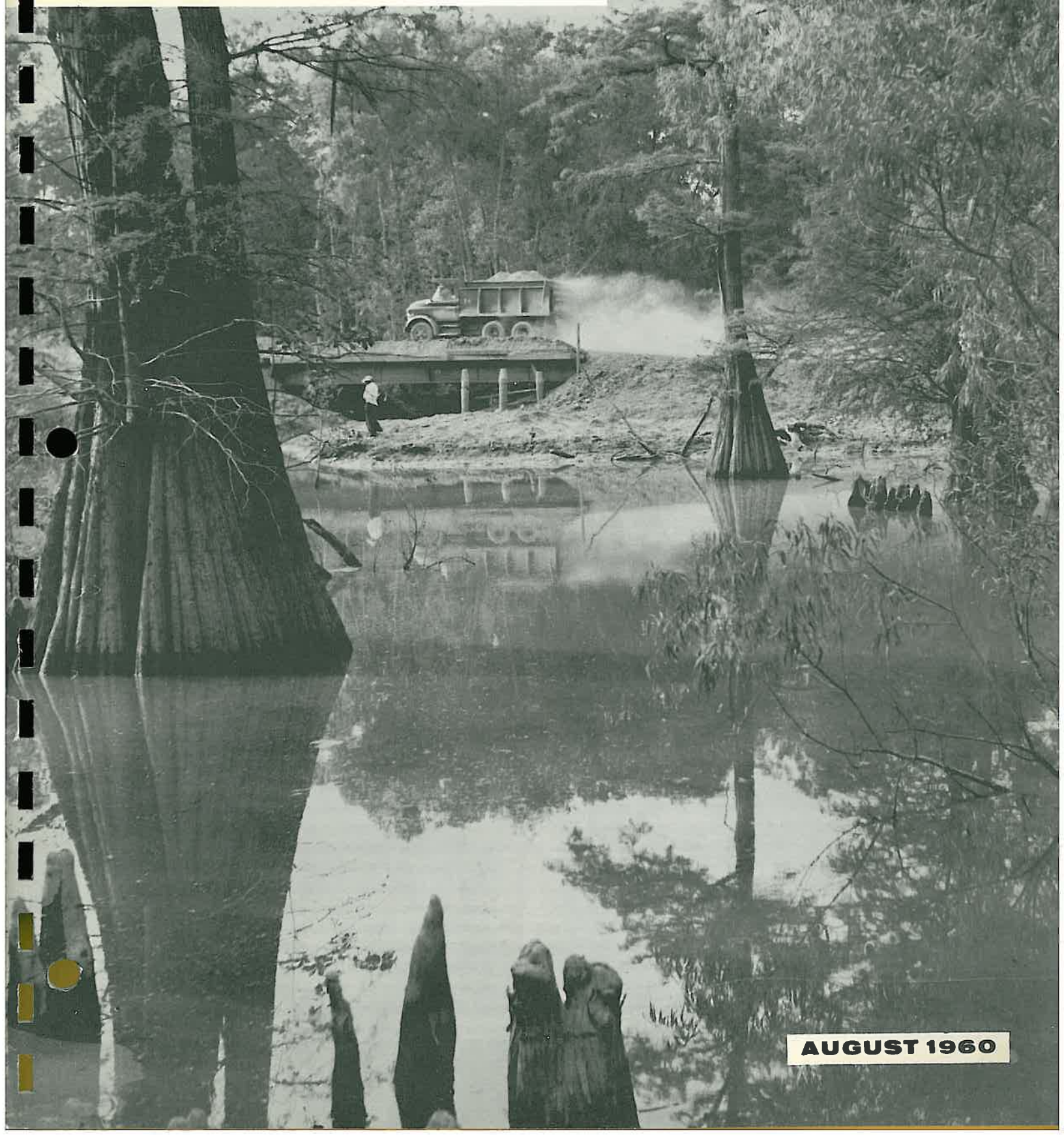


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In Memoriam



Young Milton Mack

Y. M. Mack, of Moorefield, co-author of the Mack-Blackwell Amendment, which was designed to remove the Highway Department from political control, died July 20 of a heart attack.

Mr. Mack retired from politics in 1958 although he maintained an active interest in governmental affairs. His political career began in 1935 when he was elected Independent County tax assessor, a post he held until 1941. He was county clerk from 1941-45. Also, he was a revenue inspector and a former postmaster at Moorefield.

He was elected to the state Senate in 1950 and chairman of the Senate Highway Committee when the Highway Audit Commission hearings pointed up the need for a non-political Highway Department. He authored the proposed Amendment with former State Senator Lawrence Blackwell of Pine Bluff, now chairman of the Highway Commission. The amendment was adopted in 1952 in the general election.

Mr. Mack attended Arkansas College at Batesville and was a veteran of World War I. He was former chairman of the Official Board at Moorefield Methodist Church Class 49 years. He was a Mason and active in the Farm Bureau and the Independent County Fair Association. He had ginning, farming, grocery and feed mill interests.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Hazel Parks Mack, and three children, a son, Y. M. Mack III of Moorefield, and two daughters, Mrs. George W. Kramer and Miss Peggy Mack of Moorefield.



Herbert Eldridge

Highway Department staff members and other personnel were stunned and saddened to learn of the death July 24, of Herbert Eldridge, former Highway Director, at his home in Austin, Texas. Mr. Eldridge, who apparently suffered a heart attack, had had no previous heart trouble.

Mr. Eldridge served the Department for six years, from 1953 to March 1958 when he resigned and he and Mrs. Eldridge returned to Austin.

Mr. Eldridge did much to improve the Department and employees' status. He was the first director appointed who served under the Mack-Blackwell Amendment. In 1956 he was named Arkansas' "Man of the Year."

Prior to coming to the Arkansas Department, Mr. Eldridge was second in command at the Texas Highway Department, where he had spent 33 years of his engineering career. He retired, however, from the Texas Department in order to take the Arkansas post.

The Highway Department joins other friends all over the state in extending sympathies to his gracious wife, Mrs. Mildred Eldridge, who survives him. The Eldridges had no children.

← This neat structure is located at Murfreesboro.

Craighead, Jonesboro; Crittenden, West Memphis; Dallas, Fordyce; Drew, Monticello; Fulton, Salem; Grant, Sheridan; Greene, Paragould; Howard, Nashville; Izard, Melbourne, Jackson, Newport; Lafayette, Lewisville; Lincoln, Star City; Little River County, Ashdown; Logan, Paris; Madison, Huntsville; Mississippi, Osceola; Montgomery, Pencil Bluff; Nevada, Prescott; Perry, Perryville; Pike, Murfreesboro; Polk, Mena; Prairie, Hazen; Pulaski, Little Rock; Randolph, Pocahontas; Saline, Benton; Scott, Waldron; Searcy County, Marshall; Sebastian, Greenwood; Sevier, DeQueen; Stone County, Mountain View; White, Searcy; Woodruff, McCrory; Johnson, Clarksville; Monroe, Brinkley; and Cross County, Wynne.

Land for seven more of the structures has already been purchased for the following locations: Hamburg, Alma, McGehee, Ozark, Walnut Ridge, Marianna, and Lincoln. The Highway Commission has approved purchasing land for four other sites at Harrison, Morrilton, Camden, and Lonoke.

Area Buildings in State Growing in Number

Since 1954 the Highway Department has been engaged in a program of building area headquarters at strategic locations throughout the state, for the maintenance of Arkansas' 11,023 miles of highways. When the program is completed there will be at least one building in each county. The size of the county will determine the number of shelters necessary.

The headquarters are more than just a place to stockpile equipment. To the local people in the community in which each is located, and to the motorist, it is the Highway Department. For the employees, they are morale builders. Personnel in the maintenance divisions, from the district superintendent down to the new man in each crew, recognize this fact and take whatever steps are necessary to keep the buildings and equipment in tip-top condition. Quite a few of the crew members go beyond the minimum required to keep a sharp looking building; they turn their quarters into models of neatness and efficiency. The men take pride in beautifying the grounds by planting shrubbery and flowers. The result is increased efficiency, according to Raif Smith, administrative assistant to Director Oliver.

Each of the buildings follow the same style in design - simple in lines, and consisting of an office, restroom, stockroom, and enough space to store most of the equipment. Inside the fence in which they are enclosed are stocks of asphalt, sand, and other surfacing materials. The fence has cut down pilfering of materials, too.

It is not known just what the exact cost will be when the program is completed. It is estimated that each building will cost approximately \$20,000, which includes land, building facilities, electric gas pumps, air compressor, and chain link fence. The work is scattered over several years. The counties and towns where completed buildings are in use are: Arkansas, DeWitt; Benton County, Gentry; Bradley, Warren; Calhoun, Hampton; Carroll, Berryville; Chicot, Lake Village; Clay, Coming; Cleburne, Heber Springs; Cleveland, Rison;



Here is the building at Pencil Bluff.



Above, top, is the front view of the Springdale building, and bottom shows the back.

INTERSTATE CONSTRUCTION GOING STRONG

The face of Greater Little Rock and outlying areas is changing rapidly. It's hard to believe that such progress is made so quickly - even from one week to the next. Many of the old familiar residences and business establishments - Little Rock landmarks, are gone - torn down, or moved off to make way for the new third bridge and the expressway, which will give Little Rock and North Little Rock the "new look" in the future.

Only two more contracts remain to be let on the expressway, according to Bill Moore, expressway engineer. Tentatively scheduled to be let in the fall and spring, the two are construction from Sixth Street to Biddle Yards, Little Rock, and the Markham Street interchange. There are only 8 concrete deck pours remaining on the Freeway Bridge, and the work is going along on schedule, Moore said. The bridge itself will be completed within six months but it will not be in use.

E. E. (Mack) Hurley, District 6 engineer, is in charge of connecting projects to the expressway, on the Interstate System, plus his other duties in the entire district, including maintenance. Resident engineers working with Moore and Hurley are: Glenn Cotham, Bob H. Crafton, Ralph B. Jones, John H. Lawrence, Frank Neighbors, H. H. Perkins, and J. C. Perkins, Jr.



The concrete deck on the Freeway Bridge is partially complete, as this aerial view shows. The view is looking towards North Little Rock.

This view shows the grade separation and approach embankment construction, looking toward Little Rock on the Benton highway. This is Job No. 6647, Chicot Road-Stanton Road, Interstate 30.

The foot of Park Hill, previously dotted with filling stations, drive-ins, small homes, trees and brush, has been cleared away and the scene is a beehive of hustle and bustle. Sloping diagonally from Cherry Hill south-eastward across the foot of Park Hill, roads are being laid out for the expressway and north terminal interchange. Bull dozers and other heavy equipment dominate the scene there and in Dark Hollow, a low-lying area south of Park Hill, which at last, is evidently good for something. An engineering nightmare, the large area has been virtually useless due to a drainage problem. A police booth has been erected on Main Street in North Little Rock as a precautionary measure, to halt or direct traffic during operation of the heavy equipment.



Here workmen are pouring concrete on the Freeway Bridge. The view is looking south to Little Rock.



Construction on the Interstate System out Arch Street way and in other areas south of Little Rock, is going along at a fast clip also, as evidenced by the pictures shown.

So, weary commuters, fed up with the endless waiting in traffic, take heart. The day is not too far off when we can get on the expressway and zoom to work in practically nothing flat. But first, we have to be educated on how to drive on them. Experience on the conventional roadways, however long, has not fully prepared many of us to drive on the multi-laned, and higher speed expressways, which demand new driving skills and perhaps more important, new driving attitudes. We have a jim dandy article which we will print later.



This view on Highway 67, is looking toward the Dark Hollow Interchange on the Jacksonville pavement. Job No. 6615.



Job No. 6628, Dark Hollow Interchange and Connections, shows the detour and structure carrying 67 W traffic over Interstate 40.



Job No. 6647. Bridges under construction over Sixty-fifth Street on Interstate 30.



Job No. 6647. Construction at Sixty-fifth Street and RR crossing, looking toward Industrial Spur-Fourch Interchange.



The Industrial Spur-Fourch Interchange, Interstate 30. Structures over R. I. Railroad and Highway 167. No. 6632.



Joseph John Schamer, has done quite a bit of traveling during his lifetime but since settling down in Arkansas, which he calls his home state, he's quite content to stay put.

Joe, or "J. J." as he is often called, has an interesting background which many of his associates and fellow workers may not be aware of. The only child, he was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, in - well, let's say over 39 years ago, to John and Frances Schamer. In 1903, Joe's father, alone and without relatives, wandered over from his native country of Austria-Hungary - changed to Yugoslavia after World War I. The elder Schamer settled in Cincinnati where he got a job as a shoe repairman. It wasn't long before he met a young lady who, by one of those strange twists of fate, was from the same European settlement as he, and who had lived only a few miles from the Schamer family.

After their marriage and when Joe was a year old, they returned to the old country for a visit. The Austria-Hungary army, under the rule of Emperor Franz Josef, promptly drafted the elder Schamer, who had not applied for U. S. citizenship papers. He served for three years. Meanwhile, Mrs. Schamer returned to the United States to obtain work, leaving young Joe in the care of his grandparents. He was six years old before he was brought back, by his grandparents, to this country. The Schamer family settled in Indiana where Mr. Schamer opened up a shoe repair and harness shop.

Joe attended schools at Mitchell, Indiana and St. Joseph Prep College at Rensselaer, Indiana. He is a graduate of Notre Dame at South Bend with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Joe's first job was as assistant bookkeeper with a bank at Detroit, Michigan. It was necessary for him to resign after two years because of a siege of illness and the death of his father. His next assignment brought him to Arkansas at the Buckeye Cotton Oil Company in North Little Rock, as a stores clerk. There he met Miss Evelyn Bailey of Arkadelphia, who was secretary to the manager of the plant. They were married October 26, 1930. In 1931, Joe was transferred to Baltimore. He was cost

JOE SCHAMER. . .

Our "Highwayman of the Month"

accountant with Proctor & Gamble there for three years. When the plant closed he and Evelyn returned to Arkansas and settled at Hope. During those depression years Joe worked for the WPA and the ERA administrations. He came to the Highway Department in 1937 - and you know the rest. Joe's titles since he came to the Department have been many: bookkeeper and control supervisor; chief auditor and traveling auditor; assistant chief auditor; assistant director of accounting; and now acting division head, a position he assumed last April.

The Schamer family, who reside at 2505 North Filmore, also includes daughter Margaret, who is a buyer for five ladies departments at Pfeifers Department Store. Margaret only returned to the Schamer fold a year ago from Houston, Texas, where she was buyer for five years at a store there.

Evelyn, who has a bachelors degree from Henderson State Teachers College, also attended the University of Mexico and University of Southern California. Her hobby is Red Cross work - and one to be commended. It started ten years ago when she volunteered to become a Grey Lady at Ft. Roots Veterans Hospital at North Little Rock. Since that time she has held various offices in the chapter, including Chairman of the Office of Volunteers of Pulaski County, in 1958. She is vice chairman of the office now and has returned to Grey Lady duties. One day a week is devoted to the hospitals serving wherever she can and helping to build hope and morale to the patients. Evelyn likes to garden and Joe says that she is extremely talented in the culinary arts.

One of Joe's hobbies has fallen by the wayside, but at one time he was one of the most skilled bird hunters, with some of the best hunting dogs, in the state. During a year of drought, the birds flew the coop, Joe forsook the pleasurable pastime and has never taken it up again to any extent. His interest in birds remains still, however. He and Evelyn are avid "birders," or bird watchers. Not to a degree that they arise at the crack of dawn to go galloping off into the woods or fields laden with bird-watching paraphernalia. Theirs is done for sheer enjoyment and curiosity, and done at their leisure, whether it's at the breakfast table or at the living room window. Joe said that at one time he and Evelyn counted 24 species of Aves in their backyard. They have what practically amounts to a "bird library," each referring to it when an unknown specimen seems to be out of its bailiwick.



The Schamers have many friends in various circles. They have small dinners occasionally but they spend much of their time reading and watching television. They are members of the Catholic Church, Riverdale Country Club, and Joe is a member of Hi-Noon Toastmasters Club. There you have Joe Schamer - of the natty habiliment and suaveness of manner.



NEWS BITS

Director Oliver, Chief Ward Goodman, and Assistant Chief J. T. Pendergrass were in West Memphis last month to confer with the Corps of Engineers on the reconstruction of Mayo Ditch, east of Paragould in Greene County. Mr. Goodman said that the corps is widening and deepening the ditch which will require reconstruction of the existing bridge.

On August 4-5, Mr. Oliver, Mr. Goodman, L.P. Carlson, J. W. Courter, and Anthony Leone will be in Pittsburgh, Pa. to inspect the Fairless Steel Mills.

Mr. Oliver, Raif Smith, and Glenn Wallace, Highway commissioner, were extended an invitation by Judge Frank Hudson to be guests of the El Dorado Rotary Club luncheon at the Garrett Hotel July 18. Mr. Oliver was the principal speaker. He spoke on activities in the Department. Walter Hicks, engineer of District 7, also attended the club meeting.

C. Don Hayes sponsored the showing of a movie, "Safety in Highway Surveying," July 25 in the Commission Room at the Little Rock Central Office. The film was prepared by the Bureau of Public Roads, and ran for 25 minutes. The attendance was very good. Carl Hosack, safety officer, spoke to the audience after the film was shown, urging the group to practice all safety laws which were shown in the film.

Arkansas was the first state in Region 6 to complete and transmit to Washington the Revised Interstate Cost Estimate. Each of the states was required to make this report. The estimates will be sent to Congress to be used as a basis for setting up Federal Aid apportionments for the first four fiscal years. Preparation of the report was a six months' job and required the participation of several divisions of the Department. Bill Looney and W. K. Bartleson reviewed the report with Bureau officials in Ft. Worth on July 25 and 26, and the report was mailed to Washington on July 27 - ahead of the August 1 deadline.

Field work on the Annual Truck Weight Study began August 1. During the first three weeks of August, trucks were weighed for eight-hour periods at 15 locations

scattered throughout the state. Twenty-four hour manual classification counts of all vehicles passing each weighing station were made. This year in addition to the regular classification, the number of compact and small cars in the traffic stream were counted. Eight temporary employees assisted six or eight regular field men of the Traffic Surveys and Analyses Section in making the survey. The field work was directed by Asa McCord and Lee Gibbons.

In the anniversary issue of "The Six-Shooter," Bureau of Public Roads weekly bulletin for Region 6, J. M. Page, division engineer in Texas, was voted "Six-Shooter of the Year" with J. L. Vanden Berg, program and planning engineer of the Arkansas Division, winning honorable mention as the top runner-up. Region 6 is comprised of four states: Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas.

EMPLOYEE GUIDEBOOK DISTRIBUTED

An employee guidebook was recently distributed to all employees in the Highway Department. The booklet, the first the Department has ever had, describes the rights and responsibilities of each employee, what the employee can expect of the Department and what the employee can expect of the Department. New employees joining AHD in the future will be issued the instruction book and all employees are responsible for the information it contains. The book was prepared by the Personnel Office and Planning and Research. The very attractive cover design and some of the illustrations in the guidebook were drawn by none other than Bill Moore of P&R Division.

PERMITS

ACCESS driveway permits issued from June 1 to June 30, 1960 totaled 161, in all the districts. Commercial permits totaled 71; private driveways, 82; and residential driveway permits, 82.

HIGHWAY ROUTE AND SECTION RESIGNATIONS

The Executive Committee of the American Association of State Highway Officials at its meeting on June 28, 1960, approved the following changes to U. S. marked highways, as authorized by Minute Orders of March 2, 1960: Extension of U. S. 167 from Little Rock to Hardy via U. S. 67, Little Rock to junction S. H. II at Bald Knob, S. H. II from Bald Knob to junction U. S. 62 at Ash Flat and U. S. 62 from junction S. H. II to junction U. S. 63 at Hardy.

Relocation of U. S. 72 from Bentonville to the Missouri State Line via S. H. 100.

For maintenance cost purposes, these changes were made effective July 1, 1960, on highway route and section designations involved by these actions, all in accordance with attached sketches.

You can have just as much fun in a small town as in a big city--but you're more likely to get caught at it.

New Group of Engineers Begin Highway Careers

There always has been a need for qualified engineers - not only in highway departments, including ours, but in other engineering firms as well. But always there has been a shortage. For one thing, in the past there weren't as many young men studying engineering and those who graduated with good grades were so much in demand that they could almost write their own ticket. Consequently, it was only the large companies with no money problems that could hire them.

Now that the universities and colleges are turning out more graduates the situation has eased up somewhat, but still, companies employing personnel in this field recognize that they must have something to offer as an incentive to get the men who are so necessary and vital to the growth of the companies, the states and the nation.

The new engineering training program which was begun last January, and the ability to offer more attractive salaries, have been a shot in the arm to our Arkansas Highway Department. Not only are we upsurping many of the positions long held vacant, but we are assuring a good solid future for the continuance of building and maintaining our highways by the highest standards.

The 14 men presently engaged in the training program are of the group of 18 graduates who pledged their careers to AHD during the annual spring interviews by Fred Tanner, personnel officer, to recruit new engineering personnel. There will be two more to come in within the next month.

The latest group to join the Highway Department force are as follows: Frank Merrill Harrison, Bridge Design, who worked for a month in that department in 1955 when he was drafted into the Army, returned July 16. He is a native of Ft. Smith where he was graduated from high

school. He attended Ft. Smith Junior College for a year and was graduated from the University of Arkansas with a BSCE. He did graduate work at the University of Cincinnati. Since his discharge he has been doing structural analysis of various types of components of nuclear aircraft engines and ground support equipment with the General Electric Aircraft Nuclear Propulsion Department at Evendale, Ohio. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Harrison of Ft. Smith; is married and has a daughter.

John Allen Sage, a native of Forrester, Arkansas, reported to Roadway Design July 16. He attended schools at Forester, Waldron, and graduated from Prescott High schools. He has a BSCE from the University of Arkansas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Sage of Prescott.

James R. Chaney, engineering technician in District 6, was employed June 20. He hails from Stuart, Nebraska, graduating from high school there. He was a corporal in the U. S. Army from October 1952 to 1954, and is a University of Arkansas graduate. He has worked as draftsman with a consulting firm at Omaha. He is married. His mother, Mrs. Anna Chaney, lives at Stuart.

Carl H. Sanders, also in Bridge Design, came to work July 18. He is a Harrison native where he attended secondary schools. He attended Stockton, California Junior College and has a BSCE from College of the Pacific at Stockton. Sanders has had experience with a consulting firm as technician in field and soil testing lab, and inspection and compaction control. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Sanders of Harrison, and is married with one child.

James D. Barnett, engineering technician in Planning and Research, started work August 1. He is a native of Tahlequah, Oklahoma, but lived at Valley Springs, Arkansas, where he graduated from high school. He attended Arkansas Tech, Russellville for two years and the University of Arkansas where he graduated with a BSCE in July. He previously has worked for the Department for two summers while attending college, gaining experience in surveying, planning and drafting. James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Barnett, Jr., Valley Springs.



Harrison



Sage



Chaney

Hi-Noon Toastmasters Club Has Charter Party



Barnett

Sanders

HIGHWAY LITTER

THE piece of litter you toss out of your car window on the highway may not bring about the death of another human being - but it could. So that you may realize the importance of the litter problem please consider these facts offered by Keep America Beautiful, Inc.

1. Over 50 million tax dollars are spent each year just to remove litter from our primary highways alone - not to mention countless additional millions spent cleaning parks, beaches, streams, city streets and other public areas.
 2. Between 750 and 1,000 Americans are needlessly killed and nearly 100,000 seriously injured each year as a result of cars striking or swerving to avoid hitting objects thoughtlessly thrown on our highways.
 3. The cost of litter-caused fires throughout the country is more than 70 million dollars each year - a needless waste.
 4. Last year, the U. S. Forest Service budgeted three million dollars just to clean up litter from our national forests.
 5. Litter is a menace to health. It creates breeding grounds for disease-carrying insects and rodents - and littered water is making it unsafe to swim or fish in many areas.
- Make it a habit to put all disposable items and paper in a bag and deposit the bag in a trash can when you stop for lunch or to refuel the car.

Top pictures at right are: Raif Smith is receiving the charter from Bill Dunning, with Mrs. Smith looking on; Mr. Smith being handed the gavel by Bill Moore P&R, who installed the new officers.

Middle picture: Another Bill Moore, expressway engineer, who was the topic master for the night, and Mr. Oliver, standing, with Mrs. Oliver apparently enjoying her husband's topic delivery; John Tallant, assistant construction engineer, who was to be coming over real big.

Bottom: Jonnie Beavers, seated between two unidentified ladies; J. T. Pendergrass, assistant chief engineer, during his one-minute speech, and Mrs. Pendergrass. Also shown in the pictures are Frank Caple and Ancil Reed.

The Hi-Noon Toastmasters Club, the third in Little Rock and the fourth in the area, received its charter No. 2217 at a Charter Party at Hank's Dog House on Roosevelt Road the night of July 7.

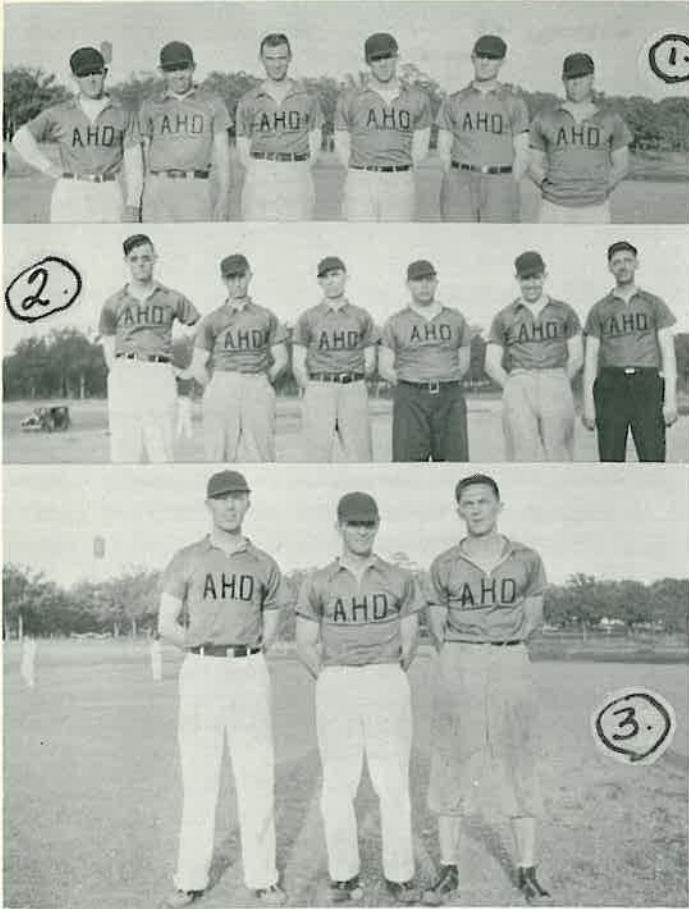
The club was formed about three months ago and has quite a few members who are Highway Department employees. Raif M. Smith, administrative assistant to Director Oliver, is president of the club. Jack Keilch, engineering assistant in the Chief Engineer's Office, is treasurer, and Fred C. Tanner, personnel officer, is sergeant-at-arms.

There were about 70 persons who attended, including members, wives, and guests. Bill Moore, Planning and Research, who is the assistant area governor of Toastmasters International, installed the officers at the dinner meeting. Bill Dunning of Memphis, the District 43 governor, presented the charter to Mr. Smith.

The club meets each Friday at high noon at Hank's and the attendance is very good. The Department employees who are members are getting quite a big kick out of the club. The consensus of opinion is that it's fun as well as advantageous in learning to speak well before an audience.



A Look in the Past



My! Who have we here? None other than a few of our Department men all decked out in softball finery (?), circa 1934, and ready to "play ball!" The men were members of the AHD softball team which was in existence from that year until 1940, and managed by Travis Orton, Sr. Any and everybody in the Department who wanted to and had the time, could play on the team, which played about twice a week at Fair Park where War Memorial Stadium now is. They were in competition with various other teams in the city - most of which were comprised of office workers. Many of the men shown are no longer with the Department, but will no doubt be remembered by many readers.

The men shown in the photos are named and where they are now located as follows: Picture No. 1, Norris Hoag, U. S. Engineering Department; Travis Orton, AHD; Hernn Northcutt, Arkansas Revenue Department; "Cap" Boen, AHD; and John Joe Russell, U. S. Engineering Department.

Picture No. 2, Bruce McRae, engineer at Denver; M. L. Murray, engineer at Vista, Calif.; Fred Lasater, Ditmars, Pickens & Bond; John Richardson, commander, USN; Paul Orton, U. S. Engineering Department; and L. P. Carlson, AHD.

Picture No. 3 shows, Paul Keith, U. S. Engineering Department; Dave Tate, gentleman farmer, Lonoke; and Jack Teasdale, AHD.

PLACES TO SEE IN ARKANSAS

One of the most beautiful spots in Arkansas has very few visitors.

It is a long, deep canyon in the Ozark National Forest near the Newton-Baxter, Searcy, Stone county line between North Sycamore creek and Buffalo river, known as Skeleton Hollow.

Like many other Ozark places, it received its name in a legitimate fashion. Skeletons of two men were found there. The old timers can show you the spot, but the trail through the hollow isn't traveled anymore.

In the 1890's, a fellow came to Big Flat selling spectacles. He was about 60, seemed suspicious of everybody and went armed. He wouldn't occupy a room with others.

After several months in the vicinity, he purchased a donkey and some used farm implements and "squatting" on a tract in the hollow. He moved into a cave and boarded up the front of it. One side of the cave was used as a stable for his donkey and he lived in the other.

He was somewhat of a hermit. He didn't seem to like people and had few visitors.

On occasions, cattlemen and hunters were caught near his place at dark. Before he would let them spend the night there, he would relieve them of their guns.

He kept his own weapon handy at all times. It was a double-barrel gun. One barrel was a rifle and the other was bored for shot.

After the discovery of the skeletons, officers were notified, but the hermit had disappeared.

Although the identity of the two dead men was never established, people in the community believe that they may have been officers of the law seeking to apprehend the hermit for some unknown misdeeds, and met their death in the attempt.

Through the years, the mystery has remained alive and the beautiful, lonely canyon has been called Skeleton Hollow.

It can be reached over county and community roads from Big Flat on State Highway 14. Big Flat is 11 miles from Harriet which can be reached over paved state highways 27 from Marshall and 14 from Yellville through some of the most scenic country in the nation.

...Arkansas Publicity and Parks Commission

SAFE VACATIONS MEAN MORE FUN

Vacationing? Take this tip - to have fun, be careful. When you pack your suitcase, be sure to include your common sense.

First and foremost, don't get too much sun. Sunburn can be dangerous as well as painful. Be able to recognize poison ivy and poison oak. Wait two hours after eating before going into the water; never swim alone and don't dive into unexplored waters.

Vacationers should have ready access to a first aid kit equipped with gauze, adhesive tape, rolled bandages, an antiseptic solution, and scissors or razor blades.

Make your vacation a happy one by keeping it a safe one!

AROUND THE DEPARTMENTS

COUNTING

Jimmy Meyer

Miss Betty Boysen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Boysen (Allene), is enjoying a vacation this summer at the Triple B Ranch, Woodland Park, Colorado. She went with the Charlotte Jones Western Vacation Teen-Age Group.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Burch who are parents of a new baby girl born July 28. Mrs. Burch is a former employee in our division.

Lee Wagner and his family vacationed at Grand Rapids, Iowa visiting Lee's relatives.

We welcome Thomas R. Smith, resident of North Little Rock, who reported on August 1 in our division. Tom is a 1955 graduate of Hendrix College. He will be in Accounting Division until he becomes familiar with the different procedures, then he will become an internal auditor.

BRIDGE DESIGN

Virginia Tackett

We are mighty pleased to have Doc Bonner back in the office. Not only was there a noticeable lag in our output, but we missed him. He didn't get back in time to see Larry's big fish which was reported in last month's issue, so we're including a picture of it, fresh from the taxidermist, this month.

While Doc was recuperating Frank Battisto had one of those freak accidents that are seldom as amusing to the victim as they are to his so-called friends. A thin, flat T-bone steak slid partway down Frank's throat and the help of a specialist was required before the staff at Baptist Hospital could dislodge it. Frank wound up with painful throat lacerations and a barrage of pretty stale jests.

In another part of the magazine you will find pictures of our two new engineers. Frank Harrison actually is a former Bridge Designer, but Carl Sanders, our latest trainee, is new to us. We have planned a fish fry for August 12 and hope to meet their families then.

Mrs. W. E. Wilson is spending a month in the east visiting her two sons, before the youngest goes on to Hawaii to take his post at the University of Hawaii.

Eddie and Esther Williams have returned from their annual trip to Florida tanned as usual, and quite happy with their vacation. As a sort of busman's holiday Eddie was allowed to go on a three day bridge sufficiency rating trip the week they came back.

Curt and Lucille Mahla are in their new house now, as was predicted in last month's issue and we all hope that everything fits into its niche the way it's suppose to in new houses, and seldom does.



Larry Carlson and Friend. (Five and one half pounds of bass.)

DATA PROCESSING CENTER

Billie Jean Oholendt

Art Johnson was in St. Louis for two weeks at a school to learn the 1401 Data Processing System, but he's back with us.

We have a new employee: Elsie King, from Benton. Glad to have her with us.

Roy Selby and family have returned from a vacation in Dallas where they visited relatives.

EQUIPMENT DIVISION

Shirley Leeds

We are proud of our Herbert (Doc) Burns who received his 25-year service awards by the State Highway Commission.

Martha Pearle didn't get away from it all during the Fourth of July week end - she took it all with her. Martha, husband Jack, her mother, Mrs. Kate Petty, and her children, Jackie, Larry, and Johnny spent an enjoyable week end in Kansas City visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joe Petty and new son, Steven Joe.

Shirley Healy finds that baseball can be fun. She's not the bat-slinger - but her husband, Raymond Neal, plays for an independent team from North Little Rock. The week end of July 10 the Healys spent two days in Ft. Smith where Neal's team played the Ft. Smith Collegians.

The Procurement Office's new prospective "ski-queen" is Bonnie Hill. She made it up on water skis for the first time July 24.

We've all been expecting Delbert Pearl to start snapping his fingers and growing a beard since he visited Little Rock's new beatnik club. After his vivid descriptions, we're all considering peeking in.

In the "whopper" section, we find that Carl (Dub) Colvert and state trooper Jack Williams spent a week end fishing on White River. They reported the catch was 30 pounds of fish.

We are glad to welcome Leroy Newton back with us after a weeks' illness.

Leon Sneed made several visits to Camp Quapaw during the week end of July 18 to bring his camping Boy Scouts to Little Rock to play baseball with their teams. Good luck, little Sneeds!

We are sorry to report that Frank Pratt suffered a heart attack on July 1 and has been in St. Vincent's Hospital. Frank is getting along fine now, and we hope that he will be back with us soon.

This reporter and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Leeds, spent a delightful week end in Hot Springs where her father was attending a convention.

MATERIALS AND TESTS

Julia M. Halliburton

Melvo Pledger received his 10-year service awards. Congrats!

Dan Thrillkill and Elliott Tyler are welcomed to our midst. Dan is a permanent employee and Elliott will be with us for the summer.

C. H. Tullos has been "puny" but is back at work now.

Your reporter's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Rose and daughter Darlene, from Winslow, Arizona, are visiting. They will spend also, some time in Heber Springs, Kensett, and Hazen while in these parts.

Frances Roller spent a part of her vacation in Alexandria, Va., as a delegate of Chi Sigma Sorority. They stayed at the Charter House Motel and had a most marvelous time.

Ernest Binam, a former employee of ours, visited us recently.

PERSONNEL OFFICE

M. A.

Carolyn Reddin was mighty happy to see her husband Jimmy, when he returned from Ft. Eustis, Virginia, where he had been in Army Reserve training for two weeks. They spent the week of July 23 at Harris Brake Lake, and Carolyn said she caught a bass!

Hoyt Thomas got his first taste of stock car racing July 24 when he took in the events at the track on the Benton Highway. Said he enjoyed them more than horse racing!

Maj. and Mrs. Louis Tibbs of Holyoke, Mass., visited The Robert Coxes (Sibble) recently. Mrs. Tibbs is Robert's sister.

Jackie Wallace again spent a week end at Hot Springs - on July 22. Said she got in a lot of rest...Lavona Croft stayed in Little Rock one week end and everyone was

surprised! She usually goes gallivanting off to Evening Shade.

Billie Ruth Hatcher and husband Bubba, brought their adorable baby, Tommy, by to see us one afternoon...wasn't much work going on for a few minutes to make over him. He's fat and cuddly and cute, and almost four months old. Billie R. worked on the magazine for almost three years.

We welcome Roberta Sevier, Little Rock, who is a 1960 graduate of Fuller High School, who will take Pat's place. "Robby" reported to work August 1, and will be vari-typist.

Birdie Wright, our switchboard operator, got to make the trip to Hawaii, and we were happy for her. Birdie and several members of the local PBX club drove to Salt Lake City, Utah, to attend a national convention of PBX operators, and from there she and a group traveled to the islands.

PROCUREMENT

Amy Tedford

Hilda Shirley is feeling much better these days since her sunburn is healing. She admits that she stayed out in it too long over the Fourth of July - too long swimming and fishing. However, the sunburn wasn't so bad that she won't do it again the next chance she gets.

Lewis Wade recently made a trip to Hamilton, Alabama to visit his brother, Hugh Wade who was seriously ill at the time. We all hope that Hugh is feeling better by now.

Conley Meredith attended the Summer Band Clinic at East Texas State College at Commerce, Texas recently. Reports are that Conley did just fine there. He is really taking advantage of his summer vacation - he's off now spending two weeks at Shreveport, Louisiana with some cousins. Papa Meredith remarked that "it sure is quiet around the house."

Willene Gray had as a guest in her home for a few days her mother, Mrs. John Rogers of Star City. She says that they played it smart and stayed at home over the Fourth.

Linda Vassaur and friends had a wonderful time swimming and picnicing at Lake Sylvia on July 4. Linda informs us that the wedding date has been set for October 8.

This writer and family spent vacation time in Phoenix, Arizona, Fresno and San Francisco, California. The trip was fine except for the fact that while we were in Phoenix the temperature was only 115 degrees. We stayed as near the air-conditioner as possible. However, we had to wear light coats while we were in San Francisco. Our Renault Dauphine made it out there and back without any trouble at all. It got a little hot on the way out, but so did we. We took son Mike to see Children's Faryland in Oakland and he got a bang out of it. It is made up of fairy tale scenes with a record telling the story of

each fairytale. We had a nice trip and enjoyed it but we are glad to be back.



"Gentlemen, I understand this interview is in regard to my success in the world. You may start the questioning." This young man, age two and one-half years old, is the son of Lee and Amy (Procurement) Tedford. Cute, isn't he?

PLANNING AND RESEARCH

Marjarine Turner

Fred Wohrman, a former Highway Department employee who is now a cadet at Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, spent two weeks in July at the SAC base taking pilot training. While in Little Rock he appeared on the "Little Rock Today" television program. Fred is the son of Mrs. Asa McCord.

Lee Gibbons' baseball team, sponsored by Davis Trailers in the Rosedale Optimist League, tied for the season championship.

John Hume's Pride and Joy, Jackie Hardcastle, is one of a group of six young Episcopal missionaries who are working in Alaska this summer. The trip to Alaska was made in a Volkswagon micro-bus and included 1,500 miles over the Alcan Highway. The four men will move a log mission church three miles down the Yukon and construct a log cabin rectory. The girls are teaching at an Indian school in a small village. On the trip back they will make a sweep of far western states and return to Little Rock September 1. Jackie will enter Virginia University in September. Jackie's sister, Ann, was awarded her BA degree in philosophy and letters at St. Louis University in June and is now working on her MA.

The girls in the division surprised Bea Davis on her birthday with a coffee break party. We went into her office carrying the birthday cake (with one candle) and singing "Happy Birthday." Gifts were displayed on

Bea's desk, and we all enjoyed cake and coffee or cokes.

Aileen Daniel has a new Oldsmobile. Mayo White has a new Chevrolet. Harold Dunn has a "new" 1956 Chevrolet, but Pete Benetz maintains that he has the newest of all because he has only 100 miles on his 1951 Plymouth - 100 miles over the first 100,000!

Captain Ed Johnson, Arkansas National Guard, spent two weeks in July at Ft. Chaffee for the annual training period.

Delbert Vanlandingham, a civil engineering graduate of the University of Arkansas and a participant in the training program, spent the month of July in the Division of Planning and Research.

The Y. W. Whelchel family spent the July 16 week end on Lake Tenkiller in eastern Oklahoma. Y is a smart Fisherman - he has pictures to prove a 10 catfish catch totaling 35 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Elsberry drove to southern Texas for a short vacation during the latter part of July. They were accompanied by a daughter and son-in-law.

Lester Jester, who has been enrolled in the training program for engineers, is now a permanent employee in Traffic Engineering Section.

The Traffic Section recently enjoyed a Hot Tamale luncheon with the women furnishing all the trimmings - cakes, pies, salads, etc.

RIGHT OF WAY - LEGAL

Betty Grimes

One of the most interesting vacation trips that has been made this summer by personnel from R/W, was taken by Herbert and Wilma Heffington. A grand tour of the Southwest included visits to Carlsbad Caverns, Grand Canyon, Disneyland and Knott's Berry Farm in California, and Hoover Dam. Herbert reports that Disneyland was the highlight of their trip and he would love to visit there again next year.

Walker and Mildred Watson, their two children, and nine other families from the Bearing Cross Baptist Church, traveled by chartered bus to Pensacola, Florida where they spent a wonderful week at the Barbary Coast Motel on Pensacola Beach.

Kenny and Nancy Sipe entertained 23 week end guests at Williamsport, her parent's summer home, on Lake Hamilton, then Nancy had to take a week off to prepare for the gathering of the Williams clan the following week end, when approximately 40 of the family converged at the lake house for swimming, boating and picnicking.

The 219th Medical Company of DeWitt, commanded by George Green, AHD staff attorney, won the softball championship at Ft. Chaffee for the fourth time in seven years. Their team is coached by Sgt. Horton, former Arkansas Razorback star. (Who umped the game?)

Another exciting softball game was that between Asbury Methodist Church, coached

by Fred Williams, and All Souls Church of Scott, coached by Bob Yada. Since Fred and Bob work at adjoining desks there was much good-natured heckling between the two. The final score was 10 to 9, favor of All Souls, but the game was nip and tuck all the way with the first one then the other having a one point lead.

We are sorry to lose Mary Beneux, who is going to work in the Social Services Division of the Veterans Administration Hospital, and John Ford, who will be associated with the FHA in Shreveport. We are happy to welcome three new employees: Branda Pruitt, Anita Stover, and Alton Van Patten. Alton comes to us from the Texas Highway Department, where he filled a familiar position in Utility Adjustments. His wife and three children accompanied him to Arkansas and they are residing at Jacksonville. The Van Patten children are happy to be back at home in Arkansas near their grandparents after a three year absence.

Wilburn Luton surely was surprised when his crew presented him with a birthday gift and a cake which said "Happy Birthday Slave Driver." For once he was speechless!

ROADWAY DESIGN

John Dunn

This item may be a little late in being reported since we didn't have any news in last issue, but it's definitely worth mentioning. Glenn Trammell's squad and this writer attended a barbeque chicken supper at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hicks June 30, and we all enjoyed it very much. The food was delicious, Joe! You're a good cook.

Marcellus Gross, John A. Sage, and James R. Little are with us now on a special phase of the engineers-in-training program. Welcome to our drafting room, fellas!

F. J. Eison is with us for the summer months. During the school semesters he is an engineering professor at Little Rock University. Welcome back, Mr. Eison! Also, we welcome back Charles Ross, who is working this summer in our department.

Howard Webb and Pat Witherspoon were at Fort Chaffee on National Guard maneuvers during the last two weeks in July... Duane Reel was on special National Guard maneuvers at Camp Polk, Louisiana during the first two weeks of August.

Our best wishes and congratulations are extended to Paul DeBusk of our division, the son of Mrs. Paul H. DeBusk of Little Rock, and Miss Mary Kaye Heigle, daughter of Mrs. Robert Leland of Morrilton, whose wedding was solemnized in the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church at 4 p.m. on June 11. Paul is 23 years old and applied for summer work with the Department some years ago and has since been enrolled at Little Rock University in both day and night courses as well as completing some correspondence work. He plans to continue his education and his Highway De-

partment career. Mary Kay graduated from Morrilton High School and after successfully completing a business course, has been employed by the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company as an IBM operator for the past 5 years. The couple honeymooned in Florida. They are at home at "Garfield Manor," 6120 "H" Street. This reporter attended the ceremonies.

DISTRICT 2

Ouida Grimes

We are all happy that Selma Chavis has gone home from the hospital and is doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. James Pierce and daughters spent the Fourth of July week end camping out at Lake Village in the Lake Chicot State Park. They report that the park is a real nice place.

Wilton Wright spent the holiday week end with his family, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wright and Carol.

Our two fishermen, "Red" Goins and Olan Clark, have been catching a lot of big fish - but we still don't have the proof - such as pics.

Mike Shalmy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brewster Shalmy, spent several days with his family recently. He is now stationed at an Air Force base in Rome, New York.

We send our sympathies to Robert Jarboe and family. Mr. Jarboe's father passed away July 13. Also, to Louis C. Parker and family on the death of Mr. Parker's father July 7.

DISTRICT 3

Olive Jackson

Congratulations to Georgia Whittemore fuel clerk, who received her 15-year Service Pin and Certificate of Merit on July 14. The presentation was made by Ted Maryman, assistant maintenance superintendent.

Our boss, Jim Lowder, enjoyed a vacation in Hot Springs the first week in July. Wife Ethel and their two children, Sue and Wesley, were along with him, of course. Jim rested and got in some fishing and had good luck.

During the month of July Marie and George Lively had the pleasure of having Marie's people visit them. The visitors were: her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Chiki, Columbus, Ohio; her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Koch, Jr., and daughters, Teresa and Karlene of Los Angeles; brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Sabo and children, Anne, David, Diane and Romona Marie of Houston, Texas. Also, Marie and George had as recent visitors, George's mother, Mrs. George P. Lively, and sister, Mrs. J. C. Dean, Houston, Texas.

Mack and Dovie Hicks have returned from a nice vacation to points in Texas. Some of the places they visited were Ft. Worth and Brownswood where Mack says he got to do a bit of fishing.

Margie and Bennett Wood of Memphis, visited Margie's parents, Ardell and Nellie Clark over the July 4 week end.

The month of July was a lucky month for Edna Lewallen, payroll clerk. One week she had the good fortune of winning four new, whitewall tubeless Mohawk tires, and the next week she won a delicious apple-caramel cake, which we all enjoyed. Keep up the good luck, Edna.

We are all very glad that Roy Bullard, who recently underwent surgery in Memorial Hospital in Hope, has now been dismissed from the hospital and is convalescing at home.

Miss Judith Elaine Evans, daughter of Elder and Mrs. Edward Evans, and James E. Helm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Helm of Huntsville, were married by Elder Evans, father of the bride, in the Shover Springs Baptist Church. After a wedding trip the newlyweds will be at home in Hope. Mr. Evans is one of our employees.

We send get-well wishes to the following area foremen who are ill at the present: Sid Flowers of Hope; Ernest Pender, Ashdown; and J. S. Copeland of Nashville.

DISTRICT 4

Carolyn Barber

We were pleased to have as our guests this month Dick Winfrey and Mack Hurley who stayed with us for about an hour inspecting our new grounds and building. We also welcomed G. W. Stanford who stopped in on his way to Little Rock and wound up helping solve some of "end of fiscal year" accounting problems.

One of our mechanics, "Dukes," went on his annual leave last month. He told us that he caught a 90 pound flat head catfish. The fish was as big as Dukes...and this is no fish story - but for real!

The R. N. Parkers and Buster spent the holiday Fourth of July on a camping trip at Lake Charles, La., and they reported a wonderful time.

We had a postcard from Locke Williams, one of our mechanics, and his wife, who were fishing in Canada on their vacation. Also, one from John Alexander and wife who vacationed in New Orleans. A good time was reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gwyn, daughter Margaret Parnell, and granddaughter Pam, are planning a vacation to Mexico August 8. Hope you all have a good time.

Please note that your reporter has changed her name. She was married July 1 to a wonderful man named Donald L. Barber who is an optometrist in Ft. Smith. (Our congratulations, Carolyn. We hope you and your husband have a long and wonderful life together.)

Bill Capehart, our bookkeeper's husband, will leave for Gulfport, Mississippi for a two-week stay at Keesler Air Force Base. Kay is looking forward to spending a week end there, but plans are indefinite.

DISTRICT 5

A. L. Moser

Vacationers recently were: Mr. and Mrs. Ludy Massey and daughters, Janice Louise and Delois, who visited relatives in Topeka, Kansas...Drexel Evans vacationed but we have no reports of his activities...Guy Wilson said that he did some remodeling on his house. A. L. Jones was off for three days and said he enjoyed it...Elmer Wall reports a fine two-week vacation.

The O. D. Syferts spent July 4 with his mother in Effingham, Ill. They brought their daughter Eleanore back with them who had been visiting her grandmother for a month...Ray McKinney and his wife spent the Fourth with his parents at Ft. Smith.

Uncle Bertie Isley, who had a heart attack, is reported to be improving some now. Hurry back, Uncle Bertie, we miss you. Mrs. J. N. Carter, wife of J. N. Carter, one of our welders, had a heart attack July 22, and is doing better.

C. A. (Buck) Qualls underwent surgery early in July at the Harris Hospital in Newport, and was on the critical list but is slightly improved now.

The George C. Cavaness family spent the week end of July 16 with friends and relatives at Harrison.

Service awards were presented in July to: Virgil Taylor, 10 years; Herbert Glenn Herndon, Charles W. McClusky, Sally A. McMillian, and Thomas O. Murphree, 5 years. Congratulations!

Ruby Masner spent the week end of July 23 visiting relatives in Oklahoma.

Asa Duncan paid us a visit last month. Always glad to see Asa.

Your correspondent, A. L. Moser, and wife, were in Little Rock July 15 to attend the wedding of granddaughter, Virginia Agnes Moser to Phillip Burgess of Ferndale, Arkansas. After a wedding trip to Oklahoma they will be at home at Ferndale. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Moser, formerly of Batesville.

Lynn May, nephew of Harold May, a truck driver in our division, was killed in a car wreck on Highway 106 July 26. Our sympathies go to the May family.

DISTRICT 6

Jones and Trawick

We have four new employees in our district: S. J. Jones, J. H. Hull, Donald Sims, and Russell Berry. Welcome, fellas'.

Congratulations to Bertie Dancy who received her 5-year Service Pin and Certificate of Merit recently.

Several of the employees have been enjoying vacations. John Trawick spent a few days in "God's Country" at Quitman, Ark., and Rockaway Beach, Mo.; and Marie Watson was in Hot Springs and in North Arkansas for a couple of weeks. Others were: Willie Williams, Ralph Hunt, Tim Matchett, S. E. Elkins, J. Carter, V. J. Rockwell, and James Pay.

Gus Paul, our Hot Springs County foreman, is in the Levy Hospital at Hot

Springs, taking a course of baths. We hope Gus is feeling much better.

Farmer Diffie has kept some members of our district supplied with various fruits and vegetables this year. His crops are apparently excellent this season.

Vernon "Dead Dog" (?-ed.) Ellis has been rather free with buying the cokes lately. We hope his generosity continues.

Congratulations to Robert W. Jukes who was married recently. Robert is with construction of District 6.

We are glad that Coy Pruitt is out of the hospital and doing fine after having a spinal disc removed. We are looking forward to seeing Coy back on his motor patrol soon.

DISTRICT 7

Campbell and Burnham

A 5-year Service Pin and Certificate of Merit was presented to A. V. Sanderford.

Glenn Wallace, Highway commissioner, Director F. R. Oliver, and Raif M. Smith, administrative assistant, attended a Rotary Club luncheon July 18 at El Dorado. Mr. Wallace and Mr. Oliver talked on programming of work around El Dorado and in and around Union County. Also attending was W. E. Hicks, District 7 engineer.

Jake Clements, state maintenance assistant, and Gerald Sisk, assistant maintenance engineer, inspected the highways in our district last month. Jake complimented the district personnel on the improved quality of maintenance repair work.

Billy K. Cooper and Robbie Parker, with Planning and Research Division, and Mr. Hicks, met with the Magnolia Planning Commission on July 18 to discuss a proposed city bypass route around Magnolia.

Negotiations are almost complete for acquirement of five acres of land near Camden to be used as an area headquarters facility for Ouachita County, and for storage space for the district yard.

T. H. Thompson, assistant district superintendent, and Mrs. Thompson, spent the week end of July 9 in St. Louis...E. L. Lindsey, job superintendent, is vacationing in California.

Johnnie Jones, area foreman, has returned to work from a sick leave period spent in a clinic in Shreveport.

Brenda Orsburn, 18, senior at TCU, at Ft. Worth, won the title of Miss Forestry Queen at Arkadelphia July 14. We will be pulling for her in the district contest at Hope in September. Brenda is the daughter of George Orsburn, area foreman in Clark County.

Murry Hollis of El Dorado decided to do something about the crows eating his vegetables. He put some shells in his pocket and took his 22 pistol out to do some shooting. On his way back to the house he stopped to work on his car, put the pistol in the pocket with the shells and while leaning on the fender working on the engine, the pistol went off and exploded the shells which hit the fender

and ricocheted, hitting his right leg. He was rushed to the clinic and fortunately the scare was more serious than the wound. He returned home and continued his repairs on the car. We're sure that Murry knows what the expression, "scare crows" means now.

The new Ouachita River bridge on Highway No. 51 at Arkadelphia, is almost complete. J. C. Webb is resident engineer on the work; Bryant Hatridge is instrumentman. Bryant set the shoes for the 200 foot middle truss span to an accuracy that the bolts dropped in place when the middle panel was connected from the two ends of the truss.

The El Dorado bypass projects, both the grading contract and the grade separation structures contract, are progressing rapidly. Charlie Baucum is resident engineer and Dick Bartell is instrumentman for that work.

Virginia Ann Bradshaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Bradshaw of El Dorado, has returned to Tulsa after spending two weeks at home. Mr. Bradshaw said he had missed all the good food as well as being lonesome for Virginia since she left. They were invited to three barbeques while she was here.

Our sympathies are extended to the B. T. Baker family in the loss of his father, James Franklin Baker. Funeral rites were at El Dorado. Mr. Baker was 81 years old.

DISTRICT 10

Kathryn Booher

Certificates of Merit and Service Pins were awarded to the following during the past month: Wilbern Luther Wince, 10 years; Kathryn Booher, C. F. Jones, Homer Lenderman, and Tommy Talley, 5 years.

Visitors to our district from the Little Rock office recently were: L. A. McCain, F. C. Bogart, Luther Bearden, and Cecil Elliott.

J. C. Perkins, Jr., engineering assistant, was transferred from this district to District 6 July 1. J. F. Williams, Jr., senior instrumentman, was also transferred to District 6. We hope they will be happy in their new location.

Those enjoying vacations during the past month were Emma Jean Cole and Thad Crowley.

J. C. Cobb underwent minor surgery but we hear he is improving nicely. We look forward to having him back with us.

Dale Hamilton, an employee of the Department for many years, and now a contractor on highway projects, suffered a heart attack on the afternoon of July 4 and has been in Community Methodist Hospital in Paragould since that date. All of us hope his condition will improve and that he will soon be able to return to his work again.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to the family of Mrs. Laura Henderson who was fatally injured in a traffic accident June 27. Mrs. Henderson was the great-aunt of Golvie Light and Thad Crowley.

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COVER

Workmen on the interstate are invading this peaceful, though swampy looking scene. They are working on the south by-pass which will connect the Benton, Pine Bluff, and Arkadelphia highways.

THANKS, PAT

This is the last issue of Arkansas Highways on which Pat Wheat worked. More important activities are scheduled for the future, so on August 15 Pat retired from her duties as vari-typist to await the stork, which is due in November.

Though Pat had been with us in Personnel for only six months, her work reflected a much longer period. Her cheerful attitude and conscientious work helped make this publication possible. But Pat has been more than a vari-typist...for her job was many more things...responsible for our ever-growing mailing list, keeping track of our needed supplies, coffee-maker *extraordinaire*, and last, but not least, doing a good job of vari-typing for others outside of the magazine section.

So, our sincerest thanks to Pat. On behalf of the Personnel Office, we extend to Pat, her husband Larry, and the coming attraction, our congratulations and best wishes for a wonderful family life.

Two people answered the ad for the job of lion tamer. One was a young man, the other a very beautiful woman. The circus manager told them he would choose between them after he had seen what they could do.

The first to enter the lion's cage was the very beautiful woman. Inside, she quickly threw off her robe and, standing scantily clad in a colorful costume, motioned to the fierce looking beast. Obediently the lion crept toward her, licked her elbow, and then rolled over twice, very kittenish. Much impressed, the Super turned to the young man, "Well, do you think you can do any better than that?" he asked. "Oh, I'm sure I can," beamed the lad, "but first off you'll have to get that cotton-pickin' lion out of there."

A woman walked into a millinery shop and pointed out a hat in the window. "The red one with the feathers and berries," she said. "Would you take it out of the window for me?"

"Certainly," said the clerk. "We'd be glad to."

"Thanks," said the woman, walking out. "The horrible thing bothers me every time I pass it."

A teen-ager saw an advertisement for: "A valuable book, including information every young girl should know before she marries with full instructions and illustrations." She sent for the volume and received - a cookbook.

Snarled the foreman: "I know you men all wish I were dead so you could stomp on my grave."

The men glared at him for a moment. Then one of them said: "Not me, I hate to stand in line."

There was this corporation executive, very important. He rang for his secretary and demanded to know where his pencil was. "Behind your ear, sir," she answered. "Come on, now," the exec stormed immediately. "You know I'm busy. Which ear?"

"Are you trying to tell me that you don't sell used cars? What kind of a drug store is this?"

The lawyer had been bullying a witness.

"Have you ever been arrested - or in court before?" he snapped.

"No, sir," replied the witness.

"Humph! Are you sure?" the lawyer insisted. "Your face certainly looks familiar. I've seen it some place before."

"Sure, you have," the witness agreed. "I'm the bartender in the saloon across the street."



Pat Wheat at vari-typer.

