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# AROUND THE BUILDING

May activities scheduled for Director Eldridge included a speaking engagement in Nashville on May 3, at the annual Rural Letter Carrier's dinner meeting. On May 20, Mr. Eldridge will be guest speaker at the El Dorado Lion's Club meeting. Another Public Hearing will be held in Conway on May 16. The group will meet in the afternoon with the Conway Planning Commission. Those who attend the meetings are: Mr. Eldridge, Gene Nelson, Kent Brown, George Fry, Mrs. Pat Denson, Johnny Gray, Paul Schenke and Wayne Courter, with the Bureau of Public Roads.

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Eugene F. Nelson, Office Engineer, was the principal speaker at the Conway Lion's Club at their regular meeting and luncheon on April 1. Mr. Nelson spoke on the Interstate Highway System. He will be the guest speaker at the Fayetteville Rotary Club in Fayetteville, May 15.

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Who could be more appropriate to win the Little Rock Road-E-O, than someone who is connected with the Highway Department, even though indirectly?

He is John Hardcastle, nephew of John Hume, Librarian in the Little Rock Office, who took first place in the event which was held in War Memorial Stadium April 27.

John, 16, and a Central High School student, won with a score of 380 out of 500 points in a field of 13 boys and two girls. The annual Road-E-O is sponsored by the Little Rock Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Hume is justified in being proud of his nephew. Congratulations.

At the request of C. Don Hayes, Director of Equipment and Procurement, a school for the maintenance and operation of the Allis Chalmers TL 12 one-yard Tractomotive Front End Loaders, was held April 15, at Central Shops, Jacksonville, for employees of the Department. The loaders were recently purchased from Kern-Limerick Company, of Little Rock.

The school was conducted by Paul Buller, District Manager, and Ted Hicks, District Sales and Service Representative of Tractomotive, and G. L. Boyce, Sales Representative, and Cecil Loveless, Service Manager of Kern-Limerick.

The following employees attended from Central Shops: T. J. Eby, Asa Duncan, Cecil Elliott, B. D. Davis, and G. G. Carter. Those attending from the Divisions were: Division 1, Leland Harris, J. E. Smith, and J. A. Jacobs; Division 2, J. L. Goins, and J. E. Goins; Division 3, Floyd Pharris, Sr., J. E. Collum; Division 4, John Danner, and S. R. Coper; Division 5, John Homesley, A. L. Jones, and C. E. Pistol, Division 6, O. G. Diffie, and W. E. Naylor; Division 7, Hugh Anderson, E. L. Parker, and J. C. Gossett; Division 8, Nymph Jones, Kem Ellis, and Lamar Carothers; Division 9, W. H. Porter, and Jack Holtby; Division 9, Springdale, Otis Vaughn and Fred Loghry; Division 10, William O'Guinn and W. J. Pillow.

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## -NOTE-

Your individual insurance identification card which also serves the purpose for your dependent or spouse, was placed in your policy jacket at the time issued.

# CONTROLLED ACCESS VERSUS UNCONTROLLED ACCESS AND OBSOLESCENCE OF HIGHWAYS

Obsolescence at first thought, usually connotes outmoded design which proves in time to be inappropriate for the changing characteristics of the motor vehicle and, perhaps, of the driver. Second thought swiftly enlarges that connotation to include the inadequacies stemming from the changing needs of the traffic load itself.

But there is an additional quality of obsolescence which develops in spite of adequate maintenance, of a traffic volume well within the design capacity, and of constant characteristics in motor vehicle and driver. (Under such assumptions a highway should last forever, or at least through a long economic life to the natural physical exhaustion of the structure itself.) It is this quality that causes so many of our arterial roads, in so few years, to fail to satisfy traffic needs in spite of these otherwise favorable conditions.

Clearly, the answer lies in interference with the operation of the facility, interference with the movement of traffic in use of the facility, interference by the random movement of vehicles and pedestrians entering at will from the roadsides because of lack of the disciplines of access control. Without those disciplines roadside interference increases steadily and just as steadily in direct relationship, highway capacity is reduced and accident potential is augmented...from the day an arterial road is opened to traffic.

These conditions are particularly noticeable on arterial highways in areas under strong urban influence. The hit-and-miss conglomeration of roadside businesses with their blatant bedlam of signs shrieking for the traveler's attention, is the direct cause of continuing capacity reduction and accident increase...and obsolescence.

To these factors of decreased capacity and increased hazard can be added a factor of deteriorated or diverted economic value of the facility since there is no economic validity in the use of a high type arterial facility, as a way of convenience for roadside commerce. Still another addition is the contribution of indiscriminate and wilful roadside development (and there is no more cogency to much of it than there would be in locating a chicken ranch on Kingwood Road simply because the drainage is excellent) to the unsightliness of the arterial routes which form the gateways to our cities and their depressing effects on nearby land values - not to mention the inefficient, nerve-wracking and highly hazardous quality of service which is all they have left to offer the road user.

One need not be of advanced age to recall the comment, in the days of heavy rail passenger loads occasioned by the sooty, sordid rail approaches to our cities which were caused by the ribbon industrial and commercial development along railroad rights-of-way. There is

much similarity, and much disparity, between these two types of ribbon development. The points of disparity are important (while the points of similarity are not, particularly) since they indicate an illogical paradox which is being remedied. The industrial commercial ribbons in close proximity to rail lines form an economically and sociologically sound pattern since it correlates the production of large cargos and the movement of those cargos in large blocks over arterial routes insulated to a degree from the general population in their ordinary pursuits. A similar commercial and industrial development would be sound, and may be anticipated, in reasonable proximity to the access points of the Interstate System. The small commerce ribbon development along arterial highways offers no such economic or sociologic justification. Sociologically, it is unsound on the basis of hazard and tensions alone. From an economic viewpoint it is fundamentally wrong since it draws two population elements engaged in mutually conflicting activities into a very limited area. It was this superficial paradox which bore and nurtured the controlled-access concept.

Time after time violently opposed minority interests have been amazed at the illustration of the economic incompatibility of roadside commerce and arterial travel as their businesses have increased since their true customers are permitted to reach them with convenience after the elimination of congestion by the relocation of arterial routes (on controlled access facilities). California's highway annals, as well as

those of other states, are replete with historic illustrations of this situation.

It is said that two or three years ago a California highway engineer in conversation with his Texas opposite number defined the difference in the highway planning of their two states as that California is designing its highways as through traffic facilities while Texas is designing and building land service roads. Be that as it may, they are both working hard at it but experienced highway planners in all states feel that they can serve through traffic and provide land service as well with a proper application of the controlled access principle. They have touched on these salient factors as essential in that accomplishment:

- a. Stimulated thinking in regard to design problems.
- b. A bolder look at planning.
- c. Speed-up of right-of-way acquisition for known high-potential traffic arteries.
- d. A long-range planning program strongly supported by the state highway officials.
- e. Fully informed engineer and citizen supporters.
- f. A citizen's organization dedicated to the building of an adequate state highway system and to providing the funds to pay for it.

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Thanks to Mrs. W. W. Langford of Magnolia, for sending in the following suggestion for a slogan or highway sign: "Drive Like Hell, and You'll get There. (But Go By Yourself.)" Sounds like a good idea. If anyone else has any ideas, how about sending them in.



## LOTS OF FUN AND FOOD IN DREW COUNTY



On April 23, Pat Denson, Publicity, Fred C. Tanner, Personnel Director, and this reporter, took off for Monticello, to attend the fourth annual barbeque, which is given by Division 2, Pine Bluff.

It was the first time this writer had been able to attend and it was well worth the trip as it was not only a lot of fun, but gave me an opportunity to meet many people I had known previously only by their names.

The employees from Division 2 and their families plus those invited from the Little Rock Office, filled the V. F. W. Hut where the event was held, which is a good indication of how popular the barbeques are.

Woodrow K. Wilson, Job Superintendent in Drew County, acted as Master of Ceremonies as usual, and as usual, he did an excellent job.

Everyone was down there to eat and have fun and that's what we did. The food was out of this world and the amount of it looked as if it would have fed an army. The barbeque was as barbeque should be and the wide variety of side dishes were prepared just right. To taper off if one were able, there were cakes and pies like "mother used to make." To all of those wives who prepared the food, our hats are off to you.

The meal over, everybody sat back to enjoy Johnny Gray's interesting new film, "We'll Take the High Road." Mr. Wilson then introduced those seated at the speaker's table who were: Mr. Eldridge, Director, Cecil S. Lynch, Commissioner, H. R. Lucas, District 2 Engineer, A. G. Rives, District 3 Construction Engineer, Brewster Shalmy, Division 2 Maintenance Superintendent, Mr. Tanner, Fred Leebrick, Director of Accounting, C. Don Hayes, Director of Equipment and Procurement, John Harris, District Construction Engineer, O. A. Tinsley, District Maintenance Superintendent, R. B. Winfrey, Maintenance Engineer, and Gerald Sisk, Assistant Maintenance Engineer.

During the introduction of several others present, including Mr. Robert C. Warren, Engineering Aide in Division 2, who retired in December, Mr. Wilson presented E. J. Rabb with his 15-year Service Pin and Certificate of Merit. Our congratulations to you, Mr. Rabb.

You people down there in Drew County and indeed, all of you in the Division 2 area who had a hand in this event, are truly to be commended for making it great fun, and inspiring good relations within the entire Department.

Hope to see you all next year!

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# WHAT KEEPS THEM UP THERE?

In last month's issue there appeared an article about some of the problems of life in space - on a space station. Since that time some readers have asked the question, "What holds that 'thing' up there anyhow?" This will be an attempt to answer that question in simple terms.

Most of you know the answer to the question, and with a little prompting can recall it to your memory.

Remember, the time in your childhood when you or one of your friends had a bucket of water and then swung the bucket in an arc over your, or his, head without spilling any of the water? Remember that the swinging started out with a gentle "to" and "fro" motion until the bucket had gained enough speed to make a complete circle without spilling. Remember too, that having swung the bucket until it became tiresome it was suddenly released and sailed away - or perhaps like some of us, you wondered what would happen to the water if you stopped the bucket while it was over your head - and you found out suddenly.

The forces that hold a space station (or satellite) in orbit are the same ones that are involved in the bucket of water example.

When you turned the bucket loose it sailed away from you in a straight path. And if there had been no gravity and if there had been no air resistance, the bucket would still be travelling in its original direction, at its original speed.

Before you turned the bucket loose the pull at muscles in your body, particularly in your arm prevented the bucket flying away.

Comparing this simple analogy to the orbiting of a space station, or satellite, you find the same forces and physical principles existing. The space station is traveling around the earth at a speed of "roughly" 18,000 miles per hour, which is the speed necessary to counteract the effect of gravity at a distance of approximately 750 miles from the earth. Technically speaking, this speed plus the weight of the space station, gives the numerical value to the centrifugal force at the space station, which must exactly equal the centripetal force (gravity in this case) for the space station to orbit indefinitely.

However, there is one great difference in this comparison that must not be overlooked. The bucket has a bottom which will contain the water at various speeds, but the space station has no such safety factor. If its speed is too great it will fly out into space until it reaches the gravitational field at some solar body, or system, and eventually crack; or if its speed is too slow, it will not balance the gravitational attraction of the earth and will re-enter the earth's atmosphere and be consumed by heat created by air resistance...like a shooting star.

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In youth and beauty wisdom is but rare.

# AHD ACQUIRES LANDSCAPE DESIGNER

We are happy to have in our midst a new employee whose title and duties are rather unique for the Department since we have never before had a member to serve in such a capacity.

He is Joe Goepfner, Landscape Designer and Maintenance Technician. His job will be in compliance with Minute Order 1410, of 1956, to promote development of roadside park construction designed to improve and beautify the appearance of our Arkansas highways.

Mr. Goepfner will work in cooperation with District Engineers to furnish consulting services for highway landscaping, erosion control and similar services. A part of this program is devoted to development of intersections and road shoulders. As part of the program we will continue to advise the establishment of roadside tables and parks at intervals throughout the State, where necessary, and provide them with trash containers and fireplaces. This phase of his work necessitates the drawing of a sketch of the proposed site of the park, the placing of benches, picnic fireplaces, fire wood, and a paved driveway serving the area. He plans to utilize the native vegetation and improve on it but if it serves no useful purpose it will be eliminated and other native flora will be planted in its place. Mr. Goepfner stated that he hopes the program will accomplish the dual purpose of beautification and sanitation by creating mental attitudes in the public

mind, which will foster the will to help maintain the conditions found by more conscientious use of trash containers.

An interesting man who shows an enthusiasm for his career, he is also a highly qualified one. He received his grammar and high school education in California and has a degree in agriculture from the University of Arkansas. He is currently enrolled by correspondence in the Engineering School, U. S. Army, for a course in fundamentals of highway road design principles.

Mr. Goepfner, a native of Wyoming, was employed as a student turf research assistant at the Coastal Plain Experiment Station at Tifton, Georgia and at the University of Florida prior to coming to Arkansas. Since 1955 he has been in charge of technical sales, agricultural chemicals, for Dow Chemical Company. He served from 1940 to 1948 in World War II and is now a member of the active U. S. Army Reserve.

The Goepfner family which consists of wife Venita, and two daughters, Janice, age 13, and Joanne, 5, reside at 22 Woodcliff Circle, Broadmoor.

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One day a sixth-grade teacher asked her class, "What is here today that was not in the world 15 years ago?" She expected the class to name a new invention or discovery. One boy held up his hand. "All right, Johnny, can you tell me?" "Me," he said.



# HIGHWAY BILL SIGNED

In spite of many rumors that President Eisenhower would veto the Highway Act of 1958, it was signed by the President on April 16.

The signing of the Bill means the beginning of the largest highway expansion program inaugurated by any nation in the history of the world. In addition to substantially increasing the Interstate System for the next two years and adding \$25 million more to the ABC Systems, the Bill carries a special \$400 million allocation to the ABC Systems. This money must be contracted for by December 1, 1958. It is further required that the construction be completed by December 1, 1959, unless an act of God prevents it.

This additional fund is to be allocated to the States with the Federal Government providing 66-2/3 per cent of the money, which is a major departure from the historic 50-50 sharing of the cost of the Secondary Systems. The legislation also carries a special loan fund of \$115 million from which the States may borrow up to 2/3 of the money that they are required to put up. One feature which we have not stressed before, is that the additional funds for the ABC Systems are not made available under the historic allocation for the Primary, Secondary, and Urban Systems but their use is left to the discretion of the State Officials.

Mr. Eldridge called a meeting April 9, in the Commission Room, for the purpose of discussing and preparing for the new Highway Act, which begins with this fiscal year of 1958.

Those attending were the District Engineers, some Resident Engineers whose work would be directly affected by the bill, and some Division Heads including Chief Engineer Ward Goodman, and Office Engineer, Gene Nelson.

Mr. Eldridge explained the new act to the men very thoroughly, after which some questions were asked and the answers discussed. Ideas and opinions were injected into the discussion by some of those present. Most of the District Engineers stated that they could be prepared for the jobs in their district as soon as they are given the go-ahead sign.

Mr. Goodman stated that the Department would employ civil engineering students to help relieve the heavy work schedule which will be imposed on the Department's engineering personnel.

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There is a lot to be said for the big executive who is on first name terms with his lowliest employees. Charlie Schwab knew thousands of his steel workers intimately. They held their big boss in affection, not awe.

Schwab liked to tell this story.. Arriving at the mill one morning, he saw one worker stripped to the waist, his Bunyanesque body silhouetted against the sky. "John, you look like an old Rembrandt," called Schwab.

" "Hell, Charlie, you don't look so good yourself this morning," came the reply, very heartily.

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My ma-in-law arrived today, which makes me sad indeed;

For now within our household there's another mouth to heed! -F. G. Kernan

# MR. ELDRIDGE AMONG EMPLOYEES RECEIVING SERVICE AWARDS

A Highway Department employee who is "never mad at anyone" had no reason to be "mad" May 7. Although this employee has completed only five years with the Department, he was presented his Service Pin and Certificate of Merit by the Arkansas Highway Commission, together with ten 25-year, and four 30-year awards.

The Commission departed with its usual policy of awarding only 25 or more year pins in deference to the accomplishment record set by this man.

The man is our Director, Mr. Eldridge.

Mr. Eldridge completed five years directorship on May 1, and according to both Commissioners and employees, has done an outstanding job of assisting the Commission and leading the employees to better road building practices.

A native Texan he came to Arkansas to undertake a task that to less qualified men would have been insurmountable. The task he undertook has not been finished - and never shall be - but no one can dispute the fact that he has worked hard and diligently, even in the face of discouragement, and today Arkansas can boast of more road-building in the past five years than in any other comparable time in history.

Retiring as an individual, yet humane as an executive, to those who know him well, he is a man of high integrity, and know him as a man who, in his own words is "not mad at anyone."

It is regrettable that space does not permit a profile on each of the other employees who received their Pins and

Certificates of Merit. The fact that they received them is proof of the loyalty and dedication they have shown to their jobs with the Department: 30-years, Harry Wright, and Glenn Cotham, Construction; J. H. Knott, Bridge Design; O. C. Diffee, Division 6; 25-year awards were presented to: Fred L. Pulliam, Roadway Design; Dav H. Hamilton, Accounting; Henry Schneider and Benjamin F. Strange, Materials and Tests; Olive Jackson, Division 3; Floyd A. Lansdale, Division 7; W. H. Porter, C. C. Berry, and W. R. Shay, Division 9; and W. J. Pillow, Division 10.

Congratulations to all the employees on receiving their pins. We're proud of each and every one of you.

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## HUBERT RAY ORRELL

Employees of the Little Rock office were shocked and saddened by the passing of Hubert Ray Orrell, Engineering Aide in Materials and Tests.

Ray was driving to his parent's home in Hot Springs the week end of May 2, which was his weekly custom, when his car was involved in an accident. He died in a Hot Springs hospital Saturday, May 3.

Ray was born in Percy, Arkansas on August 3, 1926. He graduated from the Lakeside High School of Hot Springs, and attended Henderson State College in Arkadelphia for one year. He was employed by the Department on May 23, 1951.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to his family. He will be greatly missed by his co-workers in the Little Rock Offices.

# Glimpsed In The Building

Likeable Johnny Beavers, always wearing a cheerful grin no matter where you see him...Cute Billie Ruth Moore, blonde pony-tail flying, running some errands on the various floors...Barbara Rider of S & A, in her black semi-trapeze dress and pixie hair style...Joe Schamer with the ever-present paper in his hand..Mrs. Perry in the Mail Room - whistling...

Arnold Weese, if not on a ladder, he's carrying one, or a fresh flourescent light bulb for some office...Gordon Huchingson putting his lunch pail (empty) in his car promptly at 1 P. M. Laisy Connelly up on fourth floor at her map-wrapping desk...

Nebraska, with his load of mail, and always polite...N. J. Carter, who must get to work very early, greeting the employees as they arrive, usually by the switchboard...and Birdie, there at the helm, glancing at the Gazette before the bell rings...Sibby Cox, who repairs the Personnel gal's earrings, or anything else if she has a bobby pin...Sarah Neel, who takes the ribbing about her avoirdupois good-naturedly with a grin and vowing to go on that diet, maybe tomorrow... Easy-going Jimmy Zinn, always ready to talk his first love, baseball...Fred Tanner, with his pork-pie hats...Hess Gordon, looking cute in her high-heel blue shoes...Jackie Wallace, trekking to the commissary for doughnuts and cigs... the ubiquitous Clyde Connelly...the gentleman of the old school, charming and gallant, Mr. Bohlinger, with the inevitable stogie and black bow tie, his trade mark...(More glimpses next month)

## MRS. LENORE TULL

Friends of Lem Tull, Designer in the Bridge Design Division, were saddened to hear of the death of his wife, Lenore, on May 9.

Lem and Lenore were students together at the University of Arkansas and were married in September of 1955 in her hometown, Neosho, Missouri. She was with Lem during his two years at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and they came to Arkansas and the Highway Department on his discharge in March of this year.

Our deepest sympathies to Lem and to Lenore's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Yates of Neosho.

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## FRED RAMEY

Fred Ramey, an employee in Division 8, passed away April 19. He was 62 years old.

Mr. Ramey had been employed by the Department since 1943. He was a mowing machine operator.

Our sincere and heartfelt sympathies are extended to his wife, Mrs. Golia Ramey and three sons who survive him.

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## RAYMOND D. BAKER

The Highway Department lost two employees who worked out of Division 8, in Russellville on April 19.

Raymond D. Baker had been employed by the department since 1952 as a truck driver. He was 55 years of age and made his home in Center Ridge, Arkansas.

We offer our sincere sympathies to his wife, Mrs. Helen Baker, and one son, Earl, who survive him.



## Personality of the Month

J. T. Pendergrass, a quiet and unassuming man whose demeanor belies his dry wit and sense of humor, was born in Altus, Arkansas, September 4, 1903.

The son of the late W. T. Pendergrass, and Mrs. Leo Pendergrass, he was educated in the Altus, Fort Smith, and Ozark elementary schools; the Fort Smith Junior and High Schools, and the University of Arkansas. While at the University he was not a particularly outstanding student as at that time he was more interested in the social aspects of campus life. He was good enough however, to get a Degree in Civil Engineering when he graduated in 1926. He was a member of the social fraternity, Kappa Alpha.

His father was a coal miner and he grew up in the business. During his early years of employment after graduation, he became associated with his father in that business in the Vicinity of Fort Smith and Oklahoma, as superintendent and also manager. In the early 1930s the depression came along, and to add insult to injury, the mines became flooded, so they gave up the business of coal mining.

He has had several years experience in railroad maintenance and construction engineering and was associated with the MoPac, Cotton Belt, and Frisco railroads. He came to the department in May, 1939, and after a couple of absences due to terminations, he returned in 1946...and he has stayed. In 1947 he was transferred

from the Chief Engineer's Office to Materials and Tests. In January of this year he became Assistant Chief Engineer. He is a member of the Arkansas Society of Civil Engineers and the American Society of Professional Engineers. He is also a Mason but doesn't participate in its activities too much anymore.

Mr. Pendergrass has many interests besides his engineering career. He is active in the Civil Engineering Corp of the U. S. Navy Reserve of which he has been a member since 1942 with a Captain's rating. He takes a great interest in his home and enjoys collecting and repairing antique clocks and furniture. He is somewhat of a gourmet and quite often dons the chef's cap and apron for back yard barbeques, but his specialties are meat dishes and he usually bakes the family fruit cakes.

Both he and his wife, the former Lucy Jane Wallace of Fort Smith, whom he calls "Shorty", are active in the young people groups at their church, the Pulaski Heights Methodist. Their daughter, Janie, 15 years old, attends Hall High School. She's interested in music and the Girl Scouts of which her mother is a troop leader. Mr. Pendergrass was serving with the Seabees as a Lt. Commander in the South Pacific when Janie arrived and she was almost a year old before he saw her. J. T. Pendergrass, Jr., his son by a former marriage, will graduate this year from the University of Missouri Medical School.

By his own admission, quite the reverse is true now and when he was a student in college in that "I border on the anti-social side at times." This does not mean that they don't have friends as

they do, but their entertaining is done on a rather small scale. They have often discussed the desire to learn bridge but just haven't gotten around to it. He has often made the statement that his ambition is to get a house in the country "away from the madding crowd."

Mr. Pendergrass is highly respected and well-liked, and to attest to his sense of humor, he says the Navy is made up of three categories: young studs, old fuds, and Lt. Commanders.

Division 9, Springdale, was named first place winner in the "Flower Box Contest" sponsored by the Sonora Home Demonstration Club in Springdale last year. The item was only brought to our attention recently so it was still news to us.

The contest is held in which the commercial establishments of Springdale vie for honors by planting flowers, thereby helping to make Arkansas more beautiful. Congratulations, Division 9.

## GROUP INSURANCE CLAIM PROCEDURE APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

Several hospitals throughout the State have made complaints concerning the co-operation of some Highway employees on filing hospital claims when assignments have been made to the hospital. To collect their money from the insurance company it is necessary that the hospitals be given properly prepared claim forms. The hospitals have told us that they will require an entrance deposit if there is not an immediate improvement.

To prevent the hospitals from taking this action which would affect all employees, it is suggested that the following procedure be complied with before going to the hospital:

1. Request your payroll clerk or supervisor to prepare and give to you, a First Pyramid claim form.
2. Present the properly prepared claim form to the admitting clerk at the hospital.
3. Request the hospital to have the attending physician to complete the "Statement of the Surgeon."
4. Request the claim form be returned to the: Group Insurance Committee, Arkansas State Highway Department, Little Rock, Arkansas.
5. In the event of an emergency, have someone secure the claim forms from your payroll clerk or supervisor and present them to the hospital.

By following the above procedure you will be helping the hospital and also the insurance company in providing you with better service.





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## ACCOUNTING

Leta Leslie - Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schamer enjoyed a 10-day visit from their daughter, Margaret, of Houston, Texas, during the first part of April.

A coffee was held in the Accounting Division the first of April in honor of Virginia Jones and Art Johnson, who received their 5-year Service Pins and Certificates of Merit. Congratulations.

Fred Leebrick, (the Boss) spent the week of April 14, in Birmingham, Alabama, attending a sub-committee on definitions of Uniform Accounting, at a meeting of the AASHO.

Margaret Halbert and Peggy Eldred are school girls again. They are attending shorthand classes at the Little Rock Vocational School.

Several of our employees who have enjoyed some fishing during these pretty spring days are: Maxine Weaver, Margaret Allen, and Johnnie Beavers.

We extend our deep and sincere sympathies to Blanche Smith in the loss of her father, Mr. Dennis McKay of Little Rock, and to Margaret Allen, in the loss of her sister, Elizabeth Robertson, who resided in Milan, Tennessee.

## EQUIPMENT AND PROCUREMENT

Mary M. Hill- Reporter

New employees are Colleen Van Nostrand and W. D. McQuerry. We are very happy to have you with us at Jacksonville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Padgett had as guests over the week end of April 12, Mr. and Mrs. Hoe Hulse from Richland, Washington.

Those on the sick list this month were J. H. Roberson, F. A. Cape, Carl Hillis, and Maurice Head. All have recovered and are back on the job.

Birthdays in April are J. N. Patty, Bonnie Hill, M. L. Price, "Doc" Burns, and Bruce Hardcastle. Congratulations to each of you and our best wishes for many, many more.

Service awards for March, 1958, went to J. W. Berryman, Bruce O. Hardcastle, and Joseph Stinson, who received 10-year Service Pins, and to Cecil A. Jones who received a 5-year Pin in April. The awards were presented by C. Don Hayes, and T. J. Eby.

We extend our sincere sympathies to the family of Luther M. Wade of Batesville who passed away on April 8. Mr. Wade was a brother of Lewis M. Wade in the office of Procurement in Jacksonville.

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## RIGHT OF WAY

Bivens and Spencer - Reporters

The Right-of-Way Division has been dormant in news for so long and we have a long list of new employees. Using this means we wish to welcome them and introduce them to the entire Department. They are: Accounting Section, Ed Orsini, Rose Bivens, and Donald Mann; Engineering Section, Robert Evans; Acquisition, Barbara Young, Albert Hutchins, and Linda Colbert; Legal Section, Flo Pence; Appraisal, Loretta Papan and Walker Watson.

F. C. Bogart is by no means a new employee but a familiar face in the Division now, as he was transferred from Forrest City to Little Rock recently.

We miss Laura McKenzie who resigned to stay at home and care for her children.

Those ill and missing from work this past month were Dwight Little, George Lewis, and J. Mack Wilson. All are improved and back at work.

M/Sgt. Harold H. Connelly from Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, who is enroute to Greenland, stopped by Little Rock to visit his father, Clyde Connelly last month. Another son, Lt. Commander Clyde Connelly, Jr., from Brunswick, New Jersey, also visited him recently.

Lee Reynolds and Fay Wallace attended an appraisal convention in Chicago last month.

We hope to be with you every month from now on and ask that you forgive the absence. (Forgiven...Ed.)

## BRIDGE DESIGN

Virginia Tackett - Reporter

We are very pleased to welcome Frank Neighbors to the Bridge Design Division. He came to this department from the Construction Division where he worked out of Mr. Lucus's district. He plays a good game of bridge and is a distinct asset to the noontime games. Frank is married and he and his wife Nancy, have two daughters, Julie, age 4, and Vanessa, 5 months, and one son, James, who is 6 years old. They live at 3827 Ridge Road in North Little Rock.

Several springs ago several young men saw their fancies lightly turning to thoughts of one thing or another, and consequently, there are three wedding anniversaries to celebrate in this division this spring. Doc and Etta Bonner were married on April 14, Lawrence and Martha Carlson on May 7, and Ruby and Bill Wilson on May 17. Congratulations to all.

It's been a good season for birthdays too. Lem Tull's birthday was April 18, Frank Battisto's May 5, Alice Joe's on May 11, and May and B. Vinson's on May 18. Many happy returns.

Favors cease to be favors when there are conditions attached to them.

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## STATISTICS AND ANALYSES

Mary Ann Brummett - Reporter

We were sorry to lose Ardella Griffin, who resigned from her job on April 9. Ardella has been in poor health for some time and had been unable to work for several weeks. She worked in S & A for five years. We will all miss Ardella but we are glad that she can now have the rest she so badly needs.

Two new additions to our staff are: Bill Allbright and L. V. Witherspoon. Bill had worked on traffic surveys for AHD for three summers while he was an engineering student at Little Rock Junior College and the University of Arkansas. He left the U. of A. at semester to become a permanent member of our staff.

Mr. Witherspoon retired from the Little Rock Police force after 29 years of service. In his last position there he was Captain of Traffic in Little Rock. He is working on traffic surveys.

Our boss, Fred Herring, J. R. Henderson, W. K. Bartleson, Logan Kissire, and Y. Whelchel, were in Fort Smith on April 21 and 22, for a meeting with Oklahoma Highway Officials to discuss mutual highway problems.

Daisy Conley's daughter and son-in-law, Louise and Jesse Foster, and their three youngsters, motored down from Riverdale, Maryland, for a week's visit with Daisy at Eastertime.

Billy Cooper was speaker at the Little Rock Engineer's Club meeting on April 14. His topic was Traffic Engineering.

The Nathan Bingham had house guests on two successive week ends in April, when relatives from the southern part of the state visited them.

There will be two weddings in the Brummett family this summer. On March 30, this reporter's engagement was announced to Reece Lewis Crow, Jr., of Turlock, California. Lewis is a graduate of the University of Arkansas, and a sophomore student at the U. of A. School of Medicine. Three weeks later, on April 19, little sister, Nancy Brummett, became engaged to Jess Lee Askew, Jr., of Little Rock. Both Nancy and Jess will be graduated in June from the University of Arkansas.

## JOE RAMSEY SMITH

Our deep and heartfelt sympathies are extended to the family of Joe Ramsey Smith, an employee in Division 10, at Paragould, who suffered a fatal heart attack in April.

Mr. Smith had worked for the Department for six years, and made his home in Beech Grove, Arkansas. He would have been 58 years old in September.

He will be greatly missed by his co-workers and friends in the Arkansas Highway Department.

He is survived by his wife, and four children.



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## MATERIALS AND TESTS

Julia Mae Steele - Reporter

Regel Cotton, who was injured in an automobile accident in January, has returned to work. We're all very glad to have you back with us, Regel.

Raymond Lynch and his family spent the Easter week end with his son and family in Amarillo, Texas. Raymond reported that they had a nice trip.

Smokey Wood was off sick awhile with a case of measles. And Ed Rauch is still on the sick list. Hurry and get well, Ed.

Melvin Baborn and Ancil Reed, former employees of M. & T., visited us recently.

Grady Putnam's father of Mena, is ill at this time, and also James Taylor's wife at Walnut Ridge. Hope they have a speedy recovery.

Fred Griffin of Sheridan, who was employed in Materials and Tests previously, started working again April 16.

This reporter and husband, helped her father, Mr. Halliburton of Heber Springs, celebrate his birthday recently. He reached the 74 mark.

Frances Roller was another in our Division on the sick list recently. She was off with a case of the flu, and her husband was hospitalized with bronchial pneumonia. Glad they are all right now.

G. W. Roark and his wife are now vacationing in Williamsburg, Virginia. Hope they are having a wonderful time!

Our deepest sympathies are extended to our boss, Mr. Wales, in the loss of his brother, Ed Wales, at Thayer, Missouri.

## IBM DIVISION

LaVerne Henderson-Reporter

Erma Jetton's son, Lane, has been in the Army Hospital, Keesler Field, Biloxi, Mississippi, but is back at his base in Florida and feeling much better.

Gladys Plunkett and her family, spent the week end of April 19, in Hot Springs at Lake Hamilton, visiting with friends from Oklahoma.

James Willard went fishing at Lake Conway a couple of days ago and reported that the fish were biting.

Frances Jones has been quite busy during this beautiful spring weather, planting azaleas around the front of her house on Fair Park Boulevard.

Your reporter and daughter, Carol Lee, visited a few days with her family recently, at Searcy.

The octopus is unlikely to go the way of the dodo. When the female octopus is in a maternal way, she produces about 280,000 eggs within a short period...about two weeks! Prolific, those octopi!

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## ROADWAY PLANS

Hicks, Potter, Haydon, Lee - Reporters

Frank and Betty Hutchison and son, Phil, visited with Frank's mother, Mrs. Mary Hutchison at Russellville, over the week end of April 20.

Ivan E. (Ike) Medlock, an ex-employee of Roadway Plans, paid us a visit on April 16. Ike is with the U. S. Engineers at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Fred Pulliam was at home with a bad case of the flu for a week March 31, to April 4. Glad to see he is feeling better.

Chester Siesicki and wife, along with their mothers, spent the week end of April 20, in New Orleans. Chester said they had a wonderful time.

Mrs. Paul Haydon is in St. Vincent's hospital recovering from an operation. She is doing fine.

IT'S A GIRL! Melanie Patricia produced by Buddy and Pat Orton, made her debut on March 28, weighing in at 7 pounds, 9 ounces. We congratulate Buddy and Pat on their first addition.

The fishing report: Glenn Trammel - poor (7) Ouachita. Charles Toland - good, (25) Harris Brake Lake.

Pat Thompson's wife, who teaches in Kansas, was in Little Rock during the Easter Holidays, to visit him.

Congratulations to Cameron Lowe, who received his 5-year Service Pin and Merit Certificate on April 15.

T. G. Orton, Sr., had a little better luck fishing than Glenn Trammel, on Lake Ouachita. He went over on April 18, and caught 12 bass.

Charles Toland is interested in buying an outboard motor. Do we have any offers? He wants from a seven and one-half to twelve h.p. The make doesn't matter.

T. G. Orton, Sr., had his third grandchild, (see above) and his son, Donnie Orton, former employee now serving with the Navy in Japan, became 21 years old on the same day.

## MOON TRIP

"I'm a little tired," remarked Airman Donald G. Farrell upon emerging from a "space cabin" after a one-week simulated trip to the moon. For seven days 23-year-old Farrell had been enclosed in a six by three by five-foot cubicle at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. The airman was provided with food and water and was given experimental space-flight problems to solve during his "trip." Among other things, the cabin had been designed to furnish information on human respiratory requirements and mental and psychological reactions to confinements, simulated atmosphere and the absence of the day-night cycle. Months will be required to analyze all the data gathered during the make-believe moonflight.

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## PERSONNEL DIVISION

Hazel K. Hicks - Reporter

We're happy to report that Jimbo or "Big Jim" as he is called most often by his playmates, son of Marty Adams, is fully recuperated from a tonsillectomy performed recently.

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Jean Ann Peyer, one of Therese's little daughters, celebrated her eighth birthday April 19, with a weiner roast in their back yard. Nancy and Sonny Norman were among the guests. Therese said the kids had fun but she's glad it doesn't happen too often. Wear and tear on the old nervous system...

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Our boss, Fred Tanner, attended the "Share in America" luncheon, which was held in the Baroque Room of the Sam Peck Hotel, Monday, April 7. Wayne Jackson, President of Hoerner Boxes, Incorporated, addressed the group.

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We're glad to see the familiar face of Frank Scroggins back in the building once more. Frank was pretty seriously ill for several weeks recently, but is in fine "fettle" now. Frank is also back on the Personnel payroll after having transferred from Accounting.

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This reporter thanks Billie Ruth Moore for pinch-hitting for her during her recent absence. Am feeling fine now and I appreciate all the cards and flowers received. (We're all glad to have you back with us Haz.)

Marty Adams had as guests recently, her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Eckert, from St. Louis. Her brother-in-law, a "dyed-in-the-wool" yankee, was very impressed with Little Rock, and the highways in Arkansas, Martha said.

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Billie Ruth Moore had a couple of very important things happen to her recently, which caused some stir in the office. She got a very lovely ring from one "Bubba" Hatcher, but the engagement has not been announced yet, and she won first prize of a hundred dollars (!) in the Fine Art's Club of Little Rock, with her entry of an oil painting titled, "Childhood Fancy." Congratulations, Billie Ruth, on both events. We're very happy for you.

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Jackie Wallace is enjoying her new and larger apartment she moved into recently on Wright Avenue.

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When Olive Jackson, Division 3 Book-keeper, drove to Little Rock on May 7, to receive her 25-year Service Pin and Certificate of Merit, from the Commission, Edna Lewallen, Payroll Clerk down at Hope came along with her. It was our pleasure to take them to lunch at Hank's out on Roosevelt Road, so that some of the other girls in Personnel could get better acquainted with them. We enjoyed it very much and sure hope the gals will come back and it doesn't have to be a special occasion. Jackie Wallace, Birdie Wright, Therese Peyer, Marty Adams, Ceceil Byrns, and yours truly rounded out the party and Congratulations again, Olive.

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## DISTRICT 2

Division 2 Ouida Grimes Pine Bluff

Virgil Green's Cleveland County crew, Joe Tice's Bridge crew and Joe Hay's crew gave a fish fry at the new Rison Area Headquarters on March 21. We really enjoyed all of that good fish, potatoes, pickles, and all the trimmin's.

We are happy to report that Joyce Sims daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Johnson, is back on her job after the car-train wreck she had at Wilmar, Arkansas, in March. She teaches school at Warren.

Elmer Morgan's son, Elmer, Jr., has enlisted in the Army. Mr. Morgan had all of his family at home for Easter, including his son, Horace, who has been in Korea.

Hurshell Harwell is at home on a furlough from the Army. He really looks good as he has gained about twenty pounds.

We all enjoyed the barbeque April 23, in Monticello. Those people down there know how to "put on a feed." It is always good to see old friends and meet new ones. Thanks again for the invitation.

The six ages of man: beef broth; ground steak, sirloin, filet mignon, sirloin, ground steak, beef broth.

Definition of an Old Maid: A girl who knows all the answers - but no one ever asks her the questions.

## DISTRICT 3

Division 3 Olive Jackson Hope

This office had the pleasure of having a visit from R. B. Winfrey, Maintenance Engineer from Little Rock, recently. We hope he will make us another visit soon.

We are very happy to report that our boss, Ardell Clark, who has been in the Memorial Hospital in Hope for the past two weeks, is much better and will get to be released soon.

Jay and Janelle Roberts and small son, Gary, have returned from a nice trip to Dallas where they visited Jay's relatives.

Margie Clark, daughter of Ardell and Nellie Clark, who is a Freshman at Harding College, Searcy, was elected Historian of the Arkansas Association of Future Teachers of America, recently in Little Rock. Congratulations.

Sid Flowers, our Foreman in Hempstead County, who had the misfortune of being kicked by his horse on April 2, and had to go to the hospital for nine days, is now back on his job.

Congratulations to the following who received their Service Pins and Certificates of Merit in April: Sam Huckabee, A. L. Smith, Perry Russell, Gilbert Honea, Jack D. Lockeby, Lee Willie Helton, 5-year pins; Welcome McAteer, 10 years; George Paton Woosley, Ernest Pender, and Oscar Hugh Marcum, 15 years.

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Venetia and Clinneth Adams are the very proud parents of a little daughter, Sherrell Joy, who made her arrival on March 27. Congratulations!

We are very glad to have Jake E. Clements of Little Rock with us while our boss, Ardell Clark-is convalescing.

Leroy and Mercedes Hatfield are the proud grandparents of a granddaughter, who made her debut on April 12. Autry Lee and Leila Hatfield are the proud parents.

Lula and Loyd Haynie visited their son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Ida Rae Haynie, and little granddaughter, Lois Carol, the week end of March 22, in Fayetteville, where Bob is a student at the University.

## THE ELIMINATION OF A BAD HABIT

The appropriate steps to take to get rid of a bad habit include:

- (1) Recognizing that the bad habit is possessed.
- (2) Sincerely wanting to be free of the bad habit.
- (3) Seeking out the source or sources of the bad habit.
- (4) Deliberately operating in ways directly counter to the dictates of the bad habit.
- (5) Avoid associating with those persons who still enjoy having the bad habit.
- (6) Associating with those persons who are also attempting to free themselves of the bad habit.

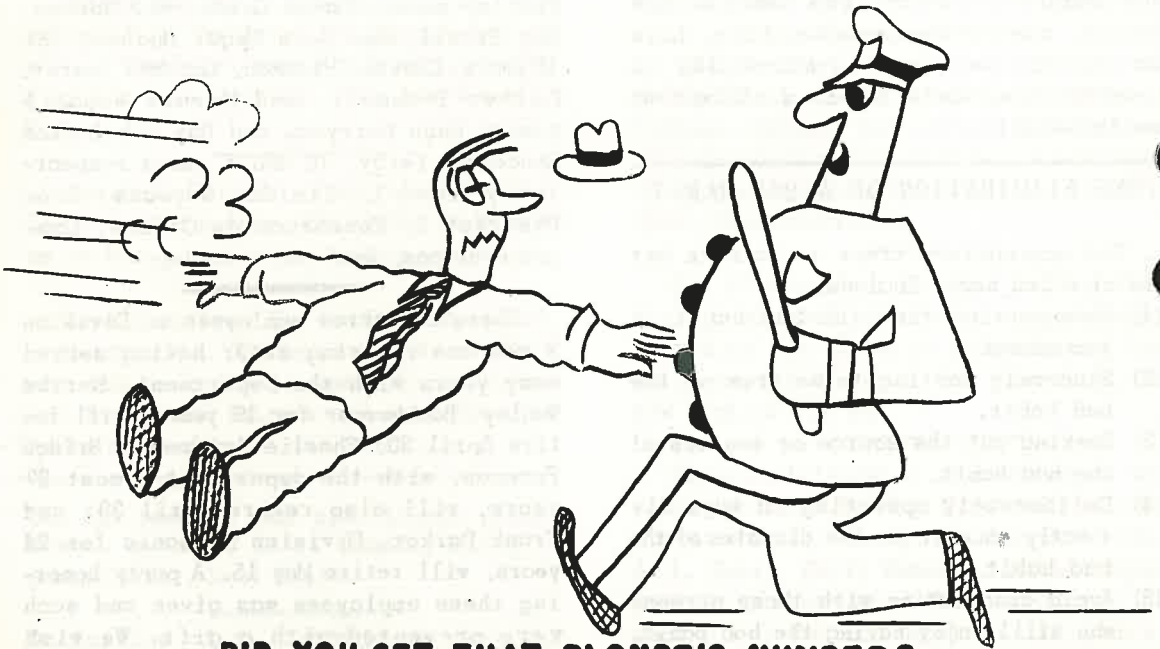
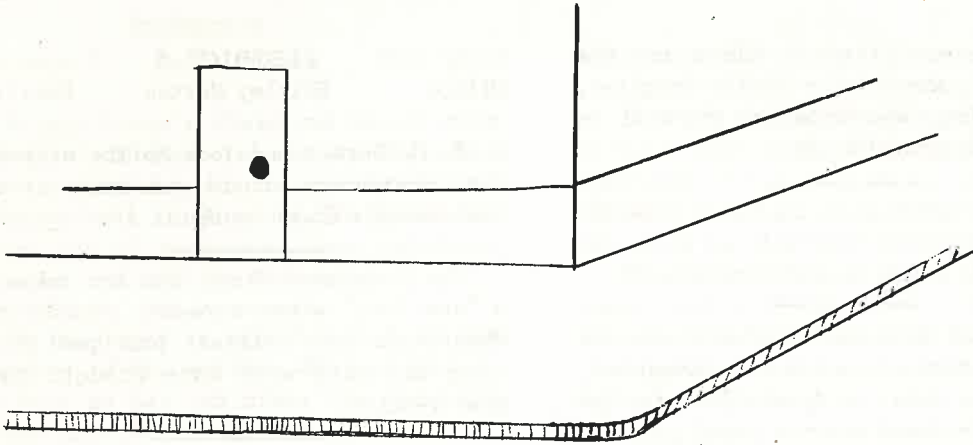
DISTRICT 5  
Office Shirley Morton Harrison

W. H. Porter and Jack Holtby attended the maintenance school conducted at the Jacksonville Shops on April 15.

The Division 9 Stock Room has taken on a "new look" since a recent remodeling. Congratulations fellows! Your good planning and hard work have brought very good results.

Service Awards for March and April were presented to the following employees: Charley Baker, Ralph Coker, Roy Horton, Guy Brasel, and John Edgar Hudson, for 15 years; Chester Hickman, Garland Teeter, Luther Trammell, and Howard Wood, 5 years; Hugh Perryman and Ray Dihel from Henderson Ferry, 10 and 5 years respectively; Omel L. Fields, 5 years, from District 5, Construction Office. Congratulations, Men!

There are three employees in Division 9 who are retiring after having served many years with the Department. Bertha Wagley, Bookkeeper for 16 years, will retire April 30; Charlie Narramore, Bridge Foreman, with the department almost 27 years, will also retire April 30; and Frank Parker, Division Mechanic for 24 years, will retire May 15. A party honoring these employees was given and each were presented with a gift. We wish each of them the very best of luck, good health, and much happiness during their retirement years.



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