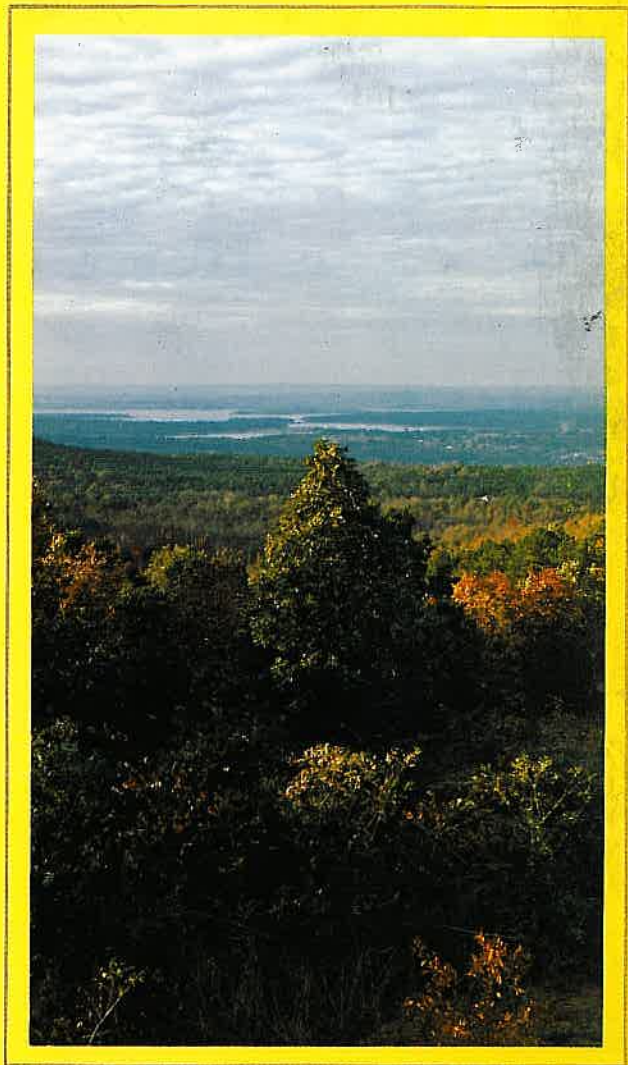


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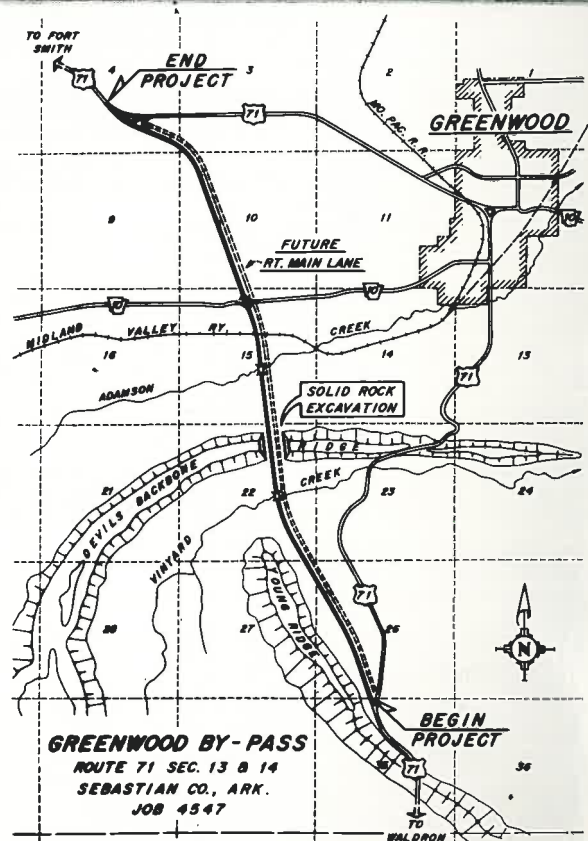




The bypass cuts through this devil's backbone ridge, which is being brought down to grade by a number of bermes or terraced cuts.

CONSTRUCTION OF GREENWOOD BYPASS BEGUN

Construction of a bypass of Greenwood on U. S. 71 is under way. Plans call for four lanes divided along the 4.85 mile length of the route but presently only the southbound lanes are being built. The project begins approximately 1.7 miles north of Witcherville and rejoins U. S. 71 some two and one-half miles west of Greenwood. D. B. Hill, Contractor of Little Rock is building the road. It will cost approximately \$1½ million. Dale C. Spencer is the resident engineer for the Highway Department



Route of the bypass. →



Rock from the ridge is used for fill elsewhere along the route. ←

One of two reinforced concrete slab span bridges which will span Adamson and Vineyard creeks on the bypass. →





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FRONT COVER

TOP: Highway 88 across Rich Mountain west from Mena.

CENTER: I-40, U.S. 64 and MoPac Railroad across Big Piney
Creek where it joins Dardanelle Reservoir.

BOTTOM: Highway 43 south of Harrison.

RIGHT: The Ouachita Mountains as seen from Hot Springs
National Park.

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ROAD BOND BILL DEFEATED IN HOUSE

Never Reached Senate

The Arkansas House of Representatives, by a 49-26 vote, failed to approve a bill to refer to the people of Arkansas a proposed \$200 million highway bond issue which would have provided the means for much needed improvement of highway facilities without a tax increase. The bonds would have been financed in part by highway revenues being freed in October this year when the 1941 Highway Road and Street Refunding Bonds are paid off. The bill as originally introduced would have permitted the Highway Commission to present their program to the people on a project-by-project basis in a special election.

During the past decade the Highway Department, utilizing all available State and Federal funds, has made significant progress toward providing the citizens with a modern highway transportation system. However, many more improvements are needed and with the completion of the Interstate System, a reduction in highway construction funds during the first half of the 1970's is anticipated. Without the additional funds a bond issue would have provided, the Department has no alternative except to proceed on a pay-as-we-go basis.

GRAY PROMOTED TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

HENRY C. GRAY, assistant director of Administration and Realty since December 1, 1968, has been



promoted to Assistant Director of Highways, a new position for the Highway Department, and the number two position in the Department.

Mr. Gray was formerly with the Game and Fish Commission as Chief of the Lands Division. He came to the Highway Department in September 1962 to head the Right of Way Division and later was made Chief of the combined Divisions of Right of Way and Legal. January 16, 1967, he was promoted to Assistant to the Chief Engineer.

In addition to his overall Departmental responsibilities, he will continue to supervise Weights and Standards, Accounting, Right of Way, Legal, Records and Reproduction, Procurement, Mail and Supplies, Buildings and Grounds, Equal Employment Opportunity, Permits Personnel, Safety, Computer Services, Information Services, Magazine, Photographer and Press.

He is a native of North Little Rock, and a graduate of the University of Wyoming. He is married and has two sons and two daughters.

NEW AUDITOR EMPLOYED



Hugh Murray is a new addition to the Internal Audit staff. He comes to the Highway Department from Varco Pruden Co. of Pine Bluff where he was also employed as an auditor, and prior to that he was sales manager for Arkansas Power and Light Co. at Harrison.

The son of an auditor, Murray has lived from North to South. He was born in Yonkers, N. Y., graduated from high school in Belhaven, N. C. and graduated from The Citadel in Charleston, S. C. with a B. S. degree in business administration.

He is a Shriner with membership in Sahara Temple in Pine Bluff. Murray is married to the former Mamie Brann of Brinkley. They have a daughter, Donna, a senior at Pine Bluff High School, and a son Allan, 15. He plans to move his family to Little Rock after school is out.

GOODMAN CHOSEN FOR ENGINEERS' HALL OF FAME



Highway Director Ward Goodman has been chosen by the University of Arkansas' College of Engineering for membership in the Hall of Fame for Distinguished Arkansas Engineers. Selections are made by a committee of the Engineering College faculty on the basis of outstanding contributions to the engineering profession, activities in technical and professional organizations, contributions and service to society and high attainment in the field of endeavor.

An award in recognition of those chosen for the Hall of Fame will be made at an alumni luncheon in the Student Union on the Fayetteville campus in March.

The Hall of Fame was begun in 1965 and so far, no more than three persons have been selected for membership in a single year. Goodman is one of three selected for the honor this year.

FOUR RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE

Four Department employees were recognized by the Highway Commission on February 25 for lengthy service. Commissioner Lawrence Blackwell presented each a certificate and lapel pin in appreciation.

OTIS W. VAUGHN of Springdale has completed 30 years. He first went to work for the Department on a temporary basis in 1938. In fact, he worked 11 days in two years and for that was paid twenty-five cents an hour! In the meantime he worked for construction companies. In January, 1940 Vaughn was employed full-time by the Department. Since then he has worked as a mechanic and shop foreman before being promoted to his present position of equipment supervisor for District 9.



Vaughn is a skilled machinist who has a fully equipped machine shop at home where he turns out all sorts of equipment for his friends and neighbors, as well as himself. He is a Baptist, 32nd degree Mason and an Oddfellow. He is married to the former Cecil Marie Brown of Fayetteville. They have one son, Bill, who is a mechanical engineer living in St. Louis.

JOSEPH A. HICKS has been employed by the Highway Department 25 years, all of it in the Roadway Design Division where he is an assistant squad leader. Joe, as he is known to friends and associates, is a registered professional engineer, having completed study for a civil engineer through a correspondence school. He is a member of the Arkansas and National societies of Professional Engineers. He started work for the Department as a draftsman after having been employed in the



dry cleaning business for a number of years. Hicks was born in Valley Springs in Boone County and attended Harrison public schools. He and his wife Leota reside at 5320 Maryland in Little Rock and attend the West Central Church of Christ. He enjoys refinishing furniture, gardening, and deer hunting.

WESS H. KYLE has also completed 25 years. His job as a motor patrol operator is to help keep the unpaved roads in District 2 in good condition. Kyle is a native Louisianian but moved to Jennie, Arkansas in Chicot County to farm before beginning employment with the Highway Department. He and his wife, Ruthel, live in Lake Village and attend Southside Baptist Church there. They have one son, Wess, Jr. Kyle is an outdoorsman who likes to fish.



CLIFFORD W. STEVENS is also a motor patrol operator. He helps keep over 180 miles of unpaved roads in District 1 improved. He began work for the Highway Department as a laborer in 1942 after several years of farming. He was born in Wetumka, Okla. but has lived at Marianna most of his life. He and his wife Betty have two children, a daughter who also lives in Marianna, and a son with the armed forces in Germany.

Stevens is an outdoorsman who likes to camp out, fish and turkey hunt. He particularly likes to track and call turkeys for friends who hunt with a bow and arrow.

FORT SMITH - VAN BUREN BRIDGES

At the present time there is approximately \$12,066,000. worth of bridge construction under way in the Fort Smith-Van Buren area. The bridge which carries traffic into Oklahoma from Fort Smith on U. S. 64 (Garrison Avenue) is being replaced on almost the exact location as the existing bridge. In fact, piers for the new structure are coming up under and right alongside the old bridge. Present plans call for two lanes of the four lane structure to be built on the north side of the piers to handle traffic while the existing bridge is being torn down and the other two lanes built on the south end of the piers. Cost of right of way in downtown Fort Smith where the bridge is located made relocation prohibitive.

Construction is more advanced on the Fort Smith-Van Buren bridge being built a hundred or so yards from the existing structure which was completed in

Pier construction of the Fort Smith-Van Buren bridge.



Piers for the new Garrison Avenue (U.S. 64) bridge rise in the air under and immediately beside the present bridge.

1913. Decking has been poured on part of the Van Buren end, steelwork is nearing completion on the Fort Smith end, and earthwork for the approaches is substantially complete. Footings have just been poured for one pier and another has yet to be started. However, the bridge is expected to be open to traffic by mid-summer. The old bridge will be removed when the new one is completed.

H. E. Cummins & Sons Construction Co. of Enid, Okla. is the contractor. M. C. Peevy is the resident engineer for the Highway Department.

Looking toward Van Buren from under the new bridge.

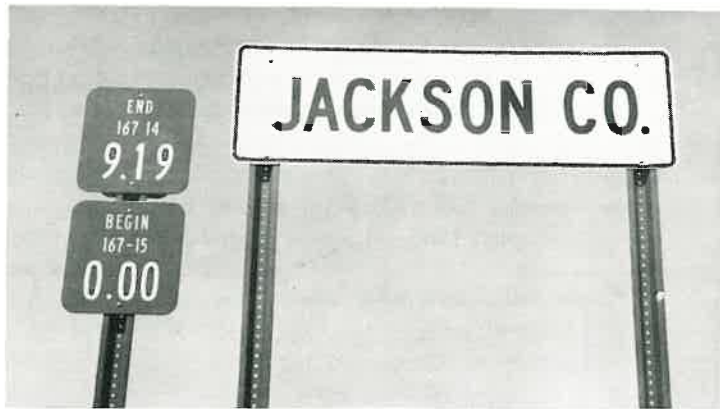


PRIMARY MILEPOSTING COMPLETED



The small horizontal numerals (67-12) represent the route number (67) and the section on the route (12). The larger vertical number indicates the mileage from the beginning of a section.

The beginning and ending of sections will be indicated with the words "BEGIN" and "END" on the milepost.



Alert Arkansas motorists are now accustomed to seeing the small green signs with white numerals which have been installed along many of the state's major routes. The mileposting system has now been completed along the 3,400 miles of primary highways which carry 40 percent of all motor vehicle traffic in the state.

The mileposts will serve as a reference system for accurate location of traffic crashes, detection of high accident locations, and to expedite the response of police and medical aid to the scene of a crash.

Installation of the signs cost approximately \$72,000, with 50 percent of the cost being financed by a National Highway Safety Bureau grant. Interstate Sign Erectors, Inc. of Little Rock was awarded the

contract to furnish and install the signs. Asst. Cons. Engr. H.H. Perkins was in charge of the project for the Highway Department.

The mileposts are typical highway signs with white numerals set on a reflectorized green background, placed at one mile intervals. Where they appear on the right side of a two-lane roadway, the driver will be moving in the direction of increasing mileage.

A similar system of mileposts will be continuous for each route.

Installation of the signs is a major accomplishment toward compliance with the Department of Transportation standards on traffic records, identification and surveillance of accident locations, and others as established under the Highway Safety Act of 1966.

THE DEPARTMENT'S SAFETY RECORD

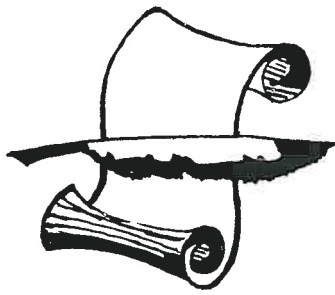
During 1969 a total of 147 lost time accidents and 200 non-lost time were reported to the Safety Section. The central offices and District 1 each reported 18 lost time accidents.

Thirty-seven preventable and 141 non-preventable accidents involving equipment were reported. District 6 reported the most preventable accidents.

In accidents pertaining to motor vehicles, 154 preventable were reported and 136 non-preventable. District 1 reported the most preventable motor vehicle accidents.

REFLECTIONS FROM THE '60 ISSUES

(Continued from February issue)



Letters

P. O. Box 12393
Dallas, Texas 75225
February 11, 1970

Arkansas Highway Department
Berryville, Arkansas 72616

Attention: Mr. Tilman Fancher

Dear Mr. Fancher:

It is my pleasure to write to you and the members of your department an expression of our genuine appreciation for assistance rendered our people during the recent seige of bad winter weather. Certainly you gave assistance that was above and beyond that which one normally expects. It is folks like each of you that remind us that there is still a touch of old time neighborliness left.

"Thank you" seems so little to say, but believe me when we say it comes from the heart.

Sincerely,

Von D. Igo
Manager
Ozarka Water

(Tillman Fancher is Carroll County Area Foreman.)



"NEVER MIND IF ITS LEANING...THE FIRST MOWER THAT COMES FROM THAT WAY WILL STRAIGHTEN IT UP."

November, 1963 – Dowell H. Anders, chief of the Legal Division, resigned to become general counsel of the Bureau of Public Roads in Washington. D. C. Mark Woolsey, chief attorney for the Public Service Commission, will replace him.

January, 1964 – Forty miles of I-55, from Lake David to U. S. 61 south of Blytheville was opened on December 13.

April, 1964 – Vice Chairman of the Highway Commission W. J. (Bill Joe) Denton died March 22 in a Memphis hospital after suffering a heart attack. He had been appointed to the Commission one year and ten days earlier to fill the vacancy created when his brother-in-law, John E. Crain, succumbed to a heart seizure.

December, 1964 – The relocated section of U. S. 167-65 from Little Rock to Pine Bluff and Sheridan was dedicated and officially opened on December 2. The sleek new four-laned route is a much-needed and long-awaited replacement for the tortuous, narrow, crooked and heavily-traveled highway to Pine Bluff.

February, 1965 – Maurice Smith, planter, cattleman and banker of Birdeye in Cross County, has been named by Governor Faubus to a 10-year term on the Highway Commission. He fills the vacancy created at the expiration of Chauncey L. Denton's term.

March, 1965 – The last 9.5 miles of I-55, from Blytheville North to the Missouri state line, was opened to traffic February 19.

May, 1965 – The White River bridge on Highway 12 east of Rogers has been selected as the most beautiful bridge in the medium span category by the American Institute of Steel Construction, Inc.

December, 1965 – Interstate 30 from Benton to Malvern was opened to traffic on November 23.

August, 1966 – The new White River bridge at Calico Rock was dedicated and opened to traffic. The bridge was a long-awaited replacement for an antiquated ferry which was the sole means of crossing the river there. A grateful citizenry had planned for the event so that a county fair atmosphere, though drenched in rain, was not dampened.

October, 1966 – The district headquarters at Paragould was completed and dedicated.

November, 1966 – Was a month to remember. That's when the central headquarters personnel occupied their gleaming white ten-story building on Interstate 30 south of Little Rock. Through wise pre-planning the big moving job was accomplished with a minimum of confusion and disruption of business.

January, 1967 – Ward Goodman was promoted to director of highways and John T. Pendergrass to chief engineer when Director Walter E. Hicks resigned. Goodman formerly was chief engineer and Pendergrass was assistant chief engineer.

April, 1967 – Tolls on the Helena bridge, which had range from \$1.00 to \$4.50, were lowered to a flat rate of \$1.00 per vehicle.

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Here, There
and Everywhere

Construction of 100 M. P. H. Expressway Recommended - Construction of sections of highway especially designed for long-distance travel where speeds up to 100 m.p.h. could be maintained have been recommended by Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory. No technological breakthrough would be needed, only the decision as to whether we want super-high-speed expressways would need to be made. Such expressways would be limited to passenger cars meeting performance and safety standards and only motorists holding special licenses would be permitted to enter. Trucks would be barred.

Motorists entering a section of such a highway would have to pass a 90-second automatic inspection of critical safety items such as tires, brakes, steering, communication and signaling equipment. The

driver then would have to pilot his car through a serpentine test section, climaxed by unexpected stop, to determine his steering ability and reaction time. This would be necessary to screen out drivers temporarily incompetent as a result of drowsiness, drinking, illness or disturbed emotions. High-speed lanes would be 13 to 15 feet wide each, with a hard-surfaced escape shoulder. Specially designed cars, resembling the one in the drawing, would likely be built for purchase or rental.

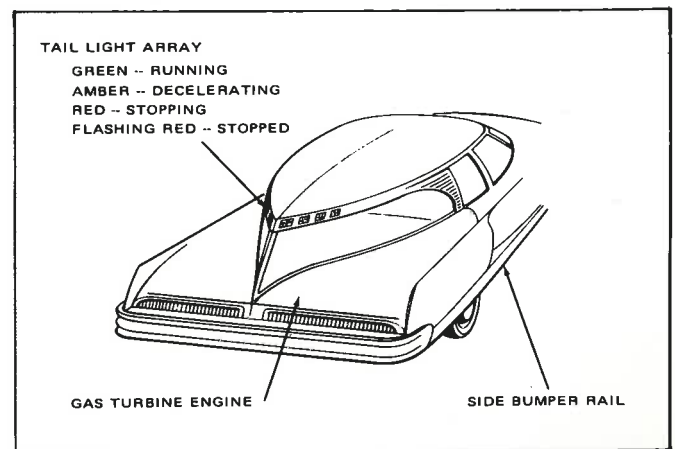
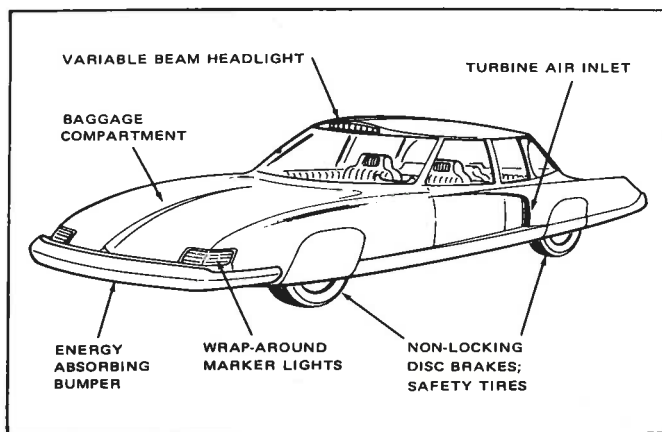
The main problem at super speeds becomes the gas tank and the pocket book. At 100 m.p.h. gasoline would be consumed at the rate of more than a quart a minute, or an average of five to six miles per gallon. Headlights and tail-lights on the specially designed cruisers

would likely be located on the car roof to increase road visibility and reduce glare for oncoming cars.

Paved Bikeways Built - More than seven miles of asphalt-paved bikeways have been built in National Seashore Park on Cape Cod by the U. S. National Parks Service, thus making cycling for health more pleasurable.

Double Tunnel Being Built at Mobile - A second tunnel is being constructed under Mobile River in Mobile, Ala. It will consist of two tubes, with eastbound traffic using one tube, and westbound another. The tunnel is a portion of Interstate 10. It is located about 450 feet south of Bankhead Tunnel which was completed in 1941. Bankhead is a toll tunnel but the new one will be free.

DOT May Ban Smoking On Buses - The Department of Transportation has invited comments on a petition calling for a ban on smoking by drivers and passengers on interstate buses. Consumer advocate Ralph Nader (author of "Unsafe at Any Speed") filed the petition with the contention that smoking on buses creates a fire hazard, interferes with a driver's ability to safely operate a bus by reducing his efficiency, and the generation of potentially dangerous concentrations of carbon monoxide in the interior of buses.



Details of the "Century Cruiser" - car of the future.

RESIDENT ENGINEERS CONFERENCE HELD



E. E. HURLEY



COY CAMPBELL, JR.



VERAL PINKERTON



BILL MOORE



DON CAHOONE

The annual resident engineers conference was held February 18-19 at the central headquarters. New methods and techniques in construction, problems of communication and procedure within the organization, and the importance of coordination were among the topics covered. Approximately 130 district engineers, resident engineers and assistant resident engineers attended. Asst. Const. Engr. H. H. Perkins was in charge of planning for the conference.

A dutch treat banquet was held in the Cadillac Room of Magnolia Inn the evening of February 18.

1 - Const. Engr. E. E. Hurley welcomed the group and made the opening remarks.

2 - Dist. 7 Engr. Coy Campbell, Jr. urged the men to develop their ability in decision making.

3 - W. L. Moore of Hogan Construction Co. (and a former AHD assistant chief engineer) excellently filled the role of emcee at the banquet. He entertained the group with such frivolities as an outsize





cigar and a telephone which rang, only to have Moore remove the receiver from his pocket to answer it.

4 – Bridge Design Engr. Veral Pinkerton talked about bridge design and related construction problems.

5 – Asst. Const. Engr. Don Cahoon talks to the group about the importance of assigning time charges properly.

6 – BPR Div. Engr. Rex Leathers (left) makes “hook ‘em, Horns” sign to BPR associate Tony Leone of Fort Worth.

7 – Left to right: Don Martin, J. P. Clayton and Thomas Keys.

8 – Elmer Smith, Ken Harris, Claude Dunne and John Shaw.

9 – Commissioner John Harsh (center) was among those attending the conference. Max Hall of Secondary Roads is beside him and Dist. 9 Engr. Curtis Pangle sits behind him.

10 – Left to right: B. D. Mulhollen, John Lawrence and E. W. Rogers.

11 – Left to right: Bob Hickey, V. O. Selby, George Karnes and Ken Tyler.

12 – Left to right: J. B. Williamson, John Kizer and Gip Robertson, Jr.

13 – Left to right: Bradley Thomas, Charles Venable, Sherman James and John Harris.

14 – J. E. Lowder (standing), E. E. Hurley, W. L. Moore and B. K. Cooper.

15 – Left to right: Joe Magness and John Tallant.

16 – Left to right: Frank Caple, George Threatt, unidentified, Morris Rinehart, Virgil Shasshere, Hayden Cockrill, Cliff Martin, and on the other side of the table, Raymond Jones.

17 – C. E. Naugle (left) and Norman Pumphrey.

18 – David L. Moore (left) and Coy Campbell.

19 – Left to right: Ben M. Hogan, Jr., John Harsh and Frank Neighbors.

20 – C. A. Shumaker (retired AHD) (left), and John F. Price.

21 – Ronnie Watson (left) and Sam Smith.

22 – Left to right: Bob Myers, Calvin George, and Lloyd Burgess.

23 – Curt Shaddox (left) and J. P. McConnell.

24 – L. A. McCain (retired AHD) (left) and Van Bratton.

25 – Left to right: M. C. Peevy, Alton Van Patten, Mike O’Shea, Don Turner and Don Cahooné.

26 – E. E. Barber, Jr., (left) and D. B. Hill.

(Pictures continued next page)





OBITUARIES



DENNISON F. YATES, SR.

Dennison F. Yates, Sr., 62, a negotiator in the Right of Way Division, succumbed suddenly February 4. He became ill in mid-morning and left the office to see a doctor, dying later the same day. He had been employed 20 years and 11 months.

He was a Missionary Baptist minister and had served pastorates at Lake Hamilton Baptist Church in Hot Springs, Gravel Hill Baptist Church in Benton, First Baptist Church of Cotter and First Baptist Church of Gould in Lincoln County. He had been a member of the Central Association of Baptist Churches for 25 years.

Yates was born at Banks in Bradley County and ordained to the ministry in Hot Springs in 1935. He was a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and a member of Immanuel Baptist Church of Little Rock.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Virginia Ellison Yates; four sons, Jay and Dennison, Jr. of Little Rock, Bill Yates of Searcy, and Ronald Yates of Long Beach, Calif.; two daughters, Mrs. Nolan James of Tulsa, Okla., and Mrs. Bobby Lawhon of Magnolia; a brother, Earl Yates of Malvern; two sisters, Mrs. Tom Denham of Long Beach and Mrs. Jimmy Henson of Los Angeles, and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Healey and Roth Chapel on February 6. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery in Hot Springs.

MEMORIAL TO MR. DENNISON YATES

In 1950, Mr. and Mrs. Dennison Yates moved from Hot Springs to 9500 Sunset Lane to be nearer his work. He has been my close neighbor all this time. Our children played together and went to the same schools. We shared happy and sad times. He was more than a neighbor; he was more like a big brother, and I think many people with whom he came in contact felt the same way. He had a gift of being able to talk to people under difficult circumstances. He often felt he was a failure because he could not help every one who crossed his path. He saw so much in his travels about the state in his work. I think he sowed a lot of seeds on good ground that he never knew about. He always had a kind word and did what he could for all mankind. He was never in too big a hurry to listen to anyone who wanted to talk to him.

His passing has left a sad feeling in my heart. To me he was a meek and humble person. Everything great is not always good, but all good things are great.

The good-natured person is described in one of Paul's letters — "envieth not - not puffed up - not easily provoked - seeketh no evil." To sum it up, his nature was good, and the goodness of God endures continually.

In my opinion, he witnessed for God each day by the way he conducted his life. He was a devoted husband and father. He had high hopes for all six children, and they have not failed him. They each are a credit to their father and mother. He not only will be missed by his family and neighbors but by people all across the state. I shall never forget my friend.

-- Lucille Huffstutlar --
Records & Reproduction

CHARLEY V. CAGLE

Charley V. Cagle, 56, of Mulberry in Crawford County died February 11. He was formerly employed as a motor patrol operator with the Franklin County crew of the Highway Department almost 24 years. He had retired in 1968 due to ill health.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Rachel Wilburn Cagle; two sons, Virgil Cagle of Fayetteville and Ernest Cagle of Van Buren; four daughters, Mrs. Betty

Almond of New Mexico, Mrs. Wilma Wagner and Mrs. Erma Wade, both of Fort Smith, and Mrs. Bertha Dickerson of Mulberry; five brothers; Riley Cagle of Beebe, Henry, Birchie and Harley Cagle, all of Mulberry, and Elmer Cagle of Van Buren, and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held February 13 by Greer Funeral Service.



Susie Battisto, daughter of Frank Battisto in Surveys, was one of three inducted in the National Junior Honor Society recently. She is a student at Lakewood Junior High School in North Little Rock.



Susie Battisto

Frank Newsham of the E. E. O. office had a brand new red-haired granddaughter born up in Lincoln, Neb. on February 11 and he and Ceil drove up February 20 to make her acquaintance. She is the first child of Frank and Ceil's youngest daughter, Frankie and her husband, Mike Onbring. And then, exactly three weeks later, on March 4, their daughter Laura and her husband Joe Malet, who live in Wisconsin, became parents of a baby son after 11 years of marriage. Frank and Ceil are already anticipating Christmas, when both Frankie and Laura will come to visit them and bring the grandbabies.

The Magazine Staff has been two-thirds sick and one-third lame. Photographer Johnnie Gray was out a week with pneumonia and then, like most of us, came back to work and for the next week was here when he should have been home in bed.

None of us seem to have had as tough a time as Patsy Roling of Reproduction who is still off work after being hospitalized two weeks with a severe case of bronchial pneumonia, which resulted from coming back to work too soon after being ill with influenza. To make matters worse, both Patsy's husband and son also became ill before she was well enough to wait on them. Surely spring is about to arrive and hopefully some balmy, sunny days will drive off all the "bugs" and virusii. Of course, spring fever will set in upon us then, and that is about as bad as influenza, etc. as far as getting work done is concerned.

Carolyn West, former Right of Way secretary, was visiting around the main building on February 23, showing off her new offspring, Jimmy Ralph West. Small wonder he is such a beautiful baby. Grandmother Billie from the District 6 office was with Carolyn, glowing all the while in her new status as granny.

We have been concerned with Nancy Sipe because of her mother's surgery. She seemed to progress so well at first, only to have a disheartening setback. She is made

of pretty stern stuff, though, and so at this writing, has improved and is at home.

There is a great deal of concern at this time for Joyce Spencer's sister and Director Goodman's sister, both of whom are critically ill.

Guy Howard's mother had the horrifying experience of being viciously attacked by a huge dog at Benton where she lives. Mrs. Howard was entering the home of a neighbor when the dog, which belonged to the neighbor, broke its leash and attacked her. She received serious wounds on one leg and arm, to say nothing of the shock. Guy is in Records and Reproduction.

I never had much hankering to keep a diary until I saw the one Luci Dishongh has. It's different, to say the very least.

Some folks about the building have been going to the races but there is more muttering about the high price of hay and oats this year than there is news of big winnings.

Ed Rownd, son of Maint. Engr. Bert Rownd, has signed with the Razorbacks, just as we football fans thought he would. We are already looking forward to seeing him burn up the AstroTurf - with footprints, of course. Elsewhere in this issue we mention two other Highway sons who have signed with U. of A.

We regret that Charlie Hooker has had to retire out of deference to his heart. He would no doubt appreciate receiving phone calls and cards from his friends.

Jimmy Sadler, the bookkeeper in Weights and Standards, is a fella who knows his baseball. He recently won \$500. for entering the "Triangle" contest sponsored by Baseball News magazine. He correctly named the winners of the four divisions in both the American and National Leagues, picked the pennant winners of each league, predicted that the New York Mets would win the World Series, named the National and American League batting champions and each league's Most Valuable Players. Whew! Anyone want to argue baseball with Jimmy?

It is interesting to find out through various and sundry ways who reads what

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by John C. Helgen

Doyle Carson of our office and Norman Pumphrey, one of our Assistants, both had birthdays the month of February. We had two delicious cakes baked by their wives to help celebrate the occasions.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Matthews took a trip to New Orleans to visit their daughter the weekend of February 27.

Lucy Dishongh had a bout with the flu and was off a couple of days.

My wife and I and our two daughters and their husbands went over to Oaklawn Saturday February 28. Had a good day in the rain and if there had been 3 or 4 more races I could have gotten back the money I lost on "Programer L. R.", who unfortunately broke his leg in the very first race!

It's always a pleasure to see all our resident engineers and district engineers throughout the state when they come in. They were all here February 18 and 19 for the Engineers Conference, informing us of their activities and what work they had going.

Final Estimates

by Sandra Cearley



Alvin J. Gosnell

Alvin J. Gosnell, on "loan" from District 6, celebrated his twenty year anniversary with the Highway Department February 6. He started his career as a chainman under R. M. Quertermous in the old District 2. He has since worked in several districts. Al is quite the philoso-

pher, singing songs and quoting many poems from memory. This is a favorite he carries with him:

*To the joker life's a jest,
To the preacher its a sermon;
To the miser it is money,
To the loafer, just a rest.*

*To the lawyer life's a trial,
To the poet it's a song;
To the doctor 'tis a patient,
Needing treatment right along.*

*To the soldier life's a battle,
To the teacher, one long school,
Life's a "good thing" to the grafter,
It's a failure to the fool.*

*To the man upon the engine,
Life's a long and heavy grade;
It's a gamble to the gambler,
To the merchant it's a trade.*

*Life's a picture to the artist,
To the rascal just a fraud;
Life perhaps is but a burden
To the man beneath the hod.*

*Life is lovely to the lover,
To the player it's a play;
Life may be a load of trouble,
If we throw its joys away.*

*Life is but a long vacation
To the man who loves his work;
Life's an everlasting effort
To shun his duty, to the shirk.*

*To creation's best romancer
Life's a story ever new.
LIFE IS WHAT WE TRY TO MAKE IT--
Brother, what is life to you?*

Debra Tracy has spent two lovely weekends in Augusta, Ga. where her husband is in basic training. However, she hopes her flying days are over. She says the trips are great, but flights in bad weather are really tough.

Ronnie Cofer and his wife Elaine celebrated their first wedding anniversary February 14. A very romantic date on which to be married. Ronnie surprised Elaine with a dozen red roses delivered to her office. They went out with friends in the evening to celebrate the occasion.

Gene Ashcraft once again went to Irwin, Iowa with two of his hunting buddies for the pheasant season. They stayed four days and bagged the limit each day.

Keith, 12 year old son of Mike Herndon, is quite a basketball player. His team, the Mabelvale Raiders, is manned by fifth grade boys from Mabelvale, David O. Dodd, and Lawson elementary schools. They have a win record of 13, having lost only 2. They will begin a tournament March 3. The Raiders are coached by Bud Davis and E. J. Modlin of Reproduction.



Keith Herndon

MAINTENANCE, RADIO, & ROADSIDE DEVELOPMENT

by Billie Boyd

I have only bits and pieces of news this month, and I've had to do a lot of scratching to get them. It seems that this time of year, everyone has already done what there is to do, or they're gonna wait and do it later.

It's good to have Raymond Behrens back. He's been out for quite some time with an illness, but he seems to be in good form now. It was almost like old home week recently; Raymond Holland and Raymond Manis came in for visits. Raymond H. is living in Paragould, which is his old home town, and Raymond M. is working as a draftsman at City Hall.

There has been a lot of sickness around lately, and most of it has attacked Maintenance. Bert Rownd, Jim Francis, J. M. Smith, and Jimmie Farnam have all been out at some time. In between times, Jimmie managed to take her cub scouts on a field trip to the air terminal where they got to board the AHD plane.

Gerald Sisk visited his son Tommy at Ft. Hood for a weekend, and John Hall had visitors at his house for a weekend — 10 college students who had come to Little Rock to attend the wedding of a friend of his daughter's. I'll bet John had as much fun as the kids.

In case anyone has noticed the new light in Bryan Davis' eyes, it's nothing but tinted contacts — "Joe Namath Green", I call them.

A. J. "Bronson" Robertson has purchased a new motorcycle. Now we're all awaiting the appearance of the arm and leg casts.

Not everyone has a humdrum occupation. Tommy Bonds, Barbara's husband, gets quite a jolt out of his work. He touched a hot wire with a screwdriver and had his beard curled for free.

The only out-of-the-ordinary happening I've had recently was my first anniversary. My husband, Rick, treated me to dinner, a movie, and later, a jaunt to the races, which ended up costing about three times what the meal and movie did. The waiter at Bamboo Gardens surprised me with a cake with one sparkler in it. It was sweet, but it seemed more like the 4th of July.

I've saved the best news until last. Our own Bert Rownd's son, Ed, has signed with the GREAT ARKANSAS RAZORBACKS! And if that isn't enough, one poll selected him as High School All American. It's like having a celebrity in our midst. Wonder if they have fan clubs for football players?

I've no news from Radio except the words, "We ain't done nothing", so I guess this is it for this month.

NINTH FLOOR WEST

by Marie D. Wano

We have an unusual display of leaf and shell fossils and geodes in our office sent me by Carl and Myrna Kindel of Wauconda, Ill. from their rock collection. Our Editor plans to have pictures ready for this issue of the magazine. I am very grateful to the Kindels and hope they will be pleased with our Arkansas specimens.

David Covey in the Office Engineer's Division has a new addition to his family,

Tanya Michelle, born February 5. David's son is Shawn Lee, aged 17 months.

Max Koehler was presented his 20-year service pin this month by the Chief Engineer, B. K. Cooper. Congratulations, Max. We all enjoyed the cake Mrs. Daggett prepared. It was lovely.

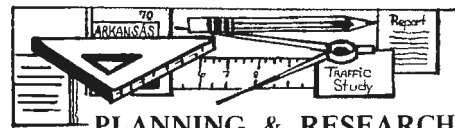


Koehler, left, and Cooper.

I have tried for several months to find out how S. H. Daggett came to be known as "Pete". I talked to his wife, who said she had never been able to come up with the answer; that he had gone by that name since early childhood. She added that the three Daggett sons were called "Punk", "Buck" and "Pete"; however, Pete's mother always called him Horace. Now I think I understand why he likes the nickname.

Vershal Roy's father, Henry I. Roy, passed away February 17 at the age of 72. He was a locomotive engineer, retired in 1962 from the MoPac Railroad. He is survived by his wife, another son and a daughter. We extend our sympathy to you and your family, Roy.

Katherine Jones was lucky. She lost the cameo from her ring and recovered it on the floor of her car.



PLANNING & RESEARCH

by Janet Billingsley

Roger and Jean Almond are proud to announce the birth of their second child, David Rutlege Almond, who arrived January 8. They also have a four-year-old daughter, Rachelle.

Carl McChesney has been elected president of Little Rock Toastmasters Club.

He has previously served as educational vice-president of the Club and has devoted much work to the organization. Congratulations on such a fine achievement.

The Economics group gave Fernie Speights a birthday party on her (?) birthday, complete with cake and lovely desk set as a present. Females are sensitive about giving out their age, aren't they? Then at noon, her mother brought lunch, including one of her orange coconut cakes. What a delightful way to celebrate aging - - the addition of extra pounds ! !

Other birthdays celebrated during February were John Vandenberg's and Bill Looney's. Cakes were enjoyed on those dates, too.

Jim Gilbert has built a bar for his new home. Jim, is it a drinking bar or just a plain eating bar? Nevertheless, he seems quite delighted with it.

Welcome back to David Walker who has been away serving his stretch with the National Guard. He has become a father since we saw him last fall. Michael Todd Walker is now six weeks old and weighs 12 pounds. David has promised to bring baby Michael to see us soon.

Betty Gene Wiggins, June Brown and Penny Bullock recently traveled to Fayetteville where Betty bowled in the State Bowling Tournament. She has been bowling several years and is a past State Doubles Champion. The tournament continues until the end of February. Good luck Betty, when they add up the scores.

We are happy to have Bonnie Wesson working in the Administrative Office of P & R. She came to us from Mr. Lowder's office. Bonnie likes antiques auctions. She also likes to sew and makes almost all of her own clothes. Welcome to our division, Bonnie.

Captain Sonny Routh of the County Sheriff's Department was Man of the Day on Radio Station KDXE, Friday, January 23. Congratulations, Florence, on having a celebrity in the family.

We are happy to see Doug Nielsen back with us again after being away for six months' duty in the National Guard. Welcome back, Doug.

Polly Cloud and her husband are the proud owners of a 1969 Marquis Mercury. Polly says the new car has a button for everything. When do we get a demonstration, Polly ? ! !

Another member of Current Planning is sporting a new car, too. Florence Routh and her husband have a 1967 T-Bird, but so far, Sonny hasn't let Florence bring it to work. Wonder why ? ! !

Graham Noble, one of our field inventory men, is the proud grandfather of little Denise Noble of Searcy, Ark. Denise is six years old and becoming quite a professional horsewoman. During two years of competition she has won 25 trophies and ribbons.



Denise Noble

Mayo White spent the week of February 11-17 in the Panama Canal Zone in the interest of Geyer Springs Church of Christ which supports a mission there. Before leaving, his greatest worries were what kind of hat to wear and what he would do if he were skyjacked to Cuba. His friends prepared a letter for him to present to Castro in the event of a sky-jack, vouching for Mayo's character, etc. and requesting his immediate release so that he might get on with his mission. The girls in his office said they would personally take it upon themselves to rescue him. They were spared the effort, though, because Mayo said it was a purely routine flight which departed Little Rock at 6:30 in the morning and arrived in the Canal Zone that afternoon at 4:30.

Bill Looney, head of the Economics Section, completed 20 years with the Department in February and was presented a certificate and lapel pin on February 2 by the Division engineer, A. E. Johnson, Jr.



Looney, left, receives certificate from A. E. Johnson, Jr.

PROCUREMENT

by Liz Jacobs

MR. WONDERFUL

*We all want to say,
in the most earnest way,
what a wonderful guy we know . . .
he comes in very early,
around 7:30
just to get our "Pot" on the go . . .
it's really a blessing,
and positively caressing,
to let this warm liquid flow . . .
always delicious,
to our minds - most nutritious,
it's the pick-up whenever we're low . . .
so thanks, thoughtful fellow,
for coffee so mellow,
and the efforts that you never show!*

The above is written to one very special, special, person - Lewis Wade. Wade, never failing, turns out a "beautiful" pot of coffee every morning for us. He never complains, or brags about this good deed, nor the work involved in doing it. Thank you, Wade! We love you and your good coffee.

Well, most of the sluggish weather is slowly disappearing, and spring is invading our minds, if not quite yet the premises of the Highway building. More laughter is heard, and the sparkle in everyone's eyes is returning. We can dream again of picnics, boat-rides, and warm, sunny days without feeling they are months away.

Since we haven't had time to report our news in the last couple of issues, we

will bring you up-to-date in our "happenings".

Our little Patsy Navens was married during the Christmas Holidays, and marriage has really transformed her. She shines like a new penny, and lives up to the quote "Pretty as a bride." The lucky man is Eulin Downing, a school teacher at North Little Rock High. They really had a fabulous honeymoon traveling through about ten states, with stopovers in Panama City, Florida, New Orleans, La., Biloxi, Miss., and Alabama, to name a few. They are now home in Jacksonville, scrubbing and painting their little love nest.

Frank Caple's daughter, Debbie, also got married since our last news. She married Herb Hoover in a beautiful home ceremony at her sister Pam's house, on February 11. Congratulations, Debbie and Herb! We wish you both oodles of happiness, and hope that you give Frank a dozen grandchildren to talk about; cause we are tired of hearing golf, golf, golf. Frank and Sylvia Caple also celebrated an anniversary by taking in a show at the Olde West Dinner Theatre.

The flu and various viruses have taken their toll in our Department. Tommie Ellis probably had the worst case, or maybe she just moaned louder than the rest of us. Speaking of Tommie, though, we will have to brag about her daughters. Linda, the eldest, who is attending Arkansas Tech, was elected "Miss Young Republican" from that school and will compete in the state-wide contest for that title. Susan, the youngest, has run in a few contests too, and I can see why. They are both beautiful girls, and just as sweet and polite as they are attractive. That's saying a mouthful!

Bernie Cox has a right to be proud of his offspring, too! Both Vickie and Ricky have made news at Jacksonville High. Vickie was elected Valentine Sweetheart, and Ricky had some very good write-ups on his proficiency as a basketball star in the local papers.

The show "Paint Your Wagon" has been popular with our group. I believe everybody has seen it except me, and so many people have told me all about it, I could dream it in living color, (and save \$2.)

Glenda McIntyre and Norma Hawk

have been playing a little basketball for excitement. They said they discovered muscles they never knew existed! It is great fun, but I usually confine my playing to games such as "Horse" where you just stand still and shoot. You don't get as winded that way.

We wish Lewis Warren's mother a speedy recovery. Mrs. Warren suffered a stroke a few weeks ago and is still in Memorial Hospital.

Look at Lem and Margarite Kirkpatrick's grandson! Isn't he every bit as pretty as Lem promised? Margarite said that on their visit to Texas during the holidays, Lem really went "nuts" over the youngun. Just stood and drooled over the crib, waiting for him to wake up from those long, never-ending naps. Knowing Lem, I bet there was a little crib-shaking to hurry things up.



Philip Tardy

Seems like I have covered the basic news. I started on my 32nd year of life December 23, and ten years ago it seemed like someone who attained that age was "over the hill". Now I firmly believe in the adage "life begins at 40". Wonder why?

I could tell much better news than what's above, but I have a pretty good blackmail racket going - and don't want to ruin a good thing. Isn't that right, two certain people?

An Irishman on returning to his native isle enthusiastically told of the power of the Irish in America. Said he: "Nobody goes until the lights turn green!"



RIGHT OF WAY

Acquisition and Relocation Sections

By Phyllis Erwin

These offices were deeply saddened by the loss of one of its negotiators, Dennison Yates, who passed away February 3. Mr. Yates had worked as negotiator for this office for 20 years.

February 23 was a big day for N. A. McLeod of the Acquisition Section. Mac was presented his 20 year pin by Chief of ROW, Gip I. Robertson, Jr. Mr. McLeod started his work for the AHD as an agent of a district in northwest Arkansas, which covered 27 counties. Sometime later he began working as a negotiator for the ROW Division, traveling the whole state, and is still presently working as a negotiator. Congratulations, Mac, from all of us.



Robertson, left, and N. A. McLeod

Two birthday people this month of February - Don Galloway of Relocation and yours truly. Some very nice people in Acquisition went to all the trouble of having a pink carnation corsage and a birthday cake waiting for me, which was deeply appreciated.



ROADWAY DESIGN

by Benny Robbins

Well, the flu bug hit Roadway Design Division with full force, but we are about to recuperate from it. It was a battle for us but I think we won.

Joe Hicks was one very proud and happy man on February 25 when he got his 25 year pin. We in the Division got to help him celebrate with cake and punch. I personally thank the three lovely ladies who helped give the party - Barbara Oldham, Betty Claude and Adele Fiedler. Many of Joe's friends dropped by to congratulate him. We were glad to have Mr. Hicks and Mrs. Don Potter, the Hicks' daughter-in-law, with us. Don is a civil engineer in the Secondary Roads Division.



Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hicks at party in his honor.

Glenn Trammel is thrilled, to say the least, over the arrival of his new granddaughter. She arrived on the scene February 11 and has been named Jennifer. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence G. Trammel, Jr. of Kansas City, Mo. Guess where Glenn and his wife will be taking their next trip?

Well, girls, Danny Moore finally hit the dust and got married. Sondra Sue is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Haile of Beebe. We know they will be very happy, because she already has Danny straightened out.

We are happy and proud to have Randy Gray, a student trainee on the Industrial Cooperative Training Program, in our Division. He is a hard-working guy and very nice to have around. Keep up the good work, Randy.

Driver's License: A time-honored rule of the road under which it is permissible for a motorist to do anything he can get away with.

As February comes and goes, much can be said about it. This is due in part to the fact that it is toward the latter part of the winter season and just before spring bursts out all over. Too, when the groundhog sees his shadow on February 2 (if there can be any dependency put to that), there goes the rest of the month in bad weather. Groundhog or not, we've had the rain. February is the month of lovers, too - at least St. Valentine must have thought so. And last but not least, February is the birthmonth of two great national figures, George Washington, the father of our country, and Abraham Lincoln, known as the Emancipator. February is also my granddaughter Holly's birthday and she only missed being able to celebrate it on St. Valentines Day by one day.

We are always glad to have Chief Auditor Ed Orsini visit with us. His latest was a stop at our office while auditing the residency here at Pine Bluff.

Attending the Construction Inspector's Advanced Course in Earthwork Inspection conducted in Little Rock February 4-5 were J. G. Watkins and T. M. Carr from the Pine Bluff residency and L. E. Johnson from the McGehee residency.

Dist. Engr. J. S. Harris, L. K. Howell, Van Bratton and Bernard Hart of the Pine Bluff residency, and K. F. Tyler and George Karnes from the McGehee residency attended the Resident Engineers Conference at Little Rock on February 18-19.



Goins (right) receives certificate from Shalmy.

Shop Supt. J. E. "Red" Goins has completed 15 years of service and was presented a certificate and lapel pin by Maint. Supt. Brewster Shalmy. Red plans to retire in the near future.

Other awards given were to Shop Foreman Olan Clark for 15 years' service; and to Billy Thomas Black, shop mechanic for 5 years, and Clyde Abernathy, equipment operator in Chicot County, 5 years.

At the Highway Commission meeting in Little Rock on February 25, Cleet P. Harper, equipment operator in Cleveland County who retired January 31 after 28 years of loyal service, was presented a certificate commissioning him as a public relations officer for the Department.

Wes H. Kyle, an equipment operator from Chicot County, received a certificate and pin in recognition of 25 years' service.

Brewster Shalmy and Selma Chavis of the Stock Room have both been out with the flu. Willard Johnson, an equipment operator with the Sealing Crew has been disabled with a back injury for about a month.

J. P. McAllister, equipment operator in Jefferson County, underwent surgery on February 18 and is still hospitalized. Barney Doss, a mechanic in the District shop, entered the hospital for a series of tests and is still out.

Mrs. Dayton Allison of Dumas has been in St. Vincent's Infirmary in Little Rock for approximately six weeks. Unfortunately she has suffered several setbacks and will continue in the hospital for some time longer. The break was sustained from a fall on the ice. Dayton is one-half of Weights and Standards roving unit No. 282.

From Chicot County: Mrs. W. C. Yearian underwent surgery and is now recuperating at home and Mrs. V. Hilliard has entered the hospital for surgery. Both Yearian and Hilliard are equipment operators in Chicot County.

P. P. Reginelli and C. Abernathy, both equipment operators in Chicot County, are victims of the flu bug. Please keep us posted, Chicot County.

We wish a hearty recovery for all those on the sick list.

The rush hour is the time of day when a motorist travels the shortest distance in the longest time.

JACK COLEMAN'S RESIDENCY

by *Ginger Helton*

It has been a while since I have written any news, but I hope to catch up this month and try to be more regular in the future.

The biggest news, I suppose, is that our office in Alma burned to the ground on January 19. Therefore, we have been quite busy establishing a new office. We are now located in Ozark across the street from Arkansas Valley Vocational School. The new office is very nice even though we are not yet fully equipped. We lost almost all our records in the fire, so we have been receiving help from everyone, trying to replace our records and supplies. We thank all the people who helped us, especially Mona and Kathy at District 4 headquarters, and Geraldine, Lucille and Margaret in Mr. Hurley's office in Little Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Floyd flew to Burbank, Calif. to visit their son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Floyd. While there they went to NBC Studios, where Don Floyd appeared on the TV show, "It Takes Two." They also visited Mrs. Floyd's sister, Mrs. Eddie English, in Venicia, Calif. and relatives in Fresno. They saw Disneyland, went to San Diego and other parts of California, then went on to Tijuana, Mexico. Mr. Floyd surely likes flying, he said. If it were possible, he would fly to work every day.

Congratulations to Bill Bice, Engineering Aide 5A, upon completion of 20 years' service.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Ottis Morse on the birth of twins born December 23. At the same time we express our sympathy to the family on the death of one of the babies. The Morses have another little daughter, Kay Michelle, age 16 months.

Our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. James Hamilton on the loss of his father-in-law, Clifford Ridenour, and to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Young in the loss of his mother, Mrs. Lois Young.

Quite a lot of bird hunting has been going on around here. Nick Mings and

Jewel Kuykendall were our best hunters, or at least, they reported shooting the most birds. I can vouch for Nick, as I went hunting with him a few times.

Jim Smith, better known as Big Jim, has a hobby of gun collecting, buying and selling. He recently attended a gun show in Webb City, Mo. Jim really knows his guns.

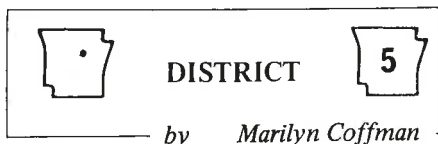
Gary Don Kuykendall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Kuykendall, Engineering Aide 5A, is attending Oklahoma State Tech in Okmulgee, Okla. Janice, Gary's wife, recently joined him there and is now employed at the college. Gary was formerly employed with Menefee Construction Co.

Engr. Aide Gene Wray underwent surgery in February. At this time he is recovering nicely at his home in Fort Smith. I know Mrs. Wray and daughter Peggy are happy to have Gene home.

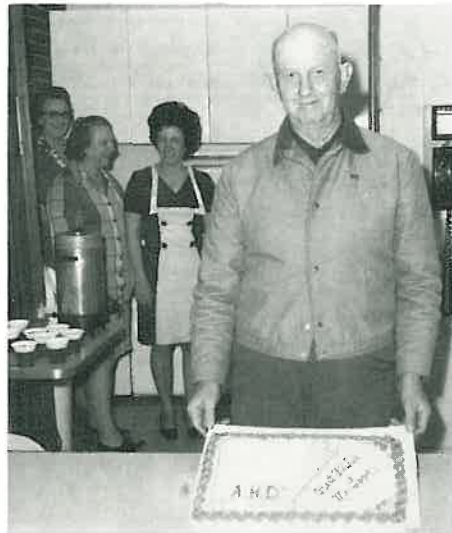
My daughter Shirley and I did some traveling this past week. We flew to Birmingham, Ala. where we were met by friends, Mr. and Mrs. Don Ariail and children. We drove to Wellington, Ala. where Don and Judy live. After a few days' visit with them, Shirley and I traveled to Columbus, Ga. where we had a reunion with Sgt. and Mrs. Lyman Evans of Columbus, and Sgt. and Mrs. John Watson and family from Augusta Ga. We surely enjoyed seeing everyone again, as we were all friends in Panama, Canal Zone, and had not been together in six years.

Well, I have had another birthday. My mother and dad, Rev. and Mrs. Felix Holland of Mansfield, Ark., Shirley, and Nick Mings helped me celebrate by having dinner at my home in Barling. Mother prepared the meal while I was working and surprised me. It sure made being a year older more bearable. Ha !!!

This is all for this time. See you next month.



Area Foreman Tom Love of Izard County retired in January with 21 years' service. District personnel honored him with coffee and cake on January 2. Mr. Love's future plans are to farm and hunt. Best wishes for many happy years of retirement.



Tom Love. In the background are Lorene Pickens, Mary Lee McCown and Marilyn Coffman.

Congratulations to R. L. Moser on his promotion to area foreman in Mr. Love's place. Mr. Moser has 20 years' service and is certainly capable of fulfilling this job requirement.

We have two proud grandpas this month. Ralph Montgomery, maintenance repairman in Fulton County, became a grandfather on February 22, when his daughter presented him and Mrs. Montgomery a fine boy named Darrell Deion Sanders. And, Asst. Maint. Supt. George McElmurry has a new granddaughter named Leslie Lynn born February 28.

While we are on the subject of grandchildren, Job Supt. Harold Taylor would like to show off Helen Loyce, his cute little four-month-old granddaughter.



Helen Loyce

Sp. 5 Glen Brinkley, son of Thomas Brinkley, White County laborer, has received the Army Commendation Medal for the second time while serving with the 18th Engineer Brigade near Dong Ba Thin, Vietnam. He earned the award the first time for meritorious service as an airplane mechanic in Headquarters Company, 18th Engineer Brigade. He arrived overseas in December, 1968.

Our congratulations to Wilburn Webster James, equipment operator, who received his 15-year service award last month.

We wish Fuel Clerk Sally McMillan a speedy recovery from a heart attack suffered December 31. During her absence we are pleased to have Sharon Trusty. She and husband Ronny moved to Batesville from Memphis, Tenn. where she was employed by a savings and loan association. Sharon has a pleasing personality and is just 22 years old. (Can you imagine being 22 years old again?!)





Sharon Trusty

Speaking for the rest of us *girls*, we do feel a wee bit old, a little overweight, and in need of some self-improvement. Just give us time !! Mary Lee has purchased a fancy new wig, Lorene and Winona are both raising the hemline, and I'm trying to diet . . .

Res. Engr. Ralph Wyatt and his wife, with their daughter Mary Ruth Pinley and grandchildren Donnie and Cindy, spent the Christmas holidays with their daughter and family, Paula and Tom Protiva and grandchildren Nan and Jane in Miami, Florida. They also enjoyed seeing the sights in Key West, the Everglades of Southern Florida and seeing Flipper of TV fame perform in his seaquarium off the coast of Miami.

Several construction employees attended the Earthwork Inspectors School in Little Rock February 4-5. One District 5 employee came home with a perfect score. Congratulations, Verlon Roberson!


DISTRICT


by *Monte Deakins*

Tom Ed Gooden, son of Lowell Gooden of our Lonoke County crew and a three-year starter with the Carlisle Bisons, has signed a letter of intent with the University of Arkansas. A 6' 2", 175 pounder, he was named outstanding back in the District, having completed 72 of 123 attempts for 800 yards, passed for 16 touchdowns and 3 points after. He also ran for 13 touchdowns and kicked 20 extra points. He punted 49 times for a 41 yard average, and kicked two field goals, one for 45 yards in fog so dense the goal posts were barely visible. He also carried the ball for 567 yards rushing. The talented quarterback was named to the District, All-State and Super teams.

Gooden is not only interested in football. He won the State 440 open quarter at last spring's track meet and runs the 40 in 4.6. He was high point man in the district track meet. He is in the top 10 percent of the senior class academically, a member of the National Honor Society, and plays in both the concert and stage bands. He is presently serving as president of the student council and is an Eagle Scout. Last year he was a delegate to Boys State and coached a pee wee football team in the fall.





Tom Ed Gooden, seated, with U of A Coach Wilson Matthews, left, and Carlisle Bison Coach Ervin Kulbeth.

Vernon Ellis, our Prairie County area foreman, received his 15-year award in February. When asked for words of wisdom, he replied, "Do your job and keep your mouth shut." (Solomon is safe.)

Job Supt. Glen Appleby has returned to work after successful surgery. Welcome back!

(We are glad to have reporter Monte Deakins on the job from District 6. He is the District permit and sign man. Ed.)


DISTRICT


by *Netha Brown*

Dudley Taylor, son of Roy and Mary Taylor, has been awarded a four-year football scholarship to the University of Arkansas. Already 6' 4" and weighing 200 pounds, he has just turned 17. Last season he quarterbacked the Russellville Cyclones to a 9-2 season and a Region 3AA West championship. He passed for more than 1300 yards and was selected for All-Region and All-State teams. He is a very handsome Razorback whom we will all be rooting for. His father Roy is our District auditor.



Dudley Taylor

Just as in other Districts, many of our employees have made the sick list with various ailments, mostly colds and flu. As of now, Ray Boyd with the Pope County maintenance crew; Jerry Branch, heavy truck driver; and O'Neil Reece with the District fleet crew are in hospitals awaiting surgery or treatments. We

hope, with the coming of spring, that everyone will be on their feet soon.

The Noah Moody family recently had their share of trouble - all in one day. Kate, Noah's wife, was involved in a traffic accident, and Dave, one of their teenage sons, struck an unlighted parked truck with his motorcycle while making his evening paper deliveries, ending up in the hospital with a broken arm and minor injuries.

C. E. Gibbons, area foreman in Perry County (and Lee Gibbon's father), is retiring after 28 years of service. Charley, who lives in Bigelow, plans to devote his time to his farm and do some long-awaited traveling. Besides Lee, who is in the Traffic Division at Little Rock, Charley has a son-in-law, Cal Porterfield, who works in the Radio Shop at the central headquarters.





C. E. Gibbons

Congratulations to Jay English, a Perry County crewman, who has been promoted to take Charley's place as Perry County area foreman.

Other employees who have retired recently are Noel Hickey and Jim Ross from Pope County; Lunas Bradford from Van Buren County; and Gordon Ethridge from Faulkner County. These men, all long-time employees, will be missed by their co-workers but we are hoping they will come back often to see us.

The Calvin Gipson family has literally "gone Navy". Their daughter, Sherry Ann, is in the Waves, stationed at Memphis, and Buddy Carl has been assigned to Orlando, Fla.

 **DISTRICT** 
by *Shirley Morton*

Edwina Fleshman, clerk at the Harrison residency for the last eight years, was honored as "Sorority Girl of the Year" at a dinner dance at the Harrison Country Club in February. She has been a member of Alpha Omicron Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha for six years and has served on several committees. She is presently serving as project chairman for Alpha Omicron and as vice president of ESA's City Council. Edwina would easily win a popularity award in District 9. Congratulations.

Phillip McConnell received his B.S.C.E. from U. of A. in January, ranking fourth in his graduating class, and has been employed at the Fayetteville residency. He worked in the district several summers and we are happy and proud to have him back with us.

Rayma Sue King, clerk at the Fayetteville residency, received her five year service award in February.

John Elvin Box, Sr. retired from AHD at Springdale on March 4 with 27½ years' service. During these years he performed the duties of tractor operator, crusher foreman, asphalt plant foreman and was a job superintendent at the time of his retirement. John was born in Benton County at Decatur. He and Mrs. Box, the former Martha Hall, reside at Springdale where he is a member of the First Methodist Church, serving on the Board of Stewards, and a member of Masonic Lodge No. 316.



John Elvin Box, Sr.

Curtis Pangle, Gary Godfrey, V. O. Selby, Carl Sanders, Marion Downs, Lloyd Burgess, Harry Gray, Phillip McConnell and Jim McConnell represented District 9 at the Resident Engineer's Conference.



Res. Engr. Curt Shaddox transferred to a residency in District 3 on February 16. Good luck, Curt, and come back to see us soon.

Harry Gray, engineer at the Fayetteville residency, is instructor for the Construction Surveying Course which began at the Huntsville residency on February 10. Twelve district residency employees are attending the four-week course.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Pete Sims whose son-in-law passed away in February.

During February the "flu bug" pretty well covered the district and many of our employees were away from their jobs for several days. A great big GET WELL SOON is sent to one and all!

Tillman Knight, motor patrol operator in Baxter County, has retired due to disability. Tillman was employed eleven years and was honored at a party at his area headquarters, with wishes of good luck during the future years.

 **DISTRICT** 
by *Isabelle Psalmonds*

Jim Garrett, resident engineer at Osceola, taught a Basic Materials Inspectors School at Paragould during the month of February. Ten men attended. Hope they all passed the examination.

Karolyn Gregory, fuel clerk, is driving a new yellow Dodge Polara. It's a beauty. Congratulations, Karolyn.

Eddie Smith, Equip. Opr. II of Walnut Ridge, and J. W. Bracken and Carl T. Willis, both Equip. Oprs. II from Paragould, have retired since the last news report. Clifford Cook, area foreman in Randolph County, has also retired effective March 13th. Mr. Cook's crew had cake and coffee honoring him and presented him a rod and reel. Clifford didn't guarantee to catch fish but he did guarantee that he would use the rod and reel.

All of these men will be missed in the District, but we wish for them the best

of everything and many years of happy retirement. We would say to all of them be sure and visit us once in a while.

R. C. Blackwell will be the new area foreman in Randolph County replacing Mr. Cook. Much success in your new responsibility, Mr. Blackwell.

A lot of our people have been on the sick list with the flu. Hope by the time this is printed they will all be well and back on the job.

Internal Auditors Nelson Morgan and Hugh Murray are in the District making an audit. We are always glad to have them visit and trust most things are in good order.

In a recent ceremony in University Baptist Church of Fayetteville, Jo Karen Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Martin of Paragould, became the bride of Roger Lamar Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Wright of Camden.

Rev. H. D. McCarty performed the ceremony before an altar adorned with two seven-branch candelabra and two large baskets of white chrysanthemums.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a princess style gown of white peau de soie with lace trim, featuring an A-line, floor-length skirt. The full train was attached to the princess waist.

Mrs. Alice Jones was her sister's matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Pat Morrison, Johnnie Holcomb and Betty Gail Martin, sister of the bride. They all wore floor-length, long-sleeved gowns of red velvet. They carried candles in red votive bowls decorated with white ribbon and miniature mums.

Lamar Wright served his son as best man. Groomsmen were Jerry Warnock, Richard Jones and Doug Wright, brother of the groom. Ushers were David Davies, Sonny Woods, Mike Biniakewitz and Curt Martin, the bride's brother.

Wright is a senior chemical engineering student at the University of Arkansas. The couple will continue their studies at the University until June, when both will be graduated.

H. C. Martin, father of the bride, is resident engineer at Paragould.

A new game is being played by chickens. They line up alongside a highway and wait for a speeding car. Then they all dash across in front of it. The last one across is called a high school student.



Mrs. Lamar Wright



THIS'LL KILL YA

Phil: "Why don't you play golf with Peter any more?"

Abe: "Would you play with a man who takes strokes off his score, moves his ball for a better lie when he thinks his opponent isn't looking, and kicks his ball from the rough into the fairway?"

Phil: "I should say not!"

Abe: "Neither will Pete."

Doctor: "You should take a hot bath before retiring."

Patient: "But, doc, I won't be retiring for another 10 or 15 years."

An applicant for an insurance policy, asked what his father had died of, replied, "I forget now, but it was nothing serious."

Sign in a hippie coffee house, "Guess Your Sex - 25¢."

A Texas oil tycoon appeared at a local golf course to make a fourth, followed by a servant pulling an adjustable, foam-cushioned chaise lounge behind him.

"Are you going to make that poor caddy lug that couch all over the course after you?" he was asked.

"Caddy, my eye," explained the oil man. "That's my psychiatrist."

Sergeant: "Why is it important not to lose your head in an attack?"

Recruit: "Because it wouldn't leave no place to put your helmet."

Put all your money into taxes. It's the only thing sure to go up.

Did you hear about the Texan who got so sentimental over St. Patrick's Day last year that he bought the month of March?

Driver to Station Attendant: "Hey, bud. . . don't bother to clean the windshield on the right side. My wife sits there and she sees too much anyway."

When a farmer's wife asked her husband what he charged for pulling a stranded motorist from a ditch near their house with his mule, and then towing the car four miles to a garage to be repaired, the farmer replied, "Two dollars."

"Two dollars!", the wife yelled. "I declare, Pa. Sometimes I wish you'd do all the pulling, and let the mule handle the executive end of your business!"

A bouncer in a downtown saloon had thrown out the local free-loader for the fifth time but the undaunted victim staggered back for more.

A bowler watching the performance finally tapped the bouncer on the shoulder. "Know why that bum keeps coming back?" he asked. "You're putting too much back-spin on him."

"I'm sorry, sir," said the telephone operator, "but that number has been taken out."

"Oh, is that so?" the man replied.

"Well, can you give me any information as to just who took her out?"

Shopping Center: A small group of bankrupt stores surrounded by a race track.

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

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in Arkansas Highways Magazines. One day recently Ninth Floor West reporter Marie Wano had delivered to her desk a neatly wrapped package. The postage marker showed that the package came from Wauconda, Ill. Marie wonderingly and quickly opened it, all the while trying to remember who she knew in that city. Inside was a letter from Carl and Myrna Kindel saying how much they enjoyed the magazine, etc. but the great surprise was a number of geodes and fossils which the Kindels had picked up on field trips. They sent them to Marie because they read in her column of her interest in rocks and shells. A geode is a nodule of stone having a cavity lined with crystals, very plain and ordinary looking on the outside but glitteringly beautiful on the inside. There were also some tiny fossilized shells and a stone split cleanly in half to reveal a portion of fern leaf imbedded in the rock. Marie wouldn't take a mint for those artifacts sent from friends she has never seen. Isn't it nice that some days are other than routine?



Marie Wano holds half a geode in each hand which fit perfectly together. The dark items are fossilized rocks, the two tiniest ones shells, and the others are partial geodes.



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Where is it?



LAST MONTH'S WHERE IS IT?
was a section of Highway 16 between Red Star and Fallsville in Newton County. It was correctly identified by Secondary Roads Engr. John Kizer, John Hume of the Planning and Research Division, Madison Co. Area Foreman John Miller and Pilot Ed Ray.