spring and just above where the Spring runs into the Black River, the bridge was often flooded, a fact which no doubt contributed to its early deterioration.

Why the bridge burned is not known. Some of the more imaginative residents of the area say that a local man was illegally transporting "moonshine" liquor into dry Lawrence County and the liquor ignited when his car backfired, causing the bridge to burn. Others think the bridge was purposely burned because of its extremely hazardous condition.

Mrs. Dixon's father, Newt Davis, at one time owned all the land which now comprises the area of Old Davidsonville Park and east to the Spring River where the bridge is located. He owned a sawmill at the time the bridge was under construction and sawed the timbers for it. He later gave the state the land for the park.

The bridge, standing like a ghost from other years, is in reality the latest bit of history added to the area of Old Davidsonville, which at one time was considered to be the most important town in Arkansas Territory.

Davidsonville was established about 1815 by John Davidson and was at that time a part of the Missouri Territory. Davidson, a North Carolinian, had pursued a British Tory westward from North Carolina to avenge the murder of Davidson's father,

General William Lee Davidson whom the Tory had shot in the back. Davidson caught up with the Tory at New Madrid (Mo.) in 1805, called him out in a duel and killed the Englishman.

Hearing of the settlements further to the southwest, Davidson came to what there was of the town which was then called Lawrence, "a few scattered cabins located on the site of an ancient Indian village".<sup>1</sup> Davidson founded the town which was made up of "48 lots, a public square, streets and the commons between the town and Big Black River",<sup>2</sup> and the first post office in Arkansas was established on June 28, 1817.

The first Land Office in Arkansas was also at Davidson (or Davidsonville) back in 1812 as a bureau of the Treasury Department. The area grew and the first courthouse in Arkansas was established there, a 40 x 40 foot yellow brick structure. Though all the whole bricks have long since been carried away, a mound of crumbled yellow bits of brick where the courthouse stood is still distinguishable.

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Notes 1 & 2: "History of Randolph County", Herman Dalton, pub. 1946.



# THREE RECEIVE SERVICE AWARDS IN JUNE

Three employees received service awards at the Highway Commission meeting held June 28. Commissioner Lawrence Blackwell of Pine Bluff made the presentations on behalf of the Commission.



J. E. "JACK" TEASDALE received a certificate and a lapel pin which he designed some 20 years ago, in recognition of 40 years service, becoming the fifth employee to accrue 40 years. He is the administrative officer of Secondary Roads Division which coordinates the procedure of the secondary road Federal-aid program with the Bureau of Public Roads. Teasdale was born at Newburg, Mo. but has lived most of his life at Little Rock. He is the recipient of the Certificate of Merit presented annually by the American Association of State Highway Officials. His design for a service pin was selected from entries in a contest sponsored by the Department.

Teasdale is secretary-treasurer of Arkansas Engineers and Associates Club and a member of Pulaski Heights Methodist Church. He loves the outdoors and spends his leisure time fishing and fly-tying. He is married to the former Mary E. Billings of Malvern and his service award came one day prior to their 39th wedding anniversary. They have one daughter, Mrs. Pat Allen, who resides at Houston.

DODSON I. LEONARD of the Planning and Research staff received a 30 year award. He is a graduate of Henderson College and has been with the Highway Department most of his career, having worked for the Federal government briefly after graduation from college. He was a member of P&R's original traffic and loadometer survey party. Leonard was born at Hot Springs but claims Foreman in Little River County where he spent his boyhood, as home. He is a member of Rocky Comfort Masonic Lodge #468 at Foreman, Arkansas Consistory, Scimitar Shrine, Bendemeer Grotto, and Highland Methodist Church where his father served as minister. Leonard is a student of Arkansas history and enjoys baseball and football. He is married to the former Marjarine Turner of Atkins, a former Planning and Research employee.

ELBERT MARTIN, a foreman in District Two, received a 25 year award. Martin was born at Marshall in Searcy County but has made his home at Monticello for a number of years. He is an outdoorsman who likes hunting and fishing.

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## HISTORY OF BRIDGE

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Arkansas was made a territory in 1819 and a 1820 census of Davidson Township, which included the town proper, showed a population of 461.

Dr. John R. Hume, who lived just over the territorial line at Ripley, Mo. was a great grand-nephew of Col. Davidson, and father of our own John Hume in the Finance, Economics and Programming section of Planning and Research.

Two factors caused the growth and prosperity of Davidsonville to wane suddenly and ultimately fade altogether as a town. In 1829 when the Military Road, sometimes called the Southwest Trail, was surveyed and permanently marked, the route bypassed Davidsonville, for a point where the river crossing was easier. Too, a dreadful epidemic, variously remembered as cholera or yellow fever, brought in by boatmen from the river, almost wiped out the little town. The survivors then moved out to other locations.

John Hume's father owned a part of the original township land during his lifetime and very much desired to see the area made into a state park but was unsuccessful in acquiring all the property. Newt Davis, a later owner, did just that.

So the remains of the bridge structure is just another page in the history of the Old Davidsonville area.

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## SERVICE AWARDS

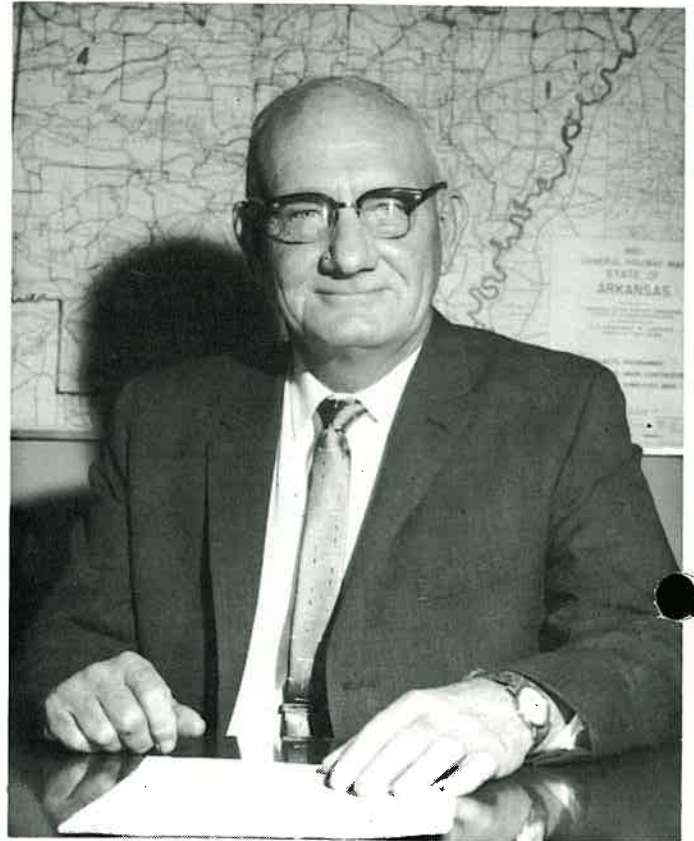
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Martin is married to the former Lillian A. Winningham of Star City. They have a son, Gary and a daughter Debbie. The Martins are active members of North Side Baptist Church of Monticello, where Elbert serves as a deacon.

## PERSONNEL CHANGES ANNOUNCED

John H. Lawrence, engineer of the Construction Division since June, 1965, is leaving the Department to become associated with the construction firm of Moro, Inc. of Warren, effective July 16. He, his wife and their two sons and daughter will make their home in Warren.



E. E. "Mac" Hurley

E. E. "Mac" Hurley, District 6 engineer, replaces Lawrence as construction engineer. Hurley, 59, has been with the Department continuously since 1935 and was an employee three other times prior to that time. He was promoted to district engineer in 1958 and assigned to the Jonesboro district for two years before being re-assigned to the Little Rock district. He has also worked as a resident engineer, assistant bridge construction engineer, district construction engineer at Harrison, and freeway engineer at Little Rock.

Hurley attended the University of Arkansas and is a registered professional engineer. He was born in Alabama and lived a few years in Tennessee but has spent most of his life in Arkansas.

Professional organizations in which he holds membership include Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, American and Arkansas societies of Civil Engi-

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## ROWND TO DISTRICT ENGINEER



W. E. "Bert" Rownd

Assuming the responsibilities of District 6 is W. E. "Bert" Rownd, presently chief of Surveys. Rownd, 45, is a 17-year employee, having spent all but barely six months' of his working career with the Highway Department.

He started with the Department in Statistics and Analyses (now Planning and Research), where he worked until entering military service during World War II. He returned to the Department in 1950 after completion of military duty and college as a draftsman in the Bridge Design Division. In 1956 he was promoted to assistant engineer of Surveys and in 1958 to assistant bridge maintenance engineer. He has been chief of Surveys since January, 1962.

Bert, a native of DeWitt, attended Arkansas Tech at Russellville one year and graduated in civil engineering from the University of Arkansas. He is married to the former Ellen Sue Rogers of Grady. They have three children, a son, Eddie, and two daughters, Carolyn Sue and Judy. Bert is an avid sports enthusiast and coaches a boys baseball team. He gives staunch support to the athletic activities of Eddie, who was one of Southwest Junior High School's most outstanding students this year, both athletically and academically.

The Rownds live at #3 North Meadowcliff Circle. They are members of Winfield Methodist Church. He is a member of ASPE and a Mason.

## C. E. VENABLE PROMOTED TO ENGINEER OF SURVEYS



C. E. "Charlie" Venable

C. E. "Charlie" Venable, assistant engineer of Surveys, has been promoted to chief of the Division, effective July 16. Venable, 36, has been with the Department eight years, three of them in the Bridge Design Division and five years as assistant engineer of Surveys.

Venable holds a master's degree in engineering from the University of Arkansas and taught there one year while working on his degree. He worked for the Corps of Engineers three months before coming to the Highway Department.

He is a native of Pine Bluff and graduated from high school there. He is a member of Tau Beta Phi engineering fraternity, Arkansas Society of Civil Engineers and the National Society of Professional Engineers. He is married to the former Evelyee Harville, also of Pine Bluff. They have one son, Robert, 15. The Venables are members of Forrest Highlands Baptist Church and reside at 9808 Treasure Hill Road.

### PERSONNEL CHANGES (E.E. "Mac" Hurley)

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neers; and the Society of Professional Engineers. Hurley is married to the former Florence Adelle Denton. They have one son, Patrick James, who is also an engineer. The Hurleys reside at 2409 Blackwood Road in Little Rock.

**WIFE , SON OF  
AHD ENGINEER  
INJURED FATALLY**



Mrs. Billy K. Cooper and her son Robert Craig, 5, died from injuries sustained in a tragic auto crash on Interstate 30 near Mount Vernon, Texas on Friday night, June 30. The accident occurred when they were returning home from Fort Worth with Mr. Cooper, who had been attending a meeting there. He is Assistant Chief Engineer for Planning with the Department.

The car hydroplaned on a sheet of water at an underpass structure, causing Cooper to lose control of it and hit a pier. The accident happened during a rain storm.

Both Cooper and his wife were wearing seat belts but the force of the impact snapped his belt and threw him from the vehicle. Their son, standing behind the front seat was thrown from the car also. He died about two hours later. Mrs. Cooper, at first thought to have only minor injuries, later was determined to be suffering from multiple internal injuries and died early Monday, July 3. Cooper sustained cuts and bruises. A joint funeral was held at Second Baptist Church in Little Rock on July 4.

Mrs. Cooper, 33, was a native of Brinkley and had lived in Little Rock about 15 years. She was a registered nurse. Survivors, other than her husband, are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Redmon and a sister, Mrs. Norma Jean Arnold of Brinkley, and a brother, Hubert Lee Redmon with the Air Force stationed in Florida. Robert Craig was the Cooper's only child.

**LINCOLN COUNTY AREA  
FOREMAN HEART VICTIM**



Billy Harold Edmonds, Lincoln County area foreman, was stricken with a fatal heart attack at his home at Star City, Tuesday, July 4. He had been employed by the Highway Department 8½ years. He was a veteran of World War II and a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, where the funeral was held July 6.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Edith Calhoun Edmonds; two sons, Michael Edmonds of Star City and Charles Burton of Oklahoma; his mother, Mrs. Eula Edmonds of Star City; two brothers, R. L. and Paul R. Edmonds of Star City; three sisters, Mrs. J. C. King and Mrs. Houston McGehee, both of Star City, and Mrs. Jack Moren of North Little Rock.

**LR CHAPTER, ASCE  
PLACES BOOKS IN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
In Memory of C. H. Miller**

The Little Rock branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers has placed a collection of civil engineering reference books in the Little Rock Public Library. Each year new volumes are added and all are available to anyone for reference and library members for withdrawal.

The collection, which presently includes 57 volumes, is provided by a trust fund set up in memory of Charles H. Miller, a Little Rock consulting engineer who drowned in the Mississippi River in 1925.



July 5, 1967

**LETTERS**

July 6, 1967

Tourist and Information Division  
Arkansas Highway Department  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sirs:

My family and I are planning a trip to your state during the first two weeks in August. We would very much appreciate any information you might have available as to official state highway maps, points of interest, state parks and of primary interest, camping facilities.

Thanks for your help and to reciprocate, I am enclosing a state map of Texas. I am an employee of the Texas Highway Department and would like to invite you good people of the Arkansas Highway Department to visit Texas on your vacation.

Yours truly,

James E. Allen  
P.O. Box 5126  
Corpus Christi, Texas 78405

June 12, 1967

Mr. J. R. Henderson, Engineer  
Planning & Research Division  
Arkansas State Highway Department  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Henderson:

We wish to thank you for sending your two fine representatives to our Council meeting to assist with the presentation, to the City Council, the Highway Department's recommendations for upgrading the City's traffic signal system. We feel that their help was invaluable in securing the necessary appropriation for this project.

If it is convenient we would like to schedule a meeting, with your representative, Mayor Pesses, and myself, for the early part of the week of June 18, 1967, to formulate plans and specifications for this project. If this arrangement is not acceptable please let us know.

Yours very truly,

W. R. Baker  
Director of Public Works  
El Dorado, Arkansas

Mrs. Mary Day Herndon, Editor,  
Arkansas State Highway Department  
P.O. Box 2261,  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203.

Dear Mrs. Herndon:

I want to thank you for having mentioned our Museum and the Arts and Crafts Festival in your June issue of the Arkansas Highways Magazine.

As you know, the Old Jail Museum is located in Greenwood, on Highway 10 and I feel, by the number of those who have registered and by their comments that it is something worth seeing. Would it be possible that when printing highway maps or anything else that calls to mention "points of interest" if you could include the Museum.

I do hope you stop by if you have the opportunity and have a look at it.

The Old Jail Museum has been opened daily since April and we have had visitors from practically the 50 states.

You would be doing us and the state a great favor, if you include this in all brochures. Thank you again.

Very truly yours,

Dr. H. G. Alvarez, Vice-President  
South Sebastian Co. Historical Society  
Greenwood, Ark.

**THE DIRECTOR  
HAS A BIRTHDAY**

Director Ward Goodman was surprised with coffee and cake to fete his birthday, July 11.

(Note candle on his piece of cake.) Once when asked to blow out candles on a cake he jested, "I'll do it but you know this isn't sanitary." So one candle was placed on his piece of cake only.) He opens a gift containing a year's supply of chewing gum. The present came from the ladies on his staff who know that he enjoys chewing gum in privacy.



## BPR BECOMES PART OF NEW DEPARTMENT

When Congress established the Department of Transportation in April of this year, the Bureau of Public Roads became a component of the Federal Highway Administration, an arm of the new department, under the direction of Federal Highway Administrator Lowell K. Bridwell.

Though the greater part of the Federal Highway Administration offices will be housed in the Donohoe Building, Sixth and D streets in Washington, the Bureau of Public Roads will remain in its previous location in the Matomic Building, 1717 H Street.

Creation of the Department of Transportation signifies a broadening Federal interest in total highway transportation. Three other bureaus make up the remainder of the Federal Highway Administration; National Traffic Safety Bureau, National Highway Safety Bureau, and the Bureau of Motor Carrier Safety.

The FHA will be concerned with the total operation and environment of the highway system. Two of its main purposes will be to make our highways and streets the safest that man can achieve, and to mesh our highway transportation facilities into the nation's overall transportation system.

The Bureau of Public Roads administers the Federal-aid Highway Program of financial assistance to the states for highway construction. The program provides for construction of the 41,000-mile National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, financed on a 90-percent Federal, 10-percent state basis, and improvement of 860,000 miles of Federal-aid primary and secondary roads and their urban extensions with financing on a 50-50 matching basis.

BPR, as the Bureau of Public Roads is commonly known, also administers the Highway Beautification Program and is responsible for highway construction in national parks and forests, and other federally-owned lands.

## NATIONAL TRAFFIC SAFETY BUREAU

The National Traffic Safety Bureau was established under the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966 to ensure that safer features will be incorporated in all new vehicles using the roads and highways to decrease the astronomical number of people killed and injured in accidents. Under the act all automotive manufacturers are required to make public all defects detected in their products and send notice to the Secretary of Transportation. The Traffic Safety Bureau also maintains a register of persons whose operators' licenses have been revoked or withdrawn for more than 6 months.

## NATIONAL HIGHWAY SAFETY BUREAU

The National Highway Safety Bureau was established last fall to carry out the Highway Safety Act of 1966. Its purpose is to cooperate with states and communities in the development of more effective highway safety programs. State officials, with the assistance of the Highway Safety Bureau, is in the process of drawing up uniform standards in such safety areas as motor vehicle inspection and registration, driver licensing and education, investigation and surveillance of accident locations, traffic records and traffic courts, motorcycle safety, vehicle codes and laws, traffic control devices, emergency medical services for accident victims, highway design and maintenance, and programs for controlling drunken driving. States are expected to have in operation federally approved safety programs developed by the Governors by the end of 1968.

## THE BUREAU OF MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY

The Motor Carrier Safety Bureau has jurisdiction of the safety performance of all motor carriers engaged in interstate or foreign commerce, including those whose operations are specifically exempt from economic regulation.

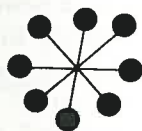
Some 100 Bureau field men check on driver qualifications and their hours of service on the road, analyze accident reports, and make carrier and vehicle inspections. Their work also includes jurisdiction over the movement of dangerous cargoes, such as explosives, over the country's highways.



A.E. Johnson, Jr. has been employed as highway safety engineer for the Highway Department. His duties will be to coordinate all state highway safety activities with other agencies in the state compliance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966. (Continued next page)

Johnson, son of a former Arkansas Highway chief engineer and now executive secretary of the American Association of State Highway Officials, is a graduate of George Washington University with a degree in civil engineering. After graduation from college he completed a three-year training program with the Bureau of Public Roads and then worked on BPR assignments in Michigan, North Carolina and Georgia.

Johnson is married and the father of four-year-old Rusty and 1½-year-old Brad. The Johnsons are residing at 6600 Lancaster Road. He says that after 17 moves within the last five years, he is happy to be back in Arkansas.



C. A. Ward, Imboden; J. E. Pickett, Black Rock; and J. R. Foley, Imboden set finished grade on a construction project on Highway 93 from Dalton to the Missouri line in Randolph County.

### INTERSTATE HIGHWAY SYMBOLS

One- and two-digit signs: (through routes)



▶ Even numbers are East-West routes



▶ Odd numbers are North-South routes

Three-digit signs:



▶ First digit even: route through or around a city



▶ First digit odd: route into a city

Courtesy American Oil Company

### INTERESTING TIP FOR TRAVELERS

Whether or not you have ever wondered how interstate highway numbers are assigned, you may be interested in knowing that there is a method in the numbering. The simple guide to the left will help you determine what the numbers mean at a glance.

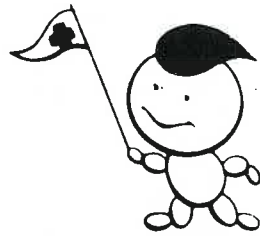
### WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE AND NO PLACE TO LAND THE BARGE

The new tug and barge for use at Spring Bank ferry crossing of Red River on Highway 160 near Doddridge in Lafayette County is completed and at the site. Final inspection by the Highway Department with the Coast Guard is scheduled in mid-July, but so far high water has prevented the contractor from completing approaches and paving the ramps.

There has been no ferry service at Spring Bank since a private operation was discontinued in 1964.



## BILLY BLOODROP



### REMINDS YOU:

The need for blood never takes a holiday. However, in the summer, when the vacation season is at its peak, there is often more than usual need for blood transfusions resulting from automobile accidents, swimming and boating mishaps, and home accidents. Don't put off giving a pint of blood the next time the bloodmobile is set up in your area.

And if you are about to go on vacation, remember the rules of safety and observe them so you won't have to receive the pint of blood you gave!

The bloodmobile will be at the following places in August:

- August 2 - Arkadelphia
- 3 - Warren
- 7 - Benton
- 8 - Pine Bluff
- 9 - McGehee
- 14 - Nashville
- 15 - Danville
- 16 - Searcy
- 17 - Cabot, Ottenheimer Co.
- 18 - Pine Bluff at Jefferson Hospital
- 22 - Highway Dept. Headquarters, Little Rock - 1:00 - 5:00 P.M.
- 23 - Rison and Dermott at Methodist Church 2:00 - 7:00 P.M.
- 24 - Pine Bluff at the Arsenal
- 25 - Foreman at Foreman Cement Co.
- 28 - Jacksonville
- 29 - Conway
- 30 - Dardanelle
- 31 - Sheridan

For specific times and locations, consult the Little Rock Sunday newspapers and local newspapers.

Lowry Red Cross Blood Center, next to War Memorial Park, is open from noon to 4:30 P.M. each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday and from 7:30 A.M. to noon each Wednesday.

The Blood Center is Little Rock and Memorial Hospital in Forrest City are open for blood donations five days a week. Check your local newspapers for times and exact locations of the bloodmobile in your town.

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Will Rogers was being escorted on a tour of the Nebraska State Capitol. He noted these words over the entrance: "The vigilance of the people is the salvation of the State." He was asked how he would write it and he responded, "You gotta watch them guys or they'll run away with this building."

## SKYLINE DRIVE NEARING COMPLETION

When completed, possibly by the end of this year's construction season, Skyline Drive (Highway 88) will be a 54-mile stretch of scenic beauty riding the crest of Rich Mountain in the Ouachita and Kiamichi chain, from Mena, Ark. through Queen Wilhelmina State Park to Talihina, Okla. Local residents have coined a word from the name of the two towns and are calling the route Talimena Drive.

The project is a joint effort of the National Forest Service (much of the route is through Ouachita National Forest), the Bureau of Public Roads and the Oklahoma and Arkansas Highway departments. Dale Spencer is resident engineer for the Arkansas Highway Department.

Constructed primarily as a scenic route, motorists will have ample opportunity to enjoy the view from seven scenic vistas, two campgrounds, two historic sites, one picnic area and one nature trail, just on the Arkansas end of the highway.

Oklahoma has 23 miles of their portion completed and open to traffic, and the remainder in various stages of construction.

### \$14 BILLION - A TECHNICALITY?

Earlier this year the Arizona Highway Department accepted bids on two highway projects submitted by the same contractor which were a total of \$14 billion in error. The type of error was a variance between the numerals and written amounts in the estimates, causing one bid to provide 212,100 pounds of reinforcing steel at \$25,452. for each pound, the amount meant as the total, and the bid submitted on the second project also contained a similar mistake.

Arizona Highway Commission regulations make a bid containing an error of that type invalid and contracts for the two projects were conditionally awarded to two other contractors, one for each project.

But Martin Construction Co., whose bids were in error, sought an opinion from the Attorney General, who at first refused to give one, saying the problem should be resolved between the Bureau of Public Roads and the Highway Department. Private attorneys were brought into the case, who split almost evenly on who should get the contracts. One advised the Commission to let the conditional awards stand and leave the question up to the Bureau. The Bureau in turn balked at being the referee in the controversy and refused to concur in the conditional awards in the absence of a legal opinion concerning errors.

The Attorney General, again confronted with the situation, advised the Commission to rescind its conditional contracts with New Pueblo and Tanner Brothers and award the contracts to Martin, whose bids, discounting the errors, were the lowest on both jobs. The Commission concurred in the opinion, and reversed itself to award the contracts to Martin.



Seeding on the rugged slopes along Skyline Drive.



Bill Martin of the Forestry Commission takes a grade elevation for a scenic vista.



you happen to be working downwind of this seeding machine, you can be tarred and strawed in no time. A mixture of grass seeds, straw and asphalt are sprayed on shoulders of interstate project between Fulton and Texarkana. The straw and asphalt seal and hold seeds until they take root.

## BOONE COUNTY AREA FOREMAN HAS UNUSUAL HOBBY

Admits he "likes to work"



Clell W. Deakins, area foreman of Boone County with headquarters at Harrison, is a different sort of man - he admits that he likes to work. He first went to work for the Highway Department in 1929 as a tractor operator. In 1931 he left and worked various places before returning to the Department in 1945 as a heavy truck driver. He has been area foreman since June, 1962.

Deakins also has an unusual hobby - raising purebred Hampshire sheep. He got into sheep raising in 1937 and has been president of the Northwest Arkansas Sheep Organization for the last 16 years. He must be good at it because he won so many red and white ribbons at state fairs for sheep entries that his wife made a bedspread of the ribbons and bordered it with the purple rosettes which is a part of the prize ribbon award.

Deakins tells of an experience most people are not fortunate enough to personally recount. While working in the oil fields of Burbank, Oklahoma years ago he was buried alive. His co-workers dug him out and he walked away from the scene. He later collapsed at home and a medical examination showed he had sustained injuries of a broken shoulder, collar bone and ribs. He has also worked as an orchard foreman in the fruit orchards of Oregon in earlier years.

Deakins likes to fish and is very popular with District 9 employees because he always has a smile and a "funny" to share as he goes about his work. He and his crew have approximately 165 miles to maintain in the county. He is assisted by: Hugh Bell, Jim Foresee, Robert Lane, Everett Looper, J. B. McFerrin, Louie Null, Jay Parker, J. T. Richardson, John Sullivan, Earl Williams, H. J. Wilson and J. F. Wilson.

Clell and his wife of nearly 40 years, Marie, have two sons and five daughters, all of whom are married except son Phil who is a junior at Harrison High School.

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## FORMER EMPLOYEE, WIFE OBSERVE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Felix G. Carroll, a former employee of the Weights and Standards Division and his wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with an open house Sunday, June 25 at their Valley Springs home south of Harrison.

Carroll retired from the Department in August of 1963. He and his wife, the former Mary Askew, are life-long residents of the area and their home is part of a section of land homesteaded by Mr. Carroll's father.

They have three children, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



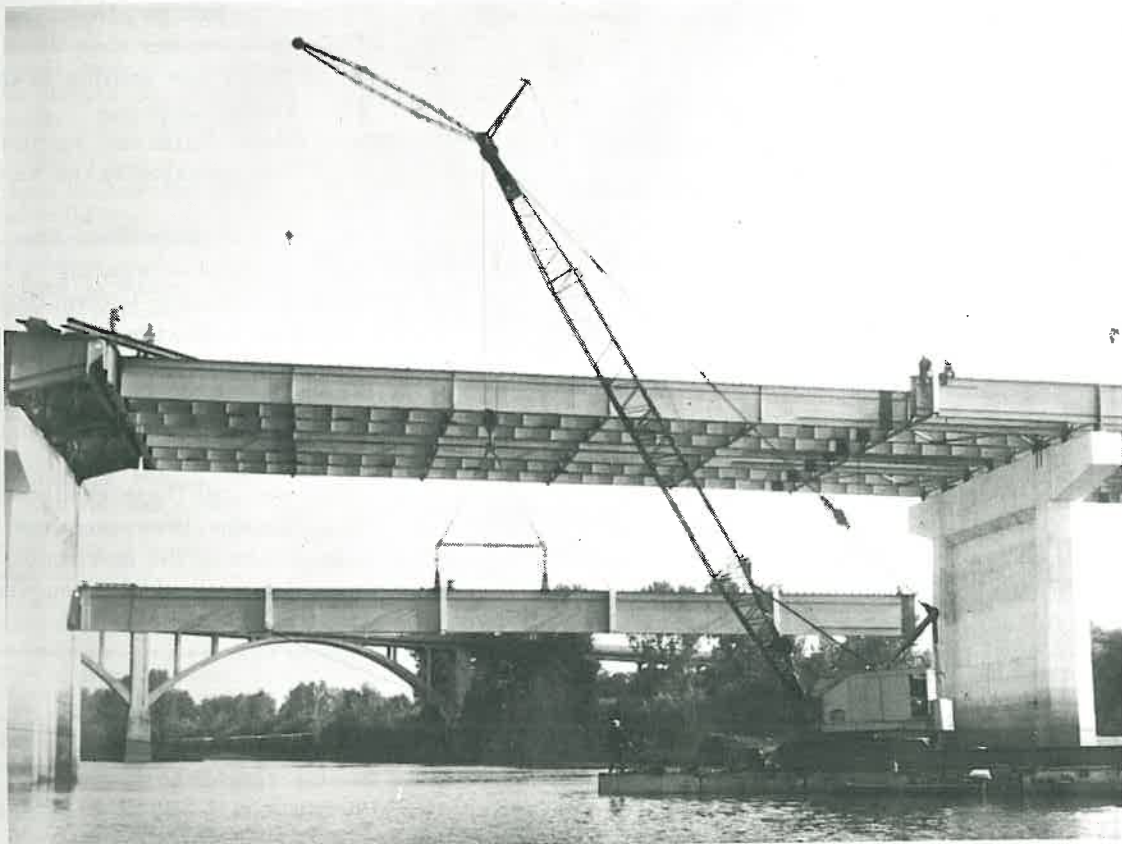
Mr. and Mrs. Felix G. Carroll

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Work on the national interstate system will amount to 29 times the effort poured into construction of the Panama Canal, the St. Lawrence Seaway and Grand Coulee Dam combined!



Construction scene from the relocation of U.S. 67 from the Pulaski-Lonoke County line to the junction with U.S. 64 west of Beebe. Work in progress above is between Jacksonville and Cabot. Glenn Cotham is the resident engineer.



The last girder, 99 feet long, is lowered into place on the I-30 bridge now under construction across the Red River northeast of Texarkana at Fulton. E. E. Barber Construction Co. of Fort Smith is the contractor. The resident engineer of the Highway Department is D. B. Mitchell.



### NEW RETIREMENT BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Virginia Tackett and William L. Moore have been elected to the Arkansas Highway Employees Retirement System board for terms of one and two years respectively, effective July 1.

Mrs. Tackett was appointed March 10 to serve on the board, until the next regular election to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of member C. Don Hayes at the end of February. The year of her term will complete the two-year term to which Hayes had been elected. She is a member of the legal staff.

Moore, assistant chief engineer in charge of engineering operations, has just completed one two-year term on the board.

### A NEW EMPLOYEE FOR SAFETY



Verner W. Dumas, a career military man recently retired, has been employed as an additional member of the Safety Section. He is a native of Plainview, Arkansas in White County and graduated from high school there. He attended Harding College two years and taught in the elementary grades one year at Russell north of Bald Knob before entering the Navy.

## Around The Department

Gray Albright, of Weights and Standards who recently underwent major surgery, is recuperating at home.

It was good to see Marjarine Turner Leonard and Zelda Riggs visiting at the building when Dodson Leonard and Jack Teasdale received longevity awards at the June Commission meeting. Zelda was Secondary Roads' secretary for a long time and worked with Jack.

It will be nice to have E. E. Hurley as a new tenant in the main building instead of just in and out from District 6. But for an outdoors fellow like "Mr. Mac", somebody better get a ball and chain and attach it to his desk in the Construction Division. We'll miss Bert Rownd's witty comments in the elevator, especially very-brunette Jay Ehrhorn, whom he calls, of all things, "Blondie".

Quick-thinking Marilyn Robertson, a summer secretary in the Director's office, had the idea of forming a pretty blue party bow for Mr. Goodman's birthday gift of chewing gum, from used dictaphone tape, thus assuring herself of getting that much work out of the way. But Mr. Goodman, not easily outfoxed, in turn assured her that there was plenty more to come, all the while smiling at the choice of gift.

To hear Mildred Harness' version of things seen and done on her vacation is the next best thing to going yourself.

Those of you who saw Mrs. Max Hall at the party for Jack Teasdale wearing a pretty knit crochet dress may not have known that she did it herself. Mighty smart girl with the knitting needles, she is!

Say sayonara to Billy Pryor, internal auditor, who has taken a position with the Corps of Engineers. If you listen closely, his quiet dry wit is some of the most comical there is around. And John Lawrence, too. We do lose some of the nicest people, and John is one of the most courtly, gracious gentlemen we've had around in a long time.

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After serving five years in the Navy, Dumas joined the Air Force and was in for 15 years, retiring as a master sergeant. He has had experience in personnel work and taught classes while in service.

Dumas is a member of Masonic Lodge #864. He and his wife, Catherine, reside at 6613 Navajo Trail in North Little Rock. They have one daughter, a student at Midwestern University, Wichita Falls, Texas.



# AROUND the DEPARTMENT



## ACCOUNTING DIVISION

Phyllis Copeland and Mell Jones

Our favorite reporter, Mildred Harness is spending her vacation seeing "Six Flags" and visiting with friends from Old Mexico. She is also visiting around the state renewing old friendships and, if we know Mildred, making new friends.

Visiting Accounting recently was Charles Beavers, from Winston-Salem, N.C., son of Johnny Beavers. Charles' wife, Kay, and two daughters, Kristi and Paige, have been visiting the Beavers for the past month.

Barbara Bueter moved into her new home just in time to welcome her mother, Mrs. Hazel Pearson and aunt, Mrs. Thelma Tucker from Illinois. Barbara, on vacation, took them on several scenic trips around the state.

Irene Hawkins recently made a trip to "Six Flags". Irene's son, Jim, returned from Vietnam on June 24. He was welcomed by his proud mother, wife Annette and baby daughter Madeline. Madeline is eight months old and this was Jim's first time to see her. WELCOME HOME, JIM!

"Six Flags" was a popular spot this month, having been visited also by Rose Clingan and husband, Don.

The new face around the Accounting Division is our summer employee, LaRue Jones. LaRue goes to Henderson State College and will be a junior this fall. Her hobbies are playing tennis and swimming, with special interest in the National Guard maneuvers. (His name is Jim).

Jack Keilch is basking in Florida sunshine at Panama City on vacation, with wife Pat and daughter Patricia Rose. They plan to just sun tan and relax. What an ideal way to spend a vacation.

Frank Phillips made a grand tour of the building with son, Phil, and family, visiting from Lodi, Cal. Phil's son, Mike, was especially escorted by his proud grandpa.

Doris Whitson enjoyed a visit from her brothers, Wayne and Jim, and their families. Wayne is from Dallas, Tex., and Jim is from Cincinnati, Ohio. Doris' son, Kenneth, returned to Dallas with Wayne to spend a week.

A wedding at First Methodist Church, North Little Rock, on December 17, 1967, is planned by our Utility Auditor, Wiley Barron and his fiancée' Susan Adams. Susan, a graduate of the University of Arkansas, teaches fourth grade at Dr. Burns Elementary School. We enjoyed meeting her on a recent visit she paid Accounting.

Margaret Allen's grandchildren, John and look-a-like twins Nancy and Cindy, spent the 4th of July with her.

David Marsh is also on vacation (whereabouts unknown).

Mildred will be back with you next month.



## COUNTY PROGRAM

Barbara Oldham

The month of June was award month in this Division. A cake decorated with "Five Years' Service" was presented to Lindsey Bellomy, draftsman, and your reporter on June 21. Fellow employees helped take care of the cake after the service awards were presented by Mr. Tallant.



Lindsey and Barbara display evidence of award for five years' hard work.

A party was given on June 28 to honor Jack Teasdale's 40 years' service with the Department. His service certificate and lapel pin were presented by Lawrence Blackwell, member of the Highway Commission. Jack's wife, Mary and their daughter, Mrs. Pat Allen of Houston, were present on this wonderful occasion.

Not only has Jack been a faithful and loyal employee of AHD but he also is the secretary-treasurer of the Arkansas Engineers and Associates Club and contributed the winning design for our AHD service pin some 20 years ago that we all look forward to receiving.

Cake and punch were served by Betty Claude and Alice Joe from Bridge Design and Linda Young, R/W Division. Lou Hardy, Purchasing, took care of our guest book. Mrs. Lucille Tallant made and helped serve that delicious punch everyone enjoyed. Your reporter was present and right in the middle of everything.

Guests included Pulaski County Judge Arch Campbell, Jack's good friend George Howell, Mrs. Zelda May Riggs, retired secretary of County Roads, and Don Hayes, retired from the Department's Equipment Division of AHD. We know they all join with us in wishing Jack many more years with AHD. We are so proud of Jack... Congratulations again from all of us.

We welcome to our office Bennie Keith Stephens, employed July 1, as an engineering aide. Bennie attended the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, majoring in architecture. His hobbies include all sports. Last summer he worked with Matson Construction Co. of Little Rock.

We are glad to have Jim Mitchell back with us after six months' active duty with the Army Reserve.



Mr. and Mrs. Teasdale and their daughter Pat with the refreshment table set up in his honor.



## EQUIPMENT AND CENTRAL SHOP

Sue Fuller and Martha Pearle

A good time was enjoyed by all of the Equipment Section employees who attended the fish fry at Burns Park Friday evening, June 17. We appreciate the hard work put forth by Raymond Holland, instigator and cook. The food was delicious and getting to meet the families of our friends we work with every day was quite a treat.

To any of you who might be planning a fish fry and need a real good cook, contact Raymond Holland in Highway Maintenance Beautification, He's the best.



Raymond Holland of Beautification, looks right at home in the apron but it's plain that Ben Hogan, Beautification engineer, just came to the fish fry to eat. Linda Winberry of Accounting and Billie Carleton, secretary in Beautification, are seen in the background.

Martha Pearle was the center of attraction during the month of June. Twice coffee and cake was served honoring her. On Friday, June 9 Maurice Head, Equipment superintendent, presented her a 10-yr. service award and then a surprise birthday cake with thirty six candles on June 21. She says thanks to everyone who made these two occasions happy ones.

John Haggard and wife took a week's vacation to different parts of California and reported staying on the go constantly but enjoyed every minute of it.

Erma Ferguson's brother, Beal Neal and family from Denver have been visiting with her and she took a few days off to be with them.

We are glad to hear W. M. Laman's mother is at home now and improving after undergoing major surgery.

Bennie Robbins came to work one Monday morning masquerading as a parched

peanut, the result of skiing over the week end.

Frank and Anna Boyett, along with grandson, Tommy, took a week's vacation thru Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico. Frank reported a grand time but was glad to get back home.

From a picture Ava Lee Padgett showed us of herself taken while on a few days' vacation, that girl can really relax. Her daughter, Jane, sneaked a picture while Ava Lee was asleep in a lounge chair on the river bank. Boy, I wish everyone could see it.

Carl Hillis is on vacation as of this writing and his plans were to visit his father in Missouri. Carl is getting quite found of that game called golf and we have a hunch he might get in a few games.

Tony Schmelzer's wife is home after spending a few days in the hospital.

Will sign off with these words of wisdom and the hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable 4th of July:

Sign at Railroad Crossing: "The average time it takes a train to pass this crossing is 14 seconds - whether your car is on it or not."



Maintenance Engineer Jim Lowder and Ben Hogan's cute little wife, Jeannie were among those who enjoyed the picnic. In the background are Don Hayes, retired from the Equipment section, R. B. "Dick" Winfrey, retired from Maintenance, Mrs. Raymond Behrens (he, Beautification Section) and Charlie Brooks, shop superintendent at Jacksonville.



### THAT'S WHO?

That's Henry Kirchoff as he looked in 1932, and with hair, as he says. He is employed at the Central Shops at Jacksonville. Henry was first employed by the Department in 1946 but left for other employment and returned later. He received his 10-yr. service pin last year.



## MATERIALS AND TESTS

Sibyl Maddox

Employees who received service pins and certificates were C.H. Tullos, 20-yrs., and Ralph Davis, 5-yrs. Tullos is a materials inspector working in the Pine Bluff district and Davis is a drill operator.

Francis Roller, husband Ervin and friends spent a week on Lake Ouachita camping, fishing, and just having fun.

Many of us took advantage of the 4th of July weekend to travel - Jim Briley and wife flew to New Orleans - Jean Ellis motored to Stuttgart - My husband and I drove to Galveston, Tex.

Charlene and B. F. McClain enjoyed a barbecue at Boyle Park with friends on the fourth.

Our sympathy to Margaret Jean Ellis and Russell Newsom on the loss of their fathers.

James E. Garner, an M&T assistant from Wynne, and Harry L. Doyle, from the basic lab section of the main testing laboratory at Little Rock were presented service pins on July 11 for 20 and 15-yrs.' service respectively.

Garner is a native of Wynne. He and his wife have three children: Larry with the Army at Ft. Campbell, Ky.; Billy, a student at State College of Arkansas in Conway; and Joan, 15, a student at Wynne High School.

Doyle and his wife live at 6608 Pecan St., Little Rock. They have a son, Jimmy, who is an electrical engineering student at the University of Arkansas. Doyle was employed by the Missouri Highway Department before coming to Arkansas.

Cake and coffee were served in their honor.



Doyle, left, and Garner, right, with Materials and Tests Engineer Henry Schneider who made the presentations.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

*There is so much good in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best of us, that it ill behooves any of us to find fault with the rest of us.*

-- Anonymous



## PERSONNEL

Dorothy Lehman

Within the past two months we have welcomed two new employees, Frank C. Newsham, analyst, and Marie Hartley, stenographer.

Mr. Newsham has a wide personnel background, served as a Warrant Officer in the Army some twenty-one years. Jacksonville was his last station and recently the Newshams built a home there. The other day we had the pleasure of meeting his wife, Alice, and their youngest daughter and son-in-law from Lincoln, Neb.

Marie Hartley hails from Perryville, is married and lives in North Little Rock. her husband, Tommy, is a supervisor at National Automotive Parts Assoc. Several weeks ago Marie's mother was stricken with a heart attack but we are happy to report she is well now.

Jackie Wallace went with friends on a fishing trip to Harris Brake and made a short trip through the Ozarks on another weekend.

In June, Shirley Bain traveled to Bodcaw to visit her family and brought back her daughter, Angela who had spent several days with her grandparents.

Mitch, Jane Greenlee's younger son, plays an outfielder on his Little League team. The other day he "almost" made a homerun - a double! Keep it up, Mitch, you'll make that homer.

This reporter is very happy to have son, Ronny, home from the University. He received another year on an athletic scholarship, finishing in the top one-sixth of the Business Administration College, and has a summer job with Harkenstein Elevator Company. My older son, Charles, is working, and will receive his degree from LRU after the last summer school term.

Fay Sullivan has been attending many a ballgame, I'm sure, for her boys are active in Little League ball. And Sibble Cox is gardening and looking forward to vacation time and fishing.

Jane Greenlee, our switchboard operator, celebrated her birthday June 26 (coincidental with Bette Cox, Sibble's daughter). It was observed with a luncheon in the cafeteria and a large cake for dessert (no candles). Jane was presented a beautiful corsage of pink carnations, a vase of flowers and a few other gifts. There were about 14 at Jane's luncheon. She had a wonderful time distributing the cake.

Theresa Cox, 10 yr.-old granddaughter to Sibble Cox, won a \$25 savings bond for greatest improvement in English in her fourth grade class. Theresa was among the 18 students receiving awards presented to each fourth grade class given by Little Rock businessman Dabbs Sullivan as a memorial to his mother, Mrs. Ada Dabbs Sullivan.



P & R Staff



A part of the collation of co-workers who gathered to help Dodson and Marjaine celebrate the occasion of his receiving a 30-yr. service pin on June 28.

Just about everyone from this Division was present when Dodson Leonard received his 30-yr. service awards from the Commission at the June 28 meeting. Also present were Dodson's wife, the former Marjaine Turner, whom Dodson met when she was a fellow employee of P&R; his sister, Mrs. Johnnie M. Burnett; a nephew, John L. Burnett; two nieces, Mrs. Chester McGee and Mrs. George Lorenz, Jr.; and grandnieces Shanon McGee, Melissa Kay McGee, and Kimberly Kay Lorenz. The former head of this Division, Fred J. Herring, was on hand to assist in honoring Dodson; also Neill Morehead, a former employee of P&R, and Ralph Hunt, a retired Highway employee.

P&R held a party for Dodson after the official "doings", with a big cake inscribed "Congratulations Dodson 30 Years Service", punch, and coffee. J. R. Henderson, our Division Engineer, presented him a specially made map from the Mapping Section, in recognition of his services in getting city limits "right" for cities all over the State, and stated he was the outstanding authority on the subject. Dodson is one of the most popular members of this Division, and we were happy to honor him.

We were also glad to see our former co-workers who returned for the occasion. Marjie looked lovely in a blue suit that was set off by her orchid, Dodson's award to her.

Finance and Economics has a new employee, Fred Helton, an economist. He formerly taught at MacArthur High School in Irving, Tex. He and his wife and their two daughters live on Hanover in Little Rock now. We welcome him to



Fred Helton

the Division. He has demonstrated that he will fit in, appearing with a cake one morning.

With us as summer employees in the Field Data Collection Section: Sam Elsberry, Jon Keel, Scot Clark; and Jane Rausch is in Data Analysis.

We have been enjoying having Patricia Ann Hicks and Mary Lou Alley back for the summer. Next year Pat will be a sophomore at State College of Arkansas, majoring in nursing; and Mary Lou will continue at Ouachita Baptist University as a sophomore, majoring in elementary education. In P&R, Mary Lou is concentrating on the needs study and Pat on data analysis.

Mary Lou Bailey's son, Eric Asberry Bailey, and Miss Elizabeth Lundy of Little Rock were married Saturday, June 24, at St. Paul Methodist Church, Little Rock. Mr. Bailey was his son's best man. The couple plan to live at Marked Tree.

Mayo White and wife recently enjoyed a visit from their son Larry, wife and small son. Larry, a member of the Green Berets, was on leave from Viet Nam. Another big event in the lives of the White family was the graduation of son Jerry on June 3 from the University of Arkansas, which they attended.

Joan Niehaus' baby, born June 15, is a boy. He has been named Robert Travis Niehaus, Jr., and weighed six-and-a-half pounds.

Mrs. John L. Vandenberg's picture appeared in the Sunday, June 4th, issue of the Democrat, in which her favorite recipes were featured. In addition, we note from the many lovely flowers he brings that both Van and his wife must have green thumbs.

We had a recent visit from Joe Banks, who is now living in Baton Rouge, La. Good for him! We knew he'd get out of those cold places somehow.

Helen McNutt had a marvelous time on her vacation but discovered on her flight that the aerial photographs she has been studying have something lacking: color. By the time she alighted she had a crick in her neck from looking. Mr. Beckett, to make her happy, you are going to have to order color photography now.

Charlie and Bennie Parsons spent a week end camping at Millwood Reservoir. They caught all the fish they wanted and highly recommend it as a good fishing site.

Dodson and Marjarine Leonard vacationed in Southwest Arkansas, visiting friends and relatives.

Cecil Rider has bought a two-bedroom mobile home and has it on his farm at Lynn. He and Madolyn will be spending part of his vacation there the week of July 4 and hope to enjoy "some good country living, eating taters, maters, etc", and maybe do some fishing.

Jo Nell Threet has moved from Sheridan and is now a bona fide resident of Little Rock. She spent one week end recently at Memphis visiting friends, and went to Centralia, Ill., another week end.

Sharon Pelley's birthday was the occasion for the presentation to her of two cakes - donors being Susie Walls and Libby Brockinton. June Brown brought Florence Routh a cake on her wedding anniversary. There sure have been a lot calories floating around here.

Folks, those ads on TV are true. Through her polaroid glasses, Edith Garland has been seeing things the rest of us do not see.

Doggy News: J. E. Johnson's children have acquired a black poodle. Bob Faulkner's German police dog became the mother of 10 puppies, and Bob was up most of two nights, trying to cope with the situation.

**Not-So-Good News:** We have lost Bill Cypert, who transferred to Data Processing; hope he will visit us. Don Mount's wife's purse was stolen and she lost \$60. Martha Cushing was late to work one morning with an unusual excuse: A wheel of her car came off as she was driving. Fortunately, she was not going very fast. The car was her husband's "antique", a 1941 Chevrolet. Then a week later, someone pulled in front of her, and her new car was damaged.

We express our sympathy to H. C. Hudspeth of the Data Collection Section, who lost his aunt recently.



## RIGHT OF WAY

R/W Staff

The good-looking trio pictured here are, from left to right, Herbert Hooten, chief-Appraisal Section, Nancy Sipe, secretary to Henry Gray and Glendol Jackson, chief-Engineering Section. All three received their 10-yr. pin in May. Their many friends in Right-of-Way offer belated congratulations and wish them many more successful years with the Highway Department.



Left: Herbert Hooten  
Center: Nancy Sipe  
Right: Glendol Jackson

**ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION:** We are real happy to have Diane Feimster, a Hall High School honor graduate, as a summer employee in the library. She plans to attend the University of Arkansas this fall as a student in the College of Arts and Science.



Diane Feimster

Retha Griffin motored to Dumas for the July 4th week end to attend the wedding of her niece, Jo Ann Brown, and to visit relatives. Retha's son, Terry, was recently released from the Naval Reserve and accepted by the Army for advanced ROTC training.

Everybody in our section reported a big July 4th week end. Most of us took to the water. Linda Young went skiing and boating with Barbara Oldham of County Roads and friends at Greers Ferry.

A. C. Ledbetter and Gip Robertson and their families went to Lake Overcup and believe me, there were some fish stories flying when they returned.

**APPRAISAL:** We were very pleased to see C. A. Snyder again when he dropped by the office for a visit recently. C.A., a former employee in this section, and his wife have moved back to Little Rock from Virginia.

Herbert Heffington and wife spent the week end of the fourth at their cabin. They caught quite a few fish. Herbert said his wife is really becoming a good "fisherman".

Ina Dunn's husband is home from a six month tour of duty with the Army. Before returning to work again, Jerry and Ina spent a glorious week in Florida. They stayed a week in Panama City, returned through Gulfport, where they spent

the night, and enjoyed a tour of New Orleans and Baton Rouge.

**ACQUISITION SECTION:** Barney McCright negotiator in this section, is back from his vacation with silver dollars from Las Vegas and an education in import and export from the ship docks of Puget Sound. Barney was accompanied by his brother-in-law and two sisters. They traveled over 8000 miles by automobile in a 14-state area. Two days were spent touring in and around San Francisco. They rode the old cable car, ate dinner at the famous Fisherman's Wharf and viewed the Rose Bowl Stadium at Pasadena, Barney visited Lassen Volcanic National Park in Oregon, Crater Lake National Park, the famous Sunken Rose Garden in Portland, Disney Land, Universal Studios, Hollywood, fed the bears at Yellowstone National Park, viewed Will Rogers Park and President Truman's Library in Kansas City, Mo. and these are only a few of the highlights of the trip. Barney said he had a wonderful time and for those of you who

wish to hear about the entire trip just get with him and he will give you report number 2, with gestures.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Elledge were accompanied by their daughter-in-law and granddaughter on a week end trip to Texas, Friday June 30. Kay, four-year-old granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elledge, came by for a tour of the office before their journey.



Russel Hollis, Jr., has joined the staff of this section as a negotiator. He is married and has two children. The Hollis's reside at 28 Haley Street, Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Our sympathies to Mr. and Mrs. Dennison Yates in the loss of his father, John M. Yates of Malvern.

UTILITY SECTION: George and Margaret Ivey attended a three-day convention in New Orleans of the Lone Star Region, an association for model train enthusiasts. We all enjoyed the pecan pralines that George brought us.

Frank Wiggins enjoyed a two week vacation at Fort Chaffee attending summer Guard Camp. On his return, he gifted the better looking employees of the Section with a cute little doll which fitted their individual personalities.

Glenda Brown is being very sneaky about her new unlisted telephone number which she isn't giving to anyone - well, here it is - LO 2-40 27.

"Buddy" Cazer and his family have moved into a new home near Cantrell Road.

Jim Bartlett's mother was in the hospital for several days but is at home now doing considerably better.

Carolyn Halbert attended a fashion show recently at the Country Club in Sheridan and, as usual, won the door prize.

Alton Van Patten and family were week end guests of his sister in Mountain Home. He attempted to do some fishing in White River but apparently didn't have much luck.

Several of our employees reported extracurricular activities for the 4th of July week end. Woody Laird and family went to Lake Ouachita...Doug Thacker went to New Orleans (He said, "The bright lights are still shining"...). George and Margaret Ivey were aboard a house-

boat on Lake Greeson...and Frank Wiggins and family visited relatives in Arkadelphia.

ENGINEERING SECTION: June 9 was really a fun day for the employees in this Section for most of us traveled to Benton, where Glendol Jackson has a beautiful home with a lake at his back door, and had a very informal party. We cooked steaks outside and ate these along with baked potatoes, salad, baked beans and corn on the cob which Glendol's wife, Geraldine, so graciously prepared for us. Charlotte Whalin brought some delicious dip which we enjoyed until the steaks were ready.

A few of our avid fishermen went fishing while the rest of us caught up on our visiting. When the mosquitoes got too bad we moved inside and played cards awhile. As soon as we thought our steaks had settled we went back out into the mosquitoes and ate watermelon. We had so much fun we are already planning our next party. We also thank Glendol's daughter, Karen too, for helping her with the food preparation and we know this was a big job.

Vacationers in the Engineering Section this month were as follows:

Glendol Jackson, spending one week with a troop of boy scouts at Camp Tula in Daisy, Ark. on Lake Greeson. He reports he made it back with every boy he took. Ronald Johnston took two weeks and spent it fishing. He said this was one time his wife didn't outfish him. Neil Gibbs and wife Nola took a week end trip to Monroe, La. to visit friends. Shirley Childress went on a camping trip with her family, her sister's family, who are visiting here from Tuscon, Ariz., and her mother. It was to last three days but a storm on the second day cut it to two. Andrew may not be taking Shirley camping anymore because she caught a one-pound and a three-pound bass and he didn't catch any.

Fred Williams took a day off to spend with his brother and family visiting here from Florida.

Neil and Nola Gibbs are the proud owners of a new Buick LaSabre with light green exterior and a darker green interior.

A huge welcome to Bruce Johnson, who is back with us after completing his six-month tour of duty with the Army.

Most of our employees spent a quiet fourth of July at home but a few took short trips. Among those taking trips were Paul Broyles and family who traveled to Tennessee to visit relatives; Shirley Childress and children spent three days at Biscoe, loafing, eating and visiting friends and relatives and were joined on the 4th by Andrew. Fred Williams and family spent four days at Prescott visiting Nina's parents. While there they joined Nina's brother and family who were camping on Lake Greeson and got in a little swimming and water skiing.

Neil listened to Ronald tell about all the fish he caught while snag fishing at Dardanelle on the Arkansas River until he decided he had to go too. Pictured here are the fish they caught July 1st.



They are spoonbill catfish, very good eating if you don't like to have to worry about bones when you eat fish.

Larry Lorence took advantage of the holiday and made another trip to Illinois to visit mother, sister and brother-in-law. He reports the weather was very nice this time but his last day there they had a record low for this time of year.

Ted Mitchell spent his holiday playing in a golf tournament at Conway. His team came in fourth place. He assured me there were more than four teams playing so I guess this was not too bad.



## DISTRICT



Leslie Long

District 2 employees traveled the highways of happiness for fun in the sun at Lake Chicot. Annual picnic time. It was the kind of day that made one glad to be alive and the picnic was a real good, enjoyable one. First time we have visited with some of our friends since picnic time last summer. Gaddy and Ouida, our picnic committee, prepared a program of fun for everyone...bingo with exciting prizes, horseshoes and softball. Bob Jarboe and his Chicot County crew are true pioneers at the art of picnicking and really showed us all a good time. The new pool at the park has been completed and afforded pleasure for the younger people. There was "yum yum" food galore, all kinds of cold drinks, sweets, and just anything you might desire to devour. (Woe is me, too fat to be able to eat all of some of it). Our only retirees attending this event were Mrs. Inez Royston of Pine Bluff and Mr. and Mrs. Vick of Star City. We need more good times, more often.

Congratulations to Elbert Martin, who has earned a Certificate of Merit Award in appreciation of 25 years' efficient and loyal service. Elbert is one of our superintendents and resides at Monticello. Congratulations also to Calvin Rowls, mechanic at the Pine Bluff shop, who received his 15-year award and Ed Nisblatt, storekeeper at Pine Bluff, for 5 years.

Leslie Rabb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Rabb of Monticello, took second place in the State poster contest of the State WCTU Organization. Her poster theme was "The Effects of Alcohol". Lester is job superintendent in the Monticello area.



Leslie Rabb

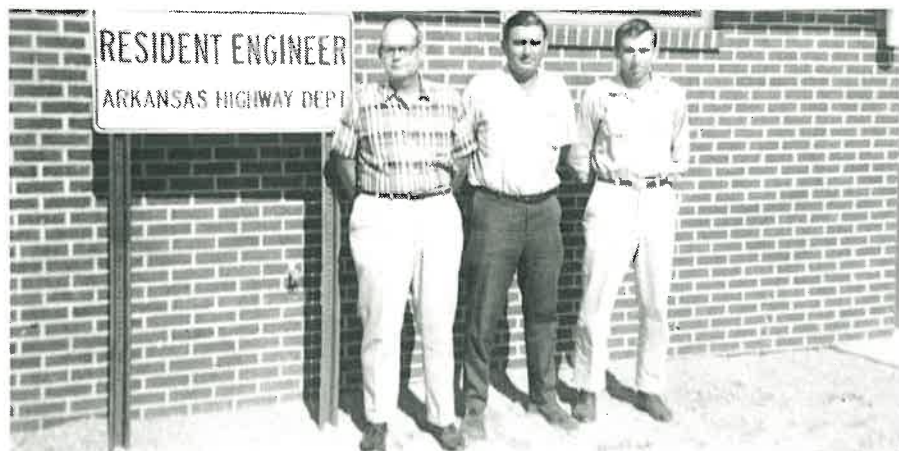


Mrs. Joe Leopard, wife of the stock clerk at Pine Bluff (left of table), Mrs. E. J. Rabb, wife of the asphalt plant superintendent at Monticello, and Mrs. Joe Hays, wife of the job superintendent in Pine Bluff, (looking toward Mrs. Rabb) enjoy a gab fest...



...while some of the fellows try their hand at pitching horseshoes. Sorry we are unable to identify those taking their turn.

How do you like the new daylight saving time? "Too late" can't be used as an excuse, now. There have been some changes made. It isn't "too late to start cutting the grass after work" and it isn't "too late to go to the store, so we can eat out". It isn't too late to even go fishing after work hours.



Resident Engineer's new building at Monticello. The men, left to right, George Karnes, resident engineer; Frank Novak, resident inspector; and Earl Kirkpatrick, instrumentman.



Our Resident Engineer personnel at Monticello are very proud of their new headquarters at Monticello and rightly so.



DISTRICT



The Informer

Seems like it was only last week that we were scurrying around trying to get some news together for the magazine but our calendar says a month has zipped by.

There is quite a bit of activity at the District Headquarters in Fort Smith, but everyone is too busy to write about it. We have construction to the North, South, and East of us (our headquarters building) and a deep ditch to the West of us. In other words, we're completely surrounded by our remodeling and expansion work. It's difficult to keep our minds on our desk jobs with all the machines and workmen just outside our windows. (They have probably never had so many "sidewalk" superintendents before. We've even thought of trying to get put on their payroll as inspectors!!)

The remodeling will take quite some time, but we are all looking forward to the completion with great anticipation. After seeing the plans, we feel it will be an enjoyable place to spend our forty hours each week. (Not that it isn't now, but we are a little cramped for space.)

Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Pense announce the birth of a son on June 7. Alvis is a crewleader with the Crawford County crew. Congratulations!

Bud Leakey, heavy truck driver, had visitor here at the office the other day. It was his daughter with his new little red-headed grandson. He is certainly a fine boy. Snoozed all the while he was

here — just didn't have a care in the whole world. Tex Brown's wife brought their 5-month-old son out one day this month, too. He is really an armful. Jimmy Don Gregory brought his wife and 4-month-old daughter out to see us. She's a little cutie-pie, too. Maybe we can persuade one of these proud papas to bring us a picture we can send in to the magazine.

Service awards for this month went to L. D. Harberson, Scott County crew, and William Foster, Polk County crew, 15-yrs. each. Ed L. Slaughterbeck, Construction Division, 10 yrs., and L. L. Roper, Jr., five-yrs. Our congratulations to all four of you.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Clayton's daughter, Mrs. Harold Keller of New York, and her three children, Vicki, Clayton and little Bill, arrived by plane for a visit June 29. Mr. Clayton is our District Engineer.

Ed Orsini and Nelson Morgan of the Internal Audit Section reported in here June 27. Understand they will be with us about three weeks or so. Ed's an old friend and I'm sure Nelson will become one in due time.

Well, goodbye for this month. Maybe next month someone will have a real exciting vacation for us to report.



## DISTRICT



Marilyn Coffman

Employees receiving service certificates and pins this month were: Herman Hinesley, 20 yrs.; Myrt Hoofman, Milton Hughes and Verlon Roberson, 15-yrs.; William Loggains, 10-yrs.; and Austin Coles, William Heron, Willis Graham, Spencer Land, Chester King, L.D. Hopper, Howard Morehead, and Ronald Yates, 5-yrs.



Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Moser of Mount Pleasant were honored at an open house on June 11 in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. Moser retired in 1961 after 16 years' service with the

Highway Department. Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Moser and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moser were hosts for their parents. Mr. Moser, affectionately known by District 5 employees as "Runt" and his wife have seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Congratulations to both of you. to both of you.

Lawson Johnson, ferry foreman, has added to his gun collection a "338 Winchester Magnum". We hope Ethel approved of this purchase...

Martha McCown, daughter of Payroll Clerk Mary Lee McCown, is sporting a big sparkler on her left hand. The lucky boy is Bobby Alton of Batesville. Both are students at Henderson State Teachers College in Arkadelphia where they will be seniors this fall.

We are proud to have Tommie McSpadden with us again this summer. Tommie is 19 years old and will be a junior at the University of Arkansas this fall.

Charles Sherley, construction employee for Resident Engineer Ralph Wyatt, was notified that his application for certification in the grade of Engineering Technician was approved by the Board of Trustees in Washington, D.C. Congratulations, Charles.

Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Bradberry and son Billy have returned from a week's vacation in Kentucky.

Sally McMillan, fuel clerk, and Oscar Syfert, stock room attendant, are back working after surgery in St. Vincents Infirmary and Missouri Pacific Hospital in Little Rock. Speaking for the office force, we are all very proud they had quick recoveries.



## DISTRICT



Burnham & Campbell

Miss Amelia 'Anne Nunnally became the bride of Robert Anthony McKanna at 3:30 p.m., July 2 in the First Baptist Church of Camden. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grover E. Nunnally of Camden (job superintendent). The bridegroom is a native of Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. Nunnally gave his daughter in marriage at the double ring ceremony. She wore a bridal gown of ivory silk-faced peau de soie styled with an empire waist, scalloped at the ankles, A-line skirt, scooped neckline and long sleeves ending in points over the hands. Re-embroidered French lace over English net embellished with pearl clusters was applied on the waist, on the sleeves, front of the skirt and border of the chapel train. A veil of ivory silk illusion was held in place by a triple crown of pearls and Austrian crystals. She carried a bouquet of stephanotis centered with a white orchid.

The bridal attendants were identically gowned in floor length gowns of pale pink chiffon also styled with empire waists, and matching headpieces and



shoes. Miss Sandra Nunnally of Pine Bluff served her sister as bridesmaid.

The nuptial vows, pronounced by Dr. John Maddox, were followed by a reception in the church fellowship hall.

After a trip to Miami Beach, the bride and groom will return to Goose Bay, Labrador where Mr. McKanna is principal of the air base high school and Mrs. McKanna is a member of the faculty.

Service awards were presented in June to the following employees: Bryant G. Hatridge, instrumentman at El Dorado, 20-yrs.; Troy H. Henderson, instrumentman at Arkadelphia, 15-yrs.; John E. Livingston, maintenance, Camden; Harry T. Castleberry, Dallas County area foreman, and Joe H. Bradshaw, truck driver, Camden, 10-yrs. each; and Charles Eugene Naugle, engineering technician at Camden, and James C. Davis, truck driver at Camden, five-yrs. each.

Miss Freida Lamb of Bearden and Gene Griffis were married June 6 in a ceremony at 7:30 p.m. in Salem Baptist Church near Bearden. After a short trip down the coasts of Mississippi and Florida, they are residing in Bearden. Griffis works with the bridge crew.



## DISTRICT



McCoy & Howell

It's another boy for Mary and James Howell. Randall Lynn arrived at St. Mary's Hospital in Russellville on June 23, weighing 10 pounds 7 ounces. Randy has a big brother, Mike, who is two years old. Mary plans to return to her job as secretary to our District Engineer in the near future.

T.G. Orton, Jr., and Ruben McConnell, resident engineers in District 8, have vacationed with their families at "Six Flags Over Texas". The way we hear it, the big kids enjoyed the sights as much as the little ones.

Our office recently has been decorated with roses from Job Superintendent Ewin Caudle's garden and dahlias from Lawrence Turner's garden. Lawrence is a patrol operator from Yell County. The flowers were beautiful and we all enjoyed and appreciated them.

Bert Adkins, truck driver with the Yell County crew, has retired to take advantage of the benefits derived from many years of work with the Department. We will miss him, but he has promised to return to see us often. (Bert has been Page 1 on our Maintenance payroll for many years.)

Tony DeSalvo, truck driver in Conway County, received his 10-yr. service award this month.

A/2C Joseph R. Weaver returned May 21 from 24 months active duty with the U.S. Air Force in Japan. He was home with his parents. H.A. (Bill) and Mickey Weaver for 37 days, after which he reported to Hunter AFB in Savannah, Ga., for the remainder of his enlistment. Bill is Ruben McConnell's "bridge man".

Roy and Mildred Hollabaugh have returned from a vacation in New Orleans. "Cork" just grins when we ask about their trip, but we know they had a good time if some of the rumors we have heard are true. He is our District welder.



Dale Russell Gossien, a June BSCE graduate, is now working with Ruben McConnell in Conway. Dale, who lives with his grandmother in North Little Rock, is 22 years old and single (but already spoken for). His favorite pastimes are sleeping late, listening to his stereo and calling the Hogs.



DISTRICT



Isabelle Psalmonds



Raymond Penn, retired Lawrence County area foreman has been elected president of the Board of Governors of Lawrence Memorial Hospital and Lawrence Hall Nursing Home at Walnut Ridge. He retired from the Department at the end of 1966 after nearly 22 years. Congratulations, Raymond.

Many of our people are on vacation... Dewayne Combs and his family have gone to Dallas, Tex. ...Dillman Cothren went up to see the Cardinals play...and this reporter has just returned from a trip to Los Angeles, by way of Grand Canyon, Carlsbad Caverns, El Paso and Phoenix. We certainly had a wonderful time.

Kay Vangilder, our radio operator, has a very observing daughter. A few days ago as she and 3-yr. old Tina were coming to town, a small dog ran across the road. Tina said, "You'd better watch out, little dog, or you will be a Code 33." Another radio operator, perhaps?

Our sincere sympathy to Buddy Pounders of Osceola whose father died recently.



**DID YOU GUESS?**

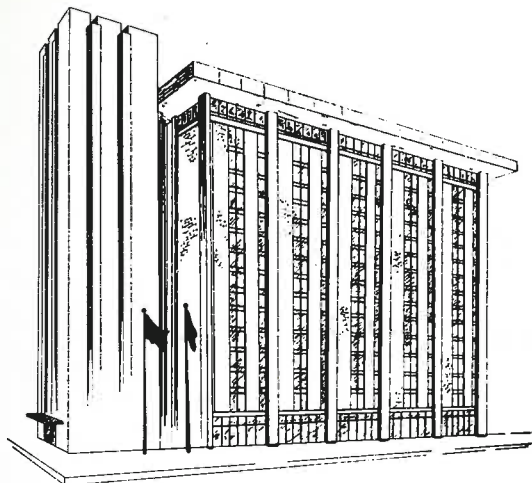
The Bridge Department (now Bridge Design Division) of the Highway Department in 1934 was composed of the following employees: front row, left to right: John Strom, retired and living in California; L.P. Carlson, present chief engineer of Bridge Design; N. B. Garver, head Bridge Department engineer, now retired from the consulting firm of Garver and Garver and living in Little Rock; Loren Bundy, deceased; R. C. Gibson, retired and living in Houston; Harold Bastian, retired and living in Little Rock; and Curtis Glover, Sr., deceased.

Back row, left to right: J. H. Knott, who was stricken with a fatal heart attack December 12, 1962 while still employed by the Department; J. C. Perkins, Sr., deceased; Robert Hiles, last known to be working with the Bureau of Yards and Docks with the Navy at Washington, D.C.; Eddie Williams, retired and living in Little Rock; Bernhard "Barnie" Gasser, with Arkansas Foundry; John Dickinson, presently employed in Bridge Design after an interval of foreign construction work; and Curtis Glover, Jr., with Internal Revenue, Little Rock.



"So this is what you meant when you said your shovel was named after me!"





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Kill Ya!*



Would you like to know about an advisory service that tells you exactly what to wear, what to say, and precisely how to act on every occasion?

It's called a teen-age daughter.

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Laugh and the world laughs with you. Cry and you get what you want.

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Tommy: "How come soda pop will spoil MY dinner and martinis give YOU an appetite?"

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Stu: "I went to see Dr. Zhivago today."  
Don: "Why? What's wrong with you now?"

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Formula for a successful vacation: Take half as many clothes as you think you'll need — and twice as much money.

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Out of the mouths of babes too often comes what we shouldn't have said in the first place.

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One of the cutest birth announcements we have seen announced the arrival of the sixth child for Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cummings. It read; "Proudly announcing another one of our short Cummings."

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The young bride seemed to be having a little trouble, but one day greeted her husband with a particularly happy smile.

"Your dinner is going to be better tonight, dear. Our neighbor just told me you have to add water to those dehydrated foods we've been having."

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People in London say there is an Engineering Information External Inquiries Officer at BBC who keeps answering his phone, "E.I.E.I.O."

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A night-club comedian seemed to be drawing a lot of heckling from one inebriated customer. Finally he stopped the show and walked over to him, remarking "When I was a little boy, I lived on a farm and my favorite pastime was teasing an old jackass. My father kept telling me not to, because that jackass would die some day and his spirit would come back to haunt me.

"You know, I always doubted my father. But now you have made a believer out of me."

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Sign in bar: "If you're drinking to forget, pay in advance."

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Voting is a process of standing in line for the opportunity to help decide which party will spend your money.

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**THIRD BRAZILIAN ENGINEER TEAM VISITS AHD**

A third Brazilian Highway engineer group recently spent a week at the Arkansas Highway Department as part of a nation-wide four-year program of highway improvement by the Brazilian National Highway Department. During the four years they expect to construct 3,600 miles of new roads and pave 4,250 miles. The first group to visit Arkansas was in 1964 and another group came last year. This year's group came from the northeastern states of Brazil, where the geography is similar to Arkansas. While in the state, they observed materials testing practices at the Department laboratory, and made field trips to several construction sites where work was in progress. Their six-weeks tour will cover six states and Washington, D.C.