

JUNE 1968

# Arkansas Highways



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Among those present for the opening of I-40 between Hazen and Biscoe were l. to r., Walton A. Dill, Biscoe; Jim Tucker, Maint. Supt., Wynne; Bob Stokes, Riggs Tractor Co., West Memphis; Dist. 1 Engr. C. M. Matthews, Wynne; Sen. W. K. Ingram of West Memphis; Lee Lazruth, Ingram Const. Co., West Memphis; Asst. Const. Engr. & former Res. Engr. Don Cahoone; District 6 Engr. Bert Rownd; Joe Clark, Supt., Austin Bridge Co.; Director Ward Goodman, Little Rock; and Commissioners W. Maurice Smith of Birdeye and Lawrence Blackwell of Pine Bluff.

## ANOTHER SECTION OF INTERSTATE OPENED

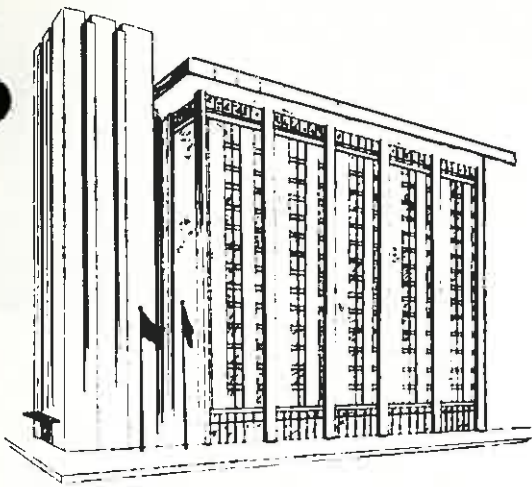
Highway Commissioners Maurice Smith of Birdeye and Lawrence Blackwell of Pine Bluff officially removed the barriers at noon Monday, June 3 to open a 9.1-mile section of Interstate 40 from the Highway 11 interchange northeast of Hazen to the Highway 33 interchange north of Biscoe.

With the anticipated completion of two remaining unopened sections - Biscoe to Brasfield and Highway 38 east of Forrest City to Shearerville - by the end of the construction season this year, it will be possible to drive all the way from Conway to the Missouri State line north of Blytheville on an interstate route without having to stop for a single traffic light.

Opening of the new section makes a total of 334.15 miles usable by traffic of the 518.77 total Arkansas interstate mileage. The Hazen-Brasfield section cost approximately \$9,716,642.00 to con-

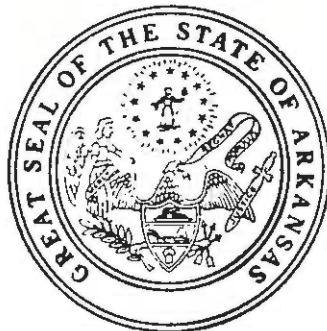
struct plus another \$125,000.00 for right of way acquisition, however only .91 mile of the 3.4-mile job from DeValls Bluff to Brasfield has been opened to traffic. The remainder of that project is expected to be opened later this year.

Contractors for grading and structures were D. B. Hill, Contractor of Little Rock and Micheys, Inc. of Warren working jointly and W. D. Jeffrey Construction Co. of Fort Smith. Surfacing was done by Wright Contracting Co. of Columbus, Ga. and Ben M. Hogan Co. of Little Rock. The bridge at DeValls Bluff was built by Austin Bridge Co. of Dallas. Massman Construction Co. of Kansas City, Mo. is presently at work on revetment of Pier 17 of the bridge. Resident engineers were Glenn C.atham, now retired from the Department, Ralph P. Jones, Don Cahoone, now an assistant construction engineer, and James W. Gee. Bert Rownd is the district engineer.



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Truman Baker Chevrolet Company of Searcy was recognized by the Civitan Club at their meeting June 5 for outstanding contribution to growth of the community. Commissioner Truman Baker accepted the plaque on behalf of his company. The presentation was made by Program Chairman Ralph Burns.

Highway 33 from U.S. 70 at Biscoe northward to I-40 has been improved to serve as a connection between the two Little Rock-Memphis routes.



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## HIGH-LEVEL LIGHTING AT I-30 INTERCHANGE

The first high-level lighting for an interchange in the state has been installed at the Arkansas-Texas line north of Texarkana on I-30 at the U.S. 71 interchange.

A 150-foot tower set between the lanes in the center of the interchange and a 100-foot one on the outside of each quadrant, each having 10 powerful flood lamps, will illuminate the entire area instead of the roadway alone.

The Texas Highway Department is responsible for the job, with the Arkansas Highway Department paying a part of the cost. Big State Construction Company of Arlington, Inc., Arlington, Texas is making the installation. Arkansas' portion of the \$29,913.25 contract will be \$14,406.50.

Arkansas will maintain the two towers on the Arkansas side of the interchange and half the center

tower. Texas will maintain the other half and the two on the Texas side.

The idea of high-level tower lighting was developed by technicians at Texas A & M as a safety measure. It is hoped that a safer driving environment will be created by flooding the entire interchange with light, providing the driver with a panoramic view of the area, as in the daylight, instead of just the roadway immediately ahead of him.

A number of states have high-level light towers under consideration but two locations in South Dakota are the only other ones where contracts have already been awarded as far as Arkansas Highways could determine.

C. F. Mauk of Texarkana is the resident engineer for the Arkansas Highway Department.

## Highway Dames Install New Officers

*Jo Nell Moore, Publicity Chairman*



Incoming Dames president Yvonne Mulhollen, left, receives the gavel from outgoing president, Bobbie Moore.

The setting for installation of new Highway Dames officers for 1968-69 was a covered dish picnic in Lakewood Park on May 23. The new officers are Mesdames Yvonne Mulhollen, president; Wilma Laha, vice president; Bonnie Magness, secretary; Rebecca Daggett, corresponding secretary;



Dames officers, l. to r., Eleanor Longcoy, Rebecca Daggett, Mada Vandenberg, Bonnie Magness, Wilma Laha and Yvonne Mulhollen.

Mada Vandenberg, treasurer; Lillian Lee, parliamentarian; and Eleanor Longcoy, historian.

We extend a public note of thanks to Bobbie Moore and her board for a job well done the past year. We hope everyone has a nice vacation. Meetings will resume in September.

# Three Earn Service Awards



Miss Olive Jackson

One Highway Department employee completed 35 years' service and two others completed 25 years' each during the month of April.

Miss Olive Jackson, accountant for District 3 with headquarters at Hope, is the first lady employee to work for the Department 35 years, beginning in April, 1933.

An earlier attempt at employment with A.H.D. failed when it was determined she was only 14 years of age. Except for one month in 1944, her service has been continuous.

Through modesty Miss Jackson declined the Highway Commission's invitation to come to Little Rock so that the service award could be presented to her by a Commission member as is the practice for all employees who complete five-year segments of employment beginning with 25 years, so the picture shown here is the one made when she received her 30-year award in 1963.

Miss Jackson was hired as a clerk, then worked variously as a stenographer, bookkeeper, storekeeper and office manager before being promoted to her present position. She is a graduate of Arkadelphia High School and Wadsley's Business College of Texarkana.

She resides at 321 East 14th Street in a home which she purchased 10 years ago after several years of apartment living. She is very active in the First Baptist Church of Hope and likes to play bridge, work in the yard and cook.

Commissioner Lawrence Blackwell of Pine Bluff presented 25-year awards to Newton J. Suitt of Dumas and Eugene Edward Vawter of Henderson.

Suitt is a native of southeast Arkansas, having been born and reared at Lake Village. He started work with the Department as a laborer in 1937 but left several times for other employment. He has also worked as an instrumentman, inspector and engineering technician before being promoted to construction inspector in District 2.

Suitt is a member of the Dumas Baptist Church and Omega Masonic Lodge #547. He enjoys hunting, fishing and flower gardening. He and his wife, the former Nerine Austin of Waldron, have three sons and two grandchildren.

Eugene Vawter was employed in May, 1943 as a laborer. Later that same year he transferred to Henderson Ferry near Mountain Home where he has worked as a deckhand, carpenter, equipment specialist, and mechanic before being promoted to maintenance repairman, keeping the ferry barges in excellent operating condition.

During his years at Henderson Ferry, Vawter has had some unusual and challenging assignments, such as helping remove cars from the bottom of the lake.

He is married to the former Velma Armstrong of Center, Ark. They have two daughters, both married. Vawter says his hobby is keeping busy.



Commissioner Lawrence Blackwell, left, and Newton J. Suitt



Commissioner Lawrence Blackwell, left, and Eugene E. Vawter

# A Big Hand for Green Thumb

By John Fleming

One of the common complaints among the folks who drive over Arkansas's rapidly growing improved road system is the lack of places to stop and make pictures of the tremendous scenery. There is, however, one route that is liberally sprinkled with overlooks and one of the best of the overlooks was built by Green Thumb workers. Green Thumb is a beautification project that provides work for older folks - those over 62.

This is Highway 7 between Dover and Jasper. The overlook built by the Green Thumb folks, who worked out of Jasper, is on the eastern side of Sloan Mountain just south of Big View (about 18 miles south of Jasper). It runs for about 200 feet along the east side of the highway and is about 65 feet wide. It could easily handle 20 or 25 cars in a pinch. The rock retaining wall (a beautiful piece of work) was done entirely by hand and entirely by the Green Thumb workers. The Highway Department supervised the project and carted the stone to the location but the rest of it was done by the 14 men whose age had to be listed at 62 or older. It is something that every Arkansan can be proud of.



And, speaking of beautification, the Highway Department is doing an excellent job in spite of some terrible odds. The "terrible odds" happen to be segment of the traveling public who seem determined to make a rubbish heap out of every roadside park. Careless littering is a big problem in itself but not nearly so bad as the deliberate desecration of these areas that mean so much to the image of a state in the eyes of the visiting public.

The answer eludes us. Have you any suggestions?

(Reprinted from the Arkansas Gazette, May 26 issue)



## Pageant Contestant

Lovely Norma Hawk, of the Procurement Section, was third runner-up in the Miss Little Rock pageant June 1 and won the talent competition singing an arrangement of "Sunny" made by her boyfriend, Chip Fuller of the nationally-famous Fuller Brothers singing group.

Norma comes from Walnut Ridge where she graduated from high school. She attended LRU two years before coming to the Highway Department a year ago.



Ernestine Tucker of Weights and Standards received a five year service certificate from boss Roy Johnson early in June.

The lion was stalking through the jungle looking for trouble. He grabbed a passing tiger and demanded, "Who is king of the jungle?" "You are, O mighty lion," answered the tiger. The lion then tackled a bear and inquired, "Who is the boss of the jungle?" "You are, O mighty lion," replied the bear. Next the lion met an elephant and grabbed the lion with his trunk, whirled him around several times and threw him against a tree. The weakened lion got up feebly and addressed the elephant, "Just because you don't know the answer, you don't have to get so rough."

The man who says it can't be done is frequently interrupted by one who announces that he has just done it.

## CORRECTION

A breakdown of road and street mileages in the state as shown in the May issue of Arkansas Highways is corrected below to show the use of various categories of roads and streets by vehicle miles.

	Vehicle Miles
Total State Highways	20,754,156
Total County Roads	2,511,192
Total Federal Roads	39,980
Total City Streets	3,715,577
Roads Not Publicly Maintained	60,064
<b>Total All Roads</b>	<b>27,080,969</b>

## Weight Officer Succumbs



Weight Officer Everett O. Cordell, 56, of the West Memphis Weight Station suffered a fatal heart attack at his home in West Memphis May 13. He had been with the Weight Division since August 1, 1963.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Irene Cordell, 308 West Danner St., West Memphis; five sons, A. L., West Memphis; Jimmy Ray, Memphis; Tommy O., Tyronza; and Michael Edward and Ricky Allen, both of the home; three daughters, Mrs. Gloria Sue Hulsey, Mrs. Barbara Ann Martin, and Mrs. Vickie Lynn Sneed, all of Memphis; three brothers, Fred and Marvin of West Memphis and Troy of Memphis; and four sisters, Mrs. Hattie Rains, Mrs. Ruby Herr, Mrs. Cecil Atkinson and Miss Elsie Cordell, all of West Memphis.

Citizen Funeral Home of West Memphis was in charge of the service with interment in Crittenden Memorial Park.

## \$261 Million by 1975

A Washington, D.C. consulting engineering firm has estimated that the cost of maintenance alone on the 41,000-mile interstate system of highways in the United States will zoom to a staggering \$261 million a year by 1975, with the largest part of the expenditure - nearly 45% - going for the upkeep of pavement and shoulders.

Another 30% will be spent on snow and ice control, and the rest will go for maintaining traffic service facilities and structures, for controlling drainage, erosion and vegetation, and for removal and disposal of litter.

The estimate is based on the 1975 dollar value of labor, equipment and materials expected to be required to maintain the system.

## British Breath-Test is Sobering

Britain's fiery red-haired Transport Minister, Mrs. Barbara Castle, has been denounced as a Hitler for master-minding a breath-test law which went into effect in that country last October, but enforcement of the law resulted in a 23 percent decrease in road deaths the first three months. And in December, one of the highest casualty months, deaths were 33 percent lower than December of 1966.

Birmingham, England's second largest city, says afterdark accidents there are down 37.6 percent.

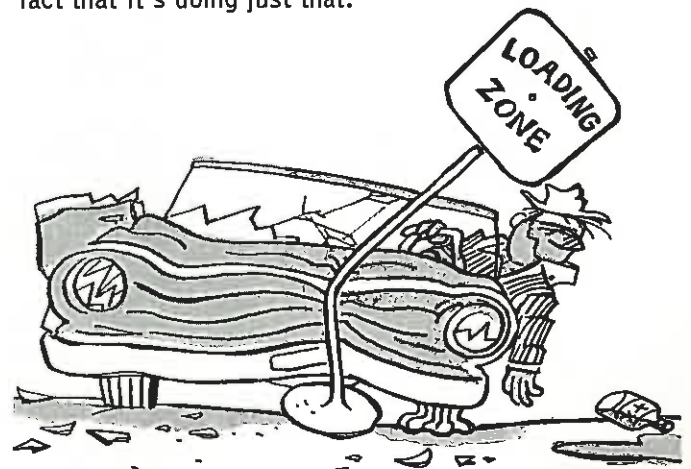
Under the law, the police can stop a motorist at any time and require him (her) to breathe into a tube containing yellow chemical crystals. Alcohol on the breath turns the crystals green and anyone with more than 80 milligrams of alcohol in 100 milliliters of his blood faces a maximum fine of \$240, or four months in prison or both.

The new law brought strong protests from brewers who charged that the restrictions were an infringement on individual liberties but even they cannot deny that the stiff legislation has had a telling effect on highway casualties.

### CHANGES SOCIAL LIFE

The breath-test law has not only reduced highway deaths but it has also brought about dramatic changes in England's social life. Many Britons, who never took to the American habit of drinking at home, are buying their beer and scotch in liquor stores and supermarkets. Country pubs, long the destination for motorists who like to drive out of town for a few pints of beer, report bar sales off, some of them as much as 80 percent. On the other hand, one London taxi firm reported a 25 percent increase in business after the 11:00 closing hour of pubs. Some couples who habitually visit pubs take turns driving, with the husband taking one drink and driving one night, and the next night the wife takes it easy and drives.

When Mrs. Castle's plan was denounced as being too stringent, she snapped, "I expect this law to cut down the number of road deaths in this country. Can you argue against that?" There's no arguing against the fact that it's doing just that.



## CAHOONE PROMOTED



Don Cahoone has been promoted to Assistant Construction Engineer to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Bill Mulhollen in May. Cahoone is a native of Cottonwood Falls, Kans. and a graduate of Kansas State University at Manhattan.

After a year's employment with Missouri Pacific Railroad at St. Louis, Mo., Cahoone came to the Highway Department through the engineering training and orientation program in 1960.

He was promoted to a resident engineer in 1962 and his latest resident's assignment was the newly-opened section of I-40 from Hazen to Biscoe.

He and his wife Alice have five children; Rebecca Lou, 11; Sonja Marie, 9; twins Darla Jean and Donald Joseph, 8; and Sally Ann, 4. They reside at 4705 Willow Springs road.

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### GREAT DISCOVERY

*"I've been saving a lot of time lately."*

*"How's that?"*

*"I found out that the dictionary is in alphabetical order."*

## ABWA "WOMAN OF THE YEAR"

Sibyl Maddox, clerk-typist in the Materials and Tests Division, has been elected "Woman of the Year" of Golden Chapter of American Business Women's Association. The award entitles her to compete in the ABWA Top Ten Women of the Year competition in a field of approximately 145 ladies at the national convention to be held in Jacksonville, Fla. October 18-20. Selection of Woman of the Year is by nomination and vote of the entire chapter based on activities in the chapter, community improvement and interest in the educational field.

Sibyl is presently the recording secretary of Golden Chapter, which was chartered three years ago. She is the secretary of Greater Little Rock Toastmistresses and a member of Immanuel Baptist Church. She has been with the Highway Department four and one-half years.



Sibyl and her husband, C.A., have three children: Mrs. Sandra Skyrme of Waterbury, Conn., Mrs. Pat Downing (Pat's School of Dance, Little Rock; and James (Bob) Maddox, a student at the University of Arkansas.

Mrs. Downing, also active in ABWA, is the president of Golden Chapter.

## 'BYE, FRANK



Frank Scroggins, one of the main buildings most familiar faces, retired the end of May. He was the elevator operator in the main building until the Department moved to new diggings on the Benton highway, where the elevators are automatic. Since the

move, he helped with the collection and dispensing of mail. Helen McCook and the other personnel of the Mail Room presented him a gift and had cake and coffee the last day he worked. Frank seemed to have only one expression - a smile.



May 27, 1968

**LETTERS**

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May 21, 1968

Capt. Peg Harrell  
c/o Arkansas State Highway Department  
New Benton Highway  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Capt. Harrell:

On behalf of the Jonesboro Police Department and the other volunteer law enforcement agencies who responded after the tomado which struck Jonesboro at 9:40 P.M., on May 15, 1968, I wish to express my thanks for your immediate response of ten men to aid us in traffic control and other invaluable services.

The efficiency with which your men worked in cooperation with other officers in Jonesboro no doubt helped to prevent further loss of life and property.

Sincerely,

James M. Hanley,  
Chief of Police  
Jonesboro Police Department

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May 23, 1968

State Highway Department  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sirs:

On yesterday, which was May 22, I was very much in distress, stranded on the Malvern Highway with a flat tire and couldn't fix it.

Two of your men in truck 7365 came to my rescue and fixed my tire. I want to thank them very much. Also, I think the State Highway Department should be commended for having people who can offer such useful service.

Again, thank you very much. I am

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Esther Bussey Bottoms

(Editor's Note - Employees J. P. Rowell and B. O. Berry of Hot Springs, working out of the Hot Spring Area Headquarters assisted Mrs. Bottoms.)

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Major Roy L. Johnson  
Arkansas State Highway Department  
Weight's and Standards Division  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Major Johnson:

The City of Jonesboro and the County of Craighead, which experienced the disaster on May 15th, are deeply grateful for the fine service the men of your department and the Arkansas State Highway Patrol Department rendered to our citizens. They were here in a very short time helping in every way possible. Please express our appreciation to them.

Especially are we grateful for Mr. Buddy Showalter, who answered our request to use the State's station wagon to help in a necessary way to our citizens. This was done while he was unaware of the condition of his family.

The State Highway Department is much taller in our thinking as a result of the fine service rendered by the department.

Sincerely,

Harold B. Ray, Pastor  
Nettleton Baptist Church  
Jonesboro, Arkansas

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June 4, 1968

Mr. Ward Goodman  
Director of Highways  
Arkansas State Highway Department  
P. O. Box 2261  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

Dear Mr. Goodman:

We, State Plant Board and Plant Pest Control Division of USDA, appreciate very much the assistance from your Department in preparing the site for relocating the Quarantine Station on Highway 67 near Fulton.

You are assured that it is our desire and intention to assist and cooperate with the State Highway Department at all times.

Yours very truly,

Truman Hill, Head  
Pink Bollworm Section  
Arkansas State Plant Board

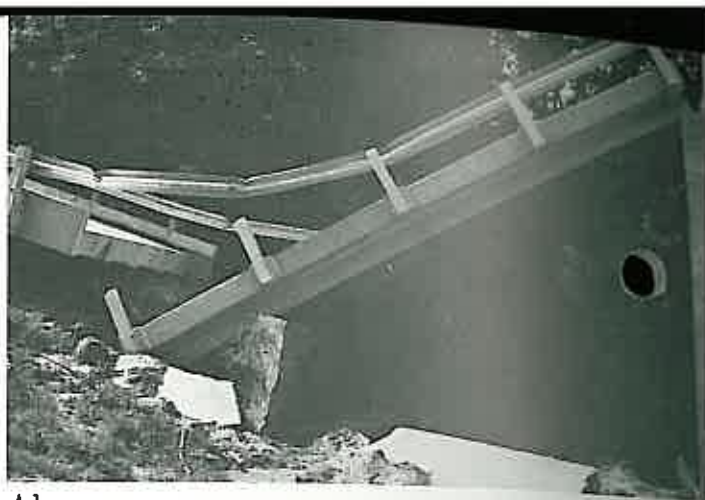
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Mrs. Green: "Whenever I'm in the dumps, I get myself a new hat."

Mrs. Tarr: "I have often wondered where you got them."



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## FLOOD DAMAGE APPROACH

Flood damage resulting from a deluge of rain which soaked virtually the entire state during most of two weeks in mid-May, forcing rivers and streams out of their banks and washing out bridges, caused approximately \$705,000. in damage to roads and highways. Southwest Arkansas was the hardest hit.

On the cover, the water rages high and white-cap swift below Millwood Dam. Red River, already out of the banks, rises ever higher under the U.S. 71 bridge between Ashdown and Texarkana (top left inset).

Lake Greeson crowds the U.S. 70 bridge near Daisy in Pike County (lower left).

In the right inset, Caddo River was too much for the Highway 346 bridge near Amity.

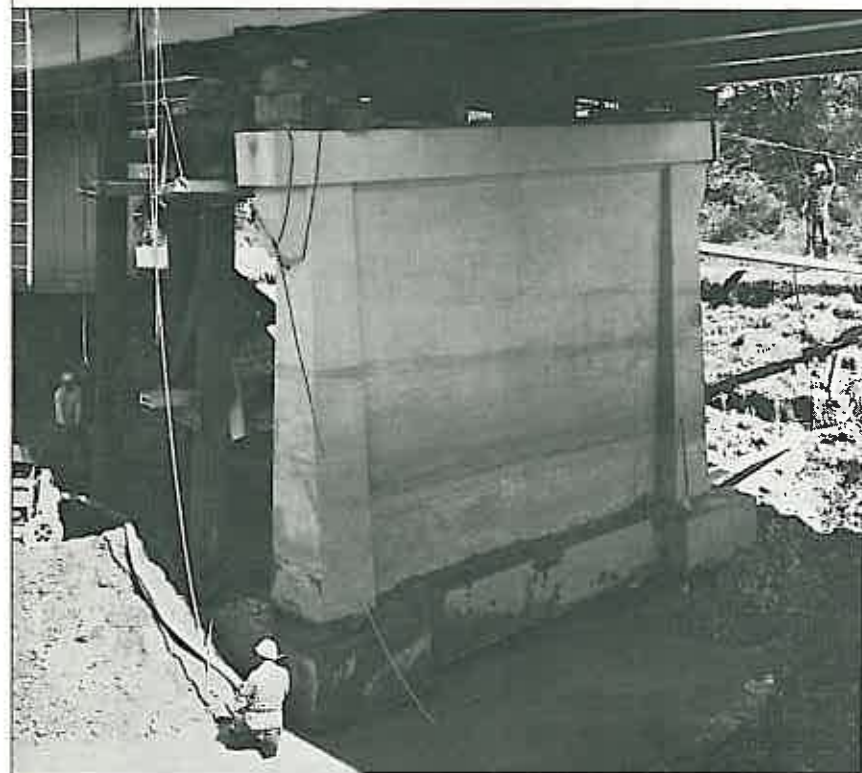
(1) Another scene of the collapsed section of the Caddo River bridge which caused the pier to the right to lean dangerously.

(2) Wild current in the river tossed bridge steel and trees around with abandon. The 223-ft. structure built in 1948 will not be replaced, as the area will be flooded by a lake to be formed when DeGray Dam, now under construction, is completed.

(3) This pier, originally sunken into the Saline River bed up to the dirty mark seen more than half way up the pier, was almost completely washed from under the U.S. 70 bridge near the east bank of the river. The bridge is southwest of Dierks.

(4) Large stones, such as the one Heavy Bridge Foreman John Gipson of Des Arc is holding, and other debris caught up in the swollen Saline River battered trees in the flooded area so badly that many will die.

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After repairs



Before repairs

↑  
Clear Creek  
bridge →

## ES 3/4 MILLION DOLLARS

(5) The substructure at the south end of the bridge across the Lake Maumelle spillway creek in Pulaski County began to slowly sink into the rain-soaked ground on Wednesday, May 22 and by Friday the south end of the bridge was eight feet lower than the Highway 300 level.

(6) By Friday District 6 crewmen had constructed a detour route. In the interim people living to the north of the bridge and Roland had to make a 45-mile trip around the west end of Lake Maumelle to get to Little Rock, approximately 15 miles away.

(7) Heavy bridge crews had to remove a 31-foot section of the bridge on Highway 300 to build new supports under it.

### HEAVY BRIDGE CREWS LAUDED

The three Heavy Bridge Maintenance foremen, Sherman Yates and John Gipson both of Des Arc, and Gene Wadlington of Colt, and their crews perform an unheralded but highly-important service, both in times of emergency such as repairing flood damage and in their ordinary, routine work.

Both Yates' and Gipson's crews are working on the U.S. 70 bridge over Saline River near Dierks. Wadlington's crew is repairing the Highway 300 bridge.

Gipson's crew recently completed renovations on the suspension bridge (one of the state's remaining four) on Highway 125 south of Pyatt in Marion County. (8)

J. M. "Smitty" Smith is the Heavy Bridge Maintenance superintendent and John Hall is the Heavy Bridge engineer.



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P & R

# "Eat-In"

A Division-wide picnic was enjoyed by employees of Planning and Research Division at Burns Park in North Little Rock the evening of May 24. There was food, horseshoe throwing, food, presentation of a service award, food, and visiting.

Descriptions of photos read counter-clockwise.

Division Engineer L. R. Jester presented Carl E. Bratcher of the Field Data Collection section a 15-year service certificate. Mrs. Bratcher holds the award while L. R. offers Carl a congratulatory handshake.

These "cooks" with the buckets of "finger lickin' good" chicken and slaw are Joann Niehaus, Ruby Crouse, Ginny Gunn and Peggy McFarlin.

The longest part, seemingly, at a picnic is waiting your turn as Mada and John Vandenberg, Sue and Buddy Walls, Ramona Gibbons and H. L. Gregory are here.

John Hume and Stuart Patillo try to decide on a drumstick.

Ruby Crouse, right, and Leroy and Mary Ruth Beckett.

Linda Winberry can't decide, Ken Bynum can and does, June Lewter selects for husband Buddy, and Katy Brasel has plate and fork ready.

Martha and John Cushing, right, June Brown and her son Leslie help their plates. Dodson Leonard and Mr. and Mrs. Graham Noble are in the background.

Larry and Marcie Johnson's little daughter, Robin, reminds the group what everyone is supposed to remember to do before eating.

Visiting at the table are Jeff Munson and wife (to his left) and Sara Read (right) and her friend, Angie Camp.

# Coming Events

- June 7-July 27: Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony, Eureka Springs
- June 19-21: Arkansas Dairy Festival, Little Rock
- July 1 - 4: Rodeo of the Ozarks, Springdale
- July 6- 7: Arkansas Hill Country Arts & Crafts Assoc. Fair, Buffalo River State Park
- July 13: Clarksville Peach Festival
- July 10-13: Miss Arkansas Pageant, Hot Springs Convention Center
- July 15: Arts & Crafts Assoc. Outdoor Fair, Mountain Home
- July 22-27: Pioneer Week, Arkadelphia
- Aug. 2- 3: White River Water Carnival, Batesville
- Aug. 10-11: Arkansas Hill Country Arts & Crafts Assoc. Fair, Bull Shoals State Park
- Thru Oct. 26: "Arkansaw Traveller" Folk Theatre, Hardy
- Thru Oct. 26: Ozark Jubilee, Eureka Springs. Each Friday night in the City Auditorium.
- Thru Nov. 1: Dogpatch, U.S.A., eight miles south of Harri son on Hwy. 7

## IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN, GO - - -

---to Washington, Ark. located 10 miles northwest of Hope on Highway 4 and visit the restoration of what was once the cultural center of the state. It's worth a drive from any point in the state and if you are somewhere in the vicinity, then by all means avail yourself of the opportunity.

When you get there it will take some imagination to envision this quiet rural community of a little over 300 as a bustling metropolis of 40,000 (which it was during the Civil War years of 1863-65).

To locate Washington as being 10 miles northwest of Hope is ironic, for when Washington was in its prime, the area where Hope now is was nothing more than a flat prairie. When railroads began their move westward from the East, negotiators approached Washingtonians about purchasing right of way for a railroad through the city.

The proud gentlemen of Washington, which boasted its own opera house, an academy for young women and one for young men, among other things, told the railroad company that the townspeople could "get anywhere they wanted to go by stagecoach or steamboat". They thought the railroad would never amount to anything but their lack of vision in refusing to sell the right of way was the primary cause of Washington's decline. So the railroad company bought right of way across the prairie to the southeast and Hope sprang up and grew while Washington's fortunes sank lower and lower.

The Old Military Road from Little Rock west met the one which came north from Plain Dealing at Washington, placing it in a strategic position for the meeting and stopping over place of many famous people.

Among those who are a part of Washington's history are Jim Bowie whose legendary knife was forged by a Washington blacksmith in 1831; Albert Pike who wrote much of his "Morals and Dogma of Masonry" while a resident there; and Sam Houston who plotted and planned the Texas Revolution while living in a room at the now-reconstructed Old Tavern. There is a story that Davy Crockett who often stopped at the Tavern on his trips west, was approached by a stranger as they met near the Tavern well. The stranger said he believed he'd seen Mr. Crockett "...somewhar". To that Crockett, replied, "I spec so, I've been thar." Judge Stephen F. Austin held Territorial Court there. Arkansas' Gov. Harris Flanigan and his staff moved the seat of government there in 1863 when Federal forces occupied Little Rock and Augustus H. Garland, governor of Arkansas, United States Senator and Attorney General in the cabinet of President Grover Cleveland lived there. His home has been restored, complete to its sterling silver front door knob. There is on display in the Tavern a gold silk dress 146 years old made of silk grown right there in Hempstead County!

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The doc finally said, "The best thing for you is to give up smoking, liquor and women." The patient replied, "I don't deserve the best, Doc, what's the second best."

A five-year-old girl, visiting a neighbor, was asked how many children were in her family.

"Seven," she answered.

The neighbor observed that so many children must cost a lot.

"Oh, no," the child replied, "we don't buy them - we raise them."

As two small boys stared at an abstract painting in a modern art exhibit, one whispered to the other "Let's get out of here before they say we did it."

The small boy interrupted his father, who was reading the newspaper. "Pop," the boy said, "I'm supposed to tell you there's going to be a small PTA meeting tomorrow night." "Well, if it's just a small one, do I have to go?" the father asked. "Oh, yes," his son replied. "It's just you, me, and the principal."

"You say you want a divorce on the grounds that your husband is careless about his appearance?" "That's right, Judge, he hasn't shown up in nearly two years."

A tall, thin teen-ager had been sent to the principal's office for fighting. Asked why she was always getting in fights, she said, "As long as they call me 'turnpike,' I'll fight." "But why do they call you that?" exclaimed the principal. "Not a curve in sight," said the girl sadly.

Wisdom is knowing what to do; skill is knowing how to do it; virtue (so they say) is not doing it.

The historical sites are under the supervision of the Pioneer Washington Restoration, of which Sen. Olen Hendrix of Prescott and Rep. Talbot Feild of Hope are members. Mrs. Charles Haynes, the executive director, and her assistant, Miss Mamie Bell Holt, are both pleasant personages who make a visit to old Washington even more delightful. The sites are open to the public from 9:00 to 5:00 weekdays and Sundays from 1:00 to 5:00 throughout the year.

Places of interest include the Old Tavern, the Block-Catts house (an ante-bellum home beautifully furnished with period furniture), James Black's blacksmith shop where the Bowie knife was made, one of the world's largest magnolia trees, an ancient cemetery, the Garland home, a gun museum containing one of the finest collections of firearms in the United States, the oldest Methodist Church in Arkansas (in use by the congregation each Sunday since it was completed in 1861) and the old Confederate Capitol, which belongs to the state. There's more - much more. As we said in the beginning, if you haven't been - go to Washington. And tell "Miss Mamie" at the Tavern that Mary Herndon sent you.

# Around The Department

Joe J. Schamer's daughter who is a buyer for Goldsmith's Department Store in Memphis, decided to join the college crowd again last fall and called her folks last week to say "I passed". Margaret is doing graduate work in marketing at Memphis State. Before coming to Memphis she was a buyer with Foley's of Houston. Joe is the assistant division head of the Accounting Division.

Fred Sebren resigned from Internal Audit's staff May 25 to accept a position with the Hollis Co. Their gain is certainly our loss, for Fred is a very fine person.

A film showing mission to Hope June 3 presented an opportunity for my first visit to the District 3 headquarters and to meet our personnel there. After conversing with people by letter and telephone for seven years, it's nice to put faces with the name. I had seen Olive Jackson once when she came to Little Rock to receive her 30-year pin but I enjoyed seeing her again and meeting Edna Lewallen, reporter Sharon Bailey, Mr. Huckabee and others.

And speaking of Olive Jackson, can you imagine anyone so modest that she declined to come to Little Rock for the presentation of a 35-year pin, and her the first lady employee to receive one?! "I've already been up there twice for pins and certificates", she told me. Well, the next time you are eligible for a 35-year pin, Olive, you'd better be here to receive it!

Brenda McRaven is leaving us, in general, and Traffic Services in particular, Friday, June 14. She will be secretary to Dr. Joe K. Lester of North Little Rock. We will miss seeing her on the 10th floor.

Sympathy is extended to Virginia Williams of the Audit Section in the sudden loss of her brother, Garland Combs, who suffered a fatal heart attack June 12.

Kay Weitzel, a newcomer to Little Rock from Cleveland, Ohio has been employed to be my cohort in putting together the Magazine. She will replace Jay Ehrhorn who will join her husband in Mt. Prospect,



Ill. as soon as she sells their house. Jay's husband, Bob, was transferred to Illinois by Varityper Corp. the first of April. Kay's husband, Dave, was transferred to Little Rock from Cleveland by Westinghouse Corp. Kay is well-trained and has broad experience in her field. I am glad to have her aboard.

Ferol Jones, the Director's secretary, enjoyed accompanying her sister, Thelma Kenny, who made a business trip to Memphis June 6 and 7. They were entertained at several social events while there. Mrs. Kenny is associated with Welcome Wagon and in that capacity, was selected by Razorback Chapter of American Business Women's Association as their "Woman of the Year."



## ACCOUNTING DIVISION

MILDRED HARNES

Accounting Division welcomes our new employee, Alice Harrison. She lives in Viny Ridge, and graduated from Bryant High, where she was a member of the Drill Team, and treasurer of the Senior Student Council. Her hobbies are reading and sewing.

La Rue Jones, one of our summer employees, is again with us. This fall she will be a senior at Henderson State College and will practice teach in Home Economics. She likes camping, tennis and art.

Mell Jones and her daughter are visiting with Mell's parents in San Fernando Valley, Calif. Her son, Mike was elected captain of the McClellan High School band for the 1968-69 school year.

Congratulations to Betsy Morrison, who received her pin for 20 years of service with A.H.D.

First Lt. and Mrs. Jimmy Hawkins, with daughter Madeline, have moved to Fort Carson, Colo. He is the son of Mrs. Irene Hawkins, and has been recently re-activated into the Army. We wish them luck.

Gerald Koonce, son of Mrs. Pat Koonce, graduated from the U. S. Army Finance School with the highest academic achievement, graduating as number one in his class.

Accounting will miss Sherry Rankin, who resigned to await a visit from the

stork. She received a patio lounge and matching chairs as a gift. We had a pot-luck lunch and a wonderful time. She received many baby gifts, too.

Bud Dorris, husband of Willene Dorris of our division, is in Memorial Hospital, and we are sure sorry, as we all love Bud and Willene.

Rose Clingan's husband, Don a sergeant in the Army Reserve, has spent the last two weeks in summer camp at Ft. Polk, La.

Bonnie Hill and her husband Bob, made a flying trip to the home of his mother, Mrs. H. G. Hill in Indianola, Iowa Mother's Day weekend.

Mrs. Margaret Allen and her husband John, had as weekend guests, her brother and sister-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. B. H. Robertson, of Rogersville, Tenn.



## COMPUTER SERVICES

FAY SULLIVAN

School's Out! Vacation time is here-- and all that goes along with it!

Billie Jo Young has just come back from a week's vacation all nice and tanned. Her husband presented her a camper for her birthday and they spent the week touring the Ozarks. One of the highlights of her trip was a visit to Dogpatch, U.S.A. Needless to say, she had a wonderful week.

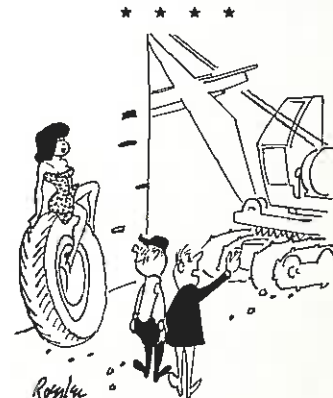
Peggy Hardin's daughter Sharlotte graduated from White Hall High School the last week of May and received the Annual Staff Member Award for outstanding work on the school annual.

Suelene Goode and her husband spent the past weekend at Lake Hamilton. I understand they had a pleasant time and caught lots of fish, too.

We had a farewell party for Bill Cypert May 24 and presented him an ice chest. He took a position with Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance here in Little Rock.

As of this writing Ronald Wallace is away for two weeks' National Guard duty. He expects to be back June 17.

We are happy to welcome a new employee, Mary Dean Reynolds, to our Key Punch Section.



"What makes you think we're pushing tire-mounted equipment?"



## EQUIPMENT AND CENTRAL SHOP

TYRONZA HINES

Everyone in this office really enjoyed the Memorial Day holiday. Most of us just stayed home and relaxed.

Frank Pitts and his family spent the Memorial Day weekend on a family outing. They traveled the northern part of the state, spent a couple of hours at Dogpatch on Highway 7 between Harrison and Jasper, then on to Cherokee Village. They also did a little fishing.

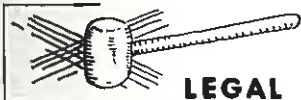
Jo Ann Wolfe and her family recently visited her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Thompson, of Memphis.

Clyde Holmes entered St. Vincent Infirmary Memorial Day for eye surgery. We are glad to see her back at work and to report that she has made a speedy recovery.

This reporter's mother-in-law, Mrs. Henry Hines, of Warren also underwent eye surgery recently at Warner Brown Hospital in El Dorado. She is now home and doing well.

AvaLee Padgett's inlaws from Fresno, Calif. are visiting her and Bill, and other relatives in the state.

On May 24th, at Central Shops, a party was given for Henry Kirchoff who retired the end of May from the Department with more than 20 years' service. Coffee, cake and punch was served and Henry was presented a gift certificate. We all want to wish him the very best.



## LEGAL DIVISION

JOYCE PORTER

L/Cpl. Terry Green was promoted to captain last month and made papa George Green very proud. Terry is stationed here in Little Rock with the 6th Rifle Company. Another reason that Dad is proud of Terry is the fact that he will be a first year medical student next year and has a 3.5 average in pre-med. Terry is also the assistant resident and counselor in Holcomb Hall at the University. George is equally proud of his other son, Robert, who will be a first year ministerial student at Ouachita this fall.

We are glad to report that W. D. Kelly who was ill for several weeks is fully recovered and back with us again. Welcome back!

James Dowell is the proud father of two graduates this year, his daughter, Jane from Central High and Jimmy (with honors) from Hendrix. Jimmy was awarded a graduate fellowship at the University of Arkansas where he will be teaching and working for his graduate degree.

We were sorry to lose one of our secretaries, Oleta McClain. She isn't far away though, she just transferred to P & R.



Billy Bowe

A new addition to Legal this month is attorney Billy Bowe. He is married and has two children. Spouse is Florence and children are Larry, 20 and in the Air Force and Nancy, 17, a senior at Hall High. Mr. Bowe was in private practice downtown before coming to the Department. He enjoys golf and water sports. Happy to have you with us . . .



This group represents four generations of Joyce Porter's family. She is standing second from right.

My family and I enjoyed a short vacation this past Memorial Day holiday. We visited with my grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Otto Newland, at Dennard, Ark. and with my aunt, Erma Kennon and children from North Little Rock who were also visiting at Dennard. Other relatives there were my aunt and uncle, Mr. & Mrs. Archie Weber from DeSoto, Kans. along with their son, Ronald, who was home on vacation from school in Des Moines, Iowa. We had a great time visiting around. June 2nd was Decoration Day at the Dennard cemetery. Many people come home from all over the states just for that day . . . just to see and visit with relatives and long lost friends.

Another proud parent is Hazel Carraro. Her daughter Gloria, who just finished the fifth grade at Arkansas School for the Blind, won a wrist watch from the Zale Company for excellent grades throughout the year. This is the fourth watch she has won in three years for outstanding achievement. We, too, are proud of Gloria and want her to keep up the good work.



## MAINTENANCE

## RADIO

## BEAUTIFICATION

SHIRLEY DUNEGAN

Well, that time of year is here again! With school being out for the summer everyone is thinking about vacations. Wouldn't it be nice just to take off to parts unknown and leave all our worries at home and just rest, but as usual, everyone returns to work more tired than before.

Assistant Maint. Engr. Gerald Sisk, is the only one at this time who is enjoying a vacation. He is visiting with his son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Irene in Alexandria, Va. His son, Tommy, who is stationed at Camp Drum, N.Y., will meet them there for a short visit.

It sure was nice having Memorial Day off to catch up on the household duties normally neglected during the week and just plain loafing. We did see several cases of sunburn walking down the halls on Monday afterward which we are pretty sure did NOT come from doing chores around the house.

Maintenance Engineer Jim Lowder, will attend the AASHO-NHUC National Highway Management Conference at Santa Fe, N.M. June 8. If time permits, he wants to do some sightseeing, too. More about this next month.

Lucy Witter, wife of Bud, our Staff Specialist in Beautification, recently underwent surgery at St. Vincent's and is now home recuperating nicely. The Witters have purchased a new house trailer and parked it on a lot beside Lake Ouachita so their recently-acquired party barge won't get lonesome. This is where Lucy plans to recuperate.

Jimmie Farnam in Maintenance attended the graduation of her son Tony from Nursery school. The class entertained the proud parents with a skit of "The Three Pigs". Tony and a schoolmate sang a duet. He is now prepared to face the first grade, come September.

Yours truly recently escorted 24 girl scouts to Russellville for a three-day camp-out over the weekend. Speaking of fun, have you ever eaten a raw hamburger pattie with a slice of raw potato and onion on a wet bun while the rain drips from your nose onto every bite. (The rain had put out the fire.) Then it rained throughout the entire 3½ mile hike back to camp. Despite a cold or two, a few chiggers, a little poison ivy and a lot of sore muscles, everyone seemed to have had a good time. Bye now!

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*No tourniquet will cut off your circulation quite as efficiently as a wedding ring.*



## MATERIALS AND TESTS

SIBYL MADDOX

Congratulations to C. A. Phillips and Maurice Tillery. These fellows recently received five-year pins and certificates.

And by the time you read this, Jake Clements and R. Bruce Sims will have received their 10-year pins and certificates. Our congratulations to you two.

Bonnie and Joe Magness are the proud parents (and I do mean PROUD) of a darling little daughter, Melissa Jo, born April 22. They already have two sons, Greg and Larry. We are so happy for all of you.

Well, our CONFIRMED BACHELOR has gotten married! Jim Brewster married Billie Jo Corrington, April 26. Billie Jo is a nurse at the Federal Reserve Bank. We still have a few more bachelors left, who is next?

Mrs. Linnie Halliburton, Julia's mother, underwent eye surgery May 29 for removal of a cataract. She is convalescing at home.



## PERSONNEL

DOROTHY LEHMAN

Frank Newsham's younger daughter, Frankie and her husband Mike Oenbring, arrived June 10 for a two-week visit. During their stay both families will visit Frankie's grandmother, Mrs. Daisy Smith at Houston. The Newshams' older daughter Laura and husband Joseph Malat were involved in an auto accident in Menominee, Wisc. where they live, early in May but fortunately the injuries were minor.



Marie Hartley, who has been a Personnel employee for a little over a year, has gone home anticipating. Before she left June 7, her co-workers presented her a number of gifts suitable for the anticipated arrival.

Jackie Wallace enjoyed the tourist attractions in New Orleans during a recent trip there.

Shirley and Angela Bain saw the Andy Williams show at the Coliseum in May and said it was a well-spent evening.

Your reporter enjoyed renewing some old acquaintances in Dallas during a visit there the latter part of May.

Mothers' Day found many of us enjoying our families. My son, Charles drove in from Waco, Texas for the weekend... Shirley and Angela spent the time with Shirley's parents in Bodcaw.

Johnny Greenlee, Jane's oldest, and my daughter Peggy graduated from Southwest Junior High. Next fall Johnny will attend Central High and Peggy will be a student at Parkview, the new high school on John Barrow Road.

At this writing, Peggy is preparing to attend the Grand Assembly of the Order of Rainbow Girls to be held at the Marion Hotel June 13-15.



Sheila, left, and Denise, right.

Three new employees in Personnel are Denise McCool, Sheila Wetherington and April Ray. Denise, who comes from Sheridan, is doing the service award work. She attended LRU one year and worked for several insurance companies before coming to the Highway Department. She likes to bowl and is a member of the Women's National Bowling Congress. Her husband, Ben is with Home Insurance Company. They reside at 6500 Lancaster Road and attend Third Baptist Church. They made their first fishing trip this season a few days ago and had a good catch of bream. Denise also brought back quite a sunburn.

Sheila Wetherington comes from Arkadelphia. She graduated from beauty school, then attended Henderson College two years prior to employment here. She is single, but likes to cook and sew. In order to be handy to work, she lives within walking distance of the building.

April Ray, a 19-year old college student, is our summer office employee. She likes to swim and prefers outdoor activities.

We are happy to have these new faces and hope they enjoy their stay with us.

My sister Evelyn Goin and her son Bill from Waco, Texas (and I as well) are very proud that one of their Afghans, the dark one in the picture, is rated one of



the top five breeding females in the U.S. and has won several prizes at dog shows. They showed two other Afghans who won first place in different classes of the American Kennel Club Show held in the Hall of Industry on the Livestock Show grounds June 9. The Afghan is an old breed of hunting hound from the Near East noted for its swiftness.



## PLANNING AND RESEARCH

P & R STAFF

The P & R Spring Outing was held on May 24th at Burns Park. The menu was fried chicken, baked beans, potato salad and slaw. The beauty of the affair — and the PARSAC Committee will no doubt agree — was that Colonel Bullock's cooks prepared the food. Games were played and everyone had a good time; that is, everyone except Pete Benetz who was injured while helping drive a horseshoe stake in the ground. He hit his leg with a hammer and received quite an injury. We are glad to see that he is able to be back to work.

Genny Gunn and Karen Phillips recently journeyed to New Orleans while the Jazz Festival was in progress. Genny's main purpose was to visit her fiancé, Bob West, at Tulane University. They have picked August 26 as their wedding date.

Claude Roberson's son, whose name is Claude also, and Jan Harrelson were married May 31st in the Mablevale Methodist Church. They are residing in the Westgate Apartments. We wish them much happiness.

Pete Powell's son, Jeff, and his recent bride are now living in Bossier City, La. Jeff was transferred there as a Western Auto manager. Good luck to him in his new position.

Martha Cushing and her husband have purchased a camper which they plan to use while enjoying Arkansas' Lakes this summer. Certainly should be fun you don't mind mosquitoes.

Betty Wiggins' brother, Carl, and his family from Tulsa, Okla., visited her Memorial Day weekend.





Congratulations to Charlie Rain, who graduated in May from Little Rock University with a degree in Mathematics. Charlie works in our Traffic Engineering Section.

Members of the "Afternoon Exercise" Club announced cancellation of their sessions during the long hot summer. They feared, due to the high summer Arkansas temperatures, that a heat stroke or some such calamity might befall them while running their daily mile. Anyway we applaud their efforts to become physically fit.

We were delighted to see Jim Carvell during his recent visit to this office. Jim looks as if Texas is agreeing with him. We were disappointed though when we didn't get to see Jay Carvell. Maybe next time.

Helen McNutt has just returned from a visit with her daughter, Helen, in San Antonio. How convenient, with HemisFair there this year! Helen visited the Fair and she recommends it to everyone.

M. L. Beckett's daughter, Varyne, with the Women's Air Force at McCord AFB, Tacoma, Wash., was recently promoted to sergeant. She has just completed two years of her enlistment time. The Beckett twins, Allen and Louis, were selected as two of Central High School's 35 delegates to Boys' State.

Peggy McFarlin, who worked in the Data Analysis Section, has resigned and moved to Pine Bluff. We will certainly miss her.

The "Highway Open" Golf Tournament got underway on June 1st and most of the 37 participants have played their first round. It is too early to say who is in the lead because not everyone has played their first round; however, we can safely say that Dave Conner isn't. His handicap is among the lowest but the pressure of the tournament was too much for him and he shot a 93. We can console him by saying that even the pros have bad days in important tournaments.

Some of the prizes to be given are: two dozen golf balls from Arkansas Louisiana Gas Company, a golf shirt from Lucille Dishongh, and a certificate for haircut, shampoo, and tonic from Don Skimmer's Barber Shop. Next month we should know something definite about the winners, as all rounds must be completed in June. Some of the golfers are even thinking about a four-ball tournament in the fall. These affairs could become annual events.

Welcome back to summer employees Jane Rausch, Lou Alley, and Hugh Davis, who all worked with us last year. Hugh has become engaged to a pretty little Hot Springs miss and the wedding date has been set for January 1969 after Hugh graduates from college.



## RIGHT OF WAY

THE STAFF

### ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION -

Kay Jones, our file clerk, spent the weekend in Houston recently visiting friends. She reported a real enjoyable time.

We have a new golfer in our section -- Linda Young has taken up the all-popular sport and has really been doing well for a beginner. Her first try brought her a score of 68 (on 9 holes). As the temperature begins to rise, more people are taking to the waters. Linda went water skiing and boating with friends at Greers Ferry Saturday and got caught in the middle of the lake in a thunderstorm. She said it was quite an experience -- the kind she doesn't care to relive.

Mary Arey and family went fishing Saturday morning and came home with more than a sunburn. What more can one expect when they had two active boys in the boat to scare the fish away. (It is a good excuse for not catching any fish, anyway). They reported a real good time.

Jimmy Giles' sister, Mrs. Ernest Johnson from California are visiting Jimmy and his family. They had a picnic planned for Saturday at Nimrod, but the rain made its appearance once again and forced them to picnic indoors.



A farewell party was given in the Administrative Section for Mary Arey, file clerk, who is leaving to become a full time housewife and mother. Cokes and cupcakes were served and Mary was presented a lovely gift.

### APPRAISAL SECTION -



Hooten, I., presents certificate to Mashburn

Z. L. Mashburn recently received his 10-year certificate and pin. They were presented by Herbert Hooten, chief of the Appraisal Section. Doughnuts and coffee was served for the occasion. We all congratulate Mr. Mashburn and hope he will continue to work in the Appraisal Section a long time.

Sue Boyett's sister, Phyllis Powell, graduated with honors from State College of Arkansas at Conway May 26. On her gown she wore a special gold braid, symbolic of honor, earned from Alpha Chi honor fraternity. Phyllis received a BSE degree and will teach fifth grade next year at Base Line Elementary School.



They graduate early these days.

Evalena and Joe Squires are certainly beaming with pride. Their daughter, Shannon, graduated May 28 from Immanuel Baptist Kindergarten. Each child recited a rhyme at the graduation ceremony.

Ina Dunn's husband, Jerry, is at Ft. Chaffee for two weeks' summer camp. She is looking forward to his homecoming.

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*Medical science says whiskey can't cure the common cold. However, neither can medical science.*



## ROADWAY DESIGN

VIRGINIA ASHLIN

Our 3rd annual picnic was held the night of May 24th at Burns Park. We had real good attendance and lots of delicious food. Entertainment, included softball, horseshoe pitching and lots of visiting with each other. Luckily, it didn't rain until after the picnic.

We welcome three new summer employees. They are John McSwain, Luther Wilson and Jerry Don Foshee. John and Luther are here for the first time, but Jerry worked with us last summer and we are all glad to have him back again.

The Wayne Suttons vacationed through Texas on their vacation the week of May 6th. They visited the Astrodome in Houston, Love Field in Dallas and the beach at Galveston.

Congratulations to the Bobby Welches on the birth of their first son, who has been named Wayne Allen. He weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces! B-day was May 9, 1968. We'll try to have a picture of him next time if he will agree to sit for the photographer.

Congratulations are also in order for John and Peggy Hicks who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on May 13, 1968. That's a mighty long time! Brooks and Linda Nichols also celebrated their 14th wedding anniversary May 29th. We wish both couples many more happy years together.

Gary Sipes drove a truck up to Aberdeen, S.D. for a friend Memorial Day weekend and flew back by jet. He said the return flight by jet was really enjoyable.



Miss Marsha Narrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Narrell, is engaged to Allen Ray Faulkner, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Faulkner, 1119 Rice Street.

Miss Narrell graduated from Central High School and is a freshman at Little Rock University where she is currently serving as assistant treasurer of Pi Beta Phi.

They plan a June wedding in Oak Forest Methodist Church. Her father is a designer in Roadway.

Travis Orton is popping his buttons with pride . . . he became a grandfather for the TENTH time on June 5 when Sheila Renee arrived, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Orton.



## Secondary Roads

BARBARA OLDHAM



These limits of bream were caught in Lake Conway by Lindsey Bellomy, draftsman in this division, his father Luther Bellomy, and his uncle, Harvey Wallingsford, all of Sheridan.

A hearty WELCOME to our new employees. Jerry Bobeck is 21, single, a 1964 graduate of Central High and attended Little Rock University three years. He enjoys playing golf at War Memorial Park and likes football and basketball. His hobby is stereophonic equipment. He water skis and boats at Lake Ouachita near Hot Springs.



Waddle (seated) and Bobeck.

Jimmy Waddle, another new employee, is a brand new (1968) graduate of Hall High. (Yea! Hall) . . . oh, excuse me, lost control of my typing. Hall is my old stomping grounds from several years back. Jimmy also enjoys football and water skiing as well as boat racing. He, too, enjoys Lake Ouachita and is now building a hydroplane race boat. In recent years Jimmy participated in boxing matches at Memphis. We are happy to add these two fine fellows to our working crew.

The members of the Secondary Roads bowling team and their wives enjoyed a "victory" dinner at The Embers Restaurant, May 17 in celebration of the 1967-1968 season which closed with more victories than losses. The group included Bob and Vada Mize, John and Lucille Tallant, Max and Mary Hall, John and Marjorie Adams and Dale Loe.

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Teasdale enjoyed a visit from their daughter, Pat Allen and her husband, Joe, from Houston, Texas in May.



Larry Johnson, a native of Conway, was introduced last month as a new employee but his picture was displaced from the copy, making identification difficult. So, here's Larry again.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT . . . Yours truly has an orange tree and oak tree growing on her desk in a 4 in. x 8 in. planter. You know the saying . . . mighty oaks from little acorns grow, or something like that. Well, anyway, we are watching for the mighty oak and waiting to pick the oranges. Bye 'til next time.



MEMMY TURNER

The officers assigned to our 22 Roving Units around the state were quite proud of the new station wagons issued to them recently, and for the office personnel of this Division, it was a delightful occasion. We seldom have an opportunity to say hello to our officers working in the various districts, so it was like old homewick when the men came in to Little Rock to turn in their old vehicles for the new ones. It would be so nice if we could have a visit from our men in the Weight Stations.



Danny O. Hyde, son of Weight Officer and Mrs. Osmer O. Hyde, is completing basic training at Ft. Campbell, Ky. Danny will visit his parents at Paragould before departure on June 15 for assignment with the Medical Corps in Germany.

A few days after Charles McDoniel picked up his new unit, he was hospitalized at Wynne with a heart attack. We are glad he has recovered so nicely, and expects to be able to return to work shortly. William Cogburn was unable to come in with the Mena Unit as he was recuperating from injuries suffered in an automobile accident. Congratulations were extended to Charles Bamard on his marriage recently.

We had a pleasant surprise when Mrs. Bob Baker and youngsters Jimmy, Kathy and Michael stopped by to see us on their way back to Glenwood. Capt. Baker is justified in being proud of his handsome family.

Congratulations to Capt. and Mrs. Guthrie Goodwin of Ash Flat, who are the proud grandparents of little Toby Wayne Goodwin.

Bill Jennings of the Harrison Weight Station is convalescing at home after being hospitalized with a broken leg.

Sheriff Emmett Edmonds, who was slain by an escaping prisoner at the Baxter County jail, had been foreman of the Harrison Weight Station until December 31, 1958, when he resigned to run for the office of sheriff.



## HENDERSON FERRIES

O. D. LEMON

John Gipson and his Heavy Bridge Maintenance crew have completed their work on our newly-remodeled barge, and they did a good job. The barge is now in use and performing well.

Adverse weather conditions and high water are causing many problems around the Henderson Ferry's operation.

On May 15th a tomado crossed the lake just about a mile north of the Henderson Ferry office, causing damage almost beyond belief. We are thankful here that it was no worse.

Eugene E. Vawter, a Henderson Ferry employee, is now a 25-year man! Congratulations! When asked for a story about "the time" he fell off a barge into the lake while doing some work on said barge -- he said - "Which time?!"

The heavy traffic season is on us in full swing. Lunker bass fishing is good in Lake Norfolk now! Try live crawfish or a brown bomber.

Come and see us - OK?!



DISTRICT



ISABELLE PSALMONDS



Permit Clerk James C. Cobb completed 20 years' service in May and was surprised with cake and coffee at coffee break one morning when District Engineer M. S. Smith presented his service certificate and lapel pin. The area foreman, job superintendents, Mrs. Cobb and her sister, Mrs. Webb were present to see him receive the award. Congratulations, Mr. Cobb. We all enjoy working with you and look forward to many more years' association.

Mississippi County Area Foreman William E. Raspberry of Blytheville also received a service award in May. His was for five years. Congratulations to you, too, Bill.

Sympathies are extended to Paragould truck drivers Donald Lemons and Alvin Gwyn in the recent loss of their fathers and to Buddy Pounders of the Osceola Resident Engineer's crew in the loss of his mother.

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*Since June is the month for brides, do you know why wedding rings are worn on the third finger?*

*The custom comes from an ancient belief that a delicate nerve runs from the third finger of the left hand directly to the heart. Also, early Greeks and Romans considered the third finger of each hand the medical finger. Physicians used the third finger to stir medicine because they believed that no poisonous substance could come in contact with that finger. Similarly, no evil would come to a marriage presented by a ring on that finger. From a practical point of view, it is the least sensitive, and, thus, the most comfortable finger on which to wear a ring.*



DISTRICT



BURNHAM & CAMPBELL

Congratulations to service award recipients Edward Eugene Lindsey and Loyd Dale Scott, 10 years and Johnny Norman West, five years.

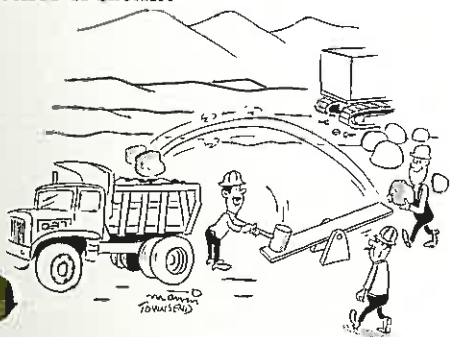
Welcome back to Mary Lane, who underwent major surgery and recently returned to work. Mary is slowly getting her pep back and may soon be able to almost keep up with Sula Burnham on their daily walks; however, with Sula we call it "daily runs".

Among the VIPs visiting our new offices recently were: Mrs. Coy Campbell, Mark, Scott & Joy, Harlan Burnham (Sula's husband), John Russ (Mildred's husband), Ralph Toward's son and grandson, Jewell Prince's wife, Frank Mulligan's wife, Jessie Parker's wife. Our family's family are the "Very Important People" around here.

Our sympathies are extended to Maxwell Smith, permit officer, and all members of the family of Jack Goad, of Little Rock. Maxwell's brother-in-law died of a heart attack May 8th.

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*The following poster was distributed by the Police Department of a Midwestern city: "Will the person who took the three-layer chocolate cake from the sergeant's office please return the same. It is needed as evidence in a food poisoning case."*



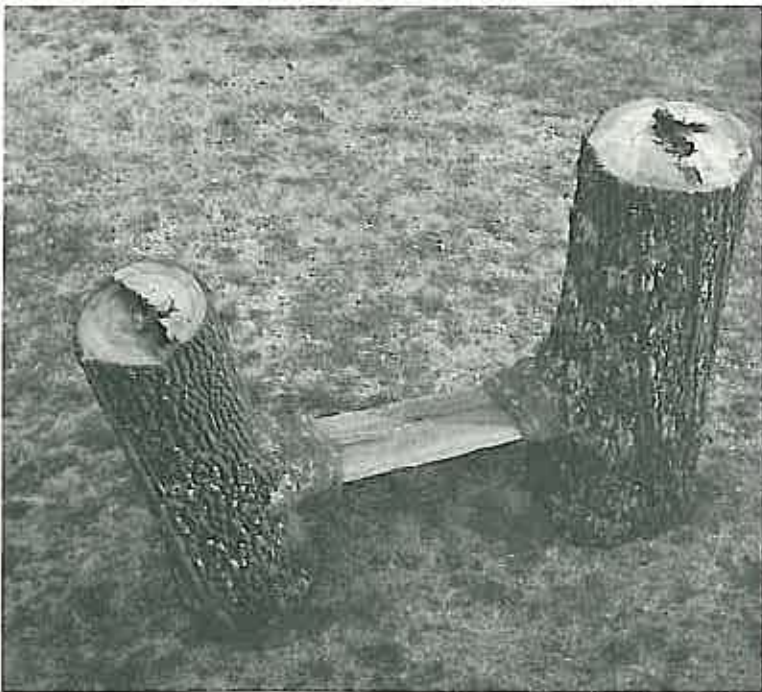
"Our loader broke down, Sir, and you always said to use our own initiative in a crisis."



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### **CONVERSATION PIECE**

Whatever the reason some unknown person had for nailing a length of 1 in. x 12 in. between two oak trees growing west of Clarksville a half-century ago, he probably never dreamed his handiwork would endure so long, nor that it ultimately would become a conversation piece in front of Resident Engineer Elmer Smith's office in Clarksville.

The trees had to be removed from their location near the centerline of I-40 on Job 8545, Harman Road-Jct. U.S. 64. The location was undoubtedly once a homesite. The trees are estimated to be 95 years old and were perfectly sound when cut.