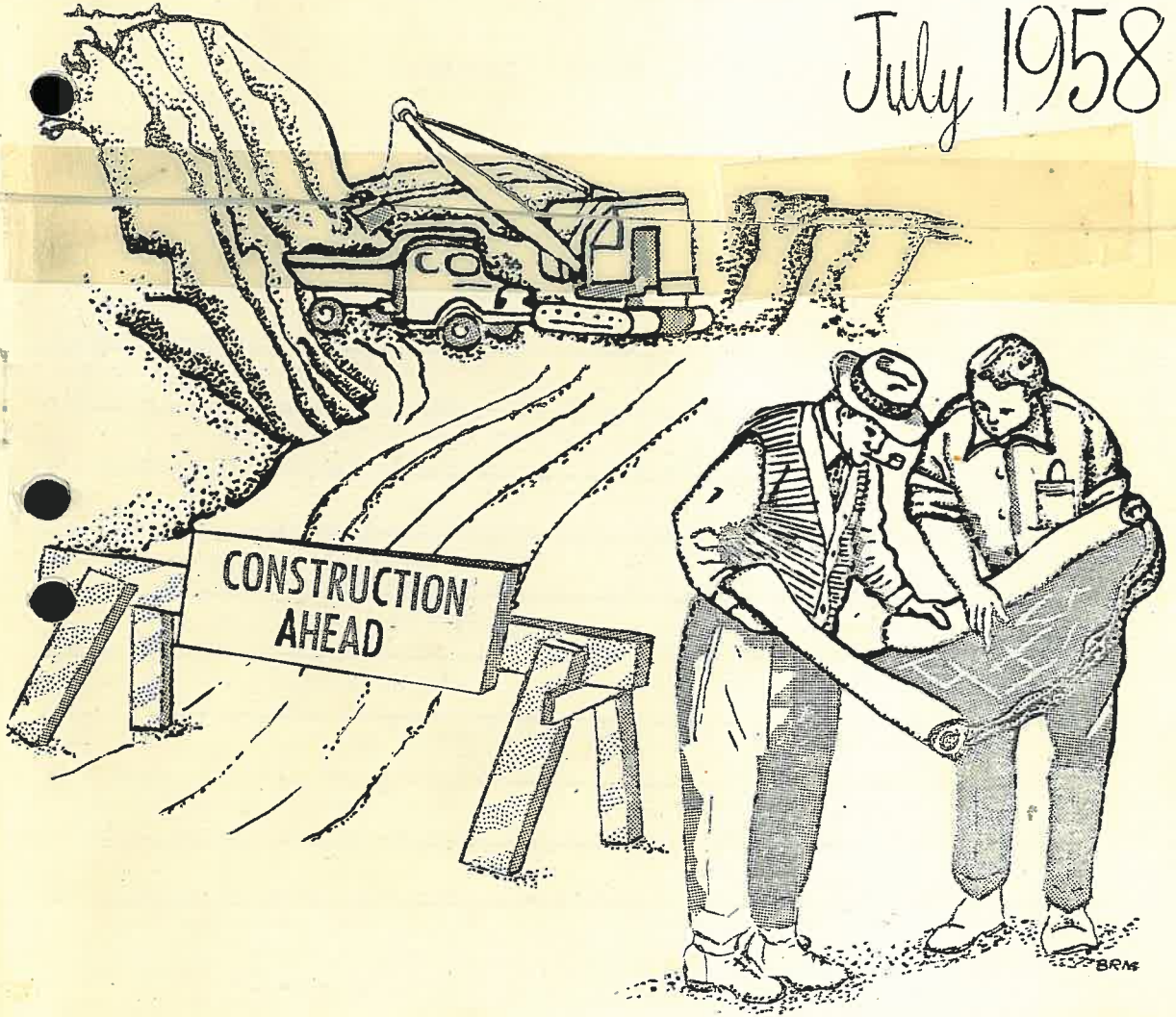


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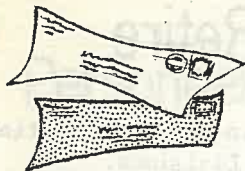
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## Letters

Editor's Note: It is gratifying to receive letters from out-of-state tourists, or Arkansans, praising the beauties and wonders of Arkansas; especially our highways. The following was sent to the Highway Commission on June 10. We appreciate Mr. Kennedy's thoughtfulness and kind remarks. We hope that the Kennedys will return to our state soon.

Gentlemen:

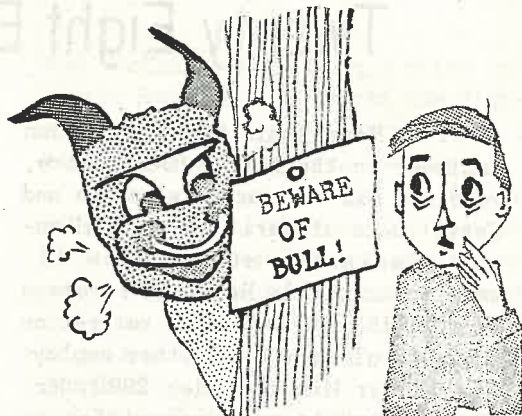
It has been our very great pleasure to have twice visited in the State of Arkansas. On behalf of my wife and myself, I would like to express our appreciation to you for the use of the highways and facilities of Arkansas.

We will always remember the scenic beauty of Route 7, south from Harrison, as spring clothed the Ozarks in their summer garb of green, and the magnificent vistas, the peace and calm of the mountains!

Through you to the people of Arkansas, we express our thanks for motor roads that made possible our exploration and enjoyment of a truly beautiful section of our nation.

Sincerely,

Philip R. Kennedy  
Indianapolis, Indiana



Here is another letter, but of quite a different nature. The Indians sent up smoke signals to communicate and Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone; Samuel F. B. Morse invented the telegraph system. The following form of communication is just as effective. It was written on a piece of heavy white cardboard and attached to a tree in Polk County. It was discovered by Charlie Hooker and his men in Surveys.

Dear Sirs: I see where you have been going through my pasture and cutting off brush and limbs off my trees. From now on please, any limbs you cut off cut up close to tree and any trees or brush you cut off cut them off close to ground. Don't cut any Pine down any time. There is a bull in this pasture so you are in there at your own risk.

Sincerely,  
Frank Smith

We never found out from Charlie if they ever saw the bull.



# Twenty Eight Employees Retire

W. C. Ross, Assistant Construction Engineer in the Little Rock Office, received his 30-year Service Pin and Certificate of Merit from the Highway Commission at its June 11, meeting in Little Rock. He received it only 19 days before he retired on June 30, along with 27 other employees, under Minute Order 2082. Mr. Ross served in such capacities as Locating Engineer, Assistant Engineer, Resident Engineer, and Assistant Construction Engineer. Prior to his transfer to the Little Rock Office on July 1, 1957, he was District Construction Engineer in Camden. Others who retired were: W. W. Mitchell, County Roads Engineer, who was employed in 1923 in the Chief Engineer's Office as District Engineer. He has served as Chief Engineer, and for six years, from February 1, 1938 to January 31, 1945, he was Director of Highways. He has over 25 years with AHD.

Fred J. Herring, Engineer of Statistics and Analyses, retired after almost 33 years of engineering with the Department. He was employed in 1916 as Chief of Party in Surveys, and in 1936 he was transferred to Statistics and Analyses.

John Strom, employed in 1934, was made Heavy Bridge-Maintenance Engineer on July 1, 1957, after having served in various capacities. He had over 23 years service.

J. C. Perkins, Sr., retired as District Engineer in Jonesboro after

over 24 years in the Construction and Maintenance Divisions.

Newton J. Carter, Reproduction Room Supervisor, retired with the longest service record of any of the retirees, with 39 years. He was employed in 1919 as draftsman in Plans and Surveys and was transferred to the Blue Print Room in 1937.

M. L. Baird, Statistics and Analyses, 22 years; F. A. Cape, Equipment and Procurement, 5 years; C. C. Creech, Division 7, 3 and 1/2 years; James Edward Fultz, Division 7, almost 20 years; W. J. Grissom, Maintenance-Heavy Bridge, 24 years; David H. Hamilton, Accounting, 25 years; Leland Harris, Division 1, 17 years; A. J. Holland, Personnel, 8 years; M. V. Jackson, Equipment and Procurement, 5 years.

J. C. Outlaw, Division 5, 21 years; Hider W. Pittman, Equipment and Procurement, 16 and 1/2 years; Gus H. Powell, Accounting, 17 years; Charles Henry Purvis, Construction, 15 and 1/2 years; Lee Reynolds, Right-of-way, 1 year; Lena C. Rhodes, Statistics and Analyses, 8 years; William H. Richardson, Statistics and Analyses, 8 and 1/2 years; Lee Roberts, Division 3, 10 and 1/2 years; Hurshel W. Taylor, Division 3 11 years; Cass B. Ussery, Division 2, 27 years; Henry Vick, Division 8, 11 years; Emanuel M. Walker, Maintenance-Traffic and Safety, 12 years; and Callie E. Walters, Personnel, 7 years.

# Personnel Changes

Effective July 1, the following personnel changes were made in the Department in compliance with Administrative Order, 58-2:

J. R. Henderson assumed the duties and responsibilities of Engineer of Statistics and Analyses on July 1. He replaced Fred J. Herring, who retired after 33 years with the Department. Mr. Henderson, 54, is a registered professional engineer and has been with the Department since June 1, 1927.

Harry M. Wright, former Assistant Construction Engineer, assumed the duties of Engineer of County Roads, to replace W. W. Mitchell, who retired after 26 years of service. Mr. Wright has been with the Department since April 1, 1927, and is a registered professional engineer.

E. E. Hurley, who has been the Expressway Engineer at Little Rock, assumed the duties of District Engineer at Jonesboro to replace J. C. Perkins, Sr., who retired June 30. Mr. Hurley, 49, has served with the Department for 30 years and is a registered professional engineer.

William L. Moore assumed the duties of Expressway Engineer after having served as Resident Engineer in Little Rock since July 1, 1955. He is a registered professional engineer and is 29 years of age.

L. A. McCain, who was District Engineer at Jonesboro, assumed the duties of Assistant Construction Engineer at the Little Rock office.

Mr. McCain, 60, is a native of Little Rock. He has served the Highway Department for 30 years. He is a registered professional engineer.

John W. Crouse assumed the duties of District Construction Engineer at Jonesboro after having served in that capacity in Harrison since July 1, 1957. He is 36 years old and is a registered professional engineer.

James E. Lowder assumed the duties of District Construction Engineer in Harrison. He was Resident Engineer in Little Rock for over two years. He is 37 years of age and is a registered professional engineer.

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## ANTARCTICA

### Peril and Success

Bitter cold, hidden crevasses and uncharted land combined to make perilous the first coast-to-coast overland crossing of the "White Continent." Despite these and other hazards, however, on March 2, Dr. Vivian Fuchs and an 11-man British expedition arrived at Scott Base, Antarctica. Ninety-eight days had passed and 2,100 miles of wasteland had been traversed since their trek had begun at Vahsel base on the opposite side of the continent. Many were the congratulatory expressions received by the party, among these one from Queen Elizabeth, which stated: "You have made a notable contribution to scientific knowledge and have succeeded in a great enterprise. Well done."

# Vietnam - Her Highway Problems and Solutions

by C. M. Benz

The government was requested to purchase right-of-way from Saigon to Route 15, of sufficient width to accommodate four-lane divided construction. The initial two lanes are being constructed adjacent as traffic increases and the need is justified. It is felt by the engineer that two lane construction will serve the needs of Vietnam for several years.

The terrain over which the location passes, varies from tidal swamps or paddy fields to rolling ground covered with jungle growth. The main problem in roadway construction was the method of building across the swamps. The materials engineer made extensive tests of materials in those areas. His recommendation was that a sand blanket be placed initially in such quantities and to a thickness sufficient to support construction equipment. The original quantity estimate was to use the sandy material to bring the elevation of the roadbed approximately 0.7 meters to 1 meter above the original ground elevation with common embankment, selected subgrade material, base and surface then placed on the sand blanket. Construction at this time is in the initial stages and, from all indications, this method is proving very satisfactory.

There was little or no official rainfall or runoff data available.

Engineers have made use of local citizen's observations through the years for high water data. Vietnam has a heavy rainfall, varying from 175 to 250 centimeters annually. Small structure sizes were selected based upon measured existing waterway areas, local citizen's statements of high water elevations and common sense. Talbot's formula was used with high co-efficients to compensate for the exceptionally heavy rainfall. In all studies an effort was made to insure that the opening sizes were not undersigned. In most cases drainage structure openings were checked using rational design, but the lack of adequate rainfall and intensity data necessitated using this as a check rather than as a basic method for design.

The minimum vertical clearances for the two navigable rivers were set by the Department of Public Works. Ten meters was established for the Saigon and eight for the Dong Nai. The super-structure shall be prestressed, precast "I" beam sections of 27.43 meters length. A casting yard will be erected near the proposed Dong Nai bridge, and precast members can be barged to the Saigon River location. Sub-surface investigation has not been completed at this time, therefore, bent designs have not been completed. However, it



is assumed that they will be piling. The minimum structure clear width of roadway will be pavement width plus four feet or 14.75 meters.

Upon completion of this highway the Republic of Vietnam will have a first class transportation facility linking Saigon with the other major routes to the north. This highway will have spanned two major streams with bridges of approximately 1500 feet over which the only existing bridges were joint highway-railroad structures. It will provide the nation with a route through the most heavily traveled, congested area, which should reduce greatly the accident rate and provide safe, comfortable travel for motorists. This highway will provide easy access to the shopping centers of Saigon and open the way for greater development of Northern areas. In addition, it will provide relief to the existing highway and residents along its length. Probably of even greater value to the new nation will be the training that many of her people will receive in the planning, design, and construction of Highways, as construction specialists, technicians, and engineers. She will receive a completed highway and the construction equipment required to build it worth an estimated \$20 million dollars. The government, in promoting and obtaining such a transportation facility for its people, increases their prestige and reflects great credit upon themselves and their nation.

## GRAYBEARDS AT THIRTY

There are today many men not yet out of their twenties who are decidedly old. They are old because they will never have a new idea as long as they live. They depend on everyone else to support them, and the government to sustain them. Contrariwise, there are plenty of young men in the seventies, men whose minds are elastic enough to stretch to new notions. They may have less on top of their heads, but they have certainly more inside, and it is lack of ideas, not lack of hair that makes a man old. Those who are still ready to learn are the people who retain their youth, and their eager joy belies the physical signs of age. The others are graybeards at thirty and ancients at forty.

--Highways of Happiness

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The money which the employees in the Little Rock and Jacksonville Offices contributed for a memorial to our late Commissioner, C. S. Lynch, was donated to the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children in Shreveport, Louisiana. The Highway Department is in receipt of a copy of a letter from Mrs. Maxwell Lynch Bigham, Mr. Lynch's daughter, in which the check was sent. Mr. Lynch had a keen interest in the work of the Shrine hospitals and it was felt that this would be the best use to which it could be put.

Both Mrs. Bigham and Mrs. Lynch expressed their appreciation of the thoughtfulness shown by the employees.

## Glimpsed in the Building

Jimmy Watts, who has endeared himself to many, with his polite and accomodating manner...F. C. Bogart, who surely has his shoes resoled monthly, from his visiting Mr. Bohlinger's office...Jack Teasdale, with a heart full of compassion for all mankind...Mrs. Fanning, who photos so many "stats" in her calm, quiet manner, and Lucille Huffstutler who prints many a blue in a most efficient way.

Dowell Anders, the attorney, who makes true the adage "and yet the wonder grew that one small head knew all he knew"...Aleene Boysen, a friend in need - and indeed...Louis Cone, who can and does permit, or refuses to, according to AFD regulations...Jane Huff, so sweet to bring flowers to the gals...Keith Curtis, with his arms full of designs or something, trekking to Reproduction, and the perepatetic Jimmy West, in Reproduction or at the files on the second floor...

Pretty Virginia Tackett, sharp, and cooperative always...Bea Davis and group, taking a Yellow Cab to town on their lunch hour...Margaret Weathers, always neat and her hair well-groomed...some employees visiting Merrill-Lynch at noon, to see about a certain stock. Omer Tull, pleasant and nice guy...Harold Dunn, S & A, and Frank Battisto, in Bridge, with their flat-tops...an adjective which would suit "Doc" Bonner, is just plain "cute."

## How about you... do you remember?

Here is proof gals, that the distaff side is more sentimental about anniversaries than the males.

Bill Marshall down in the Assistant Chief Engineer's office, told this on himself. He and Mrs. Marshall were spending a quiet Sunday afternoon June 22, when Mrs. Marshall, who had probably by that time given up on Mr. Marshall mentioning it, quietly asked: "Do you remember that it was 31 years ago today that you promised to take me?" Mr. Marshall after some thought, took his pipe out of his mouth long enough to reply: "Yep, I guess you're right."

Mr. Marshall went on to tell how they married. Mrs. Marshall's sister was being married with some fanfare in a North Little Rock Church. After the ceremony the spectators were open-mouthed when the Marshalls solemnly walked to the altar and the preacher started reading the marriage vows. They had quietly planned it that way. Mr. Marshall, not a little nervous, fumbled in his pockets for the elusive ring and when he finally did grasp it, he was shaking so badly that the preacher had to put the bible underneath his hand so that if he dropped it, they could avoid the groping for it on the floor. Mr. Marshall paid the preacher with a five-dollar gold piece.

Our congratulations to both of them and we sincerely hope they have many, many more.





## Man of the Month

▶ H. R. Lucas, District 2 Engineer, subscribes to the dictates of: "If you work, work hard; if you play, play hard - there is a time and place for each."

Those words symbolize the type of man he is, for Mr. Lucas is indeed a man who is tireless in his efforts to do a good job and he inspires others to do the same. On the other hand, he is an excellent entertainer and a good mixer who enjoys people, and having his friends drop in on him. He likes conventions and large gatherings.

He was born in 1897, to John H. and Ellen Lucas, in Mammoth Springs, Arkansas, where he attended the public schools. He graduated from the Rolla School of Mines with a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering. His father was in the contracting business, which perhaps led him into his engineering career.

Prior to his employment with AHD, he was with the Kansas and Missouri Highway Departments. Since coming to our Department he has worked in such capacities as Resident Engineer, Acting District Engineer, District Maintenance Superintendent, and his present title.

In 1918, when he was 21 years of age, he and the former Miss Hannah Morse, a Missourian, were married. They have a daughter, Mrs. Florence Lucas Plochberger, and two granddaughters, Barbara and Hannah Ray, who reside in Jonesboro.

He is a member of the Christian Church in Pine Bluff; a Mason and a Shriner; a registered professional engineer, and a member of both the National and State Society of Professional Engineers.

Mr. Lucas is a man of many hobbies but none can exceed his enthusiasm for fishing, which is also shared by Mrs. Lucas. He lets his work interfere with it however, but he hopes to remedy that when he retires. He has the greatest desire to return to North Arkansas and build a cabin on Lake Norfolk and spend the balance of his days fishing in those streams. He also likes to do odd jobs around the house and is very handy with carpenter's tools. It is also said that one of his hobbies is that of rebuilding bridges.

Mr. Lucas is devoted to his work and profession, and is loyal to the Department and his superiors. He believes in strict adherence to the rules, and he personally knows all his employees. He is never too busy to stop and chat with them.

Incidentally, he answers to "Luke," the name he acquired while with the Missouri Department, and/or "Pete," a misnomer from his childhood days, and which some of his older friends still call him.

Although he is firm with his dealings with contractors, he is liked and his judgment is respected. He is an outstanding engineer who has devoted most of his efforts to the progressive economic development of our present highway system.

# CONTROLLED ACCESS VERSUS UNCONTROLLED ACCESS

## MICHIGAN'S EXPERIENCE

The Michigan State Highway Department recently released their findings to date on a continuing study of the value of access control in accident prevention. The findings were of such importance that a very drastic and far-reaching decision was made on the basis of their evidence.

In view of the study, the Michigan Highway Commissioner stated that the Department would no longer continue to "plan and design new four-lane divided roads on the state trunkline system without control of access" and the Planning Division was ordered to review all existing plans for four-lane routes without control of access to consider changing designs to meet controlled access requirements. The Commissioners went on to predict that, in spite of the expected increase in traffic volume, if safety records on the controlled access highways planned their big Five-Year, \$1,250,000 Highway Program prove to be as good as the safety records on the controlled access routes now in operation, more than fifty lives would be saved and 2,000 accidents avoided in the first year of operation.

What were the findings which would call for such a decision?

The annual travel on the rural trunkline system in Michigan is almost double the total annual travel

on all the public roads and streets in Arkansas. Yet the mileage of the rural trunkline system is approximately that of the rural State Highways of Arkansas. The Michigan Legislature had dedicated certain specific revenues to the development of more than one-fifth of this System as arterial trunkline routes (including Interstate) with divided highways designed to high geometric standards. Now the policy is that these divided four-lane highways will also have access control.

Michigan's study reveals that her growing network of controlled access highways is almost four times safer than other trunkline highways. It also reveals that her four-lane divided highways without access control are the most accident-prone and dangerous in the state. The conclusion was that any route on which traffic justified a four-lane divided highway also justified control of access.

The study showed the following accident rates per 100 million vehicle-miles in 1957: 151 accidents on expressways; 305 accidents on four-lane divided without access control, while fatality rates were 2.5 for the expressways and 5 for the other.

Five year average rates for the entire rural state highway system

are 233 accidents and 8.2 fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles.

Study of the 26-mile Rockwood-Toledo Expressway in Monroe County, which was opened in 1957, showed that it saved "a life a mile in traffic fatalities" during its initial year of operation. Only three fatalities occurred, although the Expressway absorbed 100,000 vehicles a day in diverted traffic from U. S. No. 24 and U. S. No. 25, thus reducing the accident frequency on those two routes. Traffic deaths in the county as a whole dropped from 55 in 1956 to 34 in 1957. On U. S. No. 24 the death toll dropped from 21 to 7 and on U. S. No. 25 from 11 to 1. U. S. No. 24 was the major traffic corridor in the county prior to the opening of the Expressway.

This particular Expressway study is considered to be a very graphic illustration of how a controlled access highway, which replaces a high accident route, can carry the same or even increased volumes of traffic with far greater safety.

The Michigan study bears out the belief that four-lane divided highways without control of access give the motorist "a false sense of security" by encouraging travel at high speeds without freeing him from the collateral conflict or friction from vehicles and pedestrians entering and leaving the highway at will for roadside services, business establishments or residences. The rear end collision potential is vastly

increased by stop lights at major intersections and the hazard of left turns is greatly augmented by the high prevailing speeds. In short, while the four-lane divided highway (without access control, of course) is capable of carrying a considerably greater volume of traffic than a two-lane road, it exposes the road users to the same hazards as the two lane road but to a much greater degree because of the higher average speeds than on the obsolete roadways they are designed to improve or replace.

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When all is said and done, our personal safety in traffic depends largely on LUCK - the LUCK OF SAFETY where:

- L - stands for Love of our fellow-man which makes us realize we are our brother's keeper.
- U - is for Understanding, which enables us to make allowances for the faults and shortcomings of others.
- C - is for Courtesy to all who share our highways with us and the Courage it takes to yield to the discourteous, even when it is our turn.
- K - is for Knowledge of traffic laws and rules of safe operation; Knowledge of what other drivers may be expected to do, and the knowledge that good drivers do some very stupid and deadly things unless they keep constantly alert.--Hallie L. Myers



## Bookkeeper's Meet

A meeting was held in the Commission Room in Little Rock, June 26, for the Maintenance Division Bookkeepers, to discuss the revision of several procedures relating to the Accounting Division.

The meeting was presided over by Fred T. Leebrick, Director of Accounting. Gerald Sisk, Assistant Maintenance Engineer, made the introductions. Joe Schamer discussed the revised bookkeeping system and bringing forward the unencumbered balance at the close of the fiscal year. Others participating were: F. L. Wagner, payroll procedure; S. H. Johnson, group insurance; Fred Tanner and Hazel Hicks, who explained the revised Form 125; and Mr. Leebrick, general functions of the equipment used by the IBM Section. Johnny Beavers, Chief Accountant, sat in on the meeting also, and answered questions.

The group visited the IBM Section for machine demonstrations and the Accounting Offices to review general operations.

Those attending the meeting from the districts and divisions were: Mildred Stacy, payroll clerk in Division 1, Wynne; Freese Kimmer, bookkeeper, Division 5, Batesville; Dora Strickland, Bookkeeper, Division 8, Russellville; James Pierce, bookkeeper, Division 2, Pine Bluff; Bates Wheeler, assistant stock clerk Pine Bluff; Peggy Baber, payroll clerk, Division 4, Fort Smith; Helen

Jo Vail, bookkeeper, Division 4, Fort Smith; Sam Huckabee, stock clerk, Division 3, Hope.

Earl E. Hillis, clerk, sign Shop, North Little Rock; Ann Woody, secretary, Traffic Service, Little Rock; Frank Caple, equipment auditor, Jacksonville; Olive Jackson, bookkeeper, Division 3, Hope; Essie Porter, bookkeeper, Paragould; M. S. Smith, stock clerk, Camden; Carolyn Barnett, district stenographer, Camden; Sula Burnham, division bookkeeper, Camden; J. Forrest Williams, bookkeeper, Harrison; and Edith Greene, bookkeeper Division 6, North Little Rock.

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### S & A HONORS RETIREES

The members of the Statistics and Analyses Division honored Fred J. Herring, Division Head, M. L. Baird, W. H. Richardson, and Lena Rhodes, who retired June 30, with a banquet on June 26. The affair was attended by 108 employees and families.

W. K. Bartleson served as emcee. Mr. Herring presented Certificates and Pins to Hilery Eason and Chester Willis. Mr. Baird and Mr. Richardson were presented with silver tumblers, engraved with their names and the division, and Mrs. Rhodes was given an exquisite cut glass vase. The employees paid tribute to Mr. Herring by giving him a beautiful bronze plaque. Though S & A regrets the loss of these long-time members, the party was a festive one and will be remembered a long time.

# This and That

Public Meetings were recently held to discuss the Interstate System. Two were held June 25; one at Ozark at 2 P. M., and one at Van Buren at 7 P. M. Others were held in Osceola at 2 P. M., and Blytheville at 7:30 P. M. Those attending the meetings were: Director Herbert Eldridge, Office Engineer, E. F. Nelson, Pat Denson, Publicity, Kent Brown, Engineer of Surveys; Johnny Gray, Staff Photographer, And Paul Schenke, Bureau of Public Roads.

Mr. Eldridge attended a meeting in Fort Worth, Texas on June 12, with the Community Facilities Administration which is part of the Housing and Home Finance Agency, to discuss the Helena Bridge. He addressed the State Convention of Rural Mail Carriers at Hotel Marion on June 27. He spoke on secondary roads.

Our sympathies are extended to Mrs. Mamie Fanning, Blue Print Room, on the loss of her brother, Grady Johnson, at Lillington, North Carolina, on May 24. Mr. Johnson was a prominent banker and insurance executive.

As one engineer put it: The narrow trails, where two cars could barely pass without colliding, are happily being replaced by six- or eight-lane highways where six or more cars can collide at one time.

## A Letter Of Commendation

The following letter, addressed to Mr. Eldridge, speaks for itself, but it does point out the importance of prompt handling of all correspondence by the division heads.

Dear Sir:

During the past week we have twice had occasion to seek the aid of the Highway Department concerning certain information. One of our requests was to Mr. L. P. Carlson, for information on plans of recent construction at the Fort Smith end of the Van Buren Bridge. Our other request, which was handled by Mr. J. T. Pendergrass, was for information concerning stone extracted from the Nichols Quarry located at the intersection of Highways 22 and 96, near Bloomer. Both of these requests were immediately complied with and we are now in possession of the desired information.

This prompt and accurate service has been of great help to us and we wish to call your attention to the promptness and efficient manner in which your Department handled our requests. We appreciate very much this service.

Yours very truly,

Warner, Warner & Pagon  
By: James T. Dyle



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### ACCOUNTING DIVISION

Margaret Halbert-Peggy Eldred

Welcome to Carolyn Moody, the latest addition to our office. She is replacing Leta Leslie, who resigned to get married.

Gus Powell was honored with a surprise retirement party June 19, in the Accounting Division. At the same time, Maxine Weaver received her 5-year Service Pin.

The males in our office honored Dave Hamilton, who is retiring, with a stag party June 13, at the Surf and Sirloin Club. (We bet that was something!)

We all missed Johnny Beavers when he entered the Veteran's Hospital for his annual check-up. He's back and they didn't find a thing wrong, we're happy to report.

It's Vacation Time! Olin (Randy) Randall enjoyed a trip to Batesville and Hot Springs to visit friends on June 24-30, and Margaret Allen spent a week in Akron, Ohio, visiting her brother, June 19-27.

Mr. Leebrick visited his wife's brother at St. Louis over the Fourth of July week end.

Ann Porter spent a leisurely 3-day vacation June 18-20, just loafing at her home...Hattiesburg, Mississippi, was the visiting place for Jean Lamier June 14 and 15. She was with her grandmother. Gus Powell went up to Jonesboro June 7-11, to visit with his son, Ermon A. Powell. Joe and Evelyn Schamer enjoyed a visit with their daughter, Margaret, June 28-July 7. Margaret resides in Houston, Texas.

Leta Leslie took her final vows June 21, in Asbury Methodist Church. We were sorry to lose Leta but we wish her the best of luck and happiness in her role as housewife. Mr. Leebrick had a pot luck and hamburger fry on his patio after the wedding and everyone had a wonderful time.

Howard Johnson worked with Mic Stanford in Division 2, during the absence of an employee.

### THE POSTMAN COMETH

The postman plods his dauntless way through rain and snow and hail; there's nothing in this whole wide world can stop the U. S. Mail. But all this robust energy we view without a thrill, when he plows through piles and piles of snow and hands us just a bill. --The Ashlar



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## ROADWAY PLANS

Haydon, Potter and Lee-Reporters

Vacation time has rolled around again and plans are being made for trips and just loafing. Joe and Leota Hicks are flying to Savannah, Georgia, for a week of fishing and leisure.

We are glad to see some of our regular summer employees back with us for awhile. They are Paul DeBusk, Billy Pickens, and Ralph Steifvater.

Bob Narrell and family vacationed in Larado, Texas, with Bob's sister recently. They also took in parts of Old Mexico.

John Dunn attended the American Topical Stamp Exhibition at Hotel Lafayette June 13-15. He reports that he got stuck with a lot of stamps.

Colonel F. J. Eison, having finished his duties as instructor for the spring term at Little Rock University, has again returned to the Roadway Design Drafting Room for summer work. He is serving in Travis Orton's squad.

John and Peggy Hicks with son, Robert, spent June 12-15, with Peggy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bratton of Leslie where they attended the Leslie Homecoming celebration.

Mrs. Pat Thompson completed her year of teaching school in Wichita, Kansas and has joined Pat in Little Rock. They reside at 512 Ridgeway.

The young man who holds the front table in Bud Smith's squad is Bill Anderson of Prescott. Glad to have you with us, Bill. We welcome also, Napoleon Montiel C., of Managua, Nicaragua, to our midst. We hope he is enjoying his visit as much as we enjoy having him. Bienvenida, Nap.

## MATERIALS AND TESTS

Julie Mae Steele - Reporter

Otis Sneed, former employee of Materials and Tests, visited this office recently. Always glad to see our former employees come back.

We welcome four boys who will work during the summer. They are Leslie Grady, Jr., Richard Trickett, N. F. Kordsmeier, and Phillip Lipsmeyer. James F. Kyser and Bruce Sims will be permanent employees.

Frances I. Roller and her husband have taken a cottage at Lake Ouachita for a week of fun, fishing, and just loafing.

Joe and Bonnie Magness celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary recently. We offer our heartiest congratulations, and wish the couple many, many more.

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## RIGHT-OF-WAY DIVISION

Wilkerson and Bivens - Reporters

We would like to say "welcome back" to Bill Weger who has been in the hospital for three weeks, and to A. C. Ledbetter, who has had the measles. We're all glad that Les Ewitts is feeling good these days.

We are all so sorry to hear that Bill Stewart, Attorney in the Legal Division, is still in St. Vincent's Hospital, after an operation. It was necessary for Bill to have blood transfusions and the plea for donors in the Department was met with great response. Those who gave were John B. Plegge, Purchasing Division, and James D. Carvell, Statistics and Analyses Division.

Congratulations George Lewis, on receiving your 20-year Service Pin!

Ed Boyette, Attorney in Legal, has another income tax deduction. Monica Maureen arrived May 6. This is not a new role for Ed since she is his fifth child, but they are mighty proud of her. Congratulations to Ed and Mrs. Boyette.

We have a new attorney. He is Bill Brady, who is a graduate of the University of Arkansas College of Law, and came with us June 4. Welcome to our family, Bill. Also to our new file clerk, Helen Dale.

Our deep and sincere sympathies to Bill Bradley and Flo Pence, who each lost their mother since our last issue.

## IBM SECTION

LaVerne Henderson - Reporter

We have a new employee in our section. A cute blonde by the name of Lanna Tunnell. Glad to have you with us, Lanna.

Penney Pennington spent a few days in Flint, Michigan recently visiting friends and relatives. She said she had a very good time.

Art Johnson is using the theme of "No place like home" this year during his vacation.

We have a new bridegroom in our midst. James Willard was married to Mildred Williams of Hazen on June 1. We wish the newlyweds the best of luck and happiness.

Gladys Plunkett's family is quite busy this summer building a summer home on Lake Hamilton. We're sure it will be worth all the work that is going into it however.

Congratulations to Frances Jones, who is the proud owner of a good-looking new green Oldsmobile.

TASTE MAKES WAIST!

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## BRIDGE DESIGN

Virginia Tackett-Reporter

Very welcome additions to the Bridge Design Division are Ben Hogan and Gerald Laster. Ben, who is a June graduate of Columbia, will be with us permanently, and Gerald, who plans to add a law degree to his BSCE, will leave at the end of the summer to go back to school.

We are all glad to hear that Bert Rownd, an ex-Bridge Designer, became the father of a new daughter. We're pretty proud too, of a couple of daughters in our Division now. Frank Neighbor's little girl, Julie, who is four years old, won second place in the little Miss North Little Rock contest recently. Frank says she gets a great deal of her good looks and winning personality from her father. Glen Buchanan's daughter, Donna Kay, has just had a tonsillectomy, and according to Glen's account as a very brave and cooperative patient and didn't cry at all except once in sympathy with a small boy who shared the operating room with her.

We have a post card from Reid and Sally Beckel who are vacationing in Mexico. They were in Tampico at the time, seeing the bullfights and having a wonderful time. Their only regret was that they couldn't speak the language.

Hardy Winburn hasn't sent any post cards but chances are he's caught up in a whirl of activity too. He is finishing up his two weeks military requirements at Camp Chaffee No bull fights, but he does speak the language.

Lem Tull, Jim Matthews, and Frank Neighbors will leave in July for their military stint at Camp Polk, Louisiana. They are anticipating lots of sun and healthful outdoor exercise.

Glen and Lois Buchanan took off the first of June and drove to Oklahoma, to visit Glen's parents. They also had a wedding anniversary June 2. Hardy and Carolyn Winburn celebrated theirs on June 26. Mini and Jim Matthews will observe theirs July 3. Jim is doing fine work for Asbury Methodist Church. For several years he has been superintendent of the Sunday School and has now been elected to a 3-year term on the Official Board, and is Chairman of the Commission on Education.

All of Frank Battisto's friends are hoping to hear soon that his father, who suffered a stroke in June, is doing better. Mr. Battisto is a favorite with all who know him.

A chip on the shoulder is often a piece of wood that has fallen from the head.



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### EQUIPMENT AND PROCUREMENT

Mary M. Hill - Reporter

We are happy to have Sue Fuller back with us in the Equipment and Procurement Division. Sue was re-employed June 1, and is working in the Shop Superintendent's Office, at Jacksonville.

Carl Hillis and his family attended a family reunion in Essex, Missouri, the week of June 2. Carl said there were 48 members of their family present and they all enjoyed the get-together very much.

Employees receiving Service Awards during June were Clyde D. Thomas, 15 years; Oscar T. Davis, 10 years; and J. N. Patty, 5 years. Certificates and pins were presented by C. Don Hayes and T. J. Eby. Our congratulations to each of you.

We at Central Shops regret seeing T. J. Eby leave the Department. His resignation was effective July 1. Mr. Eby has been with the Department 25 years, serving as Shop Superintendent at Central Shops for most of that period. He holds the respect of those who know him not only for his abilities, but also for his fine qualities as an individual. We wish him luck in his new endeavor and knowing him we feel that whatever he undertakes will be a success. Lewis M. Wade succeeds Mr. Eby as Shop Superintendent.

Buddy Davis was on vacation the week of June 9, and states he just loafed at home. A nice way to spend a vacation.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis M. Wade on the birth of a son, Lewis Kevin, June 24, at Baptist Hospital in Little Rock. Mr. and Mrs. Wade have a 14-year-old son and are quite thrilled with the new arrival. Lewis Kevin weighed in at 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

Carl W. Colvert, mechanic in the light equipment shop, is ill and in the Arkansas Baptist Hospital. We miss you Carl, and hope you will soon be well and back with us.

#### ATTENTION:

All New Employees...

Employees of the Highway Department who are hired on a 90 day, or temporary basis, are not entitled to leave benefits.

All regular employees including those paid on an hourly basis, are eligible for leave benefits. Sick leave is accrued at the rate of one-half a day per month, but the employee is eligible only after three months continuous employment. Vacation leave will be accrued on the basis of 2 weeks (10 working days) per year and the employee is eligible after 9 months continuous employment.

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## STATISTICS AND ANALYSES

Mary Ann Brummett - Reporter

Mary Burchfield is the newest addition to our office force. She is replacing Lena Rhodes who retired after six years of work in S & A. Mary is Mr. Henderson's steno. We are very happy to have her with us.

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It was really Father's Day for Helen McNutt's son-in-law June 15. That's when her daughter, Mrs. Gordon Naylor, also made her a grandmother by giving birth to a bouncing, 7 pound girl, Elaine Victoria. Congratulations to Helen, and the Naylor's. Another new grandchild is the son born June 17, to Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Albright. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Powell. It's their third grandchild.

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Vacationers in S & A during June were Stuart and Elnora Pattillo, who went to Florida; Billy and Dorothy Cooper, who vacationed in Galveston; and Barbara and Edwin Rider, who spent some time in Hot Springs. Bob MacFarlane is on military leave, for two weeks.

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Robert R. Mount is visiting his parents, the Don Mounts, while on leave from his teaching post at the University of California. Robert is working on his doctorate while acting as assistant teacher of political science.

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June weddings in S & A were those of Jane Wyatt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie R. Wyatt, to Patrick Witherspoon, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Witherspoon. Both are Statistics and Analyses families. Schales Adkinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lukie Adkinson, married Mary Lou Wray of Fayetteville on June 27. Schales is a pre-med student at Tulane.

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The Road Inventory staff is complaining that Nathan Bingham is falling asleep on his job. They attribute this to the fact that he must walk the Bingham's new dog, Mitzi, every evening.

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Bill Huff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Huff, returned from England early in July and was married to Joada Hankins of North Little Rock on July 12. Congratulations to the happy pair.

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Y. W. Whelchel and Mr. Vandenburg attended the Fort Worth, Bureau of Public Roads meeting on Accident Analyses June 23-25.

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Returning to our staff in June was Robbie Parker, who studied Traffic Engineering at Yale during the last school year. His wife, Mary Ann, is also a former member of our Division.

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When you stop to think, don't forget to start again.

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PERSONNEL DIVISION  
Hazel Hicks - Reporter

The office force was certainly very sorry to lose Jeff Holland, the elevator operator, and Mrs. Callie Walters, one of the charwomen. They retired June 30, and we shall all miss them very much for they have been around the building for such a long time.

Jackie Wallace spent the week end of June 7, at Hot Springs on Lake Hamilton. She said that she had a marvelous time.

Billie Ruth Moore and Bubba Hatcher, her fiance, along with another couple, spent the day on Lake Ouachita, June 28, and the game warden told them not to come back any time soon because they caught their limit so quickly. What a haul! They had a gay time. (The game warden was only kidding, of course.)

It seems very natural having Frank Lewis operating the elevator these days. Frank is temporarily replacing Jeff Holland. Glad to have you with us again, Frank.

"Big Jim" Adams, son of Martha and Harry, is in the Pony League this year and is playing every game which is unusual for the first year. He plays first base, but the manager is going to work with him on his

south-paw fast ball. He is on the Ouletta Enterprise team of North Little Rock.

Grace and Jimmy Zinn entertained friends of long standing, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Borom, of Sacramento, California, and their children, on a back home tour. Mr. Borom is General Manager of the Sacramento Publishing Company, and is the individual who made Chitlin Switch, Alabama, the place of fame and fortune it now enjoys.

Marty Adams and Harry, had a full house not long ago when six of the girls in her family got together. They were coming in from all directions, she said, and had a most enjoyable visit. The men folks had to get out though...couldn't stand the yakking. One sister, Mrs. Theri Williams, Lincoln, Nebraska, is still here. She is expecting another sister, Mrs. Irvin Goldberg, and her two daughters, Sandra and Leslie, Washington, D. C. in soon.

The Hicks family motored to South Louisiana over the Fourth of July week end and hubby, Randle, got an opportunity to meet brother Gene King and family. We stopped in Shreveport where Sonny had another check-up. He's doing fine.

You can carve your own tombstone by chiseling in traffic.



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## DISTRICT 1

HQ. Katherine Booher-Jonesboro

This office has enjoyed visits from R. B. Winfrey, C. A. Shumaker, and Harry Wright of the Little Rock Office during the past month. We hope they will visit us again soon.

We regret that we had to say good-bye to Mr. Perkins who retired on June 30, but we hope that he will enjoy his retirement years. We all learned to love Mr. and Mrs. Perkins and they will be missed. We hope they keep their promise to return often for visits. We wish them the best of luck and happiness. They have been a wonderful Boss and "Bossette." Mr. McCain left us also, to go to the Little Rock Office as Assistant Construction Engineer. We hope he will be happy in his new position, and know they will be glad to get back to their home town. We shall all miss them.

Mr. Nunnally, Mr. Cobb, and this reporter are pleased to welcome to our office our new District Engineer, E. E. Hurley, and District Construction Engineer, John Crouse. They have been with us since July 1. We hope their stay in Jonesboro will be pleasant, and we sincerely hope they will be happy in their new positions.

Your reporter is glad to be back at work after a recent emergency

appendectomy. I am feeling fine again and appreciate the flowers and cards sent to me while I was in the hospital. I also want to thank Anne Nunnally for doing such an excellent job while she was pinch-hitting for me.

We extend our sincere and heartfelt sympathies to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Perkins and family in the loss of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miesse, who were fatally injured in an automobile accident near Little Rock June 11.

## DISTRICT 1

Division 10 Essie Porter-Reporter

Emmajean Cole, Payroll Clerk, has her evenings occupied watching Little League Baseball. Her son, Norman Lee, seems to be one of the star pitchers. His good playing was rewarded by the parents when they took him to St. Louis the week end of June 20, to see a Big League game.

Mr. Rush says things are a little quiet around his house with little daughter Donna, away. She and Mrs. Rush are visiting in Anderson, Indiana with Betty Rush Sharp, and family.

E. E. Hurley is to be our new District Engineer, and we are looking forward to meeting and working with our new boss.

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## Division 10 (con't.)

We regret that Mr. Perkins has left us to retire. Our best wishes go with him and we hope that he will take every advantage of leisurely living and a much needed rest. We hope he will come to visit us often.

Bill O'Guinn, our Equipment Supervisor, sends word that he is feeling better each day after the ordeal of a major operation. It will be nice to have you back on the job Bill, as we all miss you, but you can't keep a good man down...

Mr. Perkins was in Paragould when he received the tragic news of the fatal accident involving his daughter and son-in-law of Little Rock. Our deepest and most heartfelt sympathies are extended to all of the family in their great loss.

## DISTRICT 3

Division 3 Olive Jackson Hope

Charles Ray Tittle, son of Clovis and Nettie Tittle, left on June 24, for Toronto Canada to attend the Baptist Youth World Conference. They will join other Arkansas young people and travel via bus. Stops will be made in New York City, Washington, D. C., and Niagara Falls.

Congratulations to the following who received their Service Pins and

Certificates of Merit in June: Ted Maryman, 20 years; Albert Richard McElroy, 10 years; and Delma Ray Faris, 5 years.

Donald and Dorinda Crews and little daughter, Kim, of Marion, visited Donald's parents, Carlisle and Maude Crews at De Queen. They also had as guests, daughter Carle and husband, Fay Allen Parker of Fort Hood, Texas.

We are very glad to report that Lester Purtle who has been in the hospital in Prescott, and Phil Sutton who has been in the hospital in Hope, have both been dismissed from the hospitals, and are now back on their jobs.

Margie Clark, daughter of our boss, Ardell and Nellie Clark, has come up with another honor at her school. This time Margie was voted Class Favorite of the Freshman Class at Harding College, Searcy, where she attended this past year.

## TO AN ALARM CLOCK

Cursed clarion, your wretched bell  
Sends forth a raucous jangling,  
You shatter our dreamy ease to bits  
And set our nerve ends wrangling;  
You tell us that another day  
Is here for our undoing  
Into the rinse of daily life  
You empty too much blueing.



# This'll Kill Ya

by Jimmy Zinn



Three deaf men were riding on the train and one of them asked the conductor what the next station was.

"Wimbley," said the conductor.

"Wednesday? I thought it was Thursday," said the second man.

"So am I," replied the third. "Let's all go and have a drink."

A man called a dozen of his creditors together to tell them that he was about to go into bankruptcy. "I owe you over a hundred thousand dollars," he said, "and my assets aren't enough to pay you five cents on the dollar. So I guess it will be impossible for you to get anything - unless (with a feeble smile) you want to cut me up and divide me among you."

"Say, Mr. Chairman," spoke up one of the creditors. "I move we do it. I'd like to have his gall."

"Sorry, old man, that my hen got loose and scratched up your garden."

"Oh, that's all right. My dog ate your hen."

"Fine, I just ran over your dog."

"I'm sorry, sir, that I arrested you for kissing a woman in the park. I didn't know it was your wife."

"Oh, that's all right, officer. Until you flashed the light in her face I didn't know it either."

The road to success is dotted with many tempting parking places.

Men are peculiar, as women have long suspected. For example, a man who had not kissed his wife for five years just up and shot a fellow who did.

The will of the wealthy, but eccentric man was being read and all the relatives all listened expectantly. Finally the lawyer said: "And to my nephew, Charlie Jones, whom I promised to remember -" "Hi, there, Charlie!"

The judge was giving the defendant in a divorce action a stern lecture over his abandoning his wife. Concluding, the judge said, "So I've decided to grant your wife \$55 a month."

"That's fine, Judge," the worried defendant said, brightening up. "You know, I think I'll try to slip her a couple of bucks every now and then myself."

Judge: "Do you want to challenge any of the jury?"

Defendant: "Well, your honor, I think I can lick that little guy on the end."

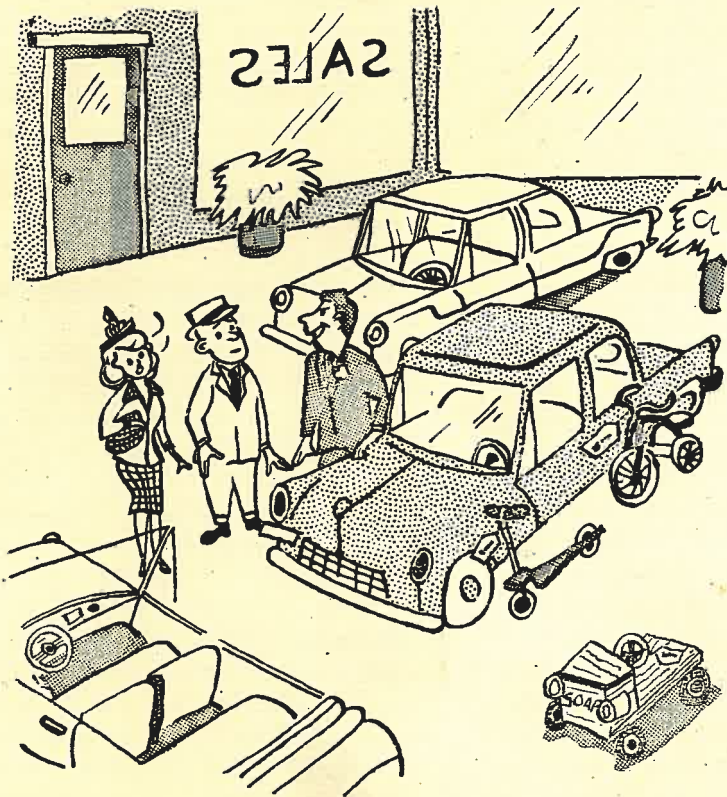
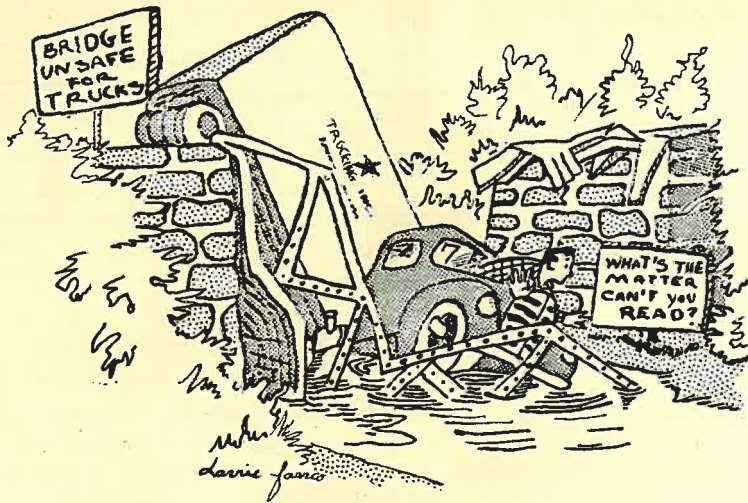
Foreman: "When will your father's arm be well so he can come back to work?"

Son: "It will be a long time, I think."

Foreman: "Why?"

Son: "Cause compensation's set in."





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