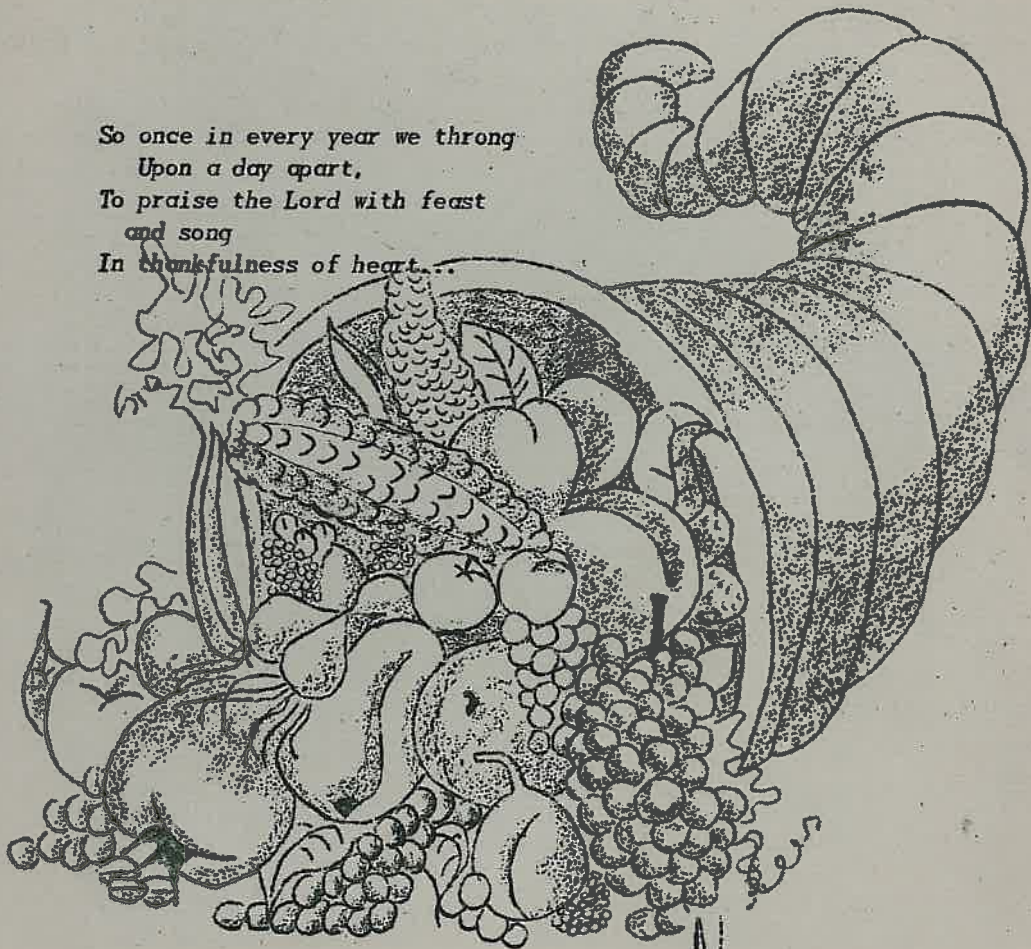


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So once in every year we throng
Upon a day apart,
To praise the Lord with feast
and song
In thankfulness of heart...



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FROM THE EDITOR.....

Although this issue commemorates the fourth anniversary of "Arkansas Highways," it has not been quite a year since your editor took over the "editor's desk." And not without some trepidation at that time.

The receptivity of the issues since the first venture, with the December 1956 edition, has been favorable and for that, we on the magazine staff are grateful. However, it is almost impossible to print an issue which will please everyone. The criticism or acclaim is various and contradictory, because all literature is that, and because, like all literature, it is the "record of man himself."

Our aim and purpose of the magazine is to create an interest to the employees and to bring about a better understanding within the Departments. If we are succeeding in that, then our purpose is being fulfilled.

It is your magazine. Your contributions help to make it more interesting, so we hope you continue to support it. Thanks to all of you and especially the Party Line reporters who so faithfully send their news each month.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

This issue marks the beginning of the fifth year of publication of the Magazine.

It has rendered a significant service to the Employees of the Department. Like the Department, it is built on a foundation of service. Its progress is geared to the progress of the Department.

It serves the employees, the employees serve the Department, and the Department serves the people.

The quality of service rendered is daily improved and with the improvement the people of the State have an increased appreciation of the Department and its employees.

The road was very rough when we started but four years of devoted effort on the part of the Commission and the employees has made it much smoother.

Let us continue that devotion to duty; to improve the quality of service; and to earn the commendation and appreciation of a grateful public.

Herbert Fedridge



AN OPEN LETTER FROM COMMISSIONER ORR

We wish to thank Commissioner Raymond F. Orr for this very fine open letter to the employees of the Highway Department. It was sent to Fred Tanner, Personnel Director, just as it is printed here.

To: Arkansas Highway Department Employees

Dear Fellow Employees:

So much has been said about the financial difficulties in which the Department has found itself during the last three months, that I think it in order to give to each of you some of the reasons which have brought about this difficulty and what we on the Commission intend to do about it.

First, let me say that the Highway Commission is the policy making group of the Highway Department. Of course, once these policies are set, or decisions are made, it is up to our Director, Mr. Eldridge, and the Department heads under him to carry out the policies and procedures by disseminating information and delegating authority on down the line with the result that each individual employee of the Department has a vital hand in making the fine Department which we have.

The Legislature was in session this Spring. During the latter portion of the session, certain steps were taken and certain acts were enacted into law. It was only after Legislature had adjourned

that we could properly assay and analyze the acts of the Legislature which affected the Arkansas Highway Department; thus, we were rapidly approaching the end of the fiscal year, July 1, before we had final information as to the legislative acts; and it was still later before we could know how some of these things would affect the Department financially.

One of the things most vitally affecting all of us was the new provision which resulted in the Department receiving no revenue from State Funds for a four months period beginning July 1. This financial drought was not known far enough ahead to properly plan our procedure; thus, we had to take sudden and rather drastic action. Thanks to the Bureau of Public Roads, we have been able to weather the storm. The Bureau of Public Roads speeded up some of our reimbursement payments, and at our request, made provision for a revolving fund; thus, we have been able to go through the period of no revenue from State Funds, and pay contractors and suppliers in full. Most of these contracts had been made many months before the trouble developed.

All of us on the Commission are keenly aware and regret ever so much, some of the action which had to be taken—action which caused some of you the lost time.

If we will, all of us can profit by reason of trouble encountered. We can profit primarily by planning ahead; therefore, those of us on the Commission have

planned, and are planning, for the period of in 1958 when there will be a recurrence of this four months financial drought. We will therefore, try to guage our contracts, our engineering, our maintenance work and all other activities of the Department in such a way that we will be able to go through that period of time next year without the cutbacks which were necessary during this year of 1957.

Please bear in mind that each of us on the Commission have constantly in mind the welfare of each individual and employee of the Department- and it is my hope that this letter will convey to each

KUKA C. LESLIE

The passing of Kuka C. Leslie in a Little Rock hospital on October 2 was a great shock to the Highway Department and its employees.

A foreman in Searcy County, Mr. Leslie had received his 25-year Service Pin and Certificate of Merit from the Highway Commission in the Kittle Rock office only two weeks before his death.

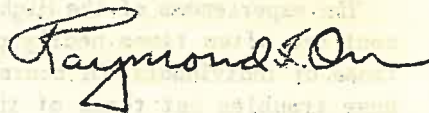
Mr. Leslie, 60, was born in Marshall, Arkansas where he had lived all his life. He will be sorely missed and long remembered by his many friends both in and out of the Department.

We extend our deep and heartfelt sympathies to his survivors, who include his widow, Ina; two sons, Sam Leslie of Santa Clara, California; Paul Ray, Sunnyvale, California; a half-sister, Mrs. Mary Atkinson, Fort Smith, Arkansas, and three grandchildren.

of you, this feeling of interest and concern for and about each of you. With this also goes the assurance that we are doing our level best to avoid any curtailment of work next July 1.

With untiring and wholehearted cooperation, we can make the Arkansas Highway Department one of the best in the Nation.

Sincerely yours,



"Perhaps the most valuable of all education is the ability to make yourself do the thing you have to do when it ought to be done, whether you like it or not." Thus spoke Thomas Huxley, the scientist. That is a kind of education that comes from inside us and very little from books or teachers. It is something that we acquire from the example of good men and apply to our own actions as occasion arises. It is gumption at work.

A famous Indian chief, Blackfeather, once spoke these words to his tribe: "I have lived long. I have seen many things. What I know I speak. Selfishness is the great enemy of peace. Selfishness walks by itself and no one walks with it. Selfishness never goes unseen. It raises flags and banners as it goes. People are quick to see these signs. They are like the hiss of the rattlesnake that the wise avoid. What I have said is true. Selfishness is the enemy of peace."

-- Highways of Happiness

A WORD FROM COMMISSIONER C. S. LYNCH

From somewhere out of my past comes the lines of a poem by Longfellow: "And into each life some rain must fall. Some days must be dark and dreary."

The experiences of the Highway Department are often times nearly parallel to those of individuals. Of course we always have troubles but those of the past few months have been greater than usual. Plans are always made on the basis of estimates of future conditions and often those anticipated conditions do not materialize. When they fail, the Department is forced to tighten its belt to take care of its current obligations and to be careful in making new obligations that can be met with the new conditions.

It appears that the Department is now nearing the end of the dark and dreary days as the end of the period seems to be rapidly approaching. But there still remains the job of planning for future obligations in line with the reduced finances that are becoming available to the Department. This is a slow process as it can only be accomplished by delaying new contracts until some part of the old can be liquidated. The process is now well underway.

The Highway Department must never forget that it is their duty in life to provide the kind of a highway system that the State is entitled to as fast as the available funds will permit. To accomplish this end, two things are necessary.

Probably the most important of these is a good job of maintenance. Man has never yet built a facility that does not immediately start to depreciate. That depreciation cannot be stopped by any amount of maintenance but it can be greatly slowed down. So that if we are ever to have a highway system worthy of the name, it is absolutely necessary to see that highways are properly maintained beginning almost from the instant they are completed. The second job assigned to the Department is the building of new highways. These should be properly designed and should be built as quickly as possible as the money becomes available to pay for them. This does not mean that contracts be withheld until we have cash to pay for them. But it does mean that these contracts should be scheduled along with our receipts of funds so that the money to pay should be available as the work is done. Since the Department's share of the Highway Users Tax has been reduced by increased allocations to others, its rate of construction progress is necessarily reduced. This is regrettable. But it is not their job to worry about this slow down. Rather it is their job to go to work with a will to produce the very best possible results with what is left. It is to be hoped that we can soon have new plans worked out so that our development can move forward with assurance. We have every assurance that this will happen.

AROUND THE BUILDING

Mr. Eldridge and Mr. Winfrey attended the new Division 10 area headquarters dedication ceremonies at Paragould on September 26. From all reports it was quite a big affair, with fried fish and chicken galore!!

Mr. Eldridge was among the witnesses who attended the sub-committee hearing on Traffic Safety, which was held in the Governor's reception room at the Capitol, on October 8. Those who appeared at the meeting were required to turn in a paper on Safety, which Mr. Eldridge did. It will appear in the next issue of the magazine in its entirety.

The absence of our Director and several of the Department heads, was quite conspicuous during the first part of October, when they attended the annual Southeastern Association of State Highway Officials convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

Those attending were: Director Herbert Eldridge; Chief Engineer Ward Goodman; C. Don Hayes, Director of Equipment and Procurement; Kent Brown, Engineer of Surveys; W. W. Mitchell, Engineer of County Roads; R. B. Winfrey, Engineer of Maintenance; E. L. Wales, Engineer of Materials and Tests; W. F. Turner, District 4 Engineer; C. M. Matthews, District 5 Engineer; A. G. Rives, District 3 Construction Engineer; Fred T. Leebrick, Director of Accounting, George Fry, Engineer of Roadway Division; and Fred C. Tanner, Director of Personnel. The wives attended also, with the exception of Mrs. Tanner, Mrs. Leebrick and Mrs. Fry.

Technicians from the Department held a traffic check in North Little Rock at the intersection of Broadway where signal lights are installed.

The purpose of the count was to assist the city in planning a new traffic control system with synchronized signals along Broadway. The City Council decided to seek the help from the Department in setting up the system.

We are all sorry to hear that Nebraska Droughtner's son, Henry, who is 10 years old, was stricken with rheumatic fever. He was recently transferred to the Children's Hospital at Jacksonville, where he may have to remain for six or seven months so Nebraska tells us. We hope it won't be that long and all wish him a speedy recovery. Nebraska has been the mail messenger for over 5 years.

JOHN ALDERSON HARRIS

The Highway Department expresses its profound sympathies to Mr. and Mrs. John S. Harris Jr., whose only son, John Alderson Harris, 22, passed away in a Pine Bluff hospital October 11, after a short illness.

May God, in His own way, bring comfort to these bereaved parents at this time of great sorrow.

Among the survivors of "Johnny Boy" as he was known, are: Adele Fiedler of Personnel, his aunt; and Sandra Fiedler, Surveys, his cousin. John S. Harris is District Construction Engineer in District 2, Pine Bluff.

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING....A CHALLENGE

by Billy Kay Cooper
Statistics and Analyses

Highway transportation has become one of the largest critical domestic problems of the present age. The need, the demand, and the desire to supply adequate highway facilities indicate that an enormous effort will be expended in the next decade to provide facilities that will satisfy the requirements of highway transportation. The planning and operation of this vast system of highways, to say nothing of the construction, will be a tremendous job. Increased funds and an increasing number of well trained and competent engineers will be required to provide these needed facilities. Current proposals indicate that a rational method of finance has been developed but the manpower shortage is expected to continue for some time.

Much time has elapsed since highways were planned with the primary consideration being the most economical location. However, a look into the future indicates that highways will be planned and constructed according to the desire of the motorist regardless of location. The Traffic Engineer, although engaged in a relatively young profession, will be expected to carry much of the burden of planning and operation. This responsibility cannot be taken lightly by either the traffic engineers or those charged with the responsibility of training the highway engineers.

Since Traffic Engineering is in its infancy there are many who are not fami-

liar with its meaning. The official definition of Traffic Engineering is that phase of engineering which deals with the planning and geometric design of streets, highways, and abutting lands, and with traffic operation thereon, as their use is related to the safe, convenient and economic transportation of persons and goods.

Perhaps a comparison of the Traffic Engineer with the doctor will give a better understanding of the profession. In both of these professions, the skill of the persons involved as diagnosticians is of utmost importance. The doctor has the "pulse rate" or heartbeat of his patient to guide him; the traffic engineer has the volume or movement of traffic for his guidance. The doctor checks the circulation of his patient, while the engineer checks turning movements, origin and destination. The doctor checks the nervous system, and the engineer looks into the mechanical box of his signalized intersection. The doctor views his patient for symptoms of overweight, while the traffic engineer checks his streets and highways for an overtaxing of their design possibilities. The doctor looks at his patient with knowing eyes in his search for the symptoms of underweight; and the traffic engineer looks over his patient, wondering if the facilities presently existing can be made to handle a little more movement. The doctor studies his patient to determine the patient's

ability to relax or to rest, and the traffic engineer is viewing his charge with a similar motive of trying to find a spot where a motor vehicle can relax or park. These comparisons are only a small portion of the many similarities that exist between the traffic engineer and the doctor.

Traffic Engineering offers a wide variety of challenges, both in the field and office, which should interest the engineer. Some of the major functions of a traffic engineer are:

1. Traffic design which deals with the functional arrangements of traffic routes and parking facilities.

2. Traffic planning which deals with the many varied traffic planning problems, including both State and Urban considerations.

3. Traffic administration covering governmental and administration of traffic measures.

4. Highway traffic regulations which deal with the elements of traffic regulation and the devices required to effect them.

5. Highway traffic characteristics which deal with such practical matters as the origins and destinations of traffic flow, the volume of traffic movements, speed, accidents, congestions, parking, and the measurement and analysis of other highway conditions.

Some of the services provided by the traffic engineer include:

- (1) routing of through traffic; (2) location of grade separation structures and traffic interchanges; (3) location and design of safety islands; (4) advice in the determination of proper street

- widths and grades; (5) determination of one-way thoroughfares; (6) location for new traffic signals and signs; (7) location for no-turn regulations; (8) proper synchronization of traffic signals; (9) marking of streets to show traffic lanes, pedestrian crossings and no-parking areas; (10) advice on changes of street lighting; (11) studies for future planning to cope with increased traffic demands; and (12) research in the various functions to help facilitate traffic movements and highway safety.

These services provide an insight into the many intricate problems confronting the traffic engineer.

There are now approximately 1,000 trained traffic engineers and the demand is about four times as great. As long as the motor vehicle plays such a vital role in our American way of life there will continue to be problems for the traffic engineer. Since the field of traffic engineering is in its infancy, with a great demand for technically trained traffic engineers and offering a wide variety of problems, your deliberate consideration is earnestly invited.

All motorists in California convicted of moving violations pay \$1 in excess of the fine and this money is used to promote driver education in the schools.

And in Virginia, you can lose your license for two speeding offenses within a year or one of speeding and one of reckless driving.

California requires four moving violations within a year before the license is suspended.



SPOTLIGHT ON "SCOTTY"

One of our most verbose administrative officials is none other than the Administrative Assistant, Veron E. Scott.

In addition to his duties as aide to the Director he is in charge of the Employees Retirement System, and is probably more familiar with the "ins" and "outs" of the System than any other person, having served as chairman of the Retirement Board and administered the records since its inception. In fact, Mr. Scott can be credited with the planning and design of the System and it is considered to be one of the best in the nation. With the exception of one minor change it has remained practically the same as when it began. Upon completion of an auditing survey it was determined to be actuarially sound and it has been widely acclaimed.

He was born February 1, 1891 at Camel, Missouri but moved with his parents to Jonesboro, Arkansas in 1900. He completed his elementary education there and was graduated from Arkansas State College in 1916. While attending Arkansas State he was a student instructor in chemistry, soil fertility, and soil fertility and soil physics and subsequently completed extensive work in absentia in specialized subjects and business administration. He also lettered in football and basketball.

Mr. Scott is a veteran of World War I with two and one-half years of service. At the close of the war he served several years in varied fields with nationally

known engineering and contracting firms. Since becoming associated with the Highway Department he has occupied the positions of Maintenance, Locating, and Resident Engineer, Principal Assistant Division Engineer, Assistant Director of Secretary, and his present title, Administrative Assistant.

Although he is completing his twenty-fourth year with AHD, they have not all been consecutive since he was "bumped" during several changes of administration, as were others, but this was all back before the Mack-Blackwell Amendment.

"Scotty" finds time, even during a recent siege of ill health, to indulge in his favorite hobby: fishing. He resides at 514 Spruce Street but will soon move into a newly-acquired home at 208 Verne Street. Mr. Scott is a widower but finds that a sister, Mrs. Edith Wood, who makes her home with him, is an immaculate housekeeper and a masterful but thrifty culinary expert.

He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers, National Society of Professional Engineers, past president of the Little Rock Engineers Club, and past president of the Arkansas Engineers Club.

Mr. Scott has one daughter, Mrs. Carl Hunter, of near Hazen, and two grandsons. He is a member of the Pulaski Heights Presbyterian Church where he is a member of the Board of Deacons.

"DRIVEN TO IT"

I have been to some wars not of my making, and I have encountered angry cow elephants and irritated tigers and I have even driven North Carolina roads and survived. I have ducked gypsy carts in Spain and have attempted to stay even drinking gin with the Royal Navy. I have flown New Guinea in single-engined aircraft, ducking through mountain passes, and have invited the anger of large women.

But I have never known sheer terror as I have known it in Little Rock, trying to fight my way from the Democrat Building to my wife's folks home on Park Hill. It should be against the law in Arkansas for people to drive automobiles. Just as this is the Capitol of the State it is also a large, busy insane asylum peopled by maniacs in two-toned cars.

Nobody walks in Little Rock. Everybody has at least two cars, and I get the distinct impression that each man is driving both vehicles at once. Maybe they have laws here, but they haven't any keepers. Three lanes of traffic zig and zag and stop short and turn on dimes. They change the legality of the rights and lefts according to the house, and trying to avoid murder while reading the fine print is a certain ticket to suicide.

It is impossible to get from here to there. You start out for a destination two blocks distant and wind up in Benton because this arrow says go thataway, and the other arrow says stop, and the other says no turns at all, and the final one says sell the car and buy a mule. Arkansas is the top for confusion of traffic, as well as confusion of thought. It's sur-



prising that Faubus doesn't have a helicopter to get to the airport.

It is five o'clock and time to go home and I don't think I'll go. I will just sit here and starve to death, which will be apt to lend me a longer life than braving Little Rock traffic.

Editor's note: The above is our version of Mr. Ruark's article which appeared in the September 1957 issue of Reader's Digest magazine, and actually has no relation to Little Rock. The familiar names and places we mentioned are substitutes for the original locale of Washington, D. C., Baltimore and vicinity. It is reprinted by special permission from United Features Syndicate.

INFORMATION SERVICE

Tucked away in Room 102 of the Highway Building is a desk from which information about the Department is dispensed in the form of newspaper stories.

From this desk and the typewriter of Mrs. Pat Denson are distributed the happenings of the Department to the daily and weekly newspapers throughout the state. The nomenclature of this work is "Information Service" and it is the newest service offered to the public, having been established three years ago.

The Vice-Chairman of the Highway Commission, Mr. Cecil S. Lynch, has this to say of this work: "I consider it to be very important that the public be kept fully informed as to what the Highway Department is doing. After all is said and done, we are working for them, it is their money we are spending, and is for their use that these facilities are created and maintained.

"Our efforts are spread over such wide territory that few people see all that is going on and the only way they can be kept informed is by reports in the press.

"The more the people know about what we are doing, the better it is for all concerned."

Objective of the service is to supply daily and weekly newspapers throughout the state with local items including contract lettings, Commission authorizations and programming, work order and construction completion stories, semi-features that tend to mold public opinion and semi-yearly and yearly accomplishment stories on bridges built or replaced, the number of miles of roads constructed on

all System categories and maintenance activities. State papers, news services and magazines are furnished on requests and notified of spot news incidents.

Aim of the service - and it has been found praiseworthy from the standpoint of percentage of coverage - is to reach the people of the state through small town newspapers. The service is not to be confused with public relations since each of our employees is considered a public relations bureau.

Probably the most important function of Information Service is to supply all of the people with all of the pertinent information concerning construction, personnel and policy of the Department in the belief that the more the people know about the Department's activities the more they will endorse the present highway set-up.

Through the use of reproduction equipment, statewide stories can be in the mail one hour after the story is written. Whether or not a story is sent to a city, county or is distributed statewide depends on the nature and scope of the information. There are 162 daily and weekly papers receiving this service and from verbal and written reports it is one they want continued.

Assignments, other than routine releases, are made by the Director and members of the Commission and material for these assignments is largely dependent on cooperation of Department heads, district engineers, district construction engineers and the Department photographer.

Our Director, Mr. Eldridge, summarizes the Service in the following manner: "When a Highway Department crew makes a

survey, repairs a road or bridge, relocates a highway section, or performs any of the functions for improved highway service, the interest of the public is apparent. Our people want to know what is proposed and being done, particularly those things which they cannot answer for themselves from observation.

"It is important to the Department's public relations that the public be kept informed of our activities. It is for this reason that we maintain a public information service for dissemination of factual data pertaining to the Department's activity. The success of the program depends on Administrative Personnel in the Central Office and the District's being alert to the necessity for and furnishing information for release to the public. The record of achievement to date is most gratifying.

"Newspaper editors encountered express appreciation for the service and a desire for more items.

♦ "Let us keep up the good work."

MRS. GEORGE A. ELROD

♦ Our deepest sympathies are extended to Rachel Simmons, an employee in the Reproduction room, and her family, whose mother, Mrs. George A. Elrod, 68, was fatally injured in an automobile accident on October 6, in which Rachel and her sister, Mrs. Vivian Poole, were also injured.

The accident occurred on Highway 167, about 15 miles south of Little Rock, as they were returning from Rayville, Louisiana, where another daughter, Mrs. Reva Jones, resides. Mrs. Elrod lived at 5114 Country Club boulevard.

HEADQUARTERS DEDICATED

by Jo Willie Dickey

Division 10 really did itself proud when the new area headquarters were dedicated on September 26, with a fish and chicken fry. The red carpet rolled out along with the welcome mat for our Highway officials and Chamber of Commerce Board Members as special guests.

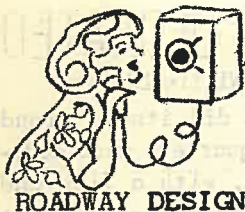
The invocation was given by our County Judge, J. Ed Thompson. Master of Ceremonies J. C. Perkins, District Engineer, presented Mr. Donald Cox, Manager of the Chamber of Commerce, who in turn introduced the president and board members.

When the Chamber of Commerce raised the money with which to purchase the ground for the headquarters, Mr. Earl Kirk was then president. He spoke briefly on the interest Paragould has for the Highway Department, and the changes which could and would be made to enlarge the area if and when the time arrives when more space is needed.

Highway Director, Herbert Eldridge, honored us with a very interesting and complimentary dedication speech. Other Highway officials present were: R. B. Winfrey, G. E. Nunnally, L. A. McCain, J. C. Cobb, and John Killingsworth. Most of them were accompanied by their wives.

A delicious meal of fish, chicken, French fries, slaw, cake, coffee and cold drinks was served, to about 150 persons who attended, with plenty left over.

Everyone is mighty proud of their new headquarters and our hats are off to our boss, Jess M. Rush, Division Maintenance Superintendent, to show our appreciation for a job well done in making plans and arrangements for the affair.



ROADWAY DESIGN

John Hicks - Reporter

G. E. "Babe" Williams and wife, Marie, spent the last week of September vacationing in the Ozarks. They drove up picturesque Highway 7 by way of Jasper, Harrison and Bull Shoals, to Lake Norfolk where the time was spent in fishing. Babe caught his limit every day, and he saw scads of squirrels in the hills. His comment on the Ozarks: "God's Country."

Joe and Leota Hicks made a recent trip to Lee's Summit, Missouri, to visit Leota's mother, Mrs. Betheny Buck, who was suffering from a heart attack. Mrs. Buck is much improved.

George Fry recently attended a meeting of the Road Design section of the American Association of State Highway Officials at New Comfort, Virginia. Mrs. Fry accompanied him spending the time with their daughter and family at Greensboro, North Carolina. While there she became ill and was hospitalized but we're happy to report that she is greatly improved.

Joe Hicks and your scribe left on October 11, for a trip to the home town of Harrison, Arkansas. Joe spent only the week end, but your reporter spent the entire week visiting with relatives and renewing old acquaintances. Had a very pleasant time.

R. B. "Bud" Smith and Ruth, spent the second week in October visiting friends and relatives in Jonesboro.

D. C. Reed of Washington, D. C. visited the drafting room recently. "Dee" started his career as an apprentice draftsman in this division some twenty years ago.

New addresses: Don and Oleta Potter have moved to 1008½ Johnson; Charlie and Nancy Toland to 619 North Monroe. Charlie reports that all his spare time is spent in painting and redecorating.

ACCOUNTING DIVISION

Leslie and Bivens - Reporters

Our Director of Accounting, Fred Leebrick, and Fred Tanner, Director of Personnel, attended the SASHO convention in Atlanta on October 1-3. Mr. Leebrick attended a special lecture on the Florida Road Department's discussion on electronic computer installations. He also attended a review, in part, on the uniform of accounts as being developed for all State Highway Departments.

Gus Powell has returned from a two weeks vacation of rest and squirrel hunting, the first two weeks in October.

Aleene Boysen, Edwin and Betty, attended the wedding of Aleene's nephew in Gillett on October 12.

The party line

A potluck was held in honor of Mr. Leebrick on October 10. We all enjoyed a nice treat by watching the world series on a portable television set during the lunch hour.

I B M

LaVern Henderson - Reporter

Frances Jones attended the wedding of her nephew, Ensign Jack Cooper of Pine Bluff, which took place September 12 at Columbia, Missouri.

Roy Shelby spent a very enjoyable vacation in Dallas, Texas visiting with his father.

Gladys Plunkett's daughter, Sue, a student at the University of Arkansas, spent a week end at home recently.

Irma Jetton took off for a week recently to be with her husband, Robert, who had a nose operation. Irma and Robert spent a few days at their cabin on Lake Conway while Robert was recuperating.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Johnson and his sister and husband, recently spent a very enjoyable week end at Crystal Springs, on Lake Ouachita.

James Willard has been quite busy with activities in the National Guard.

Grover "Smitty" Smith spent a couple of days in Camden recently visiting his mother and other relatives.

PERSONNEL DIVISION

Hazel Norman - Reporter

The office force certainly missed our boss, Mr. Tanner, when he was in Atlanta, Georgia the week of October 1, for the SASO convention.

Y'all come see us again...that's what we're saying now that Purchasing Division has moved into their new home...the old highway building, once occupied by the Forestry Department. They were our neighbors right across the hall, and we miss them popping in occasionally. We hope they all like their new quarters.

Your reporter and children, Nancy and Sonny, motored to Monroe, Louisiana recently to visit friends. Accompanying us back to Little Rock for a visit was a very dear friend, Mrs. Ruby Baker, of West Monroe.

Martha Adams, our editor, has been enjoying a very nice visit from two of her sisters: Mrs. Thelma Williams, Lincoln, Nebraska, and Mrs. Paul Eckert, St. Louis, Missouri. Their niece, Miss Leslie Goldberg, who spent most of the summer in Little Rock, returned to her home in Washington, D. C. and Martha says she misses her so much.

Billie Ruth Moore has really had it! A freshman at Little Rock University, she got a bid to Zeta Phi sorority, and her sorority sisters have been putting her through the proverbial "mill."

The Partyline

PURCHASING OFFICE

Mildred Olstein - Reporter

On October 11, beginning at 8:00 A. M. a strange sight met the eyes of any visitor to the Purchasing Office. We were moving out, lock, stock, and barrel. In case you have missed us and are wondering where we are, come over to the old Forestry building, which is our new home. It is opened for inspection from 8:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M., Monday through Friday. We think we have a mighty fine looking office and are proud of our new location. We also have found our new neighbors to be very friendly and they have made us feel quite welcome. You all be sure to visit us and we will give you a grand tour. Be looking for you!

Belated news! John and Sue Plegge enjoyed a wonderful vacation in St. Louis in August. Besides seeing all the famous sights there, John said one of the things he enjoyed most was getting to watch the Cards win two games.

We are happy to report that Linda Colbert gave birth to a fine baby boy on October 10. Linda and husband, Don, must be tickled pink with the latest addition as they already have an adorable little daughter, Debbie, so a little brother was what they hoped for.

Your reporter and husband, Arnold, celebrated our first wedding anniversary on October 7, by going out dinner-dancing, and we had a wonderful time.

STATISTICS AND ANALYSES

Headrick and Hume - Reporters

We are happy to be hosts for the next few months to Mr. Juan Herrera of Chile. Mr. Herrera is presently Chief, Section of Road Planning, Surveys and Road Maps, Ministry of Public Works, Santiago, Chile. He is also Assistant Professor of Roads and Airport Planning at University of Chile. Mr. Herrera began his study of English conversation less than a month ago. Boy! If we could only master Spanish conversation as rapidly! His eager interest in the methods of U. S. road planning stimulates a fresh new approach to our work among us all. We are indeed fortunate to have him as our guest.

We miss our good neighbors, Purchasing Section, who moved recently, although we are happy over the expansion area it gave us. Best wishes in your new location.

Leroy Beckett, Harold Dunn and Pete Benetz were squirrel hunting recently. Leroy said that he bagged the limit. When they returned they found it a problem to divide the squirrel (1) into three equal parts. Next time try dividing squirrel soup. It's easier.

Nathan and Blanche Bingham purchased a new home in Buhlers addition. We are all waiting for the back yard party, Nathan.

Y. W. Whelchel and Billy Cooper attended a demonstration of a unique and possibly revolutionary electronic traf-

The partyline

fic control system in Lincoln, Nebraska recently. The system was developed by Radio Corporation of America in cooperation with the Nebraska Highway Department. En route they visited highway departments in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma, to review late developments in traffic engineering techniques in those states.

MATERIALS AND TESTS

Julia Steele - Reporter

Maureen Rodgers has resigned, we're sorry to report. Her husband is with the Arkansas-Louisiana Gas Company, and was transferred to El Dorado. We'll miss her.

Bob Donham, Engineering Aide, is on a leave of absence for several months due to illness. We miss you, Bob. Hurry up and get well.

Joe Magness and his wife, Bonnie Dell, are spending part of their vacation in Texas, visiting his wife's sister.

Georgette Turney, wife of R. C. Turney, Materials Inspector, is in St. Vincent's hospital. Hope she recovers soon.

Teacher: "Have you ever heard of Julius Caesar?"

Pupil: "Yes, sir."

Teacher: "What do you think he would be doing if he were alive?"

Pupil: "Drawing old-age pension."

It's better to get bent from hard work than to get crooked trying to avoid it.

EQUIPMENT AND PROCUREMENT

Mary M. Hill - Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. C. Don Hayes celebrated their thirty-second wedding anniversary on September 19. Congratulations to you two nice people and we hope you have many more of them!

Mr. and Mrs. James S. Alexander spent a week's vacation in Springfield, Missouri and northwest Arkansas the latter part of September.

We are sorry to report that Carey M. Potter has been ill in St. Vincent's hospital, but is at home now. We hope he recovers soon and is able to be back with us. Also on the sick list was W. T. Jones, with a bout of pneumonia and he was also hospitalized for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Duncan left the week end of October 11 for visits in Pensacola, New Orleans, and Galveston and Houston, Texas. Hope they are enjoying their trip.

O. E. Wagner was on a short vacation recently. No trip, just relaxed at home.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Eby are spending a week in Lafayette, Louisiana this month where they will visit their son, T. J. Eby, Jr. and his family.

Congratulations to Lem Kirkpatrick on celebrating his birthday October 8. Guess it was the "39th". eh, Lem? Anyway, we hope you have many more of them.

The party line

DISTRICT 2
Division 2 Ouida Crimes Pine Bluff

DISTRICT 3
Division 3 Olive Jackson Hope

Congratulations to Numa M. Mitchell on receiving his 30-year Service Pin and Certificate of Merit recently in the Little Rock office, from the Highway Commission. Mr. Mitchell's short thumbnail sketch which Mr. Eldridge read before the presentation had some amusing incidents in it which was enjoyed by those attending the meeting. We hope you enjoy many, many more years of service with AHD, Mr. Mitchell.

Quite a few of our employees took annual leave to hunt squirrels when the season opened on October 1. They had some pretty good luck, too, so a few of them got together and made squirrel mulligan stew, which they said was mighty good!

Yours truly went fishing recently and had good luck, but won't tell my fish story because it is hard to believe. My husband had to stop his fishing to take the fish off my hook. So if any of you fishermen get an opportunity, go to Bear Bayou. (Ouida, it's not fair to not tell us. We're dying to know. Ed.)

We extend our deep and heartfelt sympathies to Mr. and Mrs. John S. Harris, Jr., whose son, Johnny, passed away in a Pine Bluff hospital October 11.

We also extend our sympathies to O. V. Williams and his family, whose mother passed away October 6.

We are glad to report that Earl Redmon is back on the job after having been in the hospital in Texarkana for several days due to an eye operation.

Carolyn Sue Andrews, daughter of Edgar and Audrey Andrews, has entered TSCW at Denton, Texas. Carolyn Sue had attended Southern State at Magnolia for two years.

Ardell and Nellie Clark attended the Arkansas-T. C. U. game in Little Rock on October 5.

Private Thomas Beck, brother of W. C. Beck, and wife, Hazel, visited W. C. and Jean recently. He had just completed his training at Fort Benning, Georgia. He left October 7 for 16 months overseas duty in Germany.

We are happy to report that Edward Bonds is recuperating from the flu. He was in the hospital for several days. We are sorry to report that another Ed... Edgar Andrews, had the misfortune of breaking his right arm while cranking a motor on screening plant. The handle of the crank slipped. Hope it mends soon.

Two employees in our division have received their Service Pins and Certificates of Merit recently. They are Roy E. Cowart, 15 years, and W. C. Beck, 5 years. Congratulations to you both, fellows.

The party line

The following employees who are members of the National Guard and on duty at Little Rock are: Arvin E. Jones, Cecil McCorkle, Elmer Clark and Franklin Paige.

Floyd and Earline Pharris had as their guests recently, their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Mauldin, and two small sons, Terry and Bruce of Bilene, Texas.

DISTRICT 4

Division 4 Ann Lindsey Fort Smith

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wood are the proud grandparents of a new grandson. The little one was born September 11, at Crawford County hospital, weighing in at 7 pounds, 1 ounce, and is named John Paul. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Teague of Alma. Congratulations!

Clarence LaFleur, who is now living near Orange, Texas, was in for a visit last week. Clarence was our Division sign man for several years. We were all glad to see him again and hope he will get in to see us again soon.

We are sorry to report that Nelson Keller was seriously injured in an accident, September 11. While starting a mowing machine tractor the wheel pulled him under, breaking his left ankle in three places and badly bruising his right knee and leg. He is scheduled for an operation very soon. We sincerely hope that Nelson will have a speedy recovery and be back with us soon.

We have five employees who are attending night school this year. Three in the office are taking typing, bookkeeping, and accounting, and two of our young men in the shop are in Junior College. We wish them all the best of luck in their step toward furthering their education.

Our belated congratulations to our payroll clerk who is now Mrs. Bill Ballard. Jean had a beautiful wedding and we're sorry to be so long announcing it. Best wishes for the future and we hope it will be a long and happy one. Bill is a senior at the University of Arkansas.

Locke Williams and his wife are on vacation visiting relatives in Oklahoma and Kansas City. We extend our deepest sympathies to Locke and his family in the loss of his mother several weeks ago in Muskogee.

ODE TO BUSY PEOPLE

I make a special memo on important things to do. Although I struggle every day I never get quite through. I check them off the list as fast as every job is done, but always underneath the rest is another one. And always I am adding things until I have to write another memo of the tasks I ought to expedite.

And so it goes from day to day, forever without end, no matter how much energy I constantly expend. But then sometimes I wonder as I tackle something new, how would I feel if I had no important things to do. ---- Max Splittstoesser.

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DISTRICT 4

Division 8

Russellville

Our District Engineer, Webb Turner, and Mrs. Turner, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Matthews of Harrison, attended the Southeastern Association of State Highway Officials in Atlanta.

Mr. "Leck" Owens, our Assistant Division Maintenance Superintendent, is a patient at Boone County hospital in Harrison. We hope his stay there will be a short one and that he will be able to return to work soon.

Several of our employees have been receiving little tax deductions into their homes recently. Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Dorrough of Dardanelle have adopted a baby boy, and Mr. and Mrs. Carroll G. Burris have been blessed with a little girl. Congratulations to both couples.

Mrs. Mary Hatfield, Division Clerk, recently visited her niece in DeQueen.

A couple of the boys in our shop have been sporting beautiful black eyes. Neither of them have given an acceptable explanation of their origin. Maybe in time the truth will come out. (Maybe they ran into a door... It sure is a nice surprise to be hearing from both Divisions in District 4 this month. We hope you continue to send us your news... Editor.)

When a wife insists on wearing the pants, some other woman wears the fur coat.

DISTRICT 5

Division 9

Shirley Morton

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hawkins have moved into their beautiful new home in Bellefonte, which they recently bought and had redecorated. Congratulations!

We were happy to have Ed Orsini in the District and Division offices this month and hope he will be back again soon.

Clell Deakins entered some sheep in the Arkansas Livestock Show in Little Rock and they won several blue ribbons. Congrats, Clell!

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Perkins, Jr., and Dickie, are enjoying a vacation in Oklahoma visiting with relatives and some friends.

Minnie Shinn and husband, Jack, drove to Tulsa to attend the livestock show there and reported an enjoyable trip.

Hillman Watkins, Henderson Ferry Supervisor, reports that August was a record month at the Ferry with 33,945 cars crossing. Needless to say that the Ferry operators were mighty busy.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Brasel, who are the very proud parents of a bouncing baby boy!

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Matthews, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Webb Turner, attended the SASH convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ward Kendall celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on the date of October 6. Congratulations and may you celebrate many more.

John Burlsworth and Paul Byrom were fishing on the lake recently when Paul hung a "big one" and very excitedly began to reel him in. Paul was having quite a tussel with the "big lunker," when quite suddenly his "catch" bit the line, breaking it. Paul looked up to see a large turtle swim away with hook, line and sinker. He also got away with a brand new lure Paul was trying out for the first time. Paul went home without any fish for dinner, or even turtle soup for that matter. Or so John tells it!

W. H. Cook reported that he saw the big news, "Spudnik", when it passed over Harrison October 10. Anyway, he thinks it was "Spudnik."

The following employees received their Service Pins and Certificates recently: Clell Deakins and Walter Kirk, 15 years; Herman "Pete" Sims, 10 years; Ted Brown, (Henderson Ferry) 5 years. Congratulations, fellows.

Employees in District 5 and Division 9 were saddened by the sudden passing of our Searcy County Foreman, K. C. Leslie. Mr. Leslie was a long-time employee of the Department and he will be greatly missed by his fellow-employees and others who knew him. Our deep and heartfelt sympathies are extended to his family.

DISTRICT 1
Headquarters Kathryn Focher Jonesboro

Visiting us recently from Little Rock were: E. E. Mashburn, Fred T. Leebrick, and G. W. Stamford. Also, from Bureau of Public Roads: Mr. Shaw and Mr. Jordan. We hope they will come back soon.

G. E. Nunnally and O. A. Tinsley were fortunate enough to be selected to attend the 16th Annual Short Course on Roadside Development in Columbus, Ohio, October 8-11. Their wives accompanied them and they enjoyed it very much. Incidentally, while there, Mr. Nunnally won a barbeque grill for guessing the weight of a squash, which he thought was a pumpkin. Anytime you would like to try out his new grill, just bring the chickens or steaks and he will be glad to have you.



YOUTH

submitted by Martha Meredith

YOUTH . . . is not a time of life - it is a state of mind. It is not a matter of ripe cheeks, red lips and supple knees; It is a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigor of emotions; It is a freshness of the deep springs of life...

YOUTH means a temperamental predominance of courage over timidity, of the appetite over love of ease. This often exists in a man of 50 more than in a boy of 20.

Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years; People grow old only by deserting their ideals. Years wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul.

Worry, doubt, self-distrust, fear and despair - These are the long, long years that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust.

Whether 70 or 16, there is in every being's heart the love of wonder, the sweet amazement at the stars and the starlike things and thoughts. The undaunted challenge of events; The unflinching child-like appetite for what next, and the joy and the game of life.

You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; As young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear; As young as your hope, as old as your despair.

In the central place of your heart there is a wireless station; So long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer, courage, grandeur and power from the earth; From men and from the Infinite, so long are you young.

When the wires are all down and all the central place of your heart is covered with the snows of pessimism and cynicism, Then are you grown old indeed, and may God have mercy on your soul.

-- Anonymous

THE DINNER

Oh beautifully brown and succulent turkey,
All trussed up on the platter
I wonder why I love you so,
You only make me fatter.

And all the trimmings that go with you,
In traditional conventions
Only make me hate myself
For losing such good intentions.

For I say to myself before I start,
I must go easy on this,
But I pile my plate with this and that,
And I am filled with bliss.

But after awhile my appetite wanes,
I feel that I must stop,
I find a comfortable, easy chair,
And what do I do?--I flop.

Crossword Puzzle Solution

LAD	LARD	PAST	
ELEVATOR	ERIE		
ALSO	EYE	TORN	
	SIP	ENE	MET
HEEDED	GLASS		
ERR	GARAGE		
MATS	MUG	DOTS	
	EVENED	PEA	
PASTE	DEFEND		
TILL	EAR	WAN	
LOOP	MAD	DIAL	
ONTO	EVIDENCE		
TEST	NEED	GET	

NOTICE! GROUP INSURANCE

. The following announcement came in too late to go into the regular pages of the magazine, but since it is of great interest to all Highway employees, it is being inserted for your information. It is the actual invitation for bids which will appear in the local newspapers.

Sealed bids for a State Highway Employees Group Insurance Plan (including life, accident, hospitalization, and surgical) will be received by the Arkansas State Highway Commission at the State Highway Building in Little Rock, until 10 A. M., November 25, 1957. All bids received within the above time will be reviewed during the following thirty (30) days.

At the expiration of this period, all firms will be notified of the successful bidder, or that all bids have been rejected.

Specifications and Proposal Forms may be obtained in Room 211 of the Highway Building during regular hours until the closing hour preceding the date set for receiving bids.

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

Glenn F. Wallace, Chairman



BEST FOR FUN

by Jimmy Zinn



SAYS WHO

"So you got a part in the big new play?"
 "Oh yes, I'm to play the part of a man who's been married forty years."
 "Aw, too bad you didn't get a speaking part."

BRIGHT AND EARLY

Professor: "Can you give me an example of wasted energy?"
 Freshman: "Yes, sir—telling hair-raising stories to a baldheaded man."

FELLOW TRAVELER

"Can you direct me to the best hotel in this town?" asked the traveler off the north-bound train.
 "I can," replied the man waiting for the south-bound, "but I'd hate to do it."
 "But why?"
 "Because, after you've seen it you'll think that I'm a big liar."

HAVE YOU NOTICED?

A dollar won't go nearly so far as it used to, but it hasn't lost a bit of its speed.

Nurse: "Dr. Jones, I believe that engineering student has passed his crisis."

Doctor: "How can you tell?"

Nurse: "Well, when I left him he was trying to blow the foam off his medicine."

SIN TWISTERS

How time flies with love! And how love flies with time.

It isn't dying an old maid, that worries the girls...it's living that way.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN FIRST

There was the drunk who, by his own admission was 'slightly tipsy', on his way home fell into a watering trough. To the officer who came to help him out as he wallowed in the water, he said, "That's alright, officer, never mind me, I save myself. You save the women and s'children."

SOMETHING NEW

Porter: "Can I fetch yo' trunks, suh?"
 Salesman: "I use no trunks."
 Porter: "But ah thot you wuz one a dose travelin' salesmans."
 Salesman: "I am, but I sell brains, understand? I sell brains."
 Porter: "S'cuse me, boss, I do, but yo' is de fust travlin' fella I see who ain't carryin' no samples."

Clerk: "Now that you've seen just about every shoe in the store, which pair would you like, madam?"

Customer: "Oh, I'm only looking for a friend, I didn't expect to buy."

Clerk: "Well, if you think she's in that last shoe box up there, I'll get it down for you."

The one-armed stranger winced as the barber nicked him on the back of the ear. Undaunted, the barber continued his endless conversation. "Haven't you been in here before?" he babbled.

"No," said the stranger. "I lost my arm in a sawmill."

"Do you believe that awful story they are telling about Alice?"

"Of course I do. What is it?"

