

ARKANSAS HIGHWAYS Magazine



IN
Memoriam
MAY 30,
1967

Belinda Davis

THREE RECEIVE AWARDS FROM HIGHWAY COMMISSION

Three employees' awards for extended service were presented by Commissioner Lawrence Blackwell during the April 26 meeting of the Commission.

Fred Pulliam received a 35 year certificate and Robert Narrell and Jewel Whitaker received certificates for 25 years of service each.

PULLIAM, a senior design and squad leader in the Roadway Design Division, is a native of Little Rock. He first went to work with the Highway Department in 1927 after graduation from high school and study at Little Rock Junior College. He finished engineering training through correspondence work and later became a registered professional engineer.

Mrs. Pulliam is the former Joan Beck, originally of London, England, but a former employee of the Highway Department also, where Fred met her. They have two daughters, Mrs. Roxanna Menezes who lives in California, and Jeanette, 19.

Fred is a member of Andrews Presbyterian Church. He enjoys participation in civic affairs and refinishing antiques. They reside at 7914 Westwood.



NARRELL, also a senior designer and squad leader in Roadway Design, was born in Alabama but has lived at Little Rock most of his life. He graduated from high school here and served his engineering apprenticeship with the Corps of Engineers and U.S. Forestry Service. He became a registered professional engineer after joining the Highway Department in 1941.

Narrell is married to the former Miss Wanda Puska of Little Rock. They have one daughter, Marsha, a senior at Central High School. The Narrells, who reside at 1408 Fair Park Blvd., are active members of Oak Forest Methodist Church,



where Bob serves on the Official Board. He is a member of the Arkansas and National societies of professional engineers and a veteran of World War II.

WHITAKER, a native of Alpena in Boone County, has been acting district engineer of the Harrison area since July of 1963. He was first employed by the Highway Department in 1933. He is a 32nd degree Mason, a member of Scimitar Shrine Temple of Little Rock and Ozark Shrine Club of Harrison. His wife is the former Maymie Bishop of Harrison. They have one son and one daughter and are members of First Baptist Church.



HIGHWAY ACCIDENT FATAL TO PERSONNEL OFFICER



Dale W. Davison, personnel officer of the Department since 1960, was fatally injured in an auto collision Sunday, May 14. The tragedy occurred about 6:25 p.m. when an oncoming car sideswiped another car and then struck Davison's car headon during a heavy rain on Highway 10 near the Razorback Drive-In Theatre. Davison, 49 died at St. Vincent Infirmary about an hour later of multiple internal injuries after being pinned beneath the steering wheel.

He was enroute to his home at 5134 P Street approximately two miles away after having met his son-in-law, Navy Lt. Jack Harriott, who was returning home from Vietnam. Lt. Harriott sustained head and leg injuries and was hospitalized at St. Vincents.

Davison had spent a greater part of the afternoon waiting at the airport for Harriott's plane which was delayed because of turbulent weather. His arrival was to be a surprise to his wife Brenda who did not know he was in town until the report of the accident was received.

The car which hit Davison traveled 100 yards before stopping. Both it and his 1966 Ford were demolished. He was a retired naval officer with 24 years of service. He was a member of Pulaski Heights Methodist Church where he served on the Official Board and the Boy Scout Committee, a 32nd degree Mason and a member of Scimitar Shrine Temple. He was a native of Wayland, Iowa.

Survivors, in addition to Mrs. Harriott, are his wife, Marjorie; a daughter Deborah Ann, 12; a son Dale, Jr., 9; and four brothers and sisters, all of whom live in Wayland, Iowa.

1967 ROAD MAP AVAILABLE

The 1967 State Highway System map is available for distribution. The map is faced with a scene of Highway 14 crossing Sylamore Creek in the scenic area north of Mountain View. The new central Highway headquarters building is pictured on the address panel, or back side of the folded map.

The same basic map in use since 1963 was used again this year but with road improvements updated and new additions to the state highway system included. The county boundary lines shown in yellow are heavier this year for better readability.

The reverse side of the map features insets of Little Rock-North Little Rock, Jonesboro, Pine Bluff, Fort Smith, Blytheville, Hot Springs, West Memphis and Fayetteville, a topographical state map and pictures of Highway 7 between Russellville and Harrison, Hot Springs, Mt. Nebo State Park west of Dardanelle, Highway 43 south of Harrison, Queen Wilhelmina lodge on Rich Mountain near Mena and Petit Jean State Park.

Also a feature of the back side of the map is a useful but perhaps often overlooked listing of parks and forest recreation areas, monuments and battlefields. The listing shows which areas have accommodations for fishing, swimming, boating, camping, picnicing, etc.

A section of special benefit to out-of-state motorists tells what to do in case of an accident and lists the State Highway Department and State Police district headquarters locations and telephone numbers.

Over 1,000 requests for maps were on file when the first shipment arrived from the printer this week. Ever-increasing popularity of the maps is evidenced by a constant increase in distribution. In 1946, 50,000 maps were printed. In 1966 the first printing of 200,000 was distributed in approximately five months, necessitating a second printing of 100,000 which was depleted at least a month before the 1967 map was ready. Requests for maps should be directed to Mapping Section, Arkansas Highway Department, P.O. Box 2261, Little Rock, zip code 72203.



Edith Gibson, Accounting Division, displays the new maps.

PETIT JEAN VOCATIONAL GROUP VISITS AHD



Chief Engineer John T. Pendergrass, right front, welcomed the group who are shown with the school's coordinator James Mullen, next to Mr. Pendergrass, the Drafting instructor, Bill Bradley, center, and the Math instructor, John Karr, left.

The Drafting and Survey Class from Petit Jean Vocational School at Morrilton visited the central Highway Department headquarters on April 17 to observe various areas of work closely associated with their studies. Their training includes drafting, the use of survey instruments and math applied to civil engineering.

After viewing the Highway film they heard ab-

breviated explanations of work in the mapping section of Planning and Research, Surveys, Secondary Roads, Roadway, Right of Way and Construction and the relationship of all to the overall Highway program.

In the afternoon they visited the offices of work in which they were individually interested.

WORK BEGUN ON I-40 BRIDGE AT WEST MEMPHIS



The construction company drives H-beam pilings which serve as a template for guiding the piling as it is driven. (Story on next page)

Primary construction on the I-40 bridge between West Memphis and Memphis was begun this month when two test pilings were sunk prior to actually sinking Pier West 28 from work barges anchored just off Hopefield Point on the Arkansas shore.

Sinking the pilings is part of the first contract to construct eight main channel piers in the Mississippi River as part of the \$50 million bridge project on coast-to-coast Interstate Route 40.

A pipe piling and an H-beam piling have been driven and will be load-tested about mid-May. If both types meet load specifications, the H-beam type will likely be used in building the piers, as it is more economical. The specifications allow the contractor an option to use either type of piling.

Massman Construction Co. of Kansas City, Mo. and Al Johnson Construction Co. of Minneapolis, Minn. were awarded a contract to build the piers at a cost of \$9,491,249. on October 28, 1966. The bridge will be built under the supervision of the Tennessee Highway Department, with the Arkansas Highway Department participating in the cost in accordance with the two states' agreement.

Completion of the eight piers, which will cover the stretch between the Arkansas shore and Mud Island, is expected in 1969. Other contracts will cover construction of roadway and bridge structures from the St. Francis levee to the east bank of the Mississippi River in Memphis.



Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Dean of Weatherford, Tex. enjoy the facilities at the rest area on Highway 71 near Brentwood.



DOROTHY SWITZER RESIGNS

Mrs. Dorothy Switzer, secretary to the Highway Commission since July, 1956, resigned May 15 to become secretary to Y. W. Whelchel, recently appointed as safety coordinator for all state agencies by Governor Rockefeller.

She was honored at a reception on Friday, May 13 and presented a going-away gift of an electric fry-pan and a potted plant. Mrs. Bertie Carr, formerly secretary to Assistant Chief Engineer William L. Moore, has been named the Commission secretary.

11 REST AREAS COMPLETED

The Maintenance Division has completed 11 rest areas and another is under construction. All of the 11 except three, are the type shown, which have toilet facilities, hot and cold running water, information centers and will be staffed by the Publicity and Parks Commission.

Locations of rest areas are as follows: Highway 79 between Marianna and West Memphis; Highway 79 between Rison and Pine Bluff; Highway 70 north of Glenwood; Highway 71 north of Waldron; Highway 167 near Salado Creek south of Batesville; Highway 70 between Benton and Hot Springs; Highway 71 between Brentwood and Fayetteville; Highway 71 just south of the Missouri line; two on I-55 south of Osceola, one for the northbound lane and one for the southbound lane; and on Highway 63 north of Imboden.

REPRODUCTION IS A HUB OF ACTIVITY

The Reproduction Section is probably one of the central headquarters' busiest areas, for the many people and offices concerned with a mutual project necessitate a need for multiple copies of plans, reports, minute orders and all kinds of information.

So pressing is the amount of work to be done in the section, that on May 3 a seminar was held for a twofold purpose: (1) to inform those employees who make the most direct use of reproduction facilities with its operation so that they might better understand the reason for the lapse of time which may be necessary to accomplish orders of work brought in; and (2) to point out to employees the

capabilities of the reproduction facilities.

The seminar was conducted by Henry Vopel, section head and his assistant, Allen Dunn. They explained the method of operation of the different machines and the cost of making various kinds of copies. Employees are encouraged to consult with the Reproduction staff before undertaking a project for which reproduction work may be foreseen because it is entirely possible that they can produce a better copy by a method otherwise unknown to whoever is requesting the work than would be obtained by a more common method.

More than 60 employees and several persons outside the Department attended the seminar.



Allen Dunn explains the capabilities of the section's new copy camera.



Guy Howard operates #266 offset press which can put out 5,000 prints per hour.



Lucille Huffstular is the operator of the Ozalid white print machine which has replaced the older model blue print machine. Blue or black ink is used to print on white paper.



Of the Section's 10 employees, Mrs. Wanda Henriksen and Ronnie Bradford are the newest. Mrs. Henriksen has three grown sons, the youngest of whom, Ricky, has been with our Roadway Design Division for some time. She likes to sew and can do men's tailoring.

Ronnie is a 1966 graduate of Plainview High School in Yell County and now resides at 815 South Cumberland. He is single and likes drag racing.

THE CARE AND FEEDING OF ATTORNEYS

by Betty Grimes

When I was a youngster I was a tomboy. I played ball, shot marbles, spun tops, built and flew prize-winning model airplanes. I had a brother, a father, and lots of pals who were boys. I either ignored or tolerated my mother. I went lots and lots of places girls never even thought of going because my brother and pals didn't even think of me as being a girl and my father enjoyed my company. I could whistle, shinny up a tree, ride a bike, outrun, outshoot, outfight, and outcuss the best of them. We camped in the woods, swam in the river, and smoked grapevine.

In my teens I was one of only two girls in a large high school who enrolled for mechanical drawing classes. And even though I had come to the discovery that I was really a girl, I still preferred the company of boys. My feelings about boys were mixed, to be sure, but I still didn't feel too comfortable around girls. I wanted to hold a boy's hand instead of socking him; and I let my hair grow long instead of wearing a boyish bob.

Then the war started and I was unhappy because I wasn't a man and couldn't go to war. I did the next best thing, I went to work for the Army Maps Service and later for the Corps of Engineers. Since then, most of my adult life, I have worked with and around engineers. More often than not, I have been the only female in the office where I worked. This background led me to the conclusion that I knew a great deal about men; understanding them, getting along with them, speaking their language, etc. Men are a great deal more direct than women, engineers in particular. Their thinking is logical and follows a definite pattern, a straight line.

After many years of working with engineers of all sorts and descriptions I came to work for the Highway Department. For another year or two, life went on smoothly enough. I still worked primarily with engineers. Then I was transported to another world, I was transferred to the Legal Division.

I didn't find out about *Attorneys* all at once. For a while I remained in ignorance. After all, they looked like engineers with suits on. They smoked, cussed, joked, looked at girls, and walked around just like all other men I'd ever known (engineers, that is). Then I began to feel that something was wrong. I couldn't understand them. They talked a strange language and didn't think in straight lines. They didn't even think in plain, ordinary circles. Their thinking was involved, intricate, convolute, winding, twisted, circling, serpentine, devious, sinuous, tortuous, meandering, zig-zagging, contorted, mazy and amazing! The first big lesson I had to learn (and it was a difficult one) is to not try to understand one of them. You can't!

Now that I have spent eight years, more or less, working with, around, and for attorneys, I feel somewhat qualified to express a few positive statements in regard to their care and feeding. The first and foremost rule is, of course:

RULE NO. 1. DON'T TRY TO UNDERSTAND THEM.

You've heard that old cliché, "Vanity, thy name is Woman". Well don't you believe that propaganda. Vanity's name is Lawyer. There is no other creature on earth as conceited, forward, vainglorious, high-flown, ostentatious, satisfied, puffed up, elated, assured, inflated, affected, possessed, complacent, confident, sufficient, pretentious, egotistical, boastful and arrogant. The frustration of trying to cope with

vanity in the attorney is that if you give him your ear and half a minute of your time, he will convince you that he has every right and reason to feel this high and mighty. He will even have your admiration and respect for having been so modest. I fully believe that every attorney I know (well, almost) is the most admirable of men, second to none, even an engineer. (Engineers' public relations are just not as efficient.)

RULE NO. 2. ADMIRE THEM.

Attorneys have one grievous fault. They procrastinate. This, of course, is a flaw in their otherwise basic perfection, but it is one that is in keeping with the best interest of their profession. When an engineer encounters a problem, he has no choice but to jump in headlong and solve and correct it before the bridge collapses, the road erodes, or some other dire thing happens. Not so in the practice of law. The attorney's basic belief is that if a problem is given sufficient time it will solve itself. A great many years of their training is devoted to the theory and principle of hedging and delay. Postpone, adjourn, default, remand and continue are basic words in their vocabulary and the methods of executing each of these evasive actions is drilled into them.

RULE NO. 3. NEVER RUSH THEM.

After being conditioned by the engineer's world of abbreviated language, the attorney's world of loquacity is some switch. There is no such thing as an answer from an attorney by a simple "yes" or "no", even though he may demand under rigorous examination the simple answer from you. This leaves more time for him to expound. Attorneys write things called "briefs" Don't let this term fool you. They are about as brief as Great Aunt Agatha's drawers. It isn't that they are just talkative; they are garrulous, fluent, eloquent, voluble, effusive and glib. Most attorneys have Irish ancestry and all have "kissed the Blarney stone".

RULE NO. 4. LISTEN TO THEM.

The attorney is as changeable as the weather and your opinion of him will depend upon which side of the fence he happens to be on at that particular time. If he is representing you he is a gentleman; honorable, upright, honest, veracious, virtuous, noble, equitable, frank, candid, and incorruptible. If he is in the employ of your opposition he is a base rogue, a shyster who is guilty of villiany, foul play, corruption, fraud and graft. (Some clients, the fickle inconstant ones, change their viewpoint whenever the outcome of their case is unfavorable. This is not fair.)

RULE NO. 5. ALWAYS TRUST YOUR COUNSELOR.

RULE NO. 6. NEVER TRUST THE OPPOSING COUNSEL.

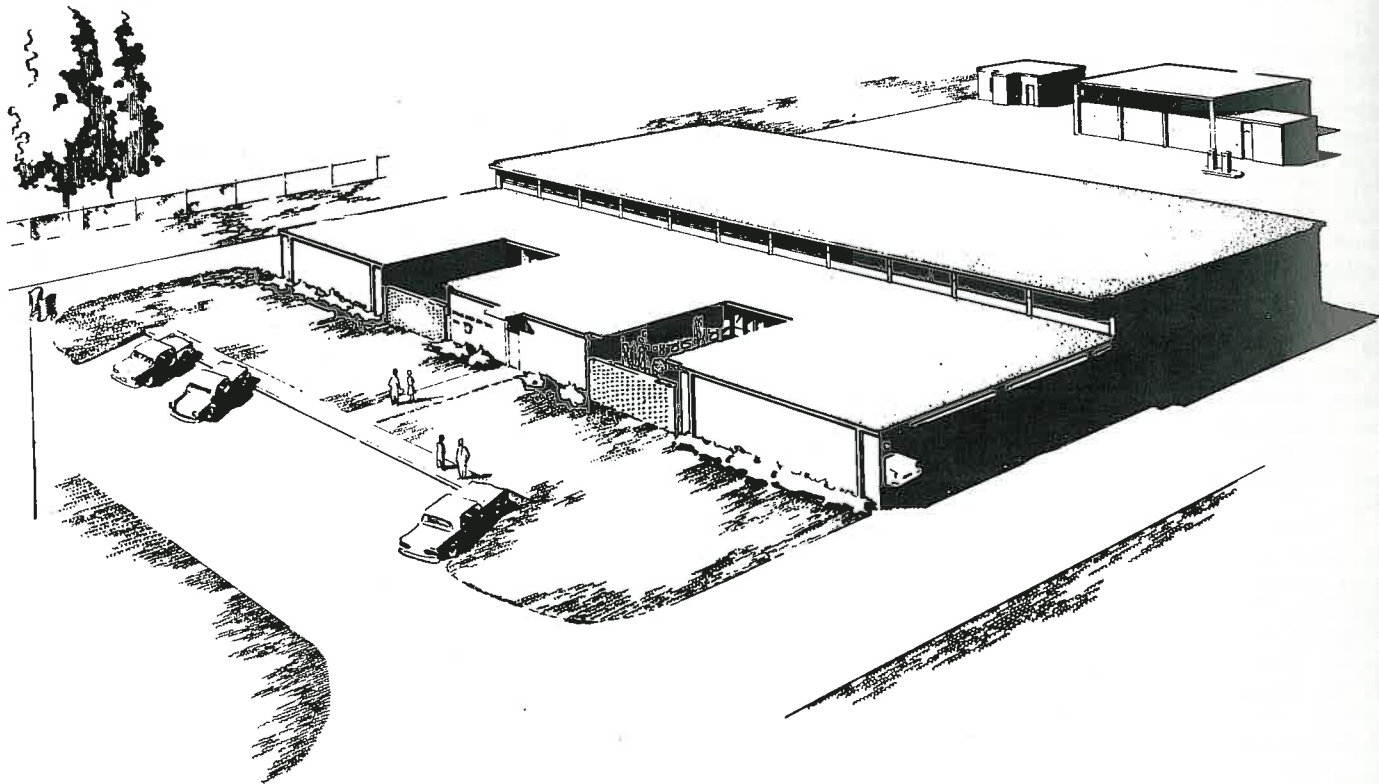
Attorneys consume large quantities of coffee. This is one trait they have in common with engineers. As soon as you have made a fresh pot for them they leave for the coffee shop for coffee and a change of "scene". This does not excuse you from having a fresh batch brewing at all times. They will drink gallons every working day. Promptly at quitting time they switch to other beverages.

RULE NO. 7. KEEP THE COFFEE POT HOT.

The attorneys on the Highway Department staff sometimes change my usually sweet disposition into that of an ill-humored, peevish, fretful and petulant shrew. They irritate, annoy, provoke, and exasperate me. Don't you presume to feel this way toward any one of MY attorneys however, or you will find yourself in a most untenable position with me. Heed this warning and observe this final rule:

RULE NO. 8. LOVE THEM.

DISTRICT 4 HEADQUARTERS TO BE REFURBISHED



A contract was awarded on April 26 to renovate and expand the District 4 headquarters facilities at Fort Smith. Existing office space of 1600 sq. ft. will be expanded to 4900 sq. ft. inclusive of a parts room. A complete fallout shelter containing 2,058 sq. ft. of space to house an emergency operations center will be constructed. Dual courtyards with small decorative fountains will flank the office. Service station facilities will be expanded by an additional 2600 sq. ft.

Larsen & Wear, Inc. of Fort Smith was awarded the contract at \$135,800. Subcontractors will be Hayes Plumbing Co. of Fort Smith, plumbing, heating and ventilation; Fagan Electric Company of Little Rock, electrical work; and Dale Crampton of Fort Smith, roofing and sheet metal work. Architects are Nelson, Laser & Cheyne of Fort Smith.

AROUND CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS

It was good to have Leontee Connelly pay us a visit recently. Leontee retired in December last year after suffering a heart attack and has had another since but looked well and pretty when she visited us.

Pat Reaves, who used to work in Final Estimates, has come back to us and is now working in

Office Engineers to replace Juanita Whiley who has resigned.

Former Right of Way economist Paul Mah was wed April 30 to Lorene Fortenberry Wilson of Little Rock. They are now living in New York City where Paul is associated with the engineering firm of Metcalf and Eddy.

At noon on Friday, May 5 Marie Blankenship treated Dorothy Switzer to lunch at the Lamplighter. Others enjoying the luncheon were Ferol Jones, Jay Ehrhorn, Virginia Williams and Mary Day Herndon. That afternoon Director Ward Goodman had cake and coffee served in her honor to a group of close associates.

TAPPED FOR DAR AWARD

John Greenlee, son of Jane Greenlee, switchboard operator, has been selected to receive a DAR award for an A-S average in history for the year. The A is for scholastic work and the S is for excellent citizenship. John is in Mrs. Harper's ninth grade class at Southwest Junior High School.

NOMINATED FOR KEY CLUB

Randy Day, son of Mary Day Herndon, is one of 36 sophomore students who has been nominated for membership in Central High School's Key Club.

May 11, 1967

Mr. Orville A. Sudderth
418 Fountain Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72205

Dear Mr. Sudderth:

I am delighted to acknowledge your request for additional information concerning glaucoma. Enclosed are copies of PHS Publication No. 1030, Glaucoma and Its Effect on Eyesight and PHS Publication No. 1015, It's Smart to Protect Your Sight.

Your response to the article printed in the April 1967 magazine "Arkansas Highways Travel Diary" is indeed indicative of the significant public service such publications render to the organizations they serve.

Yours for better health,
/s/John E. Scott, M.D.
Acting Chief, Neurological and Sensory
Disease Control Program
National Center for Chronic Disease Control

Enclosures

cc: Mrs. Mary D. Herndon

WHAT DOES A SECRETARY DO?

Secretaries come in all shapes, sizes, ages, temperaments, abilities, and previous conditions of servitude - which means even the most crotchety boss ought to be able to find one to suit him. It also indicates secretaries are human, too. (surprise!)

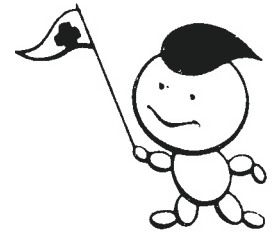
The secretary must have a diplomat's tact, a mule's endurance, a chameleon's effacement, a salesman's enthusiasm, the sun's punctuality, the speed of light, a sister's loyalty, a rhino's hide, an Einsteinian brain, a mother's sympathy and the patience of Job.

She must be purchasing agent (tickets, etc.), cover-up (he's in conference), button sewer-on, cryptographer (to read his writing), interpreter (to make sense of his dictation), spy (office gossip), accountant (he can't keep his budget balanced), and, at the same time, keep his appointments (and her seams) straight.

Meanwhile, she endures Mr. Big's ego, his fuzzy thinking, his indolence, his 4:30 PM dictation. To keep up his confidence and relieve his ulcers, she flatters him constantly despite the brushed-over bald spot, the after lunch slouch, the nickel cigars. No wonder secretary-boss love affairs are mostly fiction!

— Anonymous

BILLY BLOODROP



REMINDS YOU:

...That the Red Cross Bloodmobile will be set up in the following places in June. Employees are encouraged to take advantage of the convenience to make a contribution of blood, since the Highway Department employees and their families enjoy a great advantage as participating members of the Department's blood coverage program. Locations of the portable blood unit and the dates for June are as follows:

- June 1 - Pine Bluff Vocational School,
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- June 12 - Hope
- June 13 - Conway
- June 14 - Lonoke
- June 15 - Searcy
- June 16 - England
- June 19 - El Dorado
- June 20 - Lake Village and Dermott
- June 21 - Eudora
- June 22 - Jacksonville
- June 27 - Tentatively set for the central Highway building, Little Rock
- June 28 - Benton and Mountain View
- June 29 - Dumas



Pat Koonce surrenders the jug to Henry Hart of Materials and Tests, the newest member of the A.H.D. Gallon Club with exclusive membership for only those employees who have donated a gallon of blood or more under the Department's blood coverage program. Actually Hart's gallon was completed first but he only recently mentioned that he had contributed that much.



BRAINS OR BRAWN? NOT NECESSARILY

Ed Rownd, son of Surveys Engineer Bert Rownd, and John Peace, son of co-pilot Rudy Peace, are both members of the Southwest Junior High School Mustangs 1967 championship basketball team. The 11-member team has a cumulative 3.32 grade point for the first semester of this school year. Collectively, the boys have earned 26 A's, 21 B's and 8 C's.

The Mustangs won the Forest Heights Invitational tournament, the AAA Regional Junior High School Tournament, the Little Rock Junior High School Championship and the Arkansas Junior High School Championship — all in 1967.

Ed and John are among five of the team's members who made the city all-star team; Ed was one of four who earned places on the Forest Heights tournament team; both were members of the AAA Regional All-Star team and Rownd won a spot on the coveted state junior high school all-star team. Ed plays the post position and John is a wingman.

Last fall they were both members of the Mustangs' football team which is holding the title of Junior High School Champions for 1966-67 and were chosen to the all-city team. John, mainstring quarterback, was selected May 9 as outstanding back of the year at Southwest. Ed plays fullback.

On May 6 both students competed in the state track meet held at Quigley stadium as broadjumpers. John came in fourth, and Ed, fifth. Both are members of the National Honor Society and the Beta Club. Beside high qualities of leadership, character and service, Honor Society members must maintain a 3.4 grade average, or an average of 2 A's and 3 B's or better. Ed Rownd is Southwest's student council president. He is No. 55 and John is No. 25 in the picture. John is one of the top ten of Southwest's 340 ninth graders scholastically. Brains or brawn? Not necessarily...these two have both.

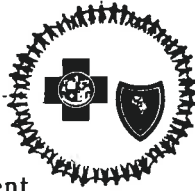


LETTERS

April 19, 1967

ARKANSAS BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD, INC.
Sam M. Butler, President

April 13, 1967



Mr. Roy Johnson
Arkansas State Highway Department
Weights and Standards Division
Interchange & New Benton Highway
Little Rock, Arkansas

BLUE CROSS - BLUE SHIELD GROUP I-6566

Mr. Johnson, a study of your experience report covering the period March 1, 1965 through February 28, 1967 indicates a real good picture. It will be possible to continue your present rates June 1, 1967 and in addition you will receive one month of free insurance anytime during your next contract year beginning June 1, 1967 through June 1, 1968. Will you please advise us as to which month you would prefer to receive your waiver of dues.

Your people are to be congratulated on their conscientious use of the Blue Cross-Blue Shield program. I want to personally thank you for your interest and efforts in helping us to provide this fine service for the employees of the Weights and Standards Division of the Arkansas State Highway Department.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Peeples
Assistant Sales Manager

May 8, 1967

Dear Mrs. Herndon,

We sincerely thank you for coming out and showing us the film on highways and bridges.

We learned much from the film.

Once again we sincerely thank you.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Percy's class
Meadowcliff School

(Thanks also to John Hall, heavy bridge maintenance engineer, who accompanied me and explained different types of bridges and work going on in various sequences of the film to this class who were studying a unit on bridges. - Mary Herndon)

Mr. Sam Smith
Engineer District 10
State Highway Department
Paragould, Arkansas

Dear Sam,

On behalf of all the people in Paragould we want to thank you, and your boys for the wonderful job you did in helping us on the clean up after the tornado last Thursday night.

Your boys worked hard all night and went way beyond the call of duty. I appreciate so much the help of removing the trees in the streets that would have been a major operation for us with our equipment.

Call me anytime I can return your favors.

JTB/jb
cc. Wayne Hampton

Sincerely,
J. T. Brown, Mayor

May 6, 1967

Dear Mrs. Greenlee,

I read with appreciation John's poem. It is excellent, I think.

I'm an ex English teacher and an ex Highway Commission member - in fact, an "ex" in practically everything I've done!

Best wishes to you and to John for a bright future.

Sincerely,
Willie Lawson

(Miss Lawson's letter was prompted by the publication of John Greenlee's poem of modern verse in the April issue. His mother, Jane, is the switchboard operator.)

May 1, 1967

Dear Friends and Fellow Employees,

If I could only make an adequate expression of thanks to each of you who were concerned for me during my hospitalization a few weeks ago and especially to those of you who had a part in the lovely gift of lingerie presented to me! I can only say thank you sincerely and that I am happy to be back on the job again.

Adele Feidler
Surveys Division

PLACES IN TALENT CONTEST

Fred Simmons won second place playing a classical piano arrangement which he composed himself in the University of Arkansas' annual talent contest, this year called "Talent '67". The prize money for second place was \$75.00. Last year he won a \$200.00 second place playing the same composition in the Sertoma Club talent contest in Little Rock. Guess what he is majoring in - nope, not music, but a double major in psychology and English. Fred, a junior, hopes to use his training in psychology to work with children. His mother, Rachel, is a member of the Reproduction personnel.

AUDITOR'S SON ELECTED TO STUDENT COUNCIL

William Douglas Pilcher, who is currently serving as president of the Student Council of Henderson Junior High School, was recently elected to the office of parliamentarian at the State Student Council convention in Morrilton. Pilcher, who is finishing the eighth grade, will complete his term as Henderson's council president at the end of the first semester next year. He is the son of Internal Auditor and Mrs. W. E. Pilcher.



William D. Pilcher

EMPLOYEE'S SON WINS MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

Richard L. Livingston, son of Madge Livingston in the central headquarters radio room and her husband Carl, was one of 26 winners in Arkansas of a National Merit Scholarship. Richard, a student at Central, will use the four-year award as a pre-med student at Hendrix College at Conway.

National Merit Scholarships are awarded to finalists in the National Merit program. Finalists are chosen after

taking two aptitude tests and filing a record of extracurricular activities, special achievements and interests, and academic or other honors. The student's academic record, an evaluation by the principal or counselor and an endorsement of the students are also submitted.

Richard is a member of the National Honor Society, an Eagle Scout and president of the Arts and Letters Society.



JIM ADAMS RECEIVES COVETED MEDAL

Jim Adams, son of former Magazine editor Martha Adams and her husband, Harry, was one of two seamen selected from among 1200 recruits to receive the American Spirit Honor Medal upon completion of their basic training in March at the U.S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif.

The American Spirit Honor Medal is awarded to a graduating recruit from each training group who, during his period of recruit training, best displayed the outstanding qualities of leadership expressing the American spirit, including honor, loyalty, initiative and a high example to others associated with him.

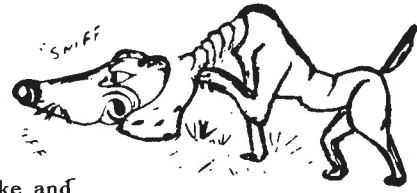
Spirit Medal winners are selected by the company commander of each company. The recruits of each company also nominate one man from their company who they feel is best qualified to receive the medal.

Adams is a 1963 graduate of North Little Rock High School where he was an outstanding football player. He entered Little Rock University in September of 1963, majoring in Business Administration and Physical Education. He served as treasurer of his fraternity, Sigma Nu. He was a member of the Young Democrats for Republicans Club for two years.

Seaman Adams is now attending radar training school on Treasure Island at San Francisco.



AROUND the DEPARTMENT



ACCOUNTING DIVISION

Mildred Harness

We have in Accounting two birthday girls, Pat Koonce and Bonnie Hill.

April 12 Pat Koonce was given a party on the 4th floor. There were 50 or more people. It was just a regular hen party. Everyone brought their lunch and a wee bit extra. Jay Ehrhorn brought a skillet full of the most delicious egg rolls. Pat was presented a large birthday cake and lots of gifts. She also received lots of cards and well wishes throughout the building. Many happy returns, Pat. May you have a hundred more.

April 28 Bonnie Hill was given a birthday party in the cafeteria. Bonnie was presented a large birthday cake with with twenty-one candles and a question mark. She was also presented a beautiful pen with her initials on it. She received phone calls and many cards from all of her friends. Many happy returns, Bonnie.

This poem was sent to me from a good friend. I hope you enjoy it as much as I.

"OTHERS"

If doesn't matter who you are,
Or what you have, or do,
If you give of your very best
The best returns to you.
A law of compensation works,
We get just what we earn,
If we love others with our hearts,
We get love in return.
The little things we sometimes do
For others day by day,
Return quite unexpectedly
In some peculiar way.

Herbert Parker



Brad Hines, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Hines (Tyronza). Brad was born October 29, 1966. We miss Tyronza very much, but little Brad is worth it all.

Jo Malone was treated to a cake and punch goodbye and presented a pin bearing her initials upon the occasion of her leaving Accounting Division May 5 for another office.

Wednesday, May 10 was a nice day for a picnic, so many of Mildred Harness' co-workers chose to surprise her with a birthday picnic out under the trees on the grounds at noontime. (Ed.)

Thanks and bless you all for the kindness to my mother during her stay in the hospital.



BRIDGE DESIGN

Betty Claude



The wedding of Kay Lewis and Robert Seay was an event of April 15 at Hebron Baptist Church in Little Rock. Bob is a design engineer in the Bridge Design Division and Kay is employed with the U. S. Corps of Engineers. They are at home at 5 Strickland Cove.

If at first you succeed, you probably haven't accomplished very much.

The way to double your money: Fold it and put it in your pocket.

Young people are alike these days in many disrespects.



Lest the fellas in Bridge Design forget that the week of April 24 was National Secretary's Week, Betty Claude's husband drew up this sign for her desk. (As if they were ever any other way!)



EQUIPMENT AND CENTRAL SHOP

Sue Fuller and Martha Pearle

Carl Hillis is improving and is at home after undergoing surgery at Memorial Hospital in North Little Rock. We sure miss him and hope he is back on the job real soon.

Dub Colvert has a new grandson - Tipped the scales at 7½ pounds. The proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Merv Hembry of Chicago, Ill.

We still have the auditors with us. We have gotten used to them being around now and will miss them when they leave.

Helen Latture and children made a short visit to Bossier City, La., to see son James and his family.

A good deed turned out to be a sad experience for the wife of one of the Jacksonville employees, Mrs. Jack Barnes. Recently, while shopping for groceries a gentleman asked her to assist him in buying some coffee. While she helped him, his light-fingered accomplice relieved her of her money. Ooh, that smarts!

Also all of us can learn from a recent experience of another of our employees, Charlie Cox of Cabot. While he was asleep someone entered his home, removed his pants from the bedroom and relieved him of his money. One good thing about it though, the thief did hang his pants in a tree in the yard. Moral: Keep your doors locked or keep your pants on.

We welcome back O. E. Wagner and J.E. Heckford who have been re-employed.

A nice weekend was enjoyed recently by Avalee Padgett and her folks from

Concord near Heber Springs. They went fishing at Morrilton and reported real good luck. (All we saw was sunburn.)

Benny Robbins' two children, Rickey and Vickie, spent Easter weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Robbins at Walnut Ridge. They must have had a real good time from the fish stories they came back telling.

We are sorry to report that Sandra Behnke is in the hospital for some tests. Hope you will be back with us very soon, Sandra. We miss you.



Vicki Sanders

Section. She is now busily engaged in the updating of the Highway Needs Study.

The J. R. Hendersons had a visit the weekend of April 8 from their son, daughter-in-law, and new granddaughter.

June and Tommy Brown and their two children have moved into their brand-new three-bedroom home in Westwood. It is built of "heritage" brick...new brick made to look old.

And Charlie and Bennie Parsons have also moved into their new three-bedroom brick on Woodson Road, near the industrial area.

Larry Johnson has planted a garden. He lists corn, okra, lettuce, tomatoes, and green beans as the items planted. Those fresh vegetables are going to be great - that is, if Larry has as green a thumb as he has been boasting he has.

Mayo White and family made a quick trip to Clarksville, Tenn., the week-end after Easter to visit his daughter-in-law and grandson (his son is in Vietnam).

We are glad W. K. (Bart) Bartleson is back with us again after a stay in the hospital. Bart, we love you more than those folks at the hospital - keep out of that place.

Phyllis Munnery says her husband, Bernie, will finally be home from the service to stay on May 5. He has been serving active duty in the Army Reserves.

Stuart Pattillo has been going fishing lately. Anyone needing any help locating a good spot can probably get a tip from him. He usually reports a good catch.

Sharon Pelley and her husband recently purchased a new Volkswagen and disposed of one they claimed was the lemon of the century. Thereafter, some unfortunate crook stole it from the auto company. She said of all the cars he could have stolen, that was the prize.

Ken Bynum says he is glad the races are over for this year. That must mean he was not the big winner.

We have been wondering if anything unusual were going to happen to Edith Garland on the 27th. For several days, she reported her calendar pad turned to that day whenever she came back to her desk. Mice maybe?

M. J. Hensley, Research Engineer, has resigned to accept a position with the Asphalt Institute. He will be missed. Jay is a very capable young engineer and also the type of person who usually leaves people in a better mood than he found them.

Joann Niehaus has left us for the present, infanticipating; but we expect

her back. She was given a parting gift by the Front Office group.

Jim Pierce, Road Inventory Clerk, has also resigned to go into a business that sounds like it really might have more money in it - banking.

The Front Office gals say: "We can read writin' if they can write readin'."



Nancy Sipe

Advice to any normal, intelligent human being: Don't have a fish fry in Arkansas during the month of April - unless you like wearing ear muffs and wool coats in Spring. Friday, April 28, was a cold, windy day; nevertheless, the annual Right of Way fish fry was held at Burns Park that evening. As there are abnormal, demented individuals in our division, the attendance did not drop off, and the fish disappeared as fast as the cooks could supply it. The children always have a fine time at this outing, and no one seemed to notice the temperature. It was also a pleasure to have two of our retired employees with us; W. D. Little and Arthur M. Emmerling. George Howell, where were you!!

Curt Wiggins, four-year old son of the Frank Wiggins, took advantage of a tonsillectomy and "conned" his family into indulging him during recuperation period. We are glad to know he is doing well.

Orene Hester, Utilities Section, left to await the arrival of the stork. The girls feted her with luncheon and a gift. The Utilities Section presented her an electric bottle sterilizer - a welcome and most useful gift.

Nancy Morgan, Appraisal Section, also left last month and was presented with a slim jim outfit and good wishes.

Ina Dunn transferred from Administrative to the Appraisal Section to replace Nancy Morgan. Ina's husband, Jerry, is in the service, stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Tex. and that's a good stretch of pavement according to Ina, for she has visited him in recent weeks.

Another female traveler pounding the highways is Jean Barrett, who recently made a combined business and pleasure trip to Oklahoma City.

We were glad to receive the news that Mrs. Jimmy Giles, who underwent surgery at Saline Memorial Hospital in Benton the last week in March, is recovering swiftly and will soon return to work.



Mary Arey



Sibyl Maddox

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rose of Winslow, Ariz. are here visiting her sister, Julia Halliburton, and mother Mrs. L. Halliburton.

Cliff Stearman has resigned, effective May 1, to accept other employment.

Johnny Dunbar and Hugh Battershell, former employees, paid us a visit recently.

Jeri Burks and family have moved into their new home in the Salem community, Benton. Congratulations, Jeri.

R. M. Hickey caught a 7½ pound wall-eye at Greers Ferry...Says it is good eating. If he says so, must be!

Our bosses, Henry Schneider and Joe Magness, were honored at the annual "Boss Night" banquet held recently by Golden Chapter of A.B.W.A. at Western Hills Country Club.

Bill Wood's son, Gary, wife Kay, and grandchildren Phillip and Andrea came in from St. Louis to spend a week. Gary is serving his residency in Jewish Hospital in St. Louis...He will join the Air Force in August with the rank of Captain.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Happiness includes chiefly the idea of satisfaction after full honest effort. No one can possibly be satisfied and no one can be happy who feels that in some paramount affair he has failed to take up the challenge of life.

—Arnold Bennett



P & R Staff

We have two new employees - in Mapping and Drafting, Vickie Saunders, cartographer, a resident of Little Rock and former employee of Orbit Valve with a degree in Art from the U. of A.; and in Data Collection, Bob Morehart, road inventory clerk, also of Little Rock. We are glad to have both of them.

We are happy to welcome back Martha Cushing, who has been to Oregon and back since last employed in the Mapping

Mary Arey, new employee in the Administrative Section, is married and has two sons: Franklin, age 5, Randall, age 7. Originally from Benton.



Glenda Brown, is new in Utilities Section, is from Little Rock, and is single.



Zeno A. Walther, Jr., now in the Appraisal Section, was originally from Fort Smith. Prior to coming to the Highway Department, he was associated with an appraisal firm in Chicago, Ill. for eight years.

Zack Mashburn, senior appraiser, attended and passed Real Estate Course I, given at Hot Springs during the week of April 10 - 14 by the Real Estate Commission. We're proud of you, Zack.

ROADWAY DESIGN

Virginia Ashlin

Congratulations to Fred Pulliam and Bob Narrell who received their service awards and pins April 26, 1967. Fred's was for 35 yrs. of service and Bob's was for 25 yrs. Cake and coffee were served after the presentation and Fred's squad presented him a matching billfold and keycase. Since Bob likes to fish, his squad presented him a new fishing rod. We were happy to have their wives, Glenda Narrell and Peggy Pulliam, along with daughter Jeannie, to help make the celebration complete.

Then the following day, Lucille Dishongh in Construction baked Fred a

delicious cake and brought it to him.

Congratulations are also in order for the Glenn Trammels who became grandparents for the first time. Lawrence Glenn Trammel, III, made his arrival on April 21 in Kansas City, Mo. weighing in at 7 pounds and 4 ounces. The proud parents are Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Glenn Trammel II.

The Joe Hicks are the proud owners of a new blue 1967 Bel-Air Chevrolet.

Paul and Shirley Haydon just bought and moved into their new home at 16 Halifax Court.

Our sympathy is extended to the Wayne Sutton family in the death of his father, James K. Sutton, who passed away April 22, 1967.



TRAFFIC SERVICES

Brenda McRaven

We would like to take this time to wish Richard Hobby a happy birthday. (April 20th). Richard's wife, Selma has completed the dissertation for her doctor's degree. She and her sister Nancy Woodson went to Fayetteville last week to turn it in to the University. The dissertation was written on "History of the Little Rock Public Schools During Reconstruction."

Mr. and Mrs. James Coney are the proud parents of a son named James Gregory born March 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hopkins and daughter Tammy moved into their new home at 9109 Victoria in Shaywood on April 3.

DAVE PARKER DID IT AGAIN.. He moved for the 18th time in four years and now the Parkers are at home at 321 Belmont.

While some of our girls were talking "hair-do's", creme developer was mentioned, and Earl Hillis immediately wanted to know where he could buy a quart. Now, REALLY, Mr. Hillis, that's to develop hair color...not HAIR!!

Sharry, about the color of your hair! Black or blond?...Which is the wig?

Ann Ison, a former employee of the Sign Shop who now resides at Helena, and her husband, Morris, came by for a visit and lunch with us the 12th of April. She brought along her poodle, Baby Ann.

If you should miss the weather report just glance in the window of the screen room. Bob Buice of KLRA is a favorite with the men at the Sign Shop and his latest reports are posted on a small blackboard in the window.

Earl Hillis' brother, James Harold, was here for a short visit after being stationed in Vietnam with the Air Force for 19 months. His next stop is Clark Field in the Phillipines. Earl was also stationed there during part of World War II.

"Seek and ye shall find" is not necessarily true when turkey hunting as James Mellard recently found out. The gobblers were heard and the gobbler was seen but the shots were not fired. Seems

as though the gobbler was surrounded by girl friends! (The excuses do get better.)

Mrs. Van Campbell spent a few days in the hospital but we are glad to report at this time that she is home and doing much better.

TO ALL GOOD SAMARITANS IN THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: We in Traffic Services have all kinds of things going and at the present time we are asking for volunteers to help us paint the highways, (preferably women) and all the strong men to help us with our signs. All donations of paint, paint brushes, hammers, ladders, etc., will be appreciated. Nothing like a little humor, folks!

What is litter? Webster says it's things lying scattered about, or scattered rubbish, among several definitions given. Consider and remember this the next time you are about to toss that rubbish out the car window to lie scattered about along the roadside. You might consider, too, that there is a fine for littering and the fact that highways in some places are being patrolled by helicopter.

There used to be a saying "Ladies First" or "Age before Beauty" but believe me...our elevators don't know the difference.

Visiting with Claudis Bryant and his wife of Belleville recently were their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fix and two children from Highland, Ind., and their son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Noland Bryant and children from Tulsa. A family reunion was held at the Bryant home on April 30 since it had been several years since Claudis and Mrs. Bryant had had all their children and grandchildren together at the same time. Claudis is center stripe superintendent.

Carolyn West spent the week of May 10 vacationing with her parents in Nassau. How about that!

Until next month drive carefully...the signs may be ours.



DISTRICT



Janet McElduff

Here it is deadline again, and nothing written to send in. Besides that it's Friday, the sun is shining, and who wouldn't rather be outside digging than inside thinking!

I have little notes written to myself all over the place. One says Charles Mitchell, 5, C. A. Burns, 10, Princess Thompson, 10, Jess Woods, 15, and one just says Ralph, 10, only that one is scratched out. I'm sure that all of these are meant to say congratulations on receiving your service awards. That is I'm sure of all but the Ralph one. Wonder if that was in error, or if he didn't get it and should, or if he just thought he should and didn't.

Another little note says Paul DeBusk to Roadway Design, C. C. Parton to residency at Paragould, but you know, somehow I have the uncomfortable feeling that I have already sent in these two

items. Well, if I have, this will show them that they are truly missed in District 1. We also lost Gene Belknap to the Hope residency, and H. R. Parsley to District 6.

Virg Shassere has a new Field Clerk, Gail Rowls, whom we welcome to the Girl Club. Dick Bonady of Wynne is serving in the same capacity in the office of M. B. Gentry in Forrest City.

It's been a long time since we had a spelling bee winner, but this year we do, and she is Phyllis Davis, daughter of J. W. Davis. Phyllis won second place in the Cross County spelling bee.

We have two men in our District who have been awarded their certification in the grade of Senior Engineering Technician by the Institute for the Certification of Engineering Technicians, and we extend to them our congratulations. They are Charles D. Simpson and E. Moody Jones of the Brinkley residency. W. A. Dodds is the resident engineer.

L. K. Bywaters, resident engineer, and J. R. Cunningham, engineer technician, accompanied the local assistant pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church to Mexico the week of March 26 to help plan construction of some new roads. They spent three days of the week in the mountains, only to find that the villagers weren't ready to work on roads. The week wasn't lost, though, because they did help plan out a desperately needed water system for the village of Piedres de Lumbre. They said the food was meager and they had to lug their own water from a spring to the adobe house where they stayed. It must have been an exciting trip but they were glad to get back home to some good food and rest. We are happy to have them back.

Two of our men are serving six months' active duty with the National Guard. Johnny Crawford left April 1st and D. E. Rohrscheib left April 13.

Paul E. Havens left May 1st for a three year tour of Army duty.

We extend our sympathy to Howard Johnson who lost his father recently. Mr. Johnson was fatally injured in an automobile accident near Wynne. We all lost an old friend from Brinkley too, recently, when W. B. Simpson, retired Monroe County area foreman, passed away. To his family we extend our sympathy.

Our thanks to Judy Oliver, field clerk in L. K. Bywaters' office for helping with the news this month.

This is it! Come see us! It's strawberry time.



DISTRICT



Leslie Long

Spring is here (we hope). If you listen you can hear all the sounds of happiness. The days are balmy and so am I.

Miss Mary Nell Ashcraft, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Ashcraft of Rison, became the bride of Gary Lynn Atkinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack B. Atkinson of



Mary Nell Ashcraft Atkinson

Star City, March 25. The bride's father is employed at the Cleveland County area headquarters. A candlelight ceremony was performed by Rev. Carroll Foster at Bethel #2 Baptist Church near Rison. The couple is at home at 1812 East Seventh Street in Pine Bluff, where she is a teacher at Broadmoor Elementary School. Mr. Atkinson is employed by Byrds Mfg. Inc. of Star City.



Mrs. Inez Royston, one of our retirees, was honored with a gold-wrapped gift by Altrusa Club of Pine Bluff during the organization's international 50th anniversary celebration in April. "Miss Inez", a truly dedicated Altrusa member, was the Pine Bluff chapter's first president when it was organized in 1941. Altrusa, founded in April, 1917 in Nashville, Tenn., was the first service club organized for women. It now has chapters all over the United States and in many foreign countries.

Ouida Cruce made another jet-propelled trip to Houston, Tex. Could it be she is that enthralled over the ASTRODOME???

It's a Girl!! Mr. and Mrs. Mike Shalmy of St. Charles, Mo. announce the birth of a daughter, Bronwyn Elizabeth. Grandparents Sunny and Brewster paced the floor and listened for the phone for weeks. Brewster passed up a fishing trip and Sunny finally took off by jet for the promised arrival.

Barbie Hays and Lanell Pierce have done it again!! You've read of these girls' achievements in our column many

times but their academic prowess demands attention again. They have won two of Dollarway School's three scholarship awards to Henderson College. The scholarships are for two years. The very best of luck to them! Barbie is the daughter of Jefferson County Job Superintendent Joe Hays and James Pierce, district auditor, is Lanell's father. How proud they must be of these girls!

"Franklin" time is upon us! Benjamin Franklin is credited with the idea of saving daytime and the custom of setting the clock an hour later during summer months is often called "Franklin" time.



Kelley Lynn Goins with 'Papaw' Red's bird dog. Kelley, only one year of age, seems adept at the art of bird-dogging already.



Lisa Elaine Hubbard, 16 months old, is the THIRTEENTH grandchild of the Lee Coxes. She and her mother are making their home in Pine Bluff while her father is with the service in Vietnam. 'Papaw' Lee is her favorite male friend.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the families of Cassie B. Ussery and Joe Savage. Both were retired Highway employees.



DISTRICT



Office Personnel

The contract has been let for the remodeling and reconstruction of headquarters building at Fort Smith. We are real anxious for the work to begin so we "sidewalk supervisors" can watch the progress.

Congratulations to three employees who earned service awards during April: E. E. Carden, roller operator with the Sebastian County crew, 15 yrs.; Vard Carpenter, motor patrol operator with the Franklin County crew, 10 yrs.; and Ralph Wither, patrol operator of Ozark, 10 yrs. F. L. Stovall, area foreman in Montgomery County, is still on sick leave... best luck to "Red" and we hope to see him back on the job soon.



Joe Downs, truck driver with the Polk County crew, and his children Tommy, Joe and Karen, display the 16-lb. wild turkey which Joe bagged April 16 near Eagleton (Polk County). Some, turkey, don't you think?

DISTRICT 6

Bob Valentine

Dusty Rhoads is a new employee in the residency of Don Cahoone at Little Rock. He is a staff specialist. Dusty, his wife Martha and their three sons, Mike, David and Don reside on Wakefield Drive. He's a great fellow and we all wish him luck in his new job.

Employees who received service awards in April were I. H. Nute, 10 yrs. and Bob Valentine and David Robinson, five yrs. each. Nute is one of the Pulaski County area headquarters foremen; Bob Valentine is stock clerk at the District 6 headquarters, and David Robinson is employed in Don Cahoone's office.



Robinson displays a 4½-pound channel catfish caught April 18 at Lake Winona. Like all good hook wetters, he intends to try his luck again at the same place, so all you fishermen better hurry on out there before David gets all the big ones.

DISTRICT 7

Burnham and Campbell

Carol Dixon Tutt of the Maintenance crew received his 10-yr. service award in April.

James B. Williamson, resident engineer at El Dorado, and his wife Earline are pleased about the arrival of their second son and fourth child on April 19. His has been named Lewis Adam and weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

The quick thinking and hasty action of Ronnie Reaves, of the bridge maintenance crew of District 7 in Camden, is credited with saving an automobile that caught fire after an accident on State Highway 4 in front of the Ouachita County Area Headquarters at 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 21, 1967.

Ronnie heard a loud, sharp explosion as he was leaving the headquarters and, looking toward the sound of the report, saw that the front of the automobile had burst into flames. Oblivious to a driving rain, he ran into the shop, grabbed the nearest fire extinguisher and rushed to the auto - CO-2 flying. He succeeded in extinguishing the flames so the hood could be raised to check for further fire.

Mrs. Sula Burnham is sporting a 1967 hard-top Buick, gold mist in color. How about that! - after receiving her 25-yr. pin in February.

We wish to extend sympathies to Mary Nell and Joe Carlson, who were called to Kenosha, Wisc. April 21 due to the death of Joe's father. Mary Nell is field clerk for Resident Engineer Norman Pumphrey at Camden.

DISTRICT 8

Netha Brown

Service awards earned in April went to James W. Phillips and Ellis D. Ferguson, 15 yrs.; and Kenneth C. Crow and Charlie L. Tambro, five yrs. Phillips is a mechanic in the District shop; Ferguson is an instrumentman with Buddy Orton's residency; Crow is an inspector with T. D. Casey's residency; and Tamburo is an instrumentman with Sherman James' residency.



District Engineer John F. Price got the bird - a wild turkey, that is. The

gobbler, killed in Yell County near Bluffton, weighed 17½ pounds and had a 10½ inch beard. He was hunting with Cecil Gilmore, area foreman of Yell County. Several other employees in our District went hunting, but Mr. Price reported the only kill.

Sherman Moore, mechanic in the District shop, has returned from a Little Rock hospital where he underwent back surgery. He appears to be making a rapid recovery.

DISTRICT 9

Shirley Morton



James Doss Bishop retired from AHD April 28 after 24 years of service in Carroll County. Doss was presented a gift and his retirement certificate at a party held at the Area Headquarters in Berryville. Cake and coffee were served to a group of his friends who will miss him and wish for him good luck and good health during his years of retirement.

Service awards were presented in April to Raymond Cantrell for 15 yrs. and to James Robert Henderson for 5 yrs. Raymond and James are employed at the Harrison residency.

Welcome to Herbert Robinson who joined the office staff April 1!

John Burlsworth is still fishing but hasn't reported any lunkers so far this spring. Since fishing seemed to be a little slack, and looking forward to the winter quail season, he decided to take to the woods to teach his new dog, Rango, how to set a bird. Early one morning of a bright and clear day, John armed with rifle and three or four 'blank' shells, took Rango out for lesson No. 1. Rango worked like a pro, setting one covey after another and John fired the blank shells. After the last shell was fired, Rango left the woods and John, conceding that they had had a pretty good work-out, followed him to the house. About half-way back, he met Rango returning to the woods at a fast clip with John's eyeglasses!!

Our sincere wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to Glenda Elaine Jackson, daughter of the Voyt Jacksons, who is convalescing from an illness at her home.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Theo Walker whose wife, Hazel, passed away March 30.



DISTRICT

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Isabelle Psalmonds

Dillman Cothren, 1506 West Emerson Street, Paragould, is the new Fuel Clerk in District Ten. Dillman, 24, is a native of Greene County and is married to the former Peggy Sue Brogdon, also a native of Greene County. He is a 1961 graduate of Stanford High School and attended Arkansas state University two years. Welcome, Dillman, we are glad to have you with us.



CANCER DRIVE COMPLETED

Employees of the central headquarters contributed \$199.75 to the American Cancer Society. Dale Davison, personnel officer, headed the drive for the Department.

ABUSE OF AN INTENDED CONVENIENCE

Someone living in the area of this drive-by litter barrel chose to use it as a depository of the remains of a roofing project. The barrel, one of many placed alongside the state's highways for the convenience of travelers, is intended to be used for the disposal of litter which collects in the car during a trip. This abuse of what was intended to be a convenience to motorists, is a commonplace happening. The barrel is located approximately six miles west of the junction of Highways 9 and 10 near the Perry-Pulaski county line. Violations of the roadside barrels have been so flagrant in some areas that they became eyesores and had to be removed. The barrels were emptied by Highway Department maintenance crews.

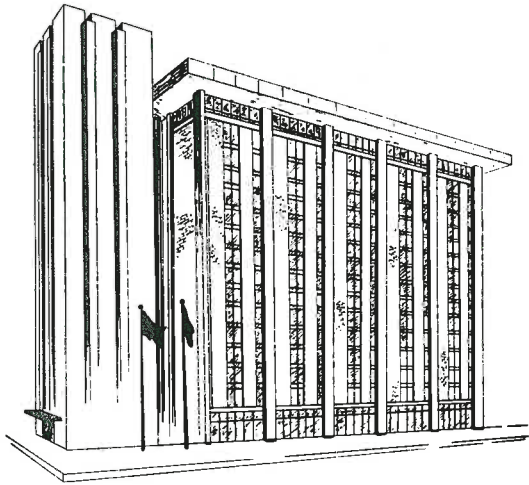
During April 315 loads of litter were picked up on interstate and primary highways in the state at an average cost of \$21.69 per load. Twenty-one loads were picked up in Johnson County and 20 in Perry County. Total cost of the month's collection was \$6,832.68.



ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL PLANNED FOR GREENWOOD

Greenwood, Arkansas is making plans for their Third Annual Arts and Crafts Festival which will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 16, 17 and 18. An interesting attraction to festival visitors this year will be the Old Jail Museum which was opened to the public in April, with hundreds of interesting items to see. Last year's festival attracted 120 exhibitors and 18,000 visitors from 21 states. This year's is expected to be even larger. A horse-shoe pitching tournament with trophies awarded to winners will be a feature of the June event.





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This'll Kill Ya!



Do you know what a Chug-Chug Girl is? That's a Go-Go girl after 40.

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No matter where you sit at a ballgame, you're always located between the hot dog peddler and his best customer. And you're most grateful for his generosity of mustard service.

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Psychiatrist to office nurse: "Just say 'we're terribly busy.' Don't say, 'it's a madhouse!'"

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In a class of Greek history a youth was asked to tell the story of the battle of Thermopylae.

The lad had unusual descriptive ability and proceeded with great zest. No detail was left out. The heroic stand was described vividly. "— and they fought and fought and fought," said the pupil. "They fought until they lost their arms. Then they used their heads."

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Little girl witnessing her first benediction service. She watched, fascinated, as the altar boy lit all the candles. Then she turned to her mother and asked, "Mommie, is Liberace coming?"

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Somebody's inventing new things every day. They have new traffic lights in Las Vegas: stop, go, and eight to five you don't make it.

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A teenage girl dashed into a shop and with deep concern asked the greeting-card clerk: "Do you have a get-well card for a boy who just shaved for the first time?"

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You have to admire the man who can still be enthusiastic about scientific progress after he has been caught speeding by radar.

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"I'm looking for adventure, excitement, beautiful women," cried the young man to his father as he prepared to leave home. "Don't try to stop me."

"Who's trying to stop you?" shouted his father. "I'll go with you!"

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Suzie: "Did you know I'm going to be married?"
Sally: "No! Why, I thought you hated men."
Suzie: "I do, but this one asked me to marry him."

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He: "I see by the paper that on one of those South Pacific islands a good wife can be bought for what amounts to three dollars."

She: "Why, that's terrible."
He: "I don't know. A good wife might be worth it."

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RETURN POSTAGE GUARANTEED



A Roanoke Robot hydraulic mower arm attached to an old motor grader made a mower that can reach just about any inaccessible place along the roadside. This one, used for cutting brush in District 10, had so much leverage when fully extended, that it was difficult to keep the grader from overturning when working on steep slopes. So John Sanders, maintenance superintendent at Paragould, devised a counterbalance consisting of 60 salvaged 8 foot grader blades fastened together and attached to the grader.

The counterbalance is powered by two hydraulic cylinders mounted on top of the grader frame. The rams were attached to the top corners of the counterbalance frame. It is hinged at the bottom to allow the top to swing outward to provide more leverage, or to be pulled in close to the side of the grader when being moved from one place to the other.

Lateral movement of 42 inches is possible with this system and the machine, which will cut and pulverize grass and undergrowth up to 3 inches in diameter, now works with ease on 3 to 1 slopes with the boom fully extended. The Roanoke Robot mower will clear as much land in an hour as 75 men can clear in half a day.

It is pictured working on Highway 63 near Bono between Jonesboro and Walnut Ridge. Marvin Huckabay is the operator.