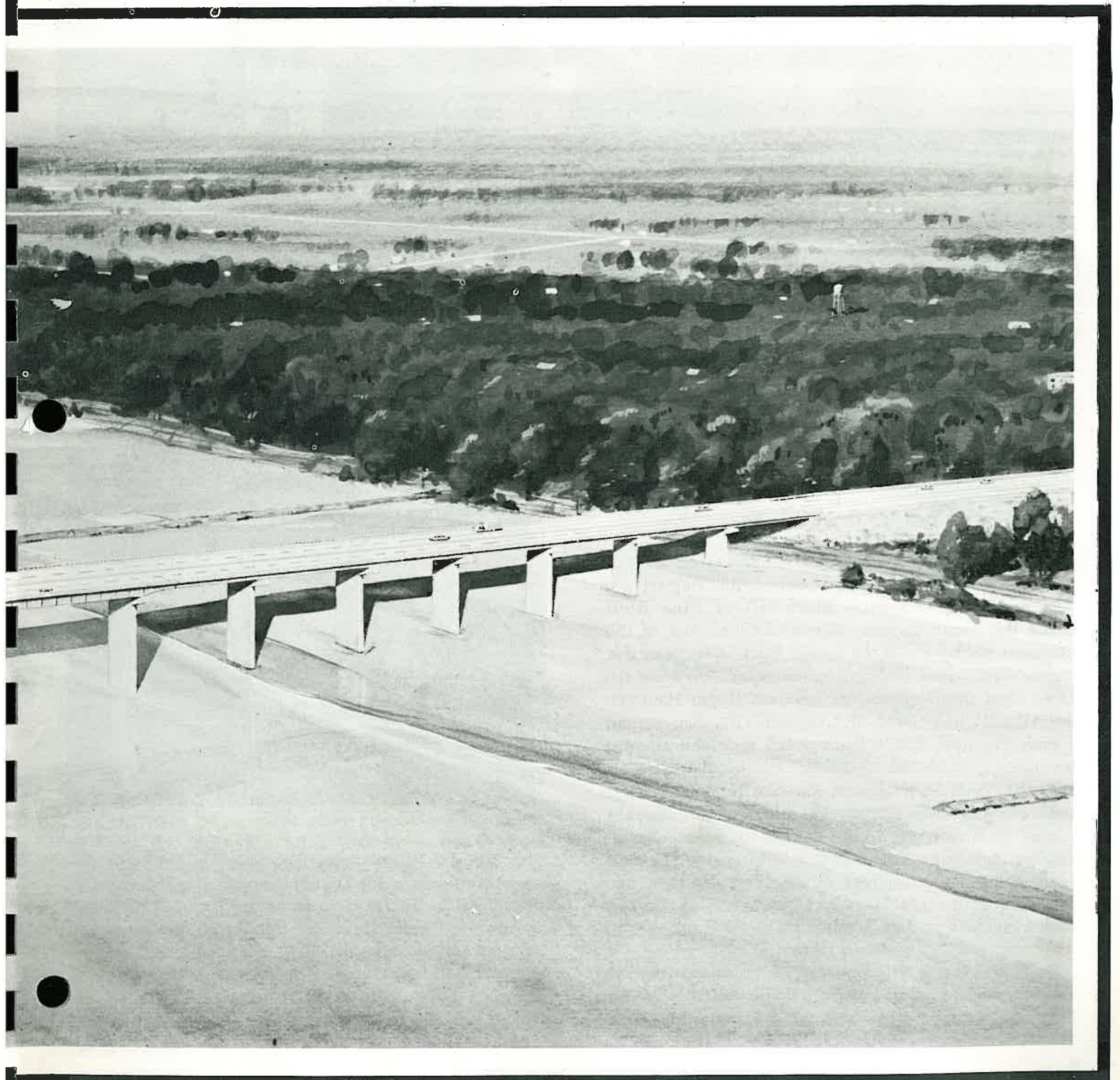


ARKANSAS HIGHWAYS

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FOUR RECEIVE AWARDS IN AUGUST



Retiring Resident Engineer Glenn Cotham, center, poses with two other members of the quadragesimal group, A. G. "Lanky" Rives, Sr., left of the Surveys Division, and retired Equipment Chief C. Don Hayes.

Glenn Cotham Completes 40 Years

Four employees were presented service awards on behalf of the Highway Commission August 23. Commissioner Lawrence Blackwell of Pine Bluff made the presentations. Glenn Cotham, one of the resident engineers in the Little Rock area, was the sixth employee to complete 40 years. He then retired from the Department. Leonard Edgar Hancock of Arkadelphia, Fred McLaughlin, Ft. Smith, and Frank Phillips, Little Rock, each received 20-year awards.

COTHAM, a native of Monticello, had worked with the Highway Department almost continuously since February of 1927, having been otherwise employed only once, and that a brief period. He had been a resident engineer since 1940. He and his wife, the former Daisy Lee Blythe of Earle, Arkansas, live at 916 Johnson in Little Rock. They have one son, also named Glenn.

The Cothams are members of Immanuel Baptist Church where he is active on the church's youth program. He also likes to hunt and fish when time permits.



McLAUGHLIN, a native of Ozark, is the equipment supervisor for District 4 with headquarters at Fort Smith. He is a veteran of World War II and holds the Purple Heart for service in the European theater of action. He is a Baptist and enjoys traveling. His wife is the former Sula Mattox of Ozark. They have four children. McLaughlin is noted among friends for his excellent sense of humor.



LEONARD HANCOCK, a truck driver with the Clark County maintenance forces, is a native of Clark County, having been born at Amity. He is married to the former Belle Ledbetter of Arkadelphia. They have two children. He is a Baptist and enjoys fishing and entertaining his six grandchildren.



FRANK PHILLIPS, is a supervisor in the Accounting Division at central headquarters. A native of Dardanelle in Yell County, he came to the Highway Department after completing business college in 1930. He later left to serve as Yell County Circuit Clerk and military duty with the Air Force during World War II. He returned to the Highway Department in 1946, where he is in charge of inventory control.

Frank and his wife, the former Agnes Lindsey of Russellville, have one son, Phillip, who lives in California. Frank is a Methodist, likes baseball and football, and in earlier years, was quite expert at bird hunting.

MRS. MAURICE SMITH IS ACTING LIBRARIAN AT WYNNE

Mrs. Maurice Smith, wife of Commissioner Smith from Birdeye, is acting librarian of Cross County Library at Wynne. Expansion and renovations to the library costing approximately \$57,000 have just been completed and Congressman E. C. Gathings was the main speaker at formal dedication of the facilities on September 3. Janet McElduff, secretary to District Engineer Charles Matthews and an accomplished organist, furnished organ music as a part of the program.

The library board is now concentrating on establishing branches and service centers all over the county. Branches have recently been located in the city halls of Parkin, Cherry Valley and Hickory Ridge. A service center has also been set up at Bay Village. The library has about 8,600 volumes and circulation more than doubled within the last year.



LETTERS

September 3, 1967

Gentlemen:

As we wind up the 1967 season may we thank those who have made it possible for us to provide maps, brochures and travel guides for the more than 100,000 tourists who have come our way. Your cooperation is appreciated by us and those who made use of your Information Center.

Mr. & Mrs. Ken Seeley, Mgrs.
"Hall of Information"
BLACK HILLS PASSION PLAY
Spearfish, South Dakota



BELLA VISTA PARK COMPLETED

This lovely roadside park and tourist information center, completed during the summer, is located on U.S. 71 between Bella Vista and the Missouri state line in Benton County.



Miss Jan Pickens of Bentonville helps Mr. and Mrs. Robert Buehler of Kansas City with tourist information. Miss Pickens has since resumed her studies at the University. Miss Kathy Huber and Mrs. Lela Mae Coonfield (above) are now employed at the information center.



Carl Roller of the Pea Ridge maintenance crew, keeps the park grounds looking shipshape.



KINGSTON ROADSIDE PARK IS DEDICATED

Members of the Kingston Home Demonstration Club made immediate use of the recently completed roadside park on Highway 21 approximately one mile north of the Madison County community. They sponsored a picnic and formal dedication of it on August 24.



On hand at the dedication were, from left: County Judge C.N. Watson, Tony DeChant, national president of Farmers' Union; Claude McConnell; Melvin Sikes, and standing, Assistant Madison County Agent Pete Hart.



Another group at the dedication: Standing, left to right: Judge Watson; Jim Johnson; Area Foreman John Miller; Madison County road foreman George Melchor; Claude McConnell; Dorin Beasley; one person unidentified; Bert Vaughn, Green Thumb foreman; Tony DeChant; Blue Carstenson, Legislative director of Farmers' Union; Clyde Spradling and his young son. Middle row: Pete Besjian (stooping), Assistant Director of the Green Thumb program; former Governor Orval E. Faubus; Charlie Guess; Hugh Delk, E. L. Whelchel; Rue Berry and Claude Phillips.

SAFETY SECTION CONDUCTS DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE



Lt. Jim Rowell was one of the instructors.

The Safety Section, headed by Roland Humble, sponsored a defensive driving school during the month of August for Central Office employees who drive state-owned vehicles or equipment. The course, conducted by State Police personnel, was drawn up by the National Safety Council as a part of their driver improvement program.

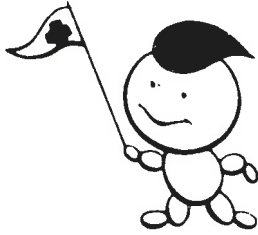
"Defensive driving" is defined by the Safety Council as not timid or overcautious, but at the same time determined to take every reasonable precaution to prevent traffic mishaps, *over and above* what the law requires him (her) to do.

The only three agencies in Arkansas approved to serve as instructors in the defensive driving course are the State Police, Farm Bureau and Melvin White, executive director of the Citizens' Traffic Safety Commission for the City of Little Rock. Lt. Jim Rowell, Sgts. Gerald Garrett and Bob Reynolds and Troopers Bobby Weaver and Ray Triplett were instructors for the Highway Department school.

Ninety-four employees began the course which was held in two 4-hour sessions. Of that number, 76 completed the course. A part of the course was a standard of driving excellence for each one taking the course to be used in evaluation of and improvement in driving.

Divisions represented at the school were Right of Way, Roadway Design, Planning and Research, Materials and Tests, Maintenance, Traffic Services, Bridge Design, Surveys, Office Engineer, Construction, Internal Audit and Safety.

A similar school was conducted in District 5 at Batesville in March and was attended by all employees in the district.



BILLY BLOODROP

DRAWING HELD

AT CENTRAL

HEADQUARTERS

At the blood drawing held at the central headquarters building August 21, 24 pints were contributed. Only three persons who attempted to give blood were unable to on that day.

Many people have the mistaken idea that if they attempt to give blood at one time and cannot, then they can never give it. That is a fallacy, however, and depends upon the donor's physical condition at a particular time.

It is a fact that many persons are permanently unable to give blood but many other employees are taking unfair advantage of the benefits of the blood program coverage for them and their families by refusing to make any attempt to donate blood or to obtain someone to give in their place.

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A.H.D. GALLON CLUB INCREASES BY FOUR

Bob Fulton of the Beautification Section gave a pint of blood at the August 21 drawing, making two gallons he has contributed and thus qualifying him for the Gallon Club.

James V. Sikes, a summer employee in the Legal Division (who had returned to college when the picture was made), and J. T. Millard and Jim Woodson, both of the Traffic Services Division, each gave a pint, making one gallon for each of the three.



Left to right: James Millard, Jim Woodson, and Bob Fulton.

FEDERAL HIGHWAY FUNDS FOR 1969 ALLOTTED

Federal highway funds amounting to \$4.8 billion have been apportioned to the states for the fiscal year 1969, according to Secretary of Transportation Alan S. Boyd. Of that amount, \$3.8 billion will go for interstate highway construction and \$1 billion for Federal-aid primary, secondary and urban highways.

Arkansas' portion is \$42,799,146 broken down as follows: interstate, \$29,532,175; primary, \$6,642,681; secondary, \$5,258,619; and urban, \$1,365,671.

Federal aid funds may be used only for new construction or highway improvements, right of way and engineering costs. Roads built with partial Federal funds remain under state ownership and maintenance. The states choose the routes to be improved, select and plan projects, award contracts, supervise construction and acquire right of way, subject to review and approval of the Federal Highway Administration.

Federal funds for interstate construction are apportioned among the states in the ratio that the estimated cost of completing the system mileage in each state bears to the total estimated cost of completing the entire system.

Dollars spent on transportation in America amounts to nearly 20 percent of the national gross product.

**COTHAM AND PHILLIPS HONORED
BY EMPLOYEES ON BEHALF OF AWARDS**



Glenn and Mrs. Cotham were honored with an appropriately-decorated cake and accompanying refreshments in the offices of District 6 Engineer Bert Rownd the day of the awards.



"After the ball..." Frank takes a seat and loosens his tie. Welcoming well-wishers can be a tiring, though satisfying, affair.

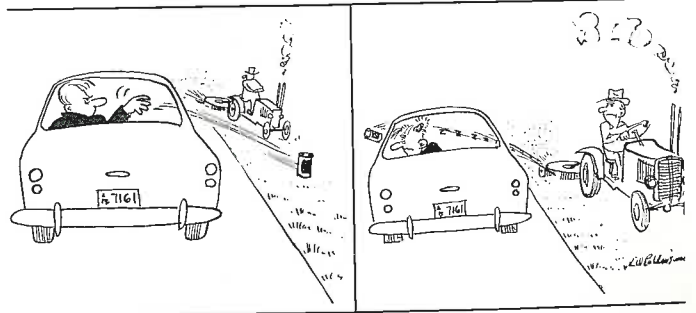


Frank and Agnes Phillips were remembered by the folks in Accounting with a lovely cake and punch.

WE AMERICANS ARE LITTER CRITTERS

Keep America Beautiful, Inc., the organization who keeps tabs on our lack of roadside manners, has estimated that it will require a work force of 500,000 persons to clean up after the mob of Labor Day holiday motorists dashed hither and yon, leaving in their wake a blanket of litter along the road-sides, beaches, parks and woodlands that will cost \$9 million taxpayers dollars to remove.

Here in Arkansas for the first seven months of 1967 the Highway Department has spent \$58,610.15 collecting and disposing of 2,249 loads of roadside rubbish at an average cost per load of \$21.69. And that's not the worst part - there's still tons of it out there!



INDIAN DANCING — IT HAS NOT YET GONE THE WAY OF THE MOHICANS

Mary Day Herndon, Editor



Hobbies are many and varied, and to many Arkansans the leisure hours mean lazy indulgence in hunting, fishing, camping and water sports in our state with its abundance of lakes and rivers. But not so for George and Lynn Major of 1122 N. Harrison. Their hobby is Indian dancing — and it's no passtime for the loafer.

Several times a year they journey to wherever a pow-wow is being held, usually at various locations in Texas or Oklahoma.

You're probably thinking, they came from a part of the country where Indians are native. Not so again. George was born and reared in Little Rock. He does have Indian blood traced from the paternal side dating back to a Cherokee relative some four generations ago. His handsome good looks give no hint of Indian ancestry, however, especially the fair complexion and very blue eyes. He is quiet and soft-spoken, almost shy, but the blue eyes get a gleam and the puffs from his pipe send up their own smoke signal when he discusses Indian lore. There doesn't seem to be much he doesn't know about the race, their customs and traditions. I don't know what an Indian dancer is supposed to look like but I can't comprehend a quiet young man like Major whooping it up in a war-dance at a pow-wow.

Major first became interested in Indian lore when he, as a cub scout, attended a performance given in Little Rock by two traveling Indian singers and dancers. Since that time he has become a virtual walking encyclopedia of Indian fact and legend.

The Majors have membership in the Texas Indian Hobbyist Association (T.I.H.A.). Through the years Indian songs and dances were never written down or recorded in any way, but endured from generation to generation by tribal members who committed them to memory. Some years ago it was realized that young Indian Americans are just like all other Americans — they all want to look like Beatles and sing Beatle songs.

There seemed a great possibility that the songs and dances of older Indians might go to the grave with them, and thus a beautiful and interesting part of Americana would vanish from the scene. To prevent that from happening, a group of Texans formed T.I.H.A. (which they call Tee-ha') in 1960 to encourage and preserve the arts, crafts and rituals of the American Indian. Some of Tee-ha's members are Indian but most are white people like the Major who are interested in Indians.

The most recent pow-wow which the Majors attended was at a predominantly Indian gathering

at Grand Prairie, Texas, September 16, where George danced to defend his title of fourth best dancer in the Adult Fancy War Dance category of the Texas Indian Hobbyist Association. He won the title at a pow-wow held July 21-22, 1967 at Lampasas, Texas. The pow-wow there was sponsored by the Lampasas Jaycees and held in the high school football stadium. A pow-wow today simply means a social gathering and not the portent of war as in earlier, less compatible years. Though the Indians don't go to war anymore, war dancing holds a prominent place at pow-wows and it is one of the categories on which male dance contestants are judged.

The pow-wows hold to tribal customs, costumes, traditions and dances as closely as possible to preserve authenticity. Drums and singing provide the only background music for the dancers. Though there are guidelines which judges consider in deciding who is the best dancer, Indian dancing is not actually taught as such. The dances are largely interpretive and about all the preparation a contestant makes is to participate in the "warm up" session held at the beginning of a pow-wow. Even that is the individual's prerogative.

His win at Lampasas is an enviable one, because of the 400-500 contestants, many of whom were Indian and the judges were Indians. The classic war dance is the fundamental form of dancing characteristic of the Indian prior to and during the early days of the white man's entry upon the land. During its performance, warriors act out feats of valor and boast of other feats to come. Other categories of

George holds a fan of snakebird feathers and his most prized possession, a flute given to him by a Kiowa Indian friend from Fort Worth which had been in the family for generations.



competition include fancy, or Plains Indian, war dancing, (an exhibition dance), dancing by teams, dancing by ladies costumed in leather, ladies costumed in cloth, the same for senior and junior age girls, a hoop dance requiring a great skill by the performer as he manipulates a series of hoops about the arms, legs and torso in complex patterns, and participated in by both men and senior and junior age boys. There are even categories for tiny tots.

A dancer's costume is as important as his or her dancing and its authenticity is judged along with the dance. George and Lynn, as well as most other dance contestants, make their own costumes. A certain number of specified feathers, eagle, hawk, owl, etc. are required in the costume for it to be authentic. Latecomers in the Indian dancing field have difficulty at this point, since it is now virtually impossible to acquire the necessary number of eagle feathers particularly without running afoul of the law. The eagle, national bird and nearing extinction, has been under rigid protection since 1964 and the sale of even one eagle feather is a federal offense. The hawk and owl likewise are protected. To legally possess eagle feathers a person must be able to prove ownership prior to 1964 — and acceptable proof is not easy to obtain.

When asked if this statute would force Indian dancers to modify their regulations for costumes, Major said, with typical Indian stoicism, "We won't change, it wouldn't be authentic."

"But", I persisted, "won't the federal authorities make a practice of being on hand whenever pow-wows are in session?"

"Yes, as a matter of fact, they are already," he replied. And then related how at a recent pow-wow a federal agent disguised in Indian costume offered to buy two eagle feathers for \$20 each and when, after some pressure, a man attending the pow-wow agreed to the sale, he revealed his position as a federal agent and the owner of the feathers was indicted and sentenced to prison.

Pow-wows last all the way from one day to a week, with afternoon and evening sessions each day. Each session is opened with a parade followed by an invocation. Then the dancers stand and sing what amounts to the National Indian anthem (the flag song). Most Indian songs perpetuate legends and tales of battle and extraordinary valor.

Many states now have Indian hobbyist associations and members travel far and wide across the United States to attend pow-wows. Within an association will be any number of teams. Tee-ha' is made up of 21 teams. Each team elects a princess who is entered as a candidate in a contest to determine a pow-wow princess. The pow-wow at Lampasas

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ALL ABOUT HARRY Q. FOGG

Editor's note: The two stories below were written by Mark Jones, 13-yr.-old son of Resident Engineer and Mrs. Ralph Jones for entry in a young people's contest at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Little Rock. Mark, an eighth grade student in Forest Heights Junior High School, won a \$50.00 savings bond for his entries.



Yes, it really takes the soul from you to see a full-grown man having to stop halfway across the room just to catch his breath. Such is the painful case of Mr. Fogg. You see, this innocent middle-aged man has a tragic disease - emphysema.

He still reminisces about the good old days though; a night out with the crowd, fishing at the lake, golf with the boys.

Then Harry remembers the day he tried that first fun-looking cigarette, not knowing what dangers lay ahead. But we can't put all the blame on Harry, because hardly anyone knew very much about smoking. He had only one chance - stop smoking immediately. This wasn't very easy, in fact, it is quite hard. Well, ole H.Q.F. couldn't lick it. And that's too bad, for Harry has two boys. They may not make it to college. Harry is expected to live for two or three more years. No more golf, no more evenings out, no nothing. Just think about it; this man's life was utterly cut in half; and what sorrow for his close friends and relatives.

Emphysema and the diseases like it result in a very lingering, painful death. You would think that if for no other reason, Harry could have stopped smoking for the benefit of his family.

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ALCOHOL

What is Alcoholism? The state of which a person cannot control his drinking; and although he may be conscious of the problems it presents, continues to drink. The life of an alcoholic is cut short in two ways; first it is cut short in years; and more important, it is cut morally. The moral standards of this alcoholic are probably low.

For an example, let's take the Boozys, a hypothetical family. There is much disorder in the broken-up household. Joe is separated from his wife and children, who are ages 5 and 9. For the rest of their lives his kids will have to try to live down the fact that their own father was a drunk. It's too late for Joe but there is still time to save others if we can only make them see what they are doing.

Alcoholism: a home-wrecker and a killer; don't let it catch up with you.

HIGHWAY DAMES RESUME MEETINGS

Jo Nell Moore, Publicity Chairman

The Highway Dames auxiliary will hold their first fall meeting on Thursday, September 28 with a luncheon in the Department building dining room, followed by a showing of the Highway Department film, "Arkansas Highway Travel Diary."

A schedule of interesting meetings has been formulated for the 1967-68 year, including a trip to Conway by chartered bus on October 26 for lunch at the Town House Restaurant and a tour of the Children's Colony. The telephone committee will be working, but if they should miss calling any member, please call Margaret Bartleson, MO 6-1593, for reservations.

Other events planned are a coiffure review in November, and a tea and tour of the Governor's mansion in December.

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was the 11th one staged by Tee-ha and some 5,000 performers, exhibitors and visitors attended.

Major says he may go as long as six months without shuffling a mocassin but when he gets to a meeting, he goes through a practice session and is ready for the competition.

Teams adopt interesting names such as Tejas ("friendly") Indian Dancers of Houston, Sahawhe (Iroquois for "long feather") Dancers of Lubbock, Latonka ("great ones"), Sotso ("morning star"), Neep, which the Majors belong to, and many others.

Major has been a draftsman in the Roadway Design Division since 1964. His wife, Lynn, teaches at Fair Park Elementary School.

"HOEGER DAY" IN SWEDEN

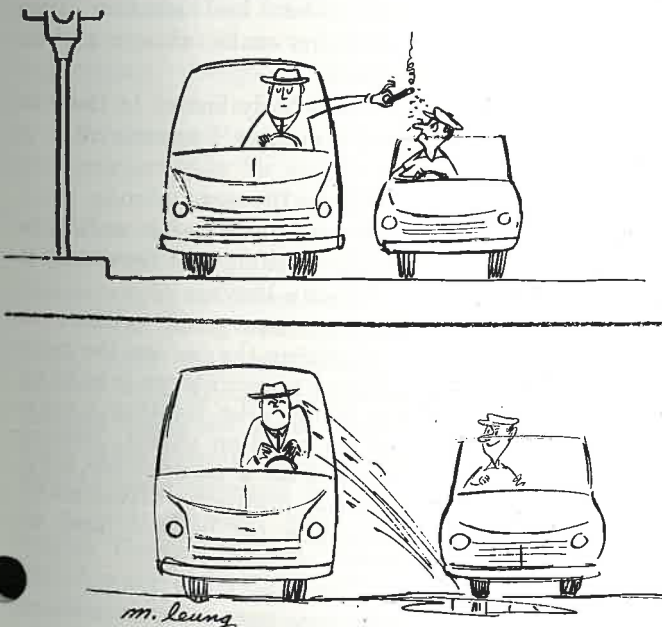
Sunday, September 3 was "H" day in Sweden, for that was the day when traffic on that country's highways switched from left-hand to right-hand driving. "Hoeger" is the Swedish word for right.

Motor traffic was banned on the streets of Stockholm on Saturday, September 2, the first part of the nation to feel the changeover. Strollers and cyclists had a field day, sometimes moving six abreast without danger of being run down while workers were busy posting new traffic signs. Only taxis and emergency vehicles were permitted on the streets. The rest of the country's deadline for motor vehicle bans was 1:00 a.m. Sunday. Then, at 5:00 a.m. Sunday, it was strictly right-hand driving. Stockholm police reported no incidents while all traffic was stopped but a bicyclist, practicing right-hand driving Friday, ran into a car and was killed.

The cost of the changeover in driving habits is costing \$120 million and most of the population wanted to leave driving as it was but the government, alarmed at the sharp increase in road accidents, decided in 1964 after 40 years of debate to make the change.

Last year 2,000 foreigners, all from right-hand countries, were involved in Swedish road accidents and more than 5,000 Swedes got into accidents while visiting countries with right-hand drive. Nearly 15 million cars cross Sweden's border every year and this figure is expected to double by the mid-1970s.

The government hoped there would be no rush into cars on the opening day of right-hand driving



but authorities, fearful of many accidents, had 8,000 policemen watching traffic and 150,000 volunteers ready to guide pedestrians at 20,000 dangerous intersections throughout the country. In an effort to keep motorists home on Sunday, a soccer game between the Swedish and Norwegian national teams was scheduled for the afternoon.

Sweden was the last remaining country in continental Europe to drive on the left-hand side. It is still practiced in Great Britain, Ireland, Iceland, Malta and Cyprus. Iceland plans to switch to right-hand driving in May of 1968.

Did you ever wonder how the practice of left-hand driving got started in the first place? It is the result of an old custom of self preservation dating back to medieval days. A man's best protection against violence when walking or riding horseback along narrow roads or paths was his strong right arm, therefore, he would move to the left to keep his sword arm between himself and a stranger who may do him harm. Nothing is said about what recourse the left-handed swordsman had under that traffic flow plan.

WHAT...AND WHO...CAUSES ACCIDENTS?

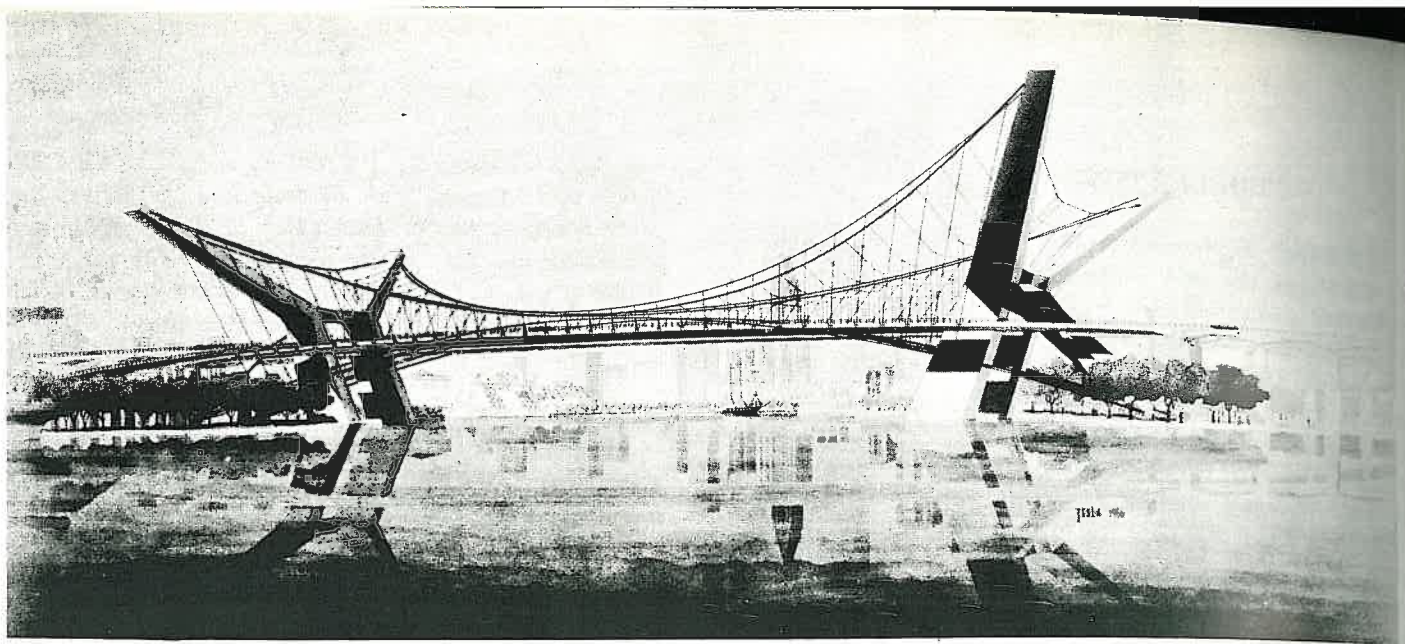
Who causes highway accidents and why? The speeder, the careless driver, the pokey driver, the inebriate, the fatigued driver, distractions, men, women, youths?

In the first place, the average driver, like you, is involved in most accidents. It isn't always the fool or daredevil who makes the error. The everyday driver, driving too fast and taking one chance too many is often the culprit.

Statistics from a study of 5,200 single-car accidents reported in a two-month period, showed that lack of physical skill and mistakes in judgment, categorized as faulty driving, accounted for 25 percent of the total number; and excessive speed (which might well be called a mistake in judgment), 24 percent. Other major causes were drinking and use of drugs (including those prescribed for medicinal purposes), and drowsiness. Mechanical failures accounted for only 10 percent of the accidents.

Though excessive speed is unquestionably a major cause of traffic accidents and fatalities, too-slow driving can be dangerous, too. In all likelihood there is not as many too-slow drivers on the highways as there are speeders, nevertheless a few slow-pokes on a busy highway can be a serious hazard. The slow driver undoubtedly considers himself a careful and safe driver. He is cautious and takes no chances. The speed of an individual automobile has less to do with the likelihood of an accident

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THE LAST WORD IN BRIDGE DESIGN

A New York engineering firm has proposed this revolutionary concept in design for a bridge to be constructed at Baltimore, Maryland. The new type "tension bridge" is based on the now well-established tension roof system developed for such large structures as the New York State Pavilion of the New York World Fair.

The bridge is designed to carry two highways across the entrance to Inner Harbor. Three decks, built on the same level with a total of 14 lanes, will offer convenient driving and an open view of the city.

Steel cables criss-crossing in various planes and supported by Y-shaped abutments at each end of the bridge support the decks. The designers claim that the Y-shaped abutments, to be constructed astride the middle deck, will not be as expensive as the usual vertical towers at each face of the three decks.

The convex cables are not noticeably different from those on conventional suspension bridges but

the concave cables, which are anchored in the ground, pull down on the convex, making the basket-like suspension system extremely rigid and stabilizing it against vibrations.

(Sketch and information courtesy Lev Zetlin & Associates, New York.)

"HOEGER DAY" (Continued from page 11)

than the difference between its speed and that of other cars on the road. A study by the Bureau of Public Roads showed the "average" speed to be the best for all drivers and concludes that a driver dawdling along a rural highway at 20 miles an hour below the speed limit so irritates motorists trapped behind him that after poking along for miles behind him, will eventually take risks they otherwise would not in order to get around him. Some highways have minimum speed limits posted to try to keep traffic flowing at an average speed. Minimum speed limits of course do not apply when bad weather, poor visibility or other conditions make slower speeds advisable for safe operation.

A fact that may not be widely known is that the fatality rate is lower at "average" speeds than at "too" slow" speeds.

Male Drivers

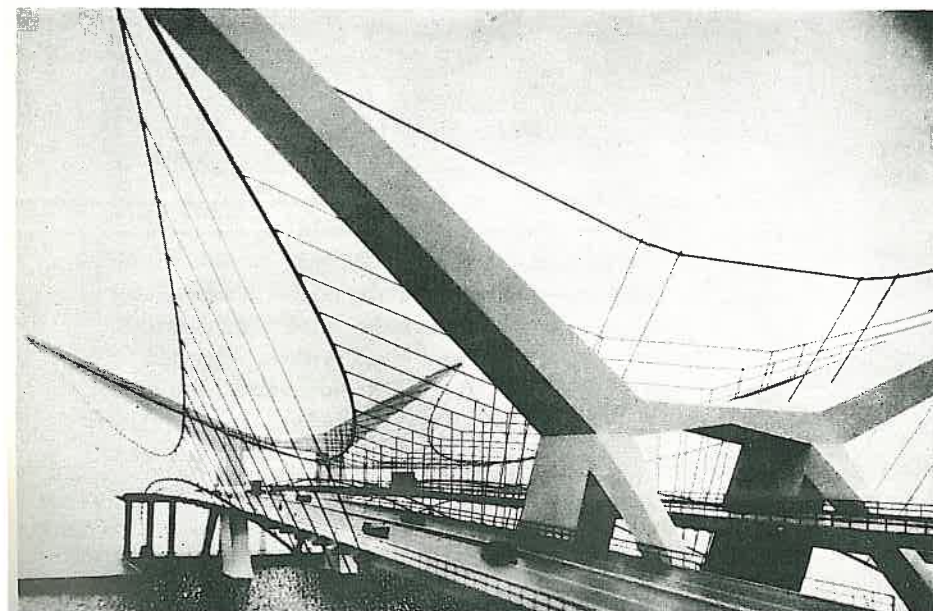
Men are more often involved in accidents caused by speed, drinking and drowsiness.

Female Drivers

Faulty driving, emergency situations and distractions within the car are the main causes of single-car accidents involving women. Little things like lighting a cigarette, reaching for a fallen object, looking away from the road for a moment too long, tuning the radio may distract a driver sufficiently to cause him (or her) to have an accident.

Age

The 15-to-24 year age group is undeniably the most dangerous period for single-car accidents and oldsters in between.



FELLOWS, BLAME KETTERING FOR WOMEN DRIVERS

Ever hear Grandpa tell about how difficult it was to start a car back in the early 1900's? A crank had to be turned by hand, and by a strong man at that, to get the motor even to turn over and fire. Some oldtimers say that on a cold day it might take an hour's cranking. Conditions being what they were, women naturally did not take to "automobiling" in any great hordes.

Their salvation, however, was in the offing, for in 1912 a gentleman by the name of Charles Kettering came out with a self starter for cars, thus eliminating the burdensome, and infuriating task of manual cranking. From that time on, women became more and more interested in driving and it is said that many of the refinements of the motor car, such as prettier colors, comfortable seats, carpeted floors, etc. were demanded by ladies. You might say Kettering was an emancipator of sorts - he got women out of the kitchen into the automobile.

The self starter, besides being a boon to women drivers, no doubt helped many men immeasurably in maintaining their composure, for when "Lizzie" would fire with a spasmodic cough, oftentimes the lurch was sufficient to wrest the crank handle from a man's hands and send it spinning counter-clockwise to deliver a bone shattering blow to the shin in the process. At such times of stress it was very difficult, if not altogether impossible, for a man to keep his adjectives and verbs on a high and gentlemanly plane.

The first rumble ("mother-in-law") seat appeared in 1917. Balloon tires, hydraulic brakes and shatter-proof windshields followed in the 1920's. In the '30's the gearshift moved from the floor to the steering column, though it is often found on the floor in some of today's models.

Rayon cord tires have probably been one of the greatest aids for safety and comfort in driving. Some people have driven 50,000 miles on one set of modern tires. Fifty years ago a driver was lucky if his new tires would take him 2,000 miles. Of course, road conditions had something to do with that.

In the early years automobiles were actually little more than motorized buggies. They were lighted with kerosene map lamps. Tires were of braided rope and there were no fenders. Engines were often mounted behind the driver's seat. Some models were powered by steam engines and some by electric motors. Many men, including the inventor Thomas Edison, thought that electric cars would prove to be the most feasible because women could operate them more easily.

A place to buy gasoline was a problem 60 years ago, as there were no service stations along

the roads. Bicycle shops were the first to sell gasoline because so many of their customers were motorists whose cars needed repair. Bicycle shops also did the repair work then, as there were no highly trained automobile mechanics as we know them today.

Motorists expected to encounter tire punctures (it was possible to have two tires blow out on a 20-mile trip) so some people carried as many as three spares. If a tire was punctured, at least an hour of pounding with a sledge hammer was necessary to get the tire off the rim so that a patch could be applied. If the tire blew out, the driver might as well discard it right there, as there was no vulcanizing service. So, think again when you see a service station on each of the four corners. And ladies don't forget that nice Mr. Kettering.

PROBATION PERIOD FIRST, DRIVER'S LICENSE AFTERWARD IN AUSTRALIA

In the state of Victoria in Australia, drivers are not entitled to a full driving license until they have been driving a car for three years without a serious traffic violation. Under this probationary system a motorist automatically loses his license for three months if convicted of any of seven offenses.

In Ohio all drivers under 21 are on probation but even their probationary status is revoked for one year if convicted of three separate moving traffic violations in a two-year period.

French drivers of 70 years of age are required to have a medical examination each two years and after age 76 the examination requirement is annual. Failure to hold a certificate renders a driver over 70 liable to a prison sentence of from one week to a month plus a stiff fine.

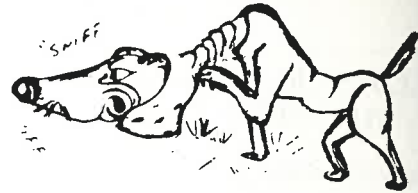
NYMPH JONES SUCCUMBS

Nymph Jones, former equipment supervisor of District 8 at Russellville, died August 20. He retired in May, 1966 after 30 years with the Highway Department. He was widely known and well-liked by scores of employees in the Department. Two years of his tenure was spent at the Jacksonville shops.

Jones, 65, is survived by his widow; two sons, Edwin, Morrilton, and John, North Little Rock; his mother, Mrs. Addie Jones, Ola; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were at Russellville, with interment at Ola.

AROUND the DEPARTMENT



The Highway Department has been like a beehive this summer with everybody going off in all directions. We not only build highways — we use 'em, too, especially those to Six Flags and Florida. While on a long Labor Day weekend trip to Florida, I cautioned my family to be careful and avoid an automobile accident, because if we should hit someone, it would probably be a fellow A.H.D. employee and his kin. The good Lord was good enough to watch over us so that we went and returned without becoming a part of the fatal 587. I did witness some awfully foolish judgment by other drivers, especially for a holiday weekend, though I am sure none of those were A.H.D. folks.

I am no fun-in-the-sun gal myself but just to get away for a few days, enjoy the fresh, salt air, and see some different scenery is refreshing and helps me better appreciate these lovely Arkansas hills (where a person can go all year and not see as much sand as I brought home on the floorboard of the car after one short weekend at the beach.) And I believe by the end of the week the vacuum cleaner and I will have about routed the sand from clothes, shoes and luggage. And in about the same length of time, son Randy's nose will have a new layer of skin, the third this summer. The only thing about that refreshing salt air is that it refreshes my appetite, which never needs it. Oh, well, as John Helgen says, there are 50 weeks ahead to rid oneself of vacation caloric indulgences.

Oh, girls, I did happen upon a different way of exercise. We toured the battleship Alabama now anchored in Mobile Bay and after about two hours and a half of jumping through the hatches and stooping to protect the scalp, I was ready for a chair and some food, calories be-hanged. Though a battleship is actually a monstrous craft, the free space is limited and passageways are small but the crewmen doubtless keep agile as monkeys from constantly popping through these pedestrian speed breaks. In the Army it's Hup, two, three, four. In the Navy it's one, two, three, Hop and Stoop. And Hop and Stoop better happen simultaneously.

Marie Blankenship of the Safety Section is vacationing this week, September 4.

It's good to hear that Brenda McRaven in Traffic Services has improved sufficiently from her automobile accidents to recuperate at home.

Ronald Keene's sister from Minnesota flew down for a visit with him August 25 and he accompanied her back to spend two weeks up there where he hails from.

Virginia Williams' husband Ken has won a trip to the Bahamas and they will leave October 5. Virginia is the secretary in Internal Audit. Oh, the good fortune to have an expense paid trip like that! And guess what Virginia's first reaction was...Yep, you guessed it — "What will I wear?"

Frank Caple, procurement officer, attended a magicians convention at Corpus Christi over the Labor Day weekend. Can you imagine what it would be like at a hotel where 400 or so magicians were convening, each with his own bag of tricks! Went by for a visit with Pete Daggett

at Arkansas Baptist Medical Center on August 23 where he is "recuping" from a stroke. He is making commendable progress with his therapy and expects to go home about September 12. I told him if he worked hard on his "gym" lessons, he may come out a ballet dancer. It's possible that he could be back on the job by the time this is in print.



Gail Fisher

We have a new employee on Floor 10 in the person of Gail Fisher. She is on the Director's staff and sharing the office with Commission Secretary Bertie Carr. Visit with Gail when you have the chance... she is a native of New Orleans and you'll love her Cajun accent. Her husband, Fred, is with Skil-Saw Power Tools and was recently transferred here. They have one little daughter, 4, named Desiree (pronounced Des-eh-ray'), and reside near the central headquarters at 8711 Winston Drive.

Miss Nancy Lynn Ratcliff of Procurement and Reed Wilson Thompson, Jr. were wed Friday evening, August 11 in a double ring ceremony at Park Hill Baptist Church in North Little Rock. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Grady F. Ratcliff, 813 Cherry Hill Drive, and Mr. and Mrs. Reed W. Thompson, 2000 McCain Blvd., all of North Little Rock. Rev. Rheubin L. South officiated.

The bride wore a traditional wedding gown of organza and taffeta and chapel-length train. A reception followed in the fellowship hall of the church. The couple is now at home at 306 West G Street in North Little Rock.

W. C. "Butch" Wilson vacationed with his family the first two weeks of September. They planned to visit at El Dorado and points in Louisiana.

Sam Montgomery of North Little Rock has been hired to replace John Wayne

Hughes in the Mail Room. John leaves for the Air Force the week of September 18.

It was good to have Forrest Bogart of Forrest City pay a brief visit to the Magazine office recently. "Bogey" was synonymous with Right of Way for many years prior to his retirement. Recently he and three other Forrest City men were called upon by the St. Francis County Historical Society to recall facts about early Boy Scouting. They, along with five others, were charter members of an independent scout troop organized in 1910, two years before the Boy Scouts of America was founded.



Helen "Cookie" McCook, head of the mail and supply rooms, was treated to an evening at the Olde West Theater on her birthday, August 29. She was also treated to birthday cake and coffee at the office. On September 6 she completed 20 years with A.H.D. and received the appropriate pin and certificate.

We're going to have to make the "We Goofed" column of this tabloid a permanent feature, looks like. It seems we reported that Billy Pryor of Internal Audit was leaving to go to the Corps of Engineers but it's really the Bureau of Public Roads. We're sorry 'bout that, Billy, and sorry you're going at all. Don't give us any trouble from the Bureau and we will let you come back to visit us perchance.

ASK QUESTIONS

"Don't be afraid to ask dumb questions. They're more easily handled than dumb mistakes."—William W. Haines in *High Tension*.



Now, where did that fool horse go? seems to be the question paused by Ed Orsini's puzzled expression. But no matter, Ed isn't a cowboy, he just likes the attire and someone caught him at the District 4 headquarters all dressed up with no horse to ride. Nifty-looking dude, isn't he?



ACCOUNTING DIVISION

Mildred Harness - Mell Jones

Frank Phillips received his 25-year pin on August 23rd, in the Commission Room. Mr. Lawrence Blackwell made the presentation. Open house was held in the Accounting Division with a large cake, decorated with a state outline, and fruit punch being served. Frank's very attractive wife, Agnes, was among those present commemorating the event. The hostesses were Bonnie Hill, Doris Whitson and Sue McElvey, who were responsible for the very pretty table decorations. It was quite a day for all of us, seeing people we had not seen in a long time...You all come again!

Bob Landfair, a former employee who worked for the Highway Department in Purchasing in Jacksonville and Little Rock a few years ago, visited the building a few days ago. He was renewing friendships and showing pictures of his two little girls. He now runs a store in Tillar, Arkansas, and still gets his magazine each month, but he says there is not enough news. Now REALLY, Bob! We enjoyed his visit and hope he comes again.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Patch and three daughters, Dianne, Donna and Denise from Indianola, Iowa visited Bob and Bonnie Hill recently. Carolyn is Bob's sister.

Doris Whitson and family recently visited her mother in Dallas, Texas, and in Longview, the parents of her husband, Joe. They had a wonderful time and acquired a new boat, but haven't invited us all to go fishing on it yet.

Willene Dorris recently attended a family reunion in Monticello. Her mother, Mrs. Rogers of Star City, returned home with Willene to spend a week.

Aleene Boysen's daughter, Betty, is living with her while her husband, Dave, is in Vietnam. Betty will be teaching third grade at Badgett Elementary School, and along with all of us, has been very busy preparing for the new school year.

Rose Clingan had a visit from her two sisters from St. Louis, Mo. A family reunion was held in Chidester, Ark., the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Stinnett, Sr. The new baby, Paul, son of her sister, Betty, and husband, Guy Kilpatrick, was welcomed by the proud family.

Congratulations to Wylie Barron, who recently was transferred from Utility Auditor to Assistant Section Head, replacing Carl Morris.

Pat Koonce recently made a flying trip to Indiana to pick up her two daughters, Wilma and Janice, who had spent a few weeks with their grandparents. She got back just in time to welcome her brother, John Racster and family from Cullman, Ala., who stopped by for a short visit.

LaRue Jones was treated to a Mexican dinner by Mildred Harness, Pat Koonce and Mell Jones, as she is to return to Henderson College this week. We will all miss LaRue and wish her the best.

Ann McNabb is expecting a visit from her mother-in-law, Mrs. Annie McNabb, over the weekend. She is arriving today Sept. 1, from Nashville, Ga., accompanied by her daughter, Carol.



BEAUTIFICATION

The Staff

Ben Hogan and Bryan Davis are planning to attend the twenty-sixth Roadside Development Short Course to be held at Columbus, Ohio in October. The conference is co-sponsored by the Ohio Department of Highways and Ohio State University.

Raymond and Hazel Behrens enjoyed a trout fishing trip to Heber Springs over the Labor Day weekend.

Raymond "Boots" Holland, has lifted and planted approximately 50 trees at the District 10 headquarters in Paragould. The Beautification Section is making good use of the new Vermeer tree planter.

Ben and Jeannie Hogan have moved recently to 301 Reeves Road in North Little Rock. They had the misfortune of having lightning strike their home in Indian Head Lakes Estates about two months ago. The lightning caused a fire

which resulted in some damage to their home.

Bud Witter will address the Wynne Garden Club, Wednesday, September 13 at noon. Bud and Lucy Witter joined some long-time friends from Lubbock for a week-end of visiting at Dallas the week of August 19.

The younger brother of Raymond Manis was killed recently in a one car accident at DeWitt.

Beautification Engineer Ben Hogan attended an AASHO committee meeting on highway beautification in Denver, Colo. the week of September 11.



COUNTY PROGRAM

Barbara Oldham

Gene Thomas has been back with us this summer and plans to return to Little Rock University this fall. By the time you are reading this article, Gene will be attending classes. We all want to wish him the best of luck in the future. Hope to see you next summer, Gene.

We are still a busy, busy office...not much on news...just busy.

See you next month.



EQUIPMENT AND CENTRAL SHOP

Tyronza Hines & Sue Fuller

Welcome to Frank Pitts who transferred to the Equipment section from Procurement. Most of us have known Frank a long time, and are real glad to have him in our office.

Sandra Behnke is looking forward to seeing her brother, A3c Terry Nolen, who is expected home for a short leave during the Labor-Day weekend. Terry received his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base and has been assigned to the school for jet mechanics at Chanute Air Force Base in Champaign, Ill. He formerly attended LRU and is a member of Sigma Nu fraternity.

Leon Sneed's son, Bill, is in basic training at the Great Lakes Naval Academy. Upon completion, he will be assigned to an electronics school in Pensacola, Fla. Another son, Larry, will attend the University of Arkansas where he will be a sophomore. His major is industrial engineering.

Avalee Padgett's daughter, Jane, has enrolled at the School of X-ray Technology at the Arkansas Medical Center. Classes will begin Sept. 5. Her younger daughter, Wilma, as co-captain of the Jacksonville Jr. High cheerleaders, was one of several girls who attended Cheerleader Clinic in Jonesboro the week of Aug. 6-11. Their group received a trophy for No. 1 rating among 15 schools.



Jacksonville Junior High School's cheerleaders. Jane Padgett is in the center, holding another cheerleader in the formation.

Roy Keathley's wife recently had surgery at Memorial Hospital in North Little Rock. She is reported to be doing well, and should be going home soon.

Several employees have been on vacation this month. Clyde Holmes and her mother had an enjoyable trip to Fort Worth, Texas, where they visited relatives. They also did some sight-seeing and went to Six Flags. Bennie Robbins is on vacation as of this writing.

We are going to miss Preston Hamess who has resigned to accept other employment. We all wish him the best of luck.

Two of our men became "Grandpa" again. Carl Hillis and Frank Boyett have new grandsons.

James and Leona Hardcastle visited in Georgia and then spent a few days in St. Louis.

Jack and Mary Price drove to New Orleans and stayed a couple of days. Dub and Berry Colvert spent a few days in Nebraska visiting friends.

Others on vacation this month who just stayed around home were Sue Fuller, Parker Harden, and Mac Skelton.

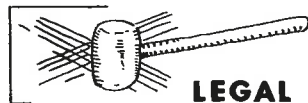
We were sorry to hear of the deaths of two of our former employees who were night watchmen for Central Shops up until their retirement. Mr. A. G. Jackson passed away August 19th and Mr. Bruce Hardcastle on the 29th of August.

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Hear about the cowboy in a Western movie whose horse stopped suddenly? Injun trouble.

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The years are beginning to add up if it takes you longer to rest than it did to get tired.



LEGAL DIVISION

Joyce Porter

School is about to begin and everyone is in a dither trying to get children registered or clothes packed for a trip away to school. Martha Myers is returning to Little Rock University... Jimmy Sikes to the University of Arkansas. Both were treated to a Mexican lunch at Brownings on their last day here. Jimmy was just recently wed to the former Eileen O'Brian of Virginia. Mrs. Sikes will be teaching first grade at Springdale this year. We were sorry to lose Martha and Jimmy but perhaps they can come back and visit us on vacation.

Helen Hackett was involved in an automobile accident on August 27 and suffered fractured ribs and multiple bruises. At this writing (August 31st) she is still not able to be back with us but we hope she will be well and return soon.

Bob Hall left us several months ago to take up practice in Jonesboro. We had a small going away party for Bob and surprised him with an attache case. We also invited Julie (Mrs. Hall) to come to the party as another surprise for Bob. We hated to see Bob and Julie go but wish them every happiness and success.

We have a couple of new faces around our office. One is actually old friend Billy Pease who is a former employee of the Title Section. A few years ago he left to go to Hot Springs but has now been re-employed as a staff attorney. The other new face is that of Louis A. "Art" Dodrill

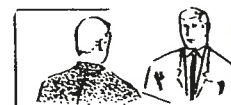
(married) and a resident of Conway. WELCOME TO BOTH!

Recovering from a painful trip to the dentist is Robin Harrison, daughter of our own Ethyl Harrison. She had three wise teeth extracted. She says that departure the teeth wasn't too painful. Her primary concern is whether the resultant black eyes will clear-up before time to go to Hendrix, where she will be a freshman. We will hope with you, Robin!

Arthur Lee Kelly, son of W. D. Kelly, will be returning to the University of Arkansas, and with extra duties even before school starts. He was given the honor(?) of helping with registration.

George Green's family is very conscious of the fact that school is starting soon, too. Besides the grade and high school set there are three Greens in college this year. Terry will be a junior pre-med student at the University; Bobby will be starting as a ministerial student at Ouachita and Gwen will be a freshman at the University.

VACATIONS: The W.D. Kellys took a trip to Grand Canyon and reported that it was just as beautiful as it is always described. Hazel Carraro, and daughter, Gloria, enjoyed a week in California visiting friends. Betty Grimes, children and grand-children spent a peaceful weekend in the Ozarks. Doris Harper and family have traveled around quite a lot this summer. Among the places they have been is Six Flags Over Texas, Panama City and Pensacola, Fla. Ken Brock and family spent a weekend at Six Flags. Helen Hackett spent a few days with her sister in Arkadelphia just being lazy and visiting old friends. This writer, my husband, Ernest, and children, Kerry and Melaina, spent our two weeks in Kennett, Mo., visiting friends, trips to Lake Nimrod and a weekend at Six Flags. The kids really enjoyed Six Flags but it kept Ernest and I pretty busy keeping up with them.



PERSONNEL

Dorothy Lehman

In August Jackie Wallace was quite concerned about her sister, Dale Gregory, when she was confined at St. Vincent Infirmary after an operation. But we are glad to report that Dale is now recuperating at home in Heber Springs.

Shirley and Angela Bain had one big day at Six Flags on their vacation, then on to visit her brother's family in Odessa, Texas.

Peggy and I had a pleasant trip to Waco, Texas to visit my mother and sister. We miss our Ronny, who returned to the University of Arkansas on August 30. The practice season is rigorous. I'm sure, but they love being back in school although they might not admit it. My oldest son, Charles Mallory, graduated from Little Rock University after completing courses in the last summer school.

Fay Sullivan enjoyed a vacation at home with her family. Danny, her older son, will be attending Arkansas State Teachers College in Conway and naturally, there is quite a bit of preparation to see him off on his first year of college.

The first of September saw Jane and Gerald Greenlee off to Chicago, Ill. for an insulators convention. A card from Jane let us know they are seeing lots of interesting sights and that Chicago is a pretty city.

After the Labor Day weekend we had a pot luck lunch here in the office as a farewell gesture to Jan Commander who had been with us during the summer. We will miss her, but she promised to return for a visit.



PLANNING AND RESEARCH

P & R Staff



Ross Dickson (Dick) Deviney

We have a new employee, Ross Dickson (Dick) Deviney, statistician, who came to the Department August 1st. He is from Pine Bluff, single, and graduated from Arkansas A & M with a BS in math. Welcome to the group!

Some of his fellow-workers and friends got up a birthday surprise of cake and coffee for our boss, J. R. Henderson, on the occasion of his birthday - he would not disclose which one.

Another very nice party was held by the whole Division as a send-off on the departure of Bob Faulkner for Texas A&M to work toward a Master's degree in civil engineering; also our summer employees who were about to leave us were honored. The party had a pink theme - pink punch, cake, and napkins. All efforts of this reporter to learn the ingredients of the punch failed. It was very good, but the contents are still a mystery. Bob, who is one of the nicest guys around, will certainly be missed, as will our fine young people of the summer. We have heard from Bob, and he and his family have arrived at their destination, dogs and all.

It was Hugh Davis' third summer with us, and he planned to visit his family in New Mexico before returning to college in Russellville. A big chocolate cake was brought (at his request) to the Finance Section to celebrate his return to school. Pat Hicks and Jane Rausch brought cakes their last day at work in Data Analysis (they are girl-type employees and probably better bakers than Hugh.)

J. R. Henderson's son, John, has been selected by his company to attend a special school at Battle Creek, Mich.; he previously attended one at Georgia Tech.

We congratulate Ray Martin on his marriage to Twila Baker of Beebe on July 15th.

John Vandenberg, Buddy Lewter, *Neb Bingham, and Ruth Cantley all have enjoyed the "Olde West" Theater.

Golfing on a recent weekend: Lester Jester, Marlin Powell, Ed Johnson, B. C.

Lewis, Jim Head; Mayo White, Neb Bingham, Ken Bynum, and B. K. Cooper.

Buddy and Sue Walls went to Grand Rapids, Mich., to visit his sister, also the museum, zoo, and shopping centers.

Buddy Lewter and family went through the Smoky Mountains, Gatlinburg, Tenn., and then to Myrtle Beach, S.C., for a couple of days. On the way back they stopped at Six Flags Over Georgia in Atlanta.

Legeina Kellar saw Silver Dollar City at Branson, Mo., with her family.

Neb and Blanche Bingham visited relatives in Louisiana and the Smokies.

Ruth Cantley spent several days visiting friends at Hot Springs and Heber Springs. She caught a two-pound bass at Lake Maumelle.

Ruby Crouse and husband went through New Orleans and enjoyed the sights, then on to Panama City, Fla.

Pete Benetz and family camped and fished at Lake Ouachita. The fishing wasn't good, but the napping was.

Stuart and Eleanor Pattillo spent several days in Hot Springs on the lake and reported their fishing wasn't good, either. (Maybe the weather.)

Karen Phillips spent a three-day weekend at Horseshoe Bend Estates. Larry Johnson and his family, including his mother and father, made a trip to San Diego, planning to do a lot of sightseeing along the way.

Florence Routh and her family visited Lawton, Okla., and Six Flags Over Texas.

Lukie Atkinson visited his son and family in Tennessee. Have we ever been traveling! Well, this is the Highway Department.

Jim Head's birddog, Lady, had ten puppies. If anyone needs a cute puppy, be sure to give him a call. Hurry! before they are all gone.

Ken Bynum relates that the war games he recently took part in were not exactly loads of fun.

Mayo White's wife, Syble, underwent surgery but is doing just fine now.

P&R has lost two employees - Jo Nell Threet and Phyllis Munnerlyn, both of whom have resigned. Jo Nell will be working at Montgomery Ward, and we wish her the best in her new undertaking.

We extend our sympathy to Chester Willis, whose grandmother passed away.



PROCUREMENT

Glenda McIntyre

Get ready, folks...your Procurement reporter has finally broken down to write an article of a sort. Yes, it's been said that one has to be a real old-timer to remember a report from the Procurement Office. Well, on with the show!

We've had quite a few changes in Procurement personnel since our last report. Norma Hawk is the new M.T.S.T. operator, replacing Janie Ladd. Norma is the current

Jim Carvell Sr. received his 15-year service awards this month, and the Traffic Engineering Section properly celebrated the occasion. They had coffee, cake, "and a good time". Jim reports that the apple of the family's eye, "Jay", his little grandson, is learning to talk.

Joann Niehaus, now the proud mother of a little boy (joining four girls), has returned to work in the "front office", and we are glad to have her.

Three of the Mapping and Drafting folks - Leroy Beckett, Katie Brasel, and Mary Louise Bailey - furnished the refreshments for a party in their Section commemorating their anniversaries with the Highway Department: Leroy, 28 years; Katie, 22 years; and Mary, 1 year. It was a festive affair, despite the loss of a bowl of potato salad that hit the floor.

Miss Walnut Ridge. Her sister, Nina, also held that title.

Glenda McIntyre (Hey, Mom, I'm in the news!) took the place of Betty Hartnett. It's been rumored in her spare time, Glenda types purchase orders...personally, I don't believe it.

Doris Haskett was replaced by Nancy Ratcliff Thompson. Nancy is the new bride of Reed Thompson, Jr.

Wanda Allred didn't replace anyone, but wonder how we ever got along without her. Wanda and her husband, Bill, have three children: Teddy, a freshman at State College of Arkansas; Judy, a junior this year at Bauxite High School; and Nanette, a fourth-grader at Pine Haven Elementary School in Bauxite.

Marilyn Smith is our summer help this year, and a big help she is. Marilyn, known to some as "Tornado" Smith, will be a sophomore this year at the University of Arkansas, majoring in psychology. She hopes to be either an industrial psychologist or an assistant to a psychiatrist. We'll really miss Marilyn when she leaves us September 8.

Harry Buffalo is a new buyer in Procurement. He and wife, Nancy, live in Lonoke. Harry has a new air-conditioned Volkswagen. Honestly, Harry, who'd believe an air-conditioned V.W.?

Lewis Warren replaced Frank Pitts as a buyer when Frank transferred to Equipment. Lewis and his family live in Conway. He and his wife, Billie, have two children: Lewis David, Jr., who will be in the eighth grade this year at Conway Jr. High School; and Melissa Kay, a fourth-grader at Ellen Elementary School.

F L A S H ! Lem and Marguerite Kirkpatrick just returned from Houston, Texas, where they were visiting with their daughter, Kitty Wade and her husband, Jim. Lem has lots of exciting tales about the Astrodome and restaurants and such things. We're certainly glad to have Lem back. We're also sure that many other ladies around the building are, too. Lem, as everyone knows, is a real sweetheart.

Bernie Cox is the proud owner of a new Dodge Polara. He and Mrs. Cox recently returned from a trip near Wichita Falls, Texas where they visited their son, Donnie, his wife Phyllis and eight-month old Julie. More recently, Donnie and family moved to Searcy, where he is to graduate from Harding College in January.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Caple visited with Mr. & Mrs. I.D. Ellis in Louisiana and Frank also attended the convention of the Texas Association of Magic during the Labor Day weekend. He performed his broom illusion trick for one of the public shows and we understand it went real well. Frank says there were around 600 magicians registered in one hotel. Bet that was wild!

Lou Hardy has been having a time of it getting her first-grader, Kent, in Terry Elementary School. Lou says it's like putting him in the Army. First, there's his physical, then a thousand papers to sign. The Hardys took a break to go to Fort Worth, Texas, Labor Day weekend.

VISITORS - Recent visitors to the Procurement office include:

Ted, Judy and Nanette Allred; Wanda's gang. The Allreds had lunch with some of the office girls at Pogo's. They're charmers.

Also visiting our office recently were Mrs. Walter Fuller and her year-old daughter, Misti. Mrs. Fuller, mother of the Fuller Brothers Quartet, was the guest of Norma Hawk. Norma is the steady of Chip Fuller, oldest member of the group. Misti kept us well entertained.

INCIDENTALS - Not long ago, in the course of a day's work, I made out a purchase order for a "female spud". Who ever heard of a girl potato? Then one day I ordered some "monkey grip gloves". I won't comment on that.



This picture will introduce you to Richard O'Neil Gibbs born on August 21st at Arkansas Baptist Medical Center (to Neil and Nola Gibbs). He was nine days old here and as you can see he is quite a husky little fellow. He weighed 8 pounds 2 ounces at birth. For additional information, just ask his daddy, he can tell you all kinds of good things about him.

Paul Broyles and Bruce Johnson spent two weeks at Camp Chaffee during the month of August but at different times.

Ted Mitchell won fourth place in the Arnold Palmer Long Range Tournament. His prizes included a steak dinner at Bonanza Steak House, three new golf balls and three king size buckets of balls to hit at the driving range.

Vacationers in this Section this month were Fred Williams and Shirley Childress. The Williams' family spent one week at Prescott, where they visited with Nina family and the Childress' spent five days touring and camping in the Ozarks.

Arthur Reichstadt's son, Emil will be a freshman at SMU this fall.

UTILITY SECTION: Congratulations to Orene and George Hester on the birth of their daughter Dana Elizabeth, August 2 at Benton. We were very happy to have Orene drop by August 30 for a visit and to show off her new daughter. She also brought along Dana's older sister, Lana, who is five, and cute as a little doll.

This Section was sorry to lose one of our long time employees, Woody Laird. Fellow employees in Right of Way Division had a party in his honor and presented him a rod and reel. Woody returned to Armstrong

Woody Laird



R/W Staff

D.H. Martin and family vacationed at Buffalo River State Park a few weeks before Anne, their oldest daughter, returned to Southern Methodist University for her third year.

Nancy Sipe's daughter, Sandra, returned to Arkansas State University at Jonesboro for her sophomore year.

ENGINEERING SECTION: We are very sorry to have to report that another employee left us this month. This time it is Larry Lorence, an engineering technician, who has been with us almost four years. Needless to say he left many friends here and we wish him much success in his new job. Larry will be a field engineer for Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Engineering Service. After a short visit with his mother, sister and brother-in-law in Illinois, he will be traveling to Binghamton, New York, where he will work with some transmission line engineers for the New York State Gas and Electric Company. Larry's job will take him to every state including Hawaii and Alaska, so one of these days he likely will be dropping by to see us.

Tire & Rubber Company where he worked for 16 years before coming to the Highway Department nine years ago. We wish Woody success in his new job and hope he is not so busy to drop by to see us now and then.

APPRAISAL SECTION: We were all so glad to see Charlie Scott return to work. The office didn't seem quite the same while he was gone.

Florida seems to be a very popular vacation spot this year. Kenneth Suthmer and family spent a week in Pensacola, Fla. soaking up the sun, fishing and relaxing.

Bryan McArthur and family also spent a week in Florida, enjoying the beautiful scenery. While there they went deep sea fishing.

ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION: Retha Griffin spent a week in Dumas visiting relatives. Her son, Terry, recently attended the International Convention for Circle "K" in Ottawa, Canada. Terry has now returned to Henderson State College in Arkadelphia where he is a junior.

Mary Arey has been off work several days caring for her two sons who recently had their tonsils removed. Both boys are doing fine.

A.C. Ledbetter and family recently took a vacation to Silver Dollar City, Mo. where they visited Marvel Cave. They reported having a real nice time.

They usually spend their weekends camping out on Lake Ouachita and Charles is really getting a good tan.

Congratulations to the Glenn Trammels and the Gary Sipes. The Trammels have just moved into their new home at 1600 Old Forge Drive in the Sturbridge Addition and the Sipes are in the process of moving into their new home in Meadowcliff.

Jim and Patti Patrick's vacation was interrupted when Patti was stricken with appendicitis and had to be rushed to the hospital for an appendectomy. She is doing much better now, though, and has returned to work.

Those attending summer camp recently were Bill Duncan, Charles Ashcraft and Eddie McClain. We will be losing Eddie soon as he plans to enter college this fall. We will also be saying goodbye to our summer employee, Jerry Foshee, who will also be leaving for college. Jerry will be missed as he is very likable and has made a lot of friends.

Welcome back to Richard Siegler who is back with us as a permanent employee this time. Richard has worked with us before during summers while he was attending college. Glad to have you back.

John Hicks has been off due to a shoulder ailment. We miss him and will be glad when he is able to return to work.

The Hicks' youngest son, Robert, was married to the former Glenda Brown of Mobile, Ala. in an evening ceremony performed in the Berry Chapel at Ouachita Baptist University August 26, 1967. Congratulations to them and we hope they will be very happy.

Mr. Hicks had a family reunion over the labor day weekend. This is the first time his family has been all together in 10 years.

Marvin Bunch has a parakeet for sale real cheap. Seems as though Marvin loves chocolate cake with white icing so his wife baked him one. Just then the parakeet took off on a solo flight around the room, looked the situation over closely, dropped his landing gear at one end of the cake and glided across the cake to the other end. Maybe he is really a snow bird, Marvin, and the cake looked like snow.

Pat and Lois Thompson took their vacation recently. One of their stops was New Orleans and the Playboy Club there. Pat brought back a picture of himself with a real cute little rabbit and said he wanted to bring her home but Lois won't allow him to keep pets. Sorry about that, Pat, you can't win 'em all.



Sharry Simpson at her going away party with bosses, H. M. Stobener, left; and E.E. Hillis right.

where we had the cake. The cake was lovely and, needless to say, there were a few tears shed.

Our new employee who took Sharry's place is her niece, Diane Ferguson. Diane is nineteen and has a year of college at Beebe Jr. College in Beebe, and Boys, she's single. Glad to have you with us, Diane.

Speaking of single girls, we all thought Frank Blalock had a new girl on the string when he told us he had planned to go to Spavinaw, Okla., but after the trip he confessed that he had gone to get an aunt. Now, wasn't that disappointing to those who would like to see that old bachelor married? Like he says, "You win a few, and lose a few." Guess one reason girls take second place with Frank is because he has a new poodle. He says the dog, Micky, belongs to his mother, but those of us who have poodles and are crazy about them have already decided that he's well on his way becoming one of "US".

We've had two birthdays so far, Earl Hillis, the 20th of July (Sharry brought him a beautiful cake) and Lou Net Rickett, the 29th of August. It's no wonder that none of us (especially Mr. Stobener) can lose any weight. Howard says he must have lead in his shoes, as he can't see where he has gained any.

Lou Net Rickett was on vacation the 21st thru the 28th of August. She and her daughter, Tanya, went home to Batesville for a few days, then to Guntersville, Ala. for the wedding of her brother, Terry Ross Balch to Mary Jean Taylor.

Harold Guinn, his wife Jean, and son Steve, were on vacation at Six Flags Over Texas during the week of July 2nd. We envied Harold being off and getting to laze around in the sun and swim. I hear lots of the girls in Texas wear bikinis. Is that so, Harold?

Eddie Moser has been keeping Earl supplied with tomatoes most of the summer. I guess you could say he's been supplying the office girls too, since we managed to sneak at least one of each bunch for lunch.

And speaking of birthdays, Howard has a birthday September 3, and since this has to be in by the 1st and since we wanted



ROADWAY DESIGN

Virginia Ashlin



The above picture is our way of introducing Kevin Henriksen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Henriksen, to the rest of the Highway Department. Isn't he a doll?

Brooks Nichols and family visited Six Flags Over Texas the weekend of August 19.

The Bill hurt family were vacationing Florida these last two weeks of August. They planned to camp out so hope the weather is nice for them. Another camping enthusiast is the Charlie Toland family.



SIGN SHOP

Lou Net Rickett

Sharry Simpson has left the Sign Shop and gone to work for Arthur Murray. We had a cake for her and it was a big surprise. It almost wasn't a surprise though - we sure had to do some scrambling around to get her out of the office long enough to get the coffee pot and napkins out of the store room and into the Monoprint room

his birthday in this issue we've decided to have his cake the 1st. We plan to make his cake in the shape of a "Stop" sign. Looks like he will have worked real hard over Labor Day weekend to get rid of those extra pounds that he keeps putting on. In his shoes, of course!

Talk about small worlds, Lou Net Rickett lived across the street from Marilyn Coffman, the District 5 reporter, when she lived in Batesville. No matter where you go or what you do, there's always someone you know or who knows you.

There is an old adage that goes "Third time is charm". We certainly hope that it isn't true in Brenda McRaven's case, Brenda has been in two wrecks lately, within a few days of each other, and the last one put her in the hospital where she stayed over two weeks. She's home now and we hope she will be able to return to work soon.

We were saddened to learn of the death of Mrs. Sanner Henry. Mr. Henry is on our Center Stripe crew and is well liked by all. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mr. Henry and his family.



DISTRICT



Leslie Long

"YOUR CRUISE TO NASSAU - YOUR ISLAND OF FUN is waiting for you in the BAHAMAS!!" Many times I've dreamed of such a trip when I've seen them advertised, but never did I dream it would become a reality for me. The islands are always shown as being fabulous and romantic. Nassau is truly colorful, an adventure in Paradise! We drove to Miami via Mobile. At Mobile our side-tripping included a tour of Bellingrath Gardens and Dauphin Island. We took the route thru the tunnel under Mobile Bay, travelled the Sunshine State Parkway, and spent one nite at historical Fort Pierce.

We embarked from Miami on the Norwegian Sunward for a four day cruise, arriving in Nassau the following morning. Our accommodations were very desirable. The Sunward is an air-conditioned floating palace of fun. The first night out we were alerted for safety drill, furnished preservers and life boat instructions. There were duty-free gift shops to browse. Cocktails were available in the unique Crow's Nest Bar high atop the observation deck, or in many other lounges. Dancing and shows were going on in the Blue Moon Club. Two elegant dining rooms served marvelous food, afternoon tea and delicious midnight buffets. A swimming pool, sun decks and a cinema with late-run movies were additional attractions on board.

Nassau is charming, quaint, bustling and colorful. The Sunward docked at Bay Street near the fabulous straw markets. While in the process of docking we were greeted by the native coin divers. They are very adept at catching and diving for coins tossed out by passengers aboard ship. During our stay we strolled through

the markets daily. Natives were anxious to sell their stocks and made very alluring offers. During a delightful surrey ride through the lovely winding streets we stopped to view the Queen's Staircase and historic Government House. We viewed a parade marking the opening of Parliament.

Nassau's beaches are probably the most beautiful in the world. The many small fishing boats that come and go are very interesting to watch. One of the highlights of the trip and a gala occasion was the Captain's cocktail party, where we all had the pleasure of meeting the Captain and getting acquainted with our sailing mates. There were numerous kinds of cocktails, followed by champagne with dinner, compliments of the Captain. The very efficient crew of the Sunward had planned entertainment for everyone, and there were so many interesting places to go and things to see on the islands it was difficult to decide. A memorable holiday of fun, to say the least.

At the annual meeting of the Federated Junior Woman's Club of Mobile, Ala. a representative of Shell Oil Co. presented the club a plaque and a check for \$500. for having placed first in the statewide Shell Oil Education Contest. Mrs. Wilton Wright, who was instrumental in the preparation of an outstanding program of aid for retarded children in Mobile, accepted the awards for the club. Mrs. Wright is the very efficient and attractive daughter-in-law of our Will Wright.



Miss Barbara Jean Paschall and Joe Thomas Akin were married at 2 o'clock Sunday, August 20, at Northside Baptist Church, Monticello. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thomas Paschall and Mr. and Mrs. George Akin, all of Monticello. Rev. Eddie Elrod officiated at the ceremony. Following the wedding a reception was held in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Elrod. After a wedding trip to Lake Chicot State Park, the couple is at home in Monticello, where Joe is an engineering aide in Resident Engineer George Karnes' office.

Mrs. Inez Royston, one of our most active retirees, celebrated her 85th birthday Sept. 3. Her son and his wife were on hand for the big occasion. She was the recipient of two lovely orchid corsages, so being the wonderful person she is, Inez

promptly visited one of her long-time friends convalescing at the Davis Hospital and presented her with one of the corsages. And, to make her day a perfect one, she received a long-distance call from her granddaughter at Shawnee, Kansas.

Samuel R. Horton, Dennis Meins and Billy D. Thigpin have returned to Henderson College at Conway after summer employment as engineering aides with L. K. Howell's residency at DeWitt.

We wish a speedy recovery to James L. Boney, truck driver in Chicot County, who was stricken with a heart attack on June 12 and has not yet been able to return to work. Bob Jarboe and his Chicot County crew are to be commended for keeping Boney's insurance premiums paid until he is able to return to duty.

Our sincere sympathy to Claude Cope of the Jefferson County crew whose brother died recently.



Martha Goins

Martha Goins, daughter of 'Red' Goins, shop superintendent at Star City, and her friend, Sue Penix from Tuckerman, have accepted their first teaching positions. Martha will teach tenth grade English and bookkeeping at DeWitt High School and Sue will be teaching fourth grade at Westside Elementary in DeWitt. Martha and Sue have been friends throughout their college years and have taken an apartment together at DeWitt. We wish them lots of success.



A frustrated man is one who has ulcers, but still isn't a success.

A lot of unfinished work around the house and yard that was put off until Fall can now be put off until Spring.



Jean Stroble

Jean Stroble, 17-year-old daughter of John Stroble, motor patrol operator in Jefferson County, is a freshman at Monticello A & M. John is very proud of Jean's graduation from high school at Dollarway, as he never had the opportunity. The eldest of the Stroble's six children, she designs and makes most of her own clothes. She is one of the top students in Home Economics.



DISTRICT



The Informers

District headquarters helped District Engineer J. P. Clayton celebrate his birthday Friday, August 25. A small gift was presented to Mr. Clayton and coffee and cookies enjoyed by all. Our special guest for this occasion was Mrs. Clayton.

Locke and Violet Williams have just returned from a trip East to visit Mrs. Williams' nephew who is in the service at Fort Belvoir, Va. He is stationed at a nuclear power plant there. Of course, Locke said, they went on up to Washington, D.C. and dipped into Georgetown, Maryland. After returning home from that 2500 mile trip, they then went to Six Flags Over Texas where they had a grand time. Locke is a mechanic in the District shop.

Not only did Fred McLaughlin, our District equipment supervisor, have the pleasure of receiving his 25-year service pin August 23, but his wife, Sula Mae and daughter, Grace had the honor of looking on.

D. Inman received his ten-year service pin this month. He is a truck driver with the Crawford County crew.

We were concerned to hear that the wife of Mike Garner, retired foreman of Logan County, has been in the hospital in Fort



All the area foremen of the District happened to be in Fort Smith for a meeting on Mr. Clayton's birthday and shared the coffee and cookies, and this snapshot. Back row, left to right, Harrison Heath, Polk Co.; C.L. Oliver, Scott Co.; C. H. Gregory, Crawford Co.; T. O. Snow, Montgomery Co.; Bob Gray, instrumentman; and Marvin Carpenter, Franklin Co. Front row; left to right, J. C. Wingfield, Logan Co., H. L. Hodnett, assistant maintenance superintendent; Mr. Clayton, Columbus Dalmat, Sebastian Co.; L. E. Sander, job superintendent; and R. N. "Nealy" Parker, maintenance superintendent.

Smith recovering from a stroke.

H.L. (Bud) Hodnett, assistant district maintenance superintendent, the father of five boys and one girl, certainly has a varied and interesting life. Throw in the spice of active, crackerjack grandchildren, Bud doesn't have a dull moment. His son, Paul, is having a vacation of work, operating a cruiser on West Thumb Lake, which is 17 miles from "Old Faithful" in Yellowstone Park. The fishing is bountiful and the girls, five to every boy, are beautiful. Paul is a college student majoring in engineering.

Oscar Gwyn, a retired mechanic, is recuperating from major surgery at Spark's Hospital in Fort Smith. His wife is now in the hospital, also, suffering from whiplash or sprained neck as the result of being hit by a car from the rear who failed to stop for a red light.

Emily and John Rogers are enjoying a vacation with their daughter, Bobbi Ann Dougherty and grandson, Greg, who flew in from San Francisco. Emily is the bookkeeper in District Office.

Milas Crawford, mechanic in the District shop, is the proud owner of a new three-bedroom home, located at Midland.



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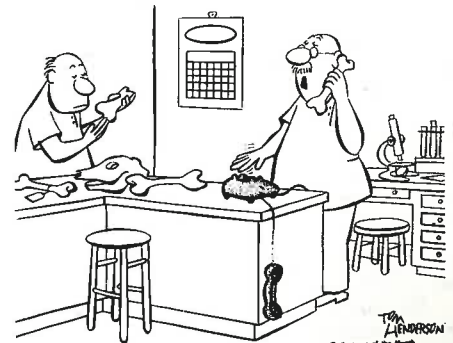
We welcome Thomas C. Daily, Jr., instrumentman/permit clerk, to our office. He comes from the construction crew of

T. G. Orton, Jr., resident engineer. Congratulations are in order for him and Anna Reid, who were married August 18th.

Several in this District have been vacationing the past few weeks. Netha Brown, payroll clerk, and her husband have just returned from Las Vegas, Nev. Woodrow Applegate, equipment supervisor, and wife spent Labor Day weekend in St. Louis, Mo., watching the Cardinals play four games. T.D. Casey, resident engineer, and wife made a tour over several of the Eastern Coast states. They all reported having a very nice time.

Jean McCoy, fuel clerk, has had visiting in her home the last few weeks, her daughter and son-in-law from Mapleton, Oregon.

Service awards were received this month by Sidney W. Parks, mechanic, 20-yrs.; William C. Doughty, patrol operator, 15-yrs.; Robert R. King, service station attendant, 5-yrs.; Clebert Curtis, mixer operator, 5-yrs.; and Arthur L. Butler, front end loader, 5-yrs.



"Sounds to me like this phone's dead!"



The picture is proof of this fishing story. The catfish were caught by Noah Moody, job superintendent, Thomas Crites and Earl Page, both of the Maintenance

crew, and Bill Price, a friend. They were jug fishing below Dardanelle Dam on the Arkansas River.



We have two new employees in the District office; Carolyn Gregory, fuel clerk, is married and has two little daughters, five and two. Her husband, Leland is with Foremost Dairies.



June Troxel, stock clerk, is married and has two boys four and nine, and daughter, seven. June's husband is Beltone Hearing Service. Welcome, Carolyn Gregory, and June Troxel.



DISTRICT



Isabelle Psalmonds

A service award for this month went to Garland Alvin Simpson, mower operator, Lawrence County, 15 years.

Clifford Wood, husband of Bertha Wood, clerk at Osceola, has been promoted to position of supervisor at American Greeting Corp., Osceola. Congratulations.

Congratulations also to Leslie Smith, daughter of M. S. Smith, district engineer, who was chosen to be captain of the safety patrol at Woodrow Wilson School and to Scotty Hesselbein, son of Charles Hesselbein, job superintendent, who was chosen to be lieutenant of the same patrol.

Maurice Sale, engineering aide III, Osceola, spent several days in the hospital but is back on the job. Raymond Hamilton, mechanic at Paragould, is in the hospital at Jonesboro for surgery. Hurry and get well, Raymond.

Our deepest sympathy to Kay Vance and her family. Her father, Bus Crouch of Marmaduke, died on August 22. Kay has resigned as receptionist for the Highway Department and is teaching school at Brookland. Best of luck with your "children", Kay.

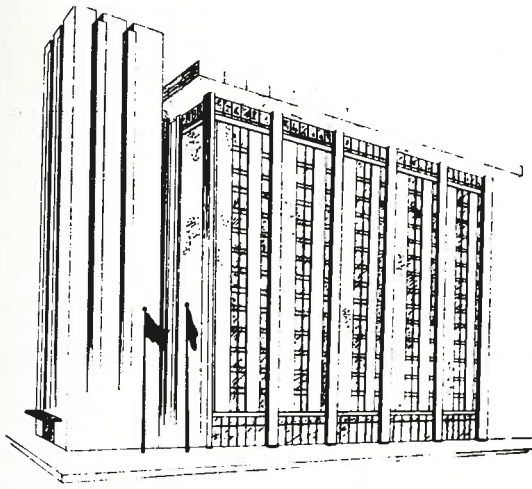
Junior and L. S. Wycoff and their families spent a few days at Lake Charles State Park. They report a good time, notwithstanding sunburn, ticks and chiggers.

No kidding, they say Lake Charles is a good place for a relaxing vacation and the kids had a ball.

We had a meeting of the Area Foremen and Job Superintendents and while they were together Mr. Sanders took a picture.



Above are the area foremen and job superintendents of District 10. The picture was made when they came to the headquarters for a meeting recently. Front row: left to right, Virgil Stuart, equip. supvr., Paragould; and Clifford Cook, area foreman, Randolph Co. Second row: W. L. White, job supt., Jonesboro; J. P. Snell, area foreman, Poinsett Co.; M. S. "Sam" Smith, district engineer; J. C. "Babe" Pillow, area foreman, Greene Co.; Darrell Holder, asst. maint. supt., Paragould; and Dairl Hyde, sign foreman. Third row: Charles Hopper, area foreman, Miss. Co.; Hamp Fletcher, shop foreman; Bill Raspberry, area foreman, Miss. Co.; Billy Crump, area foreman, Craighead Co.; Charles Hesselbein, job supt., Paragould; Lester Wycoff, bridge foreman; Rex Hall, job supt., Paragould; and Leonard Nelson, area foreman, Clay Co. Back Row: James Cobb, permit clerk; James Tritch, job supt., Paragould; Junior Wycoff, office supvr., Paragould; Melvin Brown, area foreman, Lawrence Co.; and Dwyane Combs, stock room, Paragould.



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COVER: Artist's rendering of the bridge planned for construction across Arkansas River on Highway 7 at Dardanelle. Bids will be read November 27 for the first contract covering grading and the sub-structure. The bridge, which will be built on new location just south of the existing structure, is part of the U.S. Corps of Engineers' navigational program for Arkansas River.

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The state of Missouri has a new bureau called the Records Management Agency. While recently gathering old records and photographing them for compact storage, agency personnel came up with some old vital-statistics records which included these causes of death:

- "Went to bed feeling well, but woke up dead."
- "Died suddenly. Nothing serious."
- "Don't know cause. Died without the aid of a physician."
- "Blow on the head with an ax. Contributory cause: another man's wife."
- "Had never been fatally ill before."



A stout lady glared at her fellow passengers on the bus. "Isn't anybody going to offer me a seat?"

A slim little man got up. "I'm willing to make a contribution."



Stranger: When does the 5:15 leave?

Ticket Agent: At quarter past five.

Stranger: Thanks. I get all mixed up over this changing of time.



Newly hired secretary to boss: "Do you want double spacing on the carbon copies too, sir?"



Ben: "Did you hear about the karate expert that joined the Army?"

Bob: "No what happened?"

Ben: "The first time he saluted he nearly killed himself."



Boss: Why are you going to quit? Are your wages too low?

Employee: No, the wages are all right, but I'm keeping a horse out of a job.



"How did you come out of that fight you had with your wife last night?"

"Oh, she came to me crawling on her hands and knees."

"Really? What did she say?"

"Come out from under that bed, you coward."



Usher: (To sour-faced matron) Are you a friend of the groom?

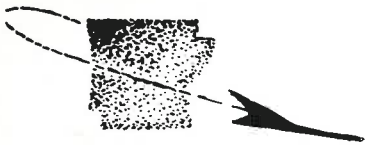
Guest: I should say not! I'm the bride's mother!



He: "This doctor's book says that bathing alone won't help you keep healthy."

She: "Maybe not, but I'll continue to bathe alone."





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