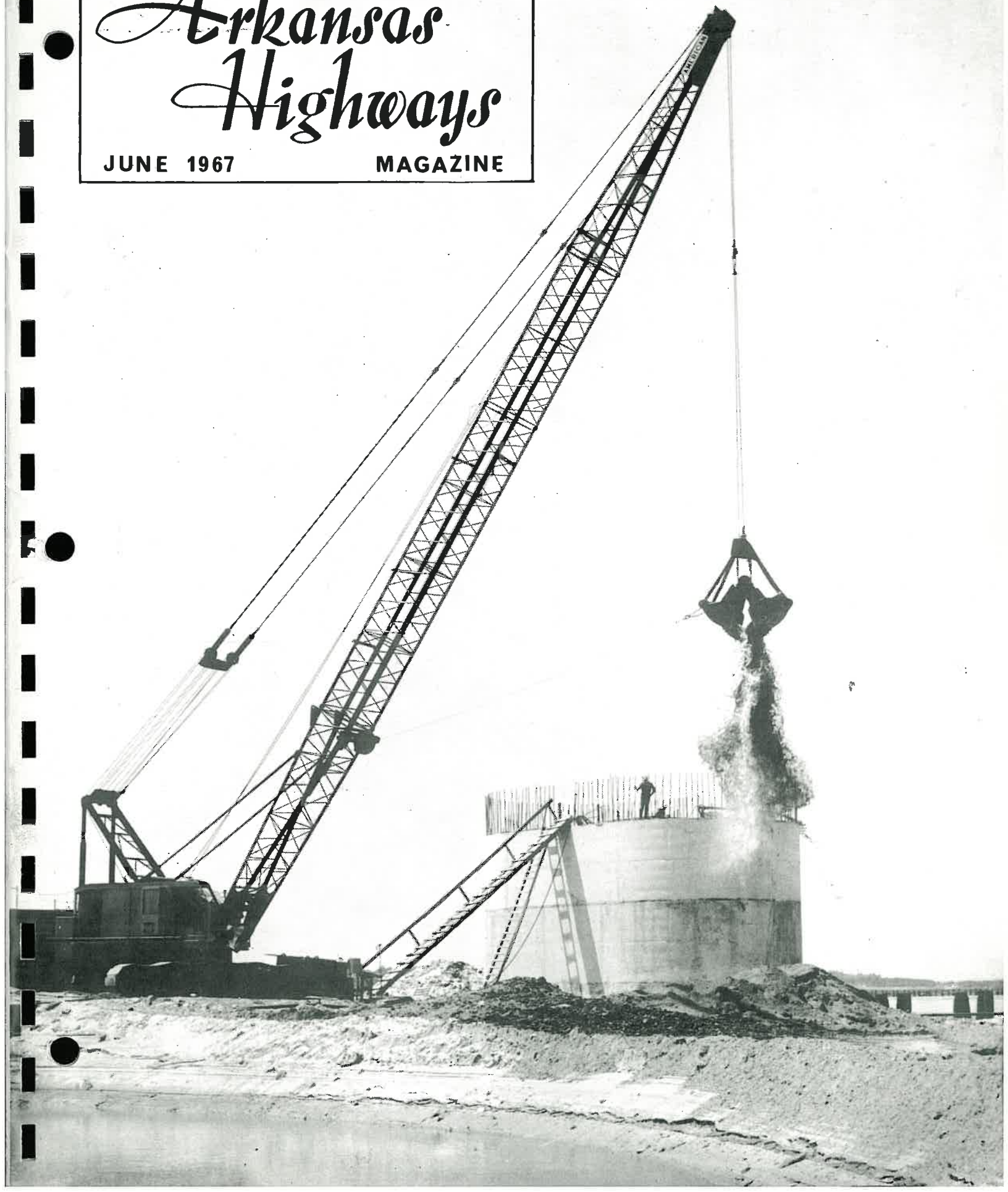


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BY: SENATOR WADE AND
SENATOR HENDRIX

SENATE RESOLUTION

COMMENDING THE STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, MAINTENANCE AND EFFICIENT OPERATION OF AN EXCELLENT SYSTEM OF ROADSIDE PARKS AND URGING THAT MORE ROADSIDE PARKS BE CONSTRUCTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE OF THIS STATE.

WHEREAS, The Arkansas Highway Department has established an excellent system of roadside parks for the benefit, comfort, and convenience of the people of the State and visitors of this State; and

WHEREAS, such parks have been kept exceptionally clean, and beautiful and scenic and have been maintained and operated efficiently; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly and the people of this state are indeed grateful and appreciative of this wonderful service rendered by the Arkansas Highway Department,
NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STATE OF THE SIXTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

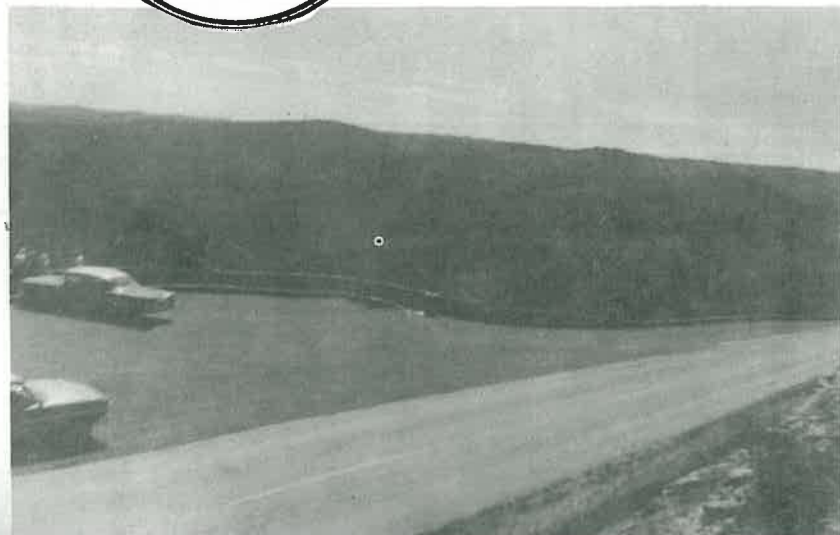
That the Senate hereby commends the Arkansas Highway Department on its splendid effort in furnishing the people of this State with an excellent system of attractive roadside parks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Arkansas Highway Department is hereby urged to build more roadside parks for the benefit, comfort and convenience of the people of this State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be furnished by the Secretary of the Senate to each member of the Arkansas Highway Commission.



Guilford Wade
Oliver Hendrix



THREE RECEIVE AWARDS FROM HIGHWAY COMMISSION



Standing with Commissioner Maurice Smith, left, front row, are Elmer Wheat Smith, Jr., Russellville; Homer C. Atchley, Rolla in Hot Spring County; and Charles E. Andrews, Prescott. Back row, Commissioners Truman Baker and Lawrence Blackwell, Director Ward Goodman, Commissioners John Harsh and Arnil Taylor and Chief Engineer J. T. Pendergrass.

One 30-year award and two 25-year certificates were presented to Highway Department employees at the meeting of the Arkansas Highway Commission on May 24. The presentations were made by Commissioner Maurice Smith of Birdeye.

The recipient of the 30-year award was ELMER WHEAT SMITH, Jr., a resident engineer who lives at Russellville. He was born at Searcy but moved early in life to Little Rock where he finished high school and entered Little Rock Junior College, now Little Rock University. He was first employed by the Highway Department in November, 1935.

During World War II he was a pilot with the rank of captain. Smith is a member of the Board of Stewards of the First Methodist Church of Russellville and a 32nd degree Mason. He is married to the former Genevieve Burnett of Morrilton. They have two sons.

CHARLES EDGAR ANDREWS, one of the job superintendents in District 3, received a 25 year award. He is a native of Prescott and came to the

Highway Department in April, 1941 as a laborer. Since that time he has operated every type of highway maintenance equipment in the Department.

Andrews and his wife of thirty-seven years, the former Audrey Anna Baker, still live in Prescott where he is a member of the Methodist Church, past master of Masonic Lodge No. 80 and a member of the Prescott Rotary Club. He is an avid bird hunter and Razorback fan. He collects rare coins as a hobby.

HOMER CLEA ATCHLEY, a crew leader in Hot Spring County, has also completed 25 years. He was born at Leola in Grant County and spent many of his younger years in the lumber industry. He was employed by the Highway Department in May, 1942.

Atchley and his wife, the former Edith Bailey of Malvern, have one son Homer, Jr. He is a Methodist and a Mason with membership in Rockport Lodge No. 58. He likes to hunt and fish in his spare time.

ANOTHER AHD EMPLOYEE KILLED, ONE INJURED

William Seeburn Dillon of Mayflower, an employee of the North Little Rock area headquarters maintenance crew, was killed Wednesday, May 17 when the Highway Department dump truck he was driving was struck from behind by a tractor-trailer rig on U.S. 67 at the Gregory Street crossing in Jacksonville.

Another employee, Alvis Wheeler, 58, who lives on Cato Road, and a passenger in the truck with Dillon, suffered severe injuries and gasoline burns. At this writing he is still hospitalized at Rebsamen Memorial Hospital at Jacksonville.

Both men were trapped in the cab of the dump truck, which was loaded with asphalt, until wreckers arrived to lift the truck off them. The accident occurred about 1:55 p.m. when Dillon may have swerved to avoid hitting a car which pulled onto the highway in front of him and the tractor-trailer skidded 80 feet before hitting the left rear of the dump truck, causing the dump truck to leave the highway and roll 136 feet end over end before coming to rest on its top. Witnesses said a red 1966 or 1967 Ford driven by a woman was seen leaving the scene at a high rate of speed.

Dillon, 55, had been employed with the Department since 1954. He is survived by his wife; two sons, W.C., also an employee of the North Little Rock area headquarters and Vernon; and a daughter, Brenda Rose.

A double note of tragedy was the fact that at the time of the accident many employees were attending funeral services for Personnel Officer Dale W. Davison who was killed Sunday evening, May 14 when another car hit his in a head-on collision.



The truck in which Dillon and Wheeler were riding.

DISTRICT 10 JOB SUPERINTENDENT DIES

Joe W. Vance, job superintendent at Paragould, was the victim of a fatal heart attack on Sunday, April 30. He had worked for the Highway Department 26 years.

Vance, 63, had two unfortunate accidents prior to his death. In September of last year he sustained a broken leg on the job and returned to work April 1 of this year, only to break the same leg again on the job 10 days later.

He was a member of the First Methodist Church of Paragould, where he lived after moving from Marked Tree in 1953.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Myrtle Vance, 615 South 6½ St., a son, James; five daughters, Mrs. Nonetta Trimm, Lakeside, Calif., Mrs. Sadie Braden, El Cajon, Calif., Mrs. Martha Everett, Fayetteville, and Miss Gail Vance and Miss Carolyn Vance of the home; three brothers, Henry, Pontotoc, Miss., Mitchell, Marked Tree; and Robert, Wynne; and three sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Barrett, New Buffalo, Mich., Mrs. Ella Pruett and Mrs. Beatrice Pate, both of Mississippi.

Interment was in Green County Memorial Gardens.



JOB ANALYST HIRED



Frank G. Newsham, age 53 and retired from the Air Force, has been employed as job analyst for the Highway Department to work primarily with the personnel agency team being coordinated with the various state agencies by the State Comptroller's office.

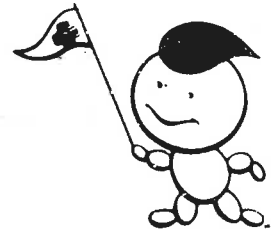
Newsham has 17 years' experience in personnel classification work similar to the system which has been proposed by Peat, Marwick & Mitchell in their re-evaluation of state employees' classifications.

He was stationed at Little Rock Air Force Base for a year prior to his retirement as a chief warrant officer at the end of April. He and his wife Alice live on Gibson Court at Jacksonville. They have three married daughters. A native of St. Petersburg, Fla., Newsham said they decided to retire in Arkansas within two months after taking up residence in the state.

OMISSION NOTED

In reporting on the Reproduction Seminar held in May we failed to mention that Leroy Beckett, head of the Mapping Section in Planning and Research, initiated the seminar and that Fred Tupper, Eastman Kodak representative from Dallas, Joe Osborne, representative of Eugene Dietzgen Co. of St. Louis, and Lewter Graham of Graham Blueprint Company of Little Rock were a part of the seminar program. The Magazine is happy to give credit to these fellows and regrets the omission.

BILLY BLOODROP



REMINDS YOU:

The Red Cross portable blood drawing unit will be in the following places during July for the advantage of our employees who are part of the program and live in those areas:

- July 3 - Pulaski County
- 7 - Prescott
- 11 - Fordyce
- 12 - Pine Bluff
- 13 - Monticello
- 14 - Pulaski County
- 17 - Forrest City
- 18 - American Greeting Card Co.
- 21 - Jefferson County Hospital
- 24 - Clinton
- 25 - Pulaski County
- 26 - Morrilton
- 27 - Pine Bluff
- 28 - Heber Springs
- 31 - Pulaski County

Check your local newspaper for exact times and locations: Locations of the unit in Pulaski County is shown in the Little Rock Sunday papers.

E. P. "Pete" Benetz, Jr., cartographer in the Mapping Section of Planning and Research, is the fourth employee to donate a gallon of blood through the Red Cross employees blood program. Director Ward Goodman offers Pete congratulations as he becomes custodian of the A.H.D. Gallon Club "jug".





BERNIE COX RECEIVES 15 YEAR PIN

Bernie Cox, right, assistant procurement officer, completed 15 years' service and was presented the employees' service pin and certificate by Procurement officer Frank Caple on Friday, May 26.

OUR PUBLIC IMAGE

Editor's Note: The following comments of Engineer-Director Frank A. Howard of the Virginia Road Builder are so applicable we have reprinted them.

All the general public knows about the highway construction industry is what it reads in the papers, hears on the radio or sees on T.V. Thousands of miles of excellent roads and bridges built by the industry doesn't usually make sensational news. Highway construction success isn't big news. On the other hand, irresponsible and unproven charges against people in the industry make headline news and this forms the general public's "image" of the industry.

With "images" becoming more important to all industries, from diaper services to diesel motors, it's imperative that everyone in the highway construction industry protect and upgrade its "public image".

The highway construction industry has a lot to be proud of. The industry has held construction costs relatively low and steady over the years. Highway construction costs haven't increased in proportion to food, clothing and shelter, due to ingenious new machines and methods developed by contractors and their suppliers.

The industry has fostered dramatic technological advances in equipment, design and materials. Due to this, in the 60's, more new highways and bridges have been opened for the convenience and safety of the general public than ever before and at a unit cost comparable with the 30's and 40's. What other industry has held production costs so low? None that we know of. We're proud of this.

Does the general public even know or understand how important highway transportation is to our economy? I venture not. We were not a wealthy nation when we began building our highways. The highways we built created wealth in business and industry and in land values. *It wasn't our wealth that made our highways possible. It was our highways that made our wealth possible.* One dollar in every five goes into construction of some kind and highway construction is a large portion of this. Construction is our nation's largest industry. One employee in every seven works in a highway or related industry.

We believe that every member of the highway construction industry—highway department engineer, contractor, supplier and manufacturer—must make a continuing effort to constantly upgrade his own profession and improve his own and his industry's "public image". We're all in the highway construction industry". Any "poor image" generated by one will be shared by all. And, of course, any "good image" generated by one will benefit all.

There are many ways to improve our "public image." We can upgrade the educational level of all our people through continuing educational programs. We can encourage our employees to take on civic responsibilities through service clubs and civic groups. We can spread the good word through our social relationships. We can tell our bankers, auditors and other business associates our important role in the nation's economy. Each of us can take an active part and push for positive action to upgrade our "public image". We can make it a continuing responsibility to see that all those with whom we come into contact know what we're doing and that we're not ashamed to talk about it with anyone — anywhere, anytime.

We have the kind of industry that deserves to be looked up to as a respected and legitimate enterprise, conscientiously serving the public need. We should constantly strive to make more and more people appreciative of what our industry has done and is doing. We should take pride in what we're doing — in whatever segment of the industry we represent — and let everyone we meet know of our pride.

A test by a University of Southern California scientist revealed that married, former servicemen over 30 make the best drivers, and unmarried teenagers and men who frequently change jobs are the the worst. There were 20,000 drivers tested.

SAM SMITH ELECTED TO ASPE

Planning and Research Staff



M. S. (Sam) Smith III, District 10 engineer, has been elected president of the East Arkansas chapter of the Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers for the next year.

J. M. Garrett, resident engineer at Osceola, was elected secretary-treasurer.

BILLIE WHITESIDE GRADUATES CUM LAUDE



The words *cum laude* which adorn the B.A. diploma from Little Rock University, which Miss Willda (Billie) Whiteside is proudly displaying, have a much more significant meaning than the mere academic achievement they indicate. As principal secretary and "head of the English Department" of the Planning and Research Division, all of us over the past nine years have grown to regard "with honor" her ability to translate our poor dictation and rambling manuscripts into clear, concise, and intelligent writing. Woe is the new employee who indignantly protests the changes made in his first prized narration laboriously composed, because Billie has no compunction in unerringly pointing out sins both of omission and commission in his "opus". On the other hand, she gladly gives of her time to those employees who come to her with their problems of syntax and composition.

Again, the decision to return to school and complete two full years of college work several years after she had launched her career - and this by attending night classes while on a full-time day job - was a tremendous undertaking; and her friends and co-workers view her decision "with honor". Since the fall of 1961, Billie has slaved through twelve semesters and five summer sessions of evening classes in competition with younger students and has maintained an almost straight "A" record; and we cheer her determination and tenacity in accomplishing her goal.

In addition to her chosen field of English, Billie has managed to take a number of other practical work-related subjects such as urban planning, sociology, and political science, as well as several enrichment courses in philosophy, history, art and speech.

The level of academic proficiency she maintained over this period has been recognized with honor by her fellow students who have elected her to all the honorary scholastic societies of L.R.U. including Sword and Shield (all-school) and Phi Alpha Theta (history). During her freshman and sophomore years, she was elected to Phi Theta Kappa honorary society.

Billie was also the winner of a silver cup for "best paper in the field of music"; one of her short stories and a poem were chosen for the Literary Issue of the Forum of 1966; and another of her stories was read to all the English classes. She was also a member of L'Alliance Francaise, the Science Seminar, and the International Relations Society.

Among the 225 students who received diplomas this year, Billie was one of eight honor graduates.

HIGHWAY DAMES INSTALLATION HELD

Betty Hutchison, Publicity Chairman

Mrs. Shirley Chaney, out-going president of the Arkansas Highway Dames, installed new officers for the coming year at a picnic held in Lakewood Park, on May 25.

Officers for 1967-68 are Mrs. Bobbie Moore, president; Mrs. Wilma Perkins, vice president; Mrs. Yvonne Mulhollen, recording secretary; Mrs. Rebecca Daggett, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Elyenne Gray, treasurer; Mrs. Eleanor Longcoy, historian; and Mrs. Lillian Lee, parliamentarian.

Mrs. Moore has chosen the following committee chairmen; Mrs. Jo Nell Moore, publicity; Mrs. Marge Davison, project committee; Mrs. Ann Lawrence, telephone committee; and Mrs. Wilma Perkins, program and entertainment. Mrs. Moore has also arranged for a hospitality committee, headed by Mrs. Evelyn Schamer, to contact new employees' wives for membership.

We thank Johnnie Gray, photographer, for taking pictures at the picnic.

Mrs. Chaney wants all officers, committees and members to know how very much she has appreciated their cooperation this past year, and we thank her! She has made it an interesting year with Arkansas Highway Dames.

Members who attended the picnic reported a grand time (another way of saying the food was delicious). A former member, Mrs. Nancy Neighbors, was a welcome guest.

We are proud to report that our out-going telephone committee chairman, Mrs. Selma Hobby, has received her Doctorate in History and Government from the University of Arkansas.

Sympathy is extended to our past president, Mrs. Marge Davison, in the recent loss of her husband, Dale.



Dames officers are left to right, Mesdames Yvonne Mulhollen, Rebecca Daggett, Bobbie Moore, Wilma Perkins, Elyeene Gray and Lillian Lee. Mrs. Eleanor Longcoy, historian was not present when the picture was made.



May 19, 1967

Dear Friends:

You will possibly never really know what your friendship through the years has meant to me because words are so inadequate.

I appreciate your many thoughtful deeds, the trouble in preparing such a nice party and the lovely Sunbeam Electric Skillet that was given in my honor last Friday. The part played by each of you in it will certainly always be remembered and cherished by me.

Each and everyone of you will be missed. I am very happy in my new work, it is most interesting.

Thanks again for your cooperation through the wonderful eleven years I was employed by the Highway Department. You are each a true friend.

If I can ever be of assistance to any of you please feel free to call on me. Our telephone number at the office is FR 6-2301.

Most sincerely,

Dorothy Switzer

June 8, 1967

Mr. Johnnie Gray, Photographer
Arkansas Highway Department
Postoffice Box No. 2261
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Johnnie:

I wish to express my appreciation to you for the fine film that you presented to our Rotary Club last Monday evening.

It was very well received and I have had many compliments on it.

You are to be congratulated for such fine photography and editing. I was fascinated by it.

Sincerely,

Milton R. Beck

(Mr. Beck is County Judge of Crittenden County.)

OUR BOWLING LEAGUE – THE HIGH AND LOW OF IT

The Highway Department's bowling league has finished its season with the Right of Way Engineering team receiving the second place trophy. Of the 10 teams in the league, seven of them are made up of primarily Highway Department employees. Each Highway Department team must have at least two Department employees. One of the teams is made up of Bureau of Public Roads employees. The awards were made at a banquet held at the 1515 Building restaurant Monday, May 29.

Neil Gibbs won the individual achievement trophy for high single game and was barely edged out of top place for high average game and high series at the end of the season by Leroy Levers.

General Services team won the "kick me" trophies for coming in last in the league. (When I asked them if they had nerve enough to have their pictures made with the trophies for the Magazine, Hub Holland said he would even strike the pose on the trophy. I decided not to hold him to his word. Ed.)



Raymond Holland, Beautification; Cy Coffmann, Bridge Design; and Henry Vopel, Reproduction, get down to swinging position behind their "kick me" trophy.

General Services team made up of Raymond Holland, Cy Coffmann, Henry Vopel, Joseph S. Prager, W. I. Rainwater, J. B. Hogan and Hubert Holland, came in last in the league. For their efforts, each member was presented an individual trophy which is a statuette of a man bending over to be kicked. (The rumor is that not a member of General Services team was present at the banquet to receive his trophy. Imagine a fellow being awarded a trophy and not being there to receive it.)

Other teams and their members were: Planning and Research, Mapping Section: H. C. Mercer, Gray Foughty, Marlin Powell, James E. Ryan and Norman Cranford.



R.O.W. Engineering team and their trophies: left to right, Neil Gibbs, R.O.W. engineering; Herbert Heffington, R.O.W. appraisal; Leroy Livers, Levi Patton, and Larry Lorence, R.O.W. engineering. Livers and Patton are not employees. Joe Gunter, Legal staff, and Charles Stearns, a former employee who is now with the Corps of Engineers, were team substitutes. Each member of the team received an individual trophy.

County Roads: Bob Mise, John Tallant, Max Hall, Charles Rain, John Adams, Jim W. Mitchell and Jerry DeMerritt.

Planning and Research Inventory: John A. Sage, Buddy Lewter, Mayo White, Jerry Perrin, Roger Davenport, Lester Jester, Jim Carvel, Jr. and Jim Barnett.

Materials and Tests: Joe Magness, R. C. Turney, J. W. Chapman, William Lainhart, Gene Dial, George Allen and M. J. Hensley.

Roadway Design: Eddie McClain, Richard Butler, Paul Haydon, Brooks Nichols, Arlo Waggoner, Rick Henriksen and Dale Loe.

The Bureau of Public Roads team included Bernard F. Babb, Jake Sandlin, William P. Stewart, W. H. Reynolds, Kenneth Downey, Hubert Thompson, Wayne Frazier, Leolen McCullough, Bruce W. Erickson and Rex C. Leathers.

The first place team was one of the two teams whose members did not include any Highway employees.

R. C. Turney of Materials and Tests' team, won the sportsmanship trophy which is voted by the players.



NEW IBM 360 MACHINE NOW IN OPERATION

The new IBM 360 machine has been installed and is now in operation in Data Processing. A room was planned for the machine when the new building was designed with construction allowing for the installation of the machines' numerous electrical cords to be installed underneath the floor for safety and better appearance of the working area.



Jerry Bowie, newly-employed computer operator, checks reference manual for instructions. Console of the 360, which looks something like the control panel of the city traffic light system, is seen in the background.

The disk drive section is a new feature of the 360. Each disk can store (record) up to 7 million characters (a character is one digit or one letter) of data. The disk drive has "random access", a method of locating certain information on a disk, instantaneously.



Jim Stringer, DP supervisor, loads a reel of magnetic tape. Each tape will record 800 characters per inch of information. The tapes are used for storing data.



The 1401 printer, which will be used until the 360 printer is received later this year, will print 600 lines per minute. If you can't visualize how fast that is, a person watching the printer at work cannot read the lines as they are printed. The 360 printer will go 1100 words per minute.

Data Processing, headed by Art Johnson is a section we would be hard put to get along without. It presently has 20 employees.

RED CROSS ISSUES SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

The following article is printed as a service to the Red Cross.

A 6 per cent increase in drownings in 1966, prompted the American Red Cross to re-emphasize safety precautions to lessen the chances of water tragedies.

Last year, when drownings took 7200 lives, was the third successive one in which there was an increase in the drowning rate. It was the first year since the early 1930's that water fatalities have exceeded 7,000.

Since the Red Cross and other organizations became active in water safety instruction a half-century ago, drownings have declined from 10,000 a year, when few people were participating, to last year's 7,200 with some 100,000,000 people involved.

That record is good, but it is not good enough.

About 60 per cent of people who drown do so because they fell in the water by accident. Had they been able to swim, most of them could have saved themselves.

The first and foremost water safety precaution is *learn to swim*. If you can swim, learn to swim better. Your Red Cross chapter can tell you when its next swimming class is scheduled.

Swimming safety tips to remember:

1. Always swim with a companion — never alone. For long distance swimming, have someone in a boat accompany you.
2. Swim in a safe place. The presence of life-guards usually indicates the area is safe for swimming. Stay away from the area immediately in front of the diving board and do not swim near piers or pilings.
3. Before diving, make sure the water is deep enough and there are no hidden objects such as submerged rocks. In pools look for depth markings before entering.
4. If you have not been swimming since last summer, take it easy at first. Recognize your limitations and stay within them.
5. Wait at least an hour after eating before swimming and don't swim when overheated or overtired.
6. Be sure rescue equipment such as buoys and reaching poles are readily available at all swimming areas.
7. Don't depend on a tube or inflated toy to hold you up. They can slip away from you.
8. Whenever a storm approaches, get out of the water — it is a conductor of electricity.

Skin diving tips:

1. Be in good health.
2. Be a better-than-average swimmer.
3. Use equipment designed for skin diving, and learn how to use it.

4. Dive with a "buddy" and know where he is at all times.
5. Know and respect your limitations. Don't take chances.
6. Have floatation gear handy.
7. Know and respect the conditions of the diving area.

Scuba diving:

The skin diving tips apply also to scuba diving, plus three others:

1. Use equipment designed for scuba diving;
2. Learn how to use it from a qualified scuba instructor.
3. Keep equipment in good condition and examine before diving.

Water skiing safety tips for skiers and boatmen:

1. Learn how to swim well before trying to water ski.
2. Always wear an appropriate ski belt or life jacket.
3. Take instruction from a qualified ski instructor.
4. Stay away from all such objects as docks, sea walls, and boats. (Skiers seldom get hurt from hitting the water, but have been killed from hitting solid objects.)
5. Be thoughtful of the rights of swimmers, boatmen, and fishermen.
6. When landing, run parallel to shore, come in slowly, and release the tow bar a safe distance from shore. Do not land in swimming areas.
7. Always test equipment before skiing, checking for loose runners and wing nuts.
8. Have one extra person in the boat at all times to watch the skier. Skiing areas are becoming more congested everywhere, and the boat operator must continually be alert.
9. Turn off engine when a skier is in the water near the boat.
10. Know and practice the boating "rules of the road."

"AMERICA" IS A BEAUTIFUL WORD

Wilferd A. Peterson

- "A" — suggests our magnificent snow covered mountain peaks, and the wigwams of original Americans.
- "M" — symbolizes the broad shoulders of pioneers; shoulders of the wheel pushing our frontiers westward, broad shoulders swinging axes, building a Nation.
- "E" — might be the lariats of the cowboys riding the plains, lariats of Kit Carson or Buffalo Bill.
- "R" — is a man with hand outstretched in friendship and cooperation toward all who love freedom, justice and peace.
- "I" — represents the individual American with his rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.
- "C" — is a bent bow from which an arrow has sped toward the stars of mankind's highest ideals.
- "A" — is a man on his knees in prayer, symbolizing a Nation which recognizes its Creator and gives thanks for His blessings.



GOING ON A LONG TRIP?

ENJOY EXPRESSWAYS BY PLANNING AHEAD

The time for summer vacations and trips in general is here. Most people are planning some sort of excursion between now and the end of the Labor Day weekend. The plans being made and the grim fatality statistics of the recent Memorial Day weekend which snuffed out almost 600 lives indicates a need to re-emphasize some pointers for planning your trip and some do's and don'ts to help you return alive from it.

If you are planning a trip anywhere out of state, the chances are that you will have occasion to use a freeway or other high-speed high-volume facility. Such highways are built differently than free access, two-lane highways and driving on them must be different also. While interstate highways are the fastest and safest roads in use, they can be hard on drivers and automobiles. Both need to be in the best possible condition when the trip begins.

A most important fact to remember is that your automobile should have a "pre-flight" check, paying special attention to tires and the braking system. The car that faithfully serves you to shopping centers and on stop and go roads may not stand up very well to six or seven hours of sustained driving at speeds of 65-70 miles per hour. Freeway driving is the most punishing of all on tires and highway patrols in all parts of the country say that three times as much tire trouble is experienced by freeway drivers as motorists on local roads. Tires having cuts, smooth spots, cracks, and wall imperfections have no business on a freeway.

All tires should be inflated to the exact pressure recommended for the particular automobile and air pressure checked when tires are cold - for heat is generated in the tires when a car is driven and hot tires will not give an accurate air pressure reading.

Fan belts, air conditioning belts and any other belts which operate off the engine should be checked. The fan belt is particularly important because its failure can lead to immediate engine overheating. Rubber lines and plastic hose connections should be checked periodically but especially before the beginning of a long through trip. Such items are minor and in most instances easy to locate under the hood of the car. However, their failure may have the same effect as a major breakdown, or at best result in inconvenience and discomfort. A car's interior should be clear of loose objects such as those frequently seen cluttering up car windows.

CHECK DRIVER'S CONDITION AS WELL

If you are to be the driver on a long haul, give yourself a "pre-flight" check also. Try to avoid

beginning a trip when you are excessively tired. In today's modern cars, the steady hum of the engine and tires and the ease with which a given speed may be obtained can soon lull a driver into "highway hypnosis". If possible, arrange to take turns with someone else driving because sitting behind the wheel a long time consumes a lot of energy. Stopping for a soft drink or cup of coffee after two hours driving go a long way toward solving fatigue. Walking around and limbering up for a few moments also perks up a driver. Avoid heavy or greasy foods - they encourage drowsiness.

Keeping the radio tuned to loud or fast music is recommended if necessary to keep the driver awake. Too much heat brings on drowsiness, therefore, fresh air should be circulated at all times, even if it is cold. A professional trick for staying alert is to pick a specific object such as a yellow truck and see how many you can count in the course of the trip. Another good practice is to sweep the eyes back and forth across the highway, glancing often in the rear view mirror. That way, the driver's eyes are not as likely to become fixed in a trance-like stare.

DON'T BE FOOLED BY SPEED

In a smooth-operating car on a good highway a driver can quickly become mesmerized to a certain

TRIPS ON THE INTERSTATE SYSTEM REQUIRE PLANNING AHEAD



Since high speed reduces the time for decision, study your map in advance to be sure of your exit. If you do miss your turn-off, never stop, back up, or reverse direction. Proceed to the next exit or rest area before rechecking your map.

road speed so that he has the feeling that he is not traveling as fast as the speedometer indicates. This is the reason that drivers enter exit roads or attempt to make turns at an excessive rate of speed and lose control. At 60 miles per hour a car travels 88 feet per second and under the very best conditions it takes 200 feet to stop - after the brake is applied. Veteran drivers use a technique they call "driving ahead" wherein they observe the road 1,000 feet or more ahead of the usual focal point, enabling them to anticipate trouble by recognizing any irregularities in the general pattern of traffic.

In freeway driving, the most important fact to remember is to help keep the fluidity of traffic movement. The long-ingrained habit of driving, stopping to look both ways before turning into or entering a lane of traffic, must be overcome when driving on freeways. The acceleration lane is built to move vehicles into the stream of traffic and stopping on the entrance ramp is frequently the cause of rear end collisions.

BE A DEFENSIVE DRIVER

There are a lot of things to be said in favor of defensive driving but the one that makes the most sense is that it may save your life and the occupants of your car. Watch the speed and actions of others. Be wary. Avoid slowing down abruptly if at all possible. Do not stop on the pavement under any circumstances. If you must make an emergency stop, try to maintain enough speed so that you can avoid trouble while moving off the pavement. Never back up or make any kind of U-turn if you miss your exit. Planning ahead for stops and determining, if possible, what exits to take up ahead can save time, tempers and the urge to back up, make a U-turn or some other maneuver that could cost your life in a split second.

FORMER EMPLOYEE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM FRIENDS

In a note to Director Ward Goodman recently, a former employee of many years ago, Miss Josie Anderson writes that she is now residing at 200 South Grady Street in Hope. She has had a slight stroke and is in a wheel chair but is still in good spirits. She would appreciate a letter from some of her longtime friends.

PLEASURES OF FISHING

Now that the fishing season is here again, it is time to consider the nature of its pleasures. After extensive deliberations, ashore and afloat, it seems to us the pleasures of fishing are five.

First, there is the matter of talking about fishing. On the average, each hour in a boat is good for about 10 hours of talking. Baits, lures, tackle, boats, water conditions, wilderness roads, experiences and boundless hopes are only part of the subdivisions of fishing talk. It is delightful. It is painless. It is bound by only one requirement - that the talker do a little fishing sometimes to keep up his stock of fishing talk.

Second, there is the pleasure of getting ready to go. Straightening out the tackle-box tangle, buying some thing or things previously untried, finding where they have been biting and the best way to get there - all of these methods allow the fisherman to enjoy his trip long before he starts.

Third, we have the remarkable accomplishment of fishing as a way to get away from telephones, familiar walls, postponed work and daily routine. Nothing comes close to a small boat in its ability to transport the human from out of the world in which it is usually enclosed.

Fourth, there is the return from a fishing trip. It is most unlikely that the non-angler has half as much appreciation of air-cooled rooms, the bathroom of clean and abundant water, and the mattress that supports the back as do his fishing brothers after a day of boat seats, paddles and shoreline brush.

Fifth, there is the pleasure of fishing itself.



"Is old 'I'll believe it when I see it' home?"

BOYS STATE VISITS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT



These Boys State delegates and their counselor, Ronnie Kerr, visited the Highway Department Friday morning on the last day of their week's encampment at Camp Robinson. Director Ward Goodman welcomed them and Chief Engineer J. T. Pendergrass, Lester Jester of Planning and Research, Gerald Sisk of Maintenance, Johnnie Beavers of Accounting, David Moore of Construction and Bill Hurt of Roadway Design explained highlights of different divisions of the Department's operation. They also saw the highway film.

BID FOR PLANE AWARDED

The Highway Commission has accepted the low bid submitted by Little Rock Airmotive for the purchase of a modified eight-passenger twin-engine Aero Commander.

It will replace a 24-year old twin-engine Beechcraft acquired from Civil Defense in 1961 as war surplus now considered obsolete and withdrawn from service.

The new aircraft is being modified for use in aerial photography. Delivery is expected within 90 days.

Hal Moody of Moody Equipment Company looks like he may be practicing for entrance in the "Miss Arkansas" competition but he really isn't. He has been thoughtful enough to provide two beautiful matching floral arrangements for the lobby of the central headquarters building on Commission meeting days the last two months. He didn't stand there and hold them all day, either. We were just appreciative enough to want his picture in return for the flowers. These were white gladiolas and red carnations.



Around The Department

Feroi Jones enjoyed a long weekend at Dallas recently when she accompanied her husband, Jimmy, to a convention there.

Shirley Bain's (Personnel) little daughter, Angela Marie, won a \$25.00 savings bond for making the greatest improvement in English in her fourth grade class at Franklin school. She was one of 81 fourth graders who received awards which are given by Little Rock businessman Dabbs Sullivan as a memorial to his mother, Mrs. Ada Dabbs Sullivan. The 81 awards represent one student from each fourth grade class in each public and parochial school in Little Rock.

Don Keene, finishing his junior year at Little Rock University, has been elected president of Alpha Delta Sigma, advertising fraternity. He is the son of R. B. Keene, chief of the Internal Audit Section.



Henry Vopel, supervisor of the Reproduction Section, received his 15-yr. service certificate and pin on May 22. Gip Roberson, Jr. of the Right of Way Division made the presentation which was witnessed by a number of Henry's co-workers and Mrs. Vopel. Cake, punch and flowers helped make the occasion a special one for him.

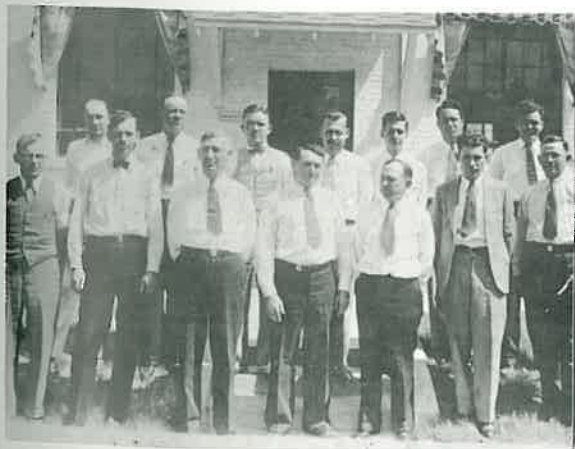


John Ball and Charles Thirion of the Buildings and Grounds crew received 5-year service pins and certificates in May. They were presented by Section Head Gene Cagle, center.



PHOTOGRAPHER GETS PHOTOGGED

Johnnie M. Gray, staff photographer, was treated to a surprise birthday dinner at Hank's Doghouse on May 19. Family members and friends who shared in the fun were: bottom row, Jim and Barbara Oldham, daughter and son-in-law; and Mrs. Gray; top row: Lonnie Oldham, Marilyn White, Johnnie's sons Harold and Kermit and Kermit's wife Linda, and Johnnie's youngest, Amy. Their gift to him was a suit (which Johnnie protests is too fancy for him to wear.)



How many of these bridge designers can you name? Judging from the rib-to-rib ties, the picture might have been made yesterday. Those you don't recognize will be named in next month's issue.

AROUND the DEPARTMENT



ACCOUNTING DIVISION

Mildred Harness

Attention all single boys! We of Accounting have a very attractive young lady, Miss Janella Howell, working with us. This is her third summer with the Highway Department as a summer employee. The other nine months of the year she attends SMU in Dallas, Tex., where she will be a senior this fall. We welcome you, Janella.

We have a new insurance clerk in the Accounting Division whose name is Doris Whitson. Doris lives at 39 Hatfield Drive in Little Rock. She is married to Joseph F. Whitson, Jr. who is Service Manager for Friden, Inc. The Whitsons have two children, a son, Pat, age 11 years and a daughter, Elaine, age 4 years.

Eighteen months ago the Whitsons were transferred to Little Rock from Tyler, Tex. Doris worked there as a deputy district clerk. She is a member of the Eastern Star, Rebekah Lodge and Markham Methodist Church. We welcome you, Doris, to the Highway Department and to our division.

Margaret McCarthy, daughter of our boss, was married May 19, 1967, to James C. Brown. The wedding took place in Our Lady of Holy Souls Church at 7:00 p.m.

We of Accounting want to wish the newlyweds the very best of luck in their marriage.

Pat Koonce was honored by the visit of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Racster of Evansville, Ind., the latter part of April.

Pat's two daughters, Janice, and Wilma deserve mention. Janice recently received the DAR award for excellence in history and Wilma graduated from Forrest Heights Junior High School this year. We wish both girls good luck and further success.

One of our employees, Ann McNabb left June 1 with her husband, Harry, and their dog, Duke on a two week vacation. They are visiting Ann's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Best in Adel, Ga. We want them to have a wonderful time, but we also want Ann to hurry back to work.

Mell Jones' daughter, Teri Lyn, flew to Lucerne Valley, Calif. to spend the summer months with Mell's mother, Mrs. Evelyn Kackley.

Wednesday, May 31, a potluck was given by Edith Gibson who left the Highway Department. She was presented a straw purse as a departing gift.

Georgia Cottrell returned to the Highway Department on May 22. Welcome, Georgia, may your days with us be happy and successful ones.



BRIDGE DESIGN

Betty Claude

Friday, June 2 was Frank Battisto's last day with us and it was a sad day for Bridge Design. Cake and coffee was served and Frank received a gift from all of us. We hope when he uses the pen and pencil he will think of us and miss us a little, for we already miss him very much. We wish Frank the very best in his new position and hope he will come to see us when he is in Little Rock.

Vacation time is here once again. Frank and Barbara Harrison and their two small ones visited "Six Flags Over Texas". Frank stated they did not miss one thing and enjoyed the trip very much.

Harold and I went to Memphis to meet two couples from Nashville, Tenn. and went to the Colonial Country Club to watch the Golf Tournament. The pros make the game of golf look so easy.

Jim Matthews and John Sage have been to Army Reserve Camp at Fort Smith, but I doubt that they would consider this a vacation trip.

Veral Pinkerton has been helping with the young people at church recently in connection with their Vacation Bible School, and he says this is one way to stay young, trying to keep up with this age group.

Dan Morgan and Jim Hillis have tried to plan a fishing trip with their families for any number of weekends, but the rain has interfered. Keep trying fellows, you'll make it yet.



CONSTRUCTION

Lucille Dishongh

John H. Lawrence Jr., son of the Construction engineer, was an honor graduate at Ridgeroad Junior High in North Little Rock this year. He was one of the football team's star players and was chosen "all guard". At 15, he is 5'11½" and weighs 170 pounds.

John also likes baseball and plays catcher and second base in pony league. He was vice president of his homeroom this year and thinks he might want to be an engineer like his father.

John likes the outdoors and is working at his uncle's boat dock at Conway this summer.



John H. Lawrence, Jr.

Margaret Weathers' son, James Robert, was a member of LRU's graduating class with an average gradepoint of 3.6. A major in marketing and business management, he was one of two seniors chosen to receive the Wall Street Journal achievement award for outstanding work.

After completion of six months' basic training at Camp Polk, La., he will be associated with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company at Camden.



Woody W. McAlister, son of Neoma McAlister in Construction, graduated from McClellan High School this year where he played guard on the football team.

Woody, 6 feet, and 190 pounds, is working this summer at the Teamsters union loading dock before entering State Teachers in the fall.

Robert L. Kissire, the son of Geraldine Kissire, was a May graduate of Arkansas Tech where he majored in physical education. He finished at the end of the fall semester and since has been working as the director of the Boys Club in Snyder, Tex. but received his diploma at the end of the spring semester. Both Robert and his wife are former Highway Department employees. He worked for C. M. Benz a resident engineer then stationed at Searcy, and for David Moore,

then a resident engineer with offices at Russellville. Patsy worked for E. E. Hurley in the District 6 office.



Robert L. Kissire



Helen Latture's son, Tony, an outstanding student at Jacksonville Jr. High, was recently elected president of the freshman class, president of the National Junior Honor Society and king of the ninth grade graduating class. Is it any wonder Mom could be so proud of a son.

Congratulations to Harry Bass and his wife Ima who became the proud parents of an 8 pound 7½ ounce boy named Kenneth Ray. Harry has the coffee shop at Central Shops in Jacksonville.

Carl Hillis and family enjoyed a trip to Missouri in April while Carl was recuperating from surgery. He visited his dad in Morehouse, Mo. who was celebrating his 80th birthday, and then went to Essex, Mo. where he visited his twin brother, Harl. We are glad to have you back, Carl, and hope you continue to improve from your surgery.

We are hearing a lot of baseball talk lately but that's because we have special connections with the game. Benny Robbins' husband, Jerry, is coaching the Warden Volkswagen team. Assisting him are Jerry Wright, husband of Margaret in



The team: First row: Shawn Muson, Alan Dunegan, Kelly Hewitt, Timmy Malden, and Greg Meeks; Second row: Buzz Henry, Ronnie, Randy and Terry Young, Joey Payne and directly behind him, Tracy Buchanan, bat boy; Third row: Mike Baker, Rickie Robbins, Tim Shaw, Steve Parker and Mark Buchanan. Standing are coaches Wright, Robbins, Mr. Warden, the sponsor; and coach Fred Meeks.

Maintenance, and Fred Meeks. This alone would be exciting, but Rickie Robbins and Allen Dunegan, son of Shirley in the Radio Room, play on the team. When they lose, whose gonna catch it, the coaches or the boys. Anyhow, Go, Team, Go!

MATERIALS AND TESTS

Sibyl Maddox

Congratulations to Carter Howard, one of our inspectors, who received his 20-yr. pin May 16.

Welcome to our summer employees... Hugh Battershell, a teacher at the Beebe branch of Arkansas State College... Paul Tompkins, former student at Arkansas Tech, Russellville who will be attending the University of Arkansas this fall... and John Hendrickson, student at Georgia Tech who is back with us for the fourth summer.

Some of us from M & T visited Clear Springs Baptist Church out from Benton Friday night, May 26 to hear Wilbert Chapman, one of our area engineers, sing. He had been invited as guest soloist during a revival. He has a beautiful voice and we enjoyed hearing him sing. His wife, Bobbie, accompanied him at the organ.

Wilbert has been transferred to Planning and Research where he will be a research engineer. We will surely miss him.

Bill Langston, basic design lab, and family are visiting his brother, J. R., in Oak Forest, Ill.

Julia Halliburton will vacation next week in Winslow, Ariz., visiting her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rose.

Your writer's husband, C.A. has been hospitalized recently with a gall bladder disorder. I am happy to say he is now at home and feeling much better.

We welcome Charles (Chuck) Smith as a new employee of the bituminous lab.

PLANNING AND RESEARCH

P&R Staff

This month our good friend J. C. Longcoy was presented his 15-yr. service awards. His title is "assistant section head", but he is our office manager, the man who fixes everything that breaks down, and without whom we would have a hard time getting along. Congratulations — and we're glad you're with us!

The new head of our Research Section is Jerrell Wilbert Chapman, division assistant. He transferred to P&R from Materials and Tests Division, where he had also been a division assistant, acting as area materials engineer. He

COUNTY PROGRAM

Barbara Oldham

Have any of you ever wondered about the triangle-shaped signs on the freeway which have no writing on them? Well, I have, and with a little bit of checking, found out that they are the signs that in winter say, "Watch for Ice" and "Slippery When Wet". In the summer months they are folded up. This neat sign which is hinged in the middle, is just another way our highway department is saving money for the State.

Everyone in the office survived the Lake Ouachita fishing trip in May. I think they are all going to become commercial fishermen, I heard that the chef on the trip plans to leave next month to work at the Waldorf... Everyone enjoyed this outing and hopes to have many more. Only next time, fellows... why not a picnic including the wives?...

Max Hall has recently taken trips to New York, Memphis, and Oklahoma City. He is not only our Number 1 Razorback fan but also our Number 1 traveler of the year.

John and Lucille Tallant are glad to have their daughter Kay home for the summer from Southwestern at Memphis.

Jack and Mary Teasdale are happy to have daughter Pat, from Houston, to visit them a while this summer.

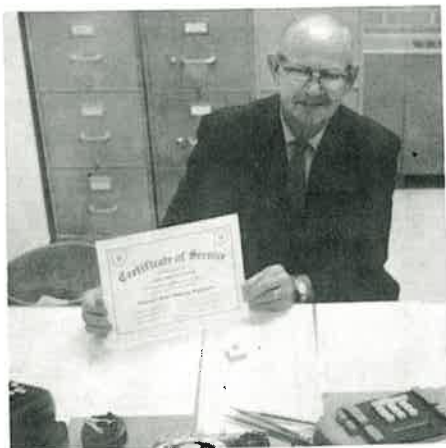
See you next month...

EQUIPMENT AND CENTRAL SHOP

Sue Fuller and Martha Pearle

It's time for the news again and in the Equipment Section, news is like money, scarce.

In our looking forward to the holiday some May 30th, let's not forget the real purpose of Memorial Day, a day set apart for observances in memory of dead soldiers and sailors.



J. C. Longcoy

came to the Highway Department in February 1960, is a registered professional engineer, and graduated from the University of Arkansas in 1960 with the BSCE degree. He is married and the father of a 21-month-old girl. We welcome him to P&R.

This Division held its annual fish fry at Burns Park on May 12th. Quantities of catfish, hushpuppies, french fries, baked beans, slaw, etc., were consumed by the 106 adults and 38 children who were present. Even though the weatherman did not cooperate 100 percent, a good time was reported by all and the food was delicious. Special thanks are due the following people who handled the laborious task of preparing the food and making all the necessary arrangements: Winnie Lyles, Graham Noble, Ruby Crouse, Mayo White, B. C. Lewis, Bill Smith, Bob Faulkner, Neb Bingham, Harold Woolsey, Phyllis Munnerlyn, and Marlin Powell.

Flowers were delivered to the office for Peggy McFarlin - a Mother's Day gift from a thoughtful husband.



Leroy Beckett said that his three days in Florida deep sea fishing in the Gulf were worth the cost in spite of all the rain and cold weather. Not to mention the 25 pounds of nice filets in his deep

freeze. See picture for proof.

Helen McNutt took her first airplane ride the last of May when she flew to San Antonio for a week's visit with her daughter, Helen, and planned to spend some time in Mexico.

June Brown and her husband spent a recent weekend at Hardy and Cherokee Village. Edith Garland and Libby Brockinton and their husbands enjoyed a fishing trip to Lake Bennet.

Fernie and Jim Speights took a weekend trip to Northwest Arkansas (Fayetteville, Harrison, and Eureka Springs). They reported a delightful time except for their misfortune to arrive in Fayetteville to spend the night during Gabale (an annual school celebration). And did the students ever celebrate! Serenity finally reigned at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday.

Howard Snow attended the Department of Arkansas Reserve Officers Association meeting, representing the Navy Section, at the Little Rock Air Force Base.

Larry Johnson (rather perfectly and skillfully as he put it) had an "eagle" on number 8 at War Memorial Park Golf Course on Memorial Day. For those of you who are not golfers, an "eagle" is two strokes under par. Quite an accomplishment. Larry said that he was certain everyone on the course was aware of his good fortune as he was rather boisterous about his achievement.

New cars: Mayo White got a new 1967 lime-gold Mustang. Del E. Rea got a new 1967 bronze LeSabre Buick. And Phyllis Munnerlyn's new car is a red Volkswagen.

Back for the summer: Patricia Ann Hicks and Mary Lou Alley, students at Ouachita College who were with us last year.

Graduates: Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Vandenberg spent the week of May 21 in Hamilton, New York, with their daughter, son-in-law, and two granddaughters. They attended the graduation exercises at Colgate University, where their son-in-law received his Bachelor of Arts degree.

J. A. Powell's son, Jeff Andrew Powell, Jr., received his BS degree in biology-chemistry from LRU in absentia. He is now in military service.

The J. R. Hendersons attended the graduation of their niece, Marion Mack, from Ouachita University on Sunday, May 28. Marion was employed in our Division one summer several years ago. The Hendersons also attended the graduation of Marion's sister Elaine from Russellville High School. Marion received cum laude honors, and Elaine was salutatorian of her class.

Frances Rhodes' two sons were both graduates...Eddie from McClellan High School and Bill from Cloverdale Junior High. How about that!

Billie Whiteside thanks her friends and co-workers who made her graduation from LRU even more enjoyable. Her "coke buddies" put a gift at her usual place on the table one day; and the ladies of the Division and her bosses gave her a present at a surprise party.

Bill Smith has left our group to take a position with Western Telephone Com-

pany's accounting department in Russellville. On Wednesday, May 31, coffee and cake were served to those who came by to wish him well. We sincerely wish the best for him in his new job, but we are going to miss him around here.

Gary Whittington has also left us, returning to Alabama, where he has accepted a job in Montgomery in the first National Bank. A group of P&R men gave him a party, complete with cake and coffee, in the cafeteria. Good luck, Gary.



RIGHT OF WAY

R/W Staff

The following students have returned home for the summer months from college: Anne Martin, daughter of D. H. Martin, completed second year at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex.; Terry Griffin, son of Retha Griffin, completed second year at Henderson State College, Arkadelphia; Sandra Sipe, daughter of Nancy Sipe, completed first year at Arkansas State University, Jonesboro; and Mike Hooten, son of Herbert Hooten, completed second year at Southern State College, Magnolia.

ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION: Vacation time is almost here - well for some, that is. Linda Young took a week of her vacation the latter part of April and enjoyed a week of sun and fun at home with her parents in Bearden.

Fishing and golfing is the thing in our section. A. C. Ledbetter plays golf about twice weekly and Gip Robertson does most of the fishing. He and his family camped out and trout fished over Memorial Day week end at Calico Rock.

APPRAISAL SECTION: Walker Watson's wife, Mildred, underwent surgery May 12 at Arkansas Baptist Medical Center. We are happy to hear she is home now and would like to wish her a speedy recovery.



ACQUISITION SECTION: Miss Myrna Anne Brinkley, was named Miss City Beautiful for North Little Rock, Saturday May 13. Miss Brinkley is 17 years old

and a graduate of North Little Rock High School. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Roy Brinkley, 4126 Glenmere Road, North Little Rock, and the niece of Carolyn Brinkley Parks of this Section.

UTILITY SECTION: The employees of our Section were invited to participate in a float trip down Buffalo River sponsored by Tri-City Telephone Company. James Burge and George Ivey attended and reported a good time with the possible exception of George getting a little wet when the boat he was in capsized.

James Burge received his BS in mathematics on May 26, 1967, from Arkansas Tech at Russellville.

Woody Laird and family motored to Natchez, Miss. over Memorial Day week end to visit relatives.

George Ivey and his wife, Margaret, have spent several week ends in Memphis attending workshops on model trains, George's hobby.

Alton Van Patten reported an exciting week end when he attended an overnight outing with his son's Boy Scout troop in Fort Smith. We congratulate Van on completing two miles of the 15 mile hike. Wonder what his problem was - old age or small feet?

Alton Van Patten is sporting a new Renault R-10.

We were very happy to have Orene Hester drop by for a visit one afternoon recently.

Our sympathies to Doug and Marilyn Thacker upon the death of her father, Len Mann, who was fatally injured in a truck-train collision in Benton.

ENGINEERING SECTION: One of our favorite draftsmen, Vick Winchell, was lost to the Texas Highway Department May 5. He will be working in the District Office in Atlanta but will make his home in Texarkana. Since Vick moved to the state where all the money is, we presented him a billfold before he left. We would like to wish Vick success in his new job and to extend an invitation to him, Sue and daughter Vickie to come by to visit us the next time they are in Little Rock.

Larry Lorence's mother, Mrs. Victoria Lorence, and sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Walters from Mt. Prospect, Ill. visited him the second week in May. Larry said they were very impressed with our Arkansas weather because when they left Illinois it was sleeting. Larry enjoyed their visit so much he decided to extend his Memorial Day holiday and drove to Mt. Prospect for a short visit with them. He reports that he enjoyed himself very much but the weather was a little too cool for this time of year and he was glad to get back to Arkansas. (Guess he likes our warm rain.)

Larry also made a quick trip to Texas May 19 upon receiving a telephone call that his uncle had been hospitalized with a heart attack. This trip ended happily, for his uncle is recovering.

Carl and Janie Keehn entertained company from Coral Gables, Fla. the

week of May 22. They were Janie's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Jenkins. After showing the Jenkins several of our tourist attractions here in Little Rock and taking them to some of their favorite eating spots, Carl and Janie put them to work antiquing furniture.

We received a card from Dwight Little, June 2 from Niagara Falls, N.Y., who writes, "This is something I've always wanted to do and I did it. It's worth that hard drive". Dwight retired May 31, 1966 as Chief of this Section and we are very happy to know he is enjoying his retirement.

A belated congratulations to Arthur Reichstadt and his wife, Macy, upon the arrival of their first grandchild, Mark Maurice Reichstadt. Mark and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Eugene Reichstadt live in San Luis Obispo, Calif.



Emil Ernst Reichstadt, Arthur's youngest son, graduated from Hall High School, May 31. He plans to enter college next fall but is undecided yet as to which one.

Glendol Jackson attended the graduation exercises at Benton Junior High School, May 26 where his daughter, Karen, was one of the graduates. Glendol said she was undoubtedly the prettiest girl in the class.

Carl and Harlin Johnson left May 20 for a two-week vacation in Utah. They camped out at Flaming Gorge where they caught the trout limit every day. The Johnsons aren't too easily discouraged when it comes to fishing, for they drove through snow in Colorado to get there, then fished in the rain. That's either the sign of a true fisherman or an idiot.

Our sympathies to Herman and Marilyn Schmidt in the loss of her grandfather, Edward Ross of Paron, Arkansas, May 6.



ROADWAY DESIGN

Virginia Ashlin

Ray and Linda Maxey have bought and moved into a house on Harris Brake Lake at Perryville.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Paul DeBusk on the birth of their second little

daughter, Carolyn Margaret, who was born May 8.

Robert Hicks, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hicks, was commissioned 2nd Lt. in R.O.T.C. at Arkadelphia May 12, 1967. His mother had the honor of pinning the Lieutenant's bars on her son just one day before her 39th wedding anniversary. His platoon won a plaque for being the best in the Company. This was especially nice since Robert is the platoon leader.

Mrs. Hicks was hospitalized the week of May 15 but is at home now and doing nicely.

On Friday night, May 12, the Roadway Design Division and their families enjoyed a picnic at Boyle Park. Our thanks to the wives for the delicious foods they prepared. I was unable to attend, but from the report, everyone had a real good time. There was softball games horseshoe pitching and bingo playing.

Our boss, Brooks Nichols, was involved in a slight accident May 11 when a pickup truck failed to stop and struck the rear end of his car. Luckily, except for a stiff neck and back for a few days, he was uninjured.

The Bill Hurts are the proud owners of a new turquoise Chevrolet Impala.

At the May meeting of the Little Rock Chapter of the Arkansas Archeological Society, George Major made a talk and showed colored slides about his travels among the Indians of the southern plains area. George and his wife, Lynn, also demonstrated some Indian dancing styles.

I know something funny, but Bill Hurt didn't think so. It seems he annoyed his neighbor's German shepherd and the dog showed his disapproval by biting him. Bill performed his work standing up for awhile.



SIGN SHOP

Lou Net Rickett

Mrs. Earl Hillis had surgery May 22 at St. Vincent's. The "lump" removed was benign and Mrs. Hillis was home in six days recovering nicely.

Sharry Simpson had a birthday May 11. We all shared her birthday cake and gave in return lots of advice to her on how to make the most of those younger years.

Speaking of getting younger, I want to know who started the rumor that Frank Blalock was getting old and fat?

This reporter's mother, Mrs. Cloa Balch and Betty Lee from Batesville visited the Sign Shop May 26. Mrs. Balch says the Salado rest area and roadside park near Batesville is very pretty.

Julia Hopkins was on Vacation May 8-12. She, husband, Bud, and daughter Tammy went home to Texarkana to visit their families.

A retirement party was held May 12 for W. H. Holloway. As it was also his birthday, we helped him celebrate that, too. We enjoyed meeting Mrs. Holloway and we shall miss Mr. Holloway.

Eddie Moser, his wife and son spent the week end of May 5 with their two daughters and their families in Muscle Shoals, Ala. Eddie says that part of the country surely is pretty.

Dolph King will have a birthday June 11. He won't say how old he is, but does say he's "just right". His son, Maj. Dewey King and family of Ft. Rucker, Ala. are to arrive June 10 for two weeks' vacation and to help Dolph celebrate his birthday.

Sharry Simpson went to the races in Greenville, Miss. and had a good time even though one of the girls in the office put a "hex" on her. Sharry isn't superstitious, but she was getting a little scared after seeing three wrecks and almost being involved in two. Just goes to show what the power of suggestion will do.

(It's good to hear from the Sign Shop. Ed.)



DISTRICT



Leslie Long

MAY is a month of activity. That last minute push before school is out and families begin to take trips. The Memorial Day holiday was celebrated by many taking advantage of an extra day for the holiday. Brewster and Sunny's sons and wives, and grandchild were home for a few days...Gaddy's nieces moved home successfully...James and Laura Pierce spent a day fishing...Ouida Cruce with daughter, mother and aunt, motored to Houston...Gene Woodfield and family spent one entire day touring "Six Flags"...and probably many more on the move that I haven't heard about as yet.

May was quite a month for Selma Chavis, stock clerk, and her husband, Van Dyke. Early in the month they visited their son Phil, his wife, Sandy and 8-month-old Lara in Houston where Phil attends the school of optometry at the University of Houston. Sandy teaches fifth grade. A highlight of the trip was dining at San Jacinto Inn, nationally famous for its seafood and chicken dinners. Van Dyke and Phil attended the PGA tournament which drew golfers from everywhere, including South Africa and New Zealand, Selma played 18 holes in 94 degree temperature (but not at the tournament).

Upon their return to Pine Bluff they were among the official greeters for the opening of the new Coca-Cola bottling plant at Monticello. Van Dyke is the Coca-Cola sales manager for Southeast Arkansas. They attended a banquet after the opening and had a chance to visit with guest of honor recording star Anita Bryant, a long-time friend.

Ola Calvin Townsend of Eudora, a truck driver with the Chicot County crew, retired May 8 at age 65. We hope his retirement brings much happiness and the fulfillment of many hopes and plans.



Debbie, 11-year-old daughter of Ouida Cruce, and her favorite playmates, her dog Cubby who will be 8 years old in June, and friend Betty Strong. Their B.B. guns were Christmas gifts and they have really gotten in some good hunting, so I hear. Debbie also has a pet squirrel and if you see any frogs around with their backs painted black or silver, they belong to Debbie. She attends Oak Park Elementary School. Her fifth grade class elected to make a trip to Little Rock on Class Day. They visited the Territorial Restoration, the Old State House, the Arkansas Art Center, McArthur Museum, the Capitol and the Game and Fish Commission building. It was a full day's schedule with time off for lunch.



Jackie Morphis, son of J. V. Morphis, in our Chicot County crew, has completed quite a scholastic record at Lakeside High School in Lake Village. He has been a well-rounded student, he has participated in track, basketball, football, worked in junior and senior plays, and was a member of the Student Council. We wish him much success in the future.

Congratulations to the recipients of service award certificates R. C. Chisom for 20 yrs. service and Willie J. Ryalls

and Charlie V. Earnest for 15 yrs. Chisom is a patrol operator in Drew County; Ryalls is a truck driver in Chicot County; and Earnest is a patrol operator in Lincoln County.

A foremen's meeting was conducted at District Headquarters on May 16. Messrs. Snodgrass and Forbecker of the Arkansas Division of the American Cancer Society of Little Rock, presented a film and short course on "Life Story of Cancer", a very educational program. The meeting adjourned for lunch, served at the building. The afternoon session was spent discussing routine, maintenance procedures and safety problems.

Frank O'Donell has been conducting Safety meetings in District 2 this month.

We extend our sincere sympathies to John Stroble in the loss of his wife and to Russell Gaddy in the loss of his Uncle Bill Griffin.



DISTRICT



The Informers

Congratulations to Leonard and Marjorie Kay Moore on the arrival of a baby girl, Melissa Kaye, who was born May 2. Melissa weighed 9 pounds and 2 ounces. She made her first visit to the District office Friday, May 19. I might add that she is a very pretty baby, and we can understand why the Moores are so proud of her. Leonard works in the stock room.

District office personnel joined together in celebrating Helen Butler's birthday May 26 with coffee and rolls. Helen did have a happy birthday - she received a long distance phone call from her daughter, Candy, who lives in St. Louis.

Lynn Johnson, shop foreman, resigned May 31 to accept a job with Braniff International Airlines in the IBM division. We are all indeed sorry to see "Sarge" leave us, but we do wish him the best of success in his new venture.

Thurman Atchley, Scott County crew leader, is taking a few days' vacation. His children all came in for Memorial Day and visited for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Gimlin's baby girl weighed 4 pounds at birth on January 24, but Wayne was in the office the other day telling us that she now weighs ten pounds. Wayne is a patrol operator in Scott County.

Employees who received service pins during May were Lyndy Dee Holland, Sterlin Wayne Bramlett and Tommy Gene Berna, 5 yrs. each; and Roy Grady Williams, 10 yrs. Holland works with Dale Spencer's residency at Mena; Bramlett with Jack Coleman's residency at Alma; and Berna and Williams with Calvin Peevy's residency at Van Buren.

By the way, Bud Leakey at District Shop is also a happy Grandpa. He seems rather proud of that new grandson.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Amos O. Zimmer in the loss of his mother May 18. Amos is one of our Scott County employees.



DISTRICT



Marilyn Coffman

Congratulations to Freese Kimmer, bookkeeper, and Allison L. McClure, dozer operator, for 20 yrs. service with the Department. After presenting them their certificates and pins, sweet rolls and coffee were served. (We promptly got our orders about serving sweet rolls instead of the usual homemade cake... so we won't try that anymore.)

Congratulations, also, to David Neighbors, mechanic in the Searcy Shop, 15 yrs.; John Ellis Smith, Jr., patrol operator, 10 yrs.; Bobby Bolin, truck driver, 5 yrs.; and Marilyn Coffman, secretary, 5 yrs.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Syfert motored to Fort Smith to meet their daughter, Elaine, who flew in from Las Cruces, N.M. to spend a few days before returning to New Mexico State for the summer semester.

Mary Lee McCown, payroll clerk, is

proud to have daughter Martha home for a few days before she returns to Henderson State Teachers College for the summer semester.

Edward Jobe, engineering helper for Resident Engineer Bob Benz, is presently confined in Rodgers Hospital at Searcy. We hope Edward will be returning home soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Goatcher recently motored to Greenville, Miss. for the week end.

Sally McMillan, fuel clerk, and husband spent a week vacating with friends on Lake Hamilton. Sally had a marvelous time taking the baths, massages, and dining in the night spots. (She told me not to tell this.)

We welcome Janis McSpadden to our office staff. Janis will be working this summer before returning to State College of Arkansas.

We want to give a special thanks to Mary Herndon for showing us the new Highway film. We enjoyed seeing the film and meeting Mary. She is a very charming person.

Willis are patrol operators, and Brunetti is a mower operator, all from District maintenance. Thornton is an instrumentman with Don Cahoon's residency. Mrs. Russenberger is secretary to District engineer Mack Hurley. Valentine is stock clerk.



Frank Russenberger, Georgia's son, a recent graduate of Fuller High School, won two \$800.00 scholarships as an honor student. One is a first-year award given by United Steelworkers of America. The other is a four-year scholarship given by Arkansas Tech at Russellville which he will attend this fall. He plans to major in engineering.

We're all happy to hear that Al Pruss's wife, Jessie Lee, is sufficiently recovered from surgery to return to work. Al is the assistant stock clerk.

Danny Plyer of the stock room is "racing" around in a new-to-him '66 Chevrolet Impala.

Billie Jones, fuel clerk, recently enjoyed a once-in-a-lifetime trip to the Bahamas. She said she took plenty of money for shopping but that the days were too short for anything but sightseeing.

Don Rutherford, shop mechanic, is back on the job after missing a few weeks with a back injury.

We at District 6 extend our most sincere sympathies to the W. S. Dillon, Sr. family, a member of I. H. Nute's crew, who was fatally injured in an accident on U. S. 67 in May.

Alvin Wheeler was injured in the accident and is reported to be recuperating.



Left to right: Allison L. McClure, Dozer operator, 20-yrs. and George Cavaness, district engineer of District 5 making presentation.



Left to right: Freese Kimmer, bookkeeper 20-yrs. and George Cavaness doing the honors.



DISTRICT



Bob Valentine

Miss Eva Jeanette Huffman of Indiana, Penna. is the fiancee of Bob Erwin, an instrumentman with Ralph Jones' residency. Their wedding will be an event of June 24 at the First Church of the Nazarene in Malvern. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Erwin of Malvern and a graduate of the high school there. They will reside in Malvern.

Employees who received service certificates and pins in May were: Elmer H. Wray, Ancil Robison, Joe Brunetti, Wilford Willis and James Thornton, 10 yrs.; and Georgia Russenberger and Bob Valentine, 5 yrs. Wray, Robison and



Eva Jeannette Huffman



DISTRICT



Burnham & Campbell

Employees who received service awards in May were John Ray Rogers, Eva Lee Parker and George Henry Curtis, 15 yrs.; and Kenneth Leon Johnson and Henry Edward Sipes, 5 yrs. each.

Rogers is area foreman in Columbia County. Parker, Curtis and Sipes are maintenance employees. Johnson is an inspector with Norman Pumphrey's residency.



DISTRICT



Ann Nichol

At the Highway Commission meeting in Little Rock May 24, Elmer Wheat Smith, Jr., resident engineer at Clarksville, was presented a certificate and lapel pin in recognition of 30 yrs. faithful and loyal service.

Instrumentman Dean Ferguson and wife, Christine, are the proud parents of a baby girl born May 4 at St. Mary's Hospital, Russellville. Cecilia Belle weighed 9 pounds, 9 ounces.

Roy Hollabaugh, District shop welder, received his 15-yr. service award, and Lee Roosevelt Johns, Pope County maintenance crewman, received a five-year pin in May.

Louis Robertson and family took a week's vacation in May, visiting his grandparents in New Mexico. Louis is an instrumentman in T. G. Orton, Jr.'s residency.

We have several summer employees and welcome all of them.

Jimmy Eledge, who was working the stock room, has gone back out in the field. At this time Ed Watson is taking his place.

Instrumentman A. G. Rives of Clarksville and wife, Dolores, are parents of an 8 pound, 4 ounce daughter, their first. Angeliq Marie was born May 26 at St. Mary's Hospital.



DISTRICT



Morton & Braswell

The following is the first of a series planned to introduce the area foremen in District Nine. Some of the other districts may wish to follow suit.



John Tillman Fancher was born March 8, 1914 at Osage (Carroll County), where he spent his early years and attended school. He attended high school at School of the Ozarks, Point Lookout, Mo. Tillman

served for two years as a corporal in the Air Force during World War II. Upon leaving the service, he worked for various construction companies as a heavy equipment operator and as a laborer for AHD at various times between 1948 and 1957. He was re-employed in District 9 July 16, 1959 as a bridge carpenter and was assigned to his present job as Carroll County foreman on March 1, 1960.

Tillman is a very conscientious employee, as evidenced by the excellent maintenance of approximately 200 miles of state highways in Carroll County. He is assisted by the following employees: B. D. Allen, Wayne Bell, Bert Boatright, Stewart Deweese, Troy Deweese, J. R. Fultz, Charles Howard, Paul Jennings, J. L. Pharis, Dean Smith, Dexter Snow, Gene Villines and Theo Walker. The Carroll County area headquarters is located on U.S. 62 west of Berryville.

Tillman and his wife, Dottie, who have spent most of their married life in Carroll County celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary this year. They reside at 123 Rose Road in Berryville, where they are members of First Presbyterian Church. Some of their spare time is spent at their farm near Osage where Tillman can squirrel and quail hunt.



DISTRICT



Isabelle Psalmonds

Those in District Ten who received service awards in May were Denver Stokes, Harold North, Joseph F. Kellum, Carl Frazier, and Loyd Foster, five yrs.; Donald Lemmons, Ray Haley, 10 yrs.; Floyd Utley and O. Robert Glover, 15 yrs.

Stokes is a front end loader operator at Corning; North and Kellum are truck drivers at Paragould and Marked Tree respectively; Frazier is a patrol operator at Paragould; Foster is a dragline operator at Paragould; Lemmons is a truck driver at Paragould; Haley is a crew leader at Pocahontas; Utley is a bridge carpenter at Paragould; and Glover is an engineering technician at Jonesboro.

Congratulations to Sam Smith, district engineer, who was elected president of the East Arkansas Chapter of the Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers and to J. M. Garrett, resident engineer at Osceola, who was elected secretary-treasurer.

This reporter lost her father, Roy Settle of Stuttgart, on April 23. He also suffered a fatal heart attack. My heartfelt appreciation for the flowers and words of sympathy expressed by so many.

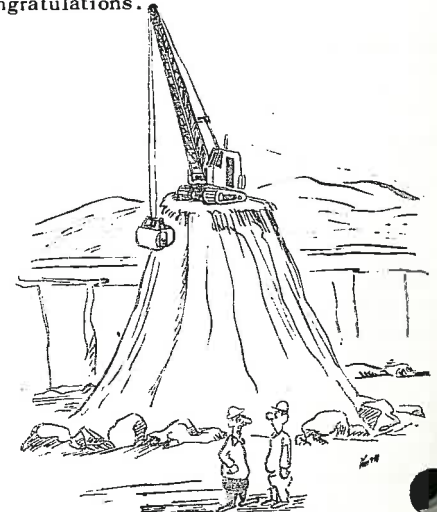
Our radio operator, Kay Vangilder, came to work a few days ago wearing a beautiful diamond ring on the right finger of the left hand. The wedding is to take place sometime this summer. The lucky man is James Vance, son of Mrs. Joe Vance and the late Mr. Vance of the Highway Department. Congratulations, Kay.

Our payroll clerk, Jackie Hopkins, was in an automobile accident in mid-May in which her car turned over four times reducing it to a total loss. Jackie was fortunate to escape with only bad bruises and soreness. Lucky! We are glad.

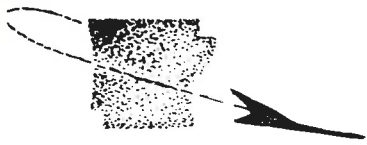


Susan Wells

We have one very proud dad in District 10...Charles Wells, mechanic at Paragould. His daughter, Susan, was graduated with honors from Paragould High School this year with an average grade point of 5.0 or better. She was a member of the Latin Club, the Pep Club, the FBLA, and the Honor Society of which she was secretary her senior year, and a Student Council representative. She received a cheerleading trophy; an English medal, a general scholarship and a Kiwanis scholarship to ASU, Jonesboro. Susan is a lovely girl, both in appearance and in spirit, and we are all proud of her. Congratulations.



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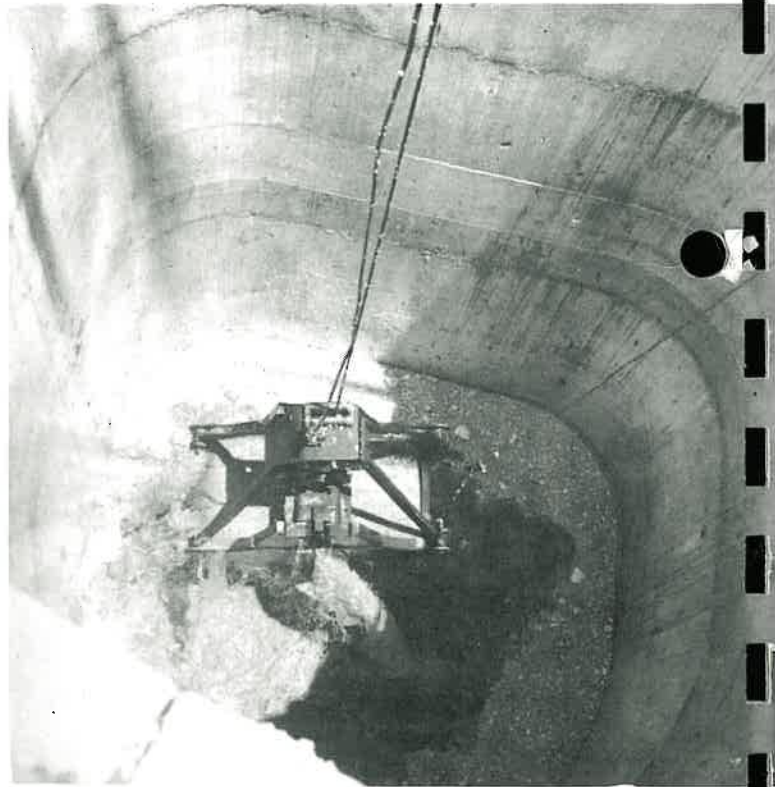
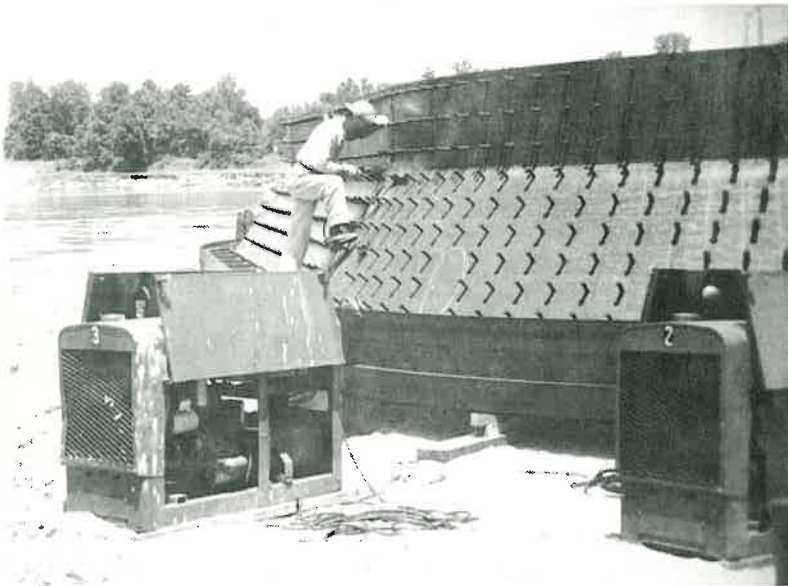


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PENDLETON BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

A bridge across White River to replace the present ferry known as Pendleton where Highway 1 crosses south of Gillett in Arkansas and Desha counties is under way. The bridge will be located west of the present ferry crossing.

A contract was awarded to San Ore Construction Co., Inc. and Gardner Engineering Corp. of Houston in October of 1966 for the four main driver bridge piers.

Left picture above: An employee welds stud connectors to a steel cutting edge unit which lowers itself into the riverbed by force of its own weight. Concrete is poured around the cutting unit so that the stud connectors anchor the caisson wall to it.

On the cover, a dragline with 110-ton capacity equipped with a 120-ft. boom is being used to excavate riverbed material from the inside of a caisson.

Right picture above: Inside the caisson the clamshell bucket scoops up a 2-yard bite. K. F. Tyler is resident engineer for the Highway Department.