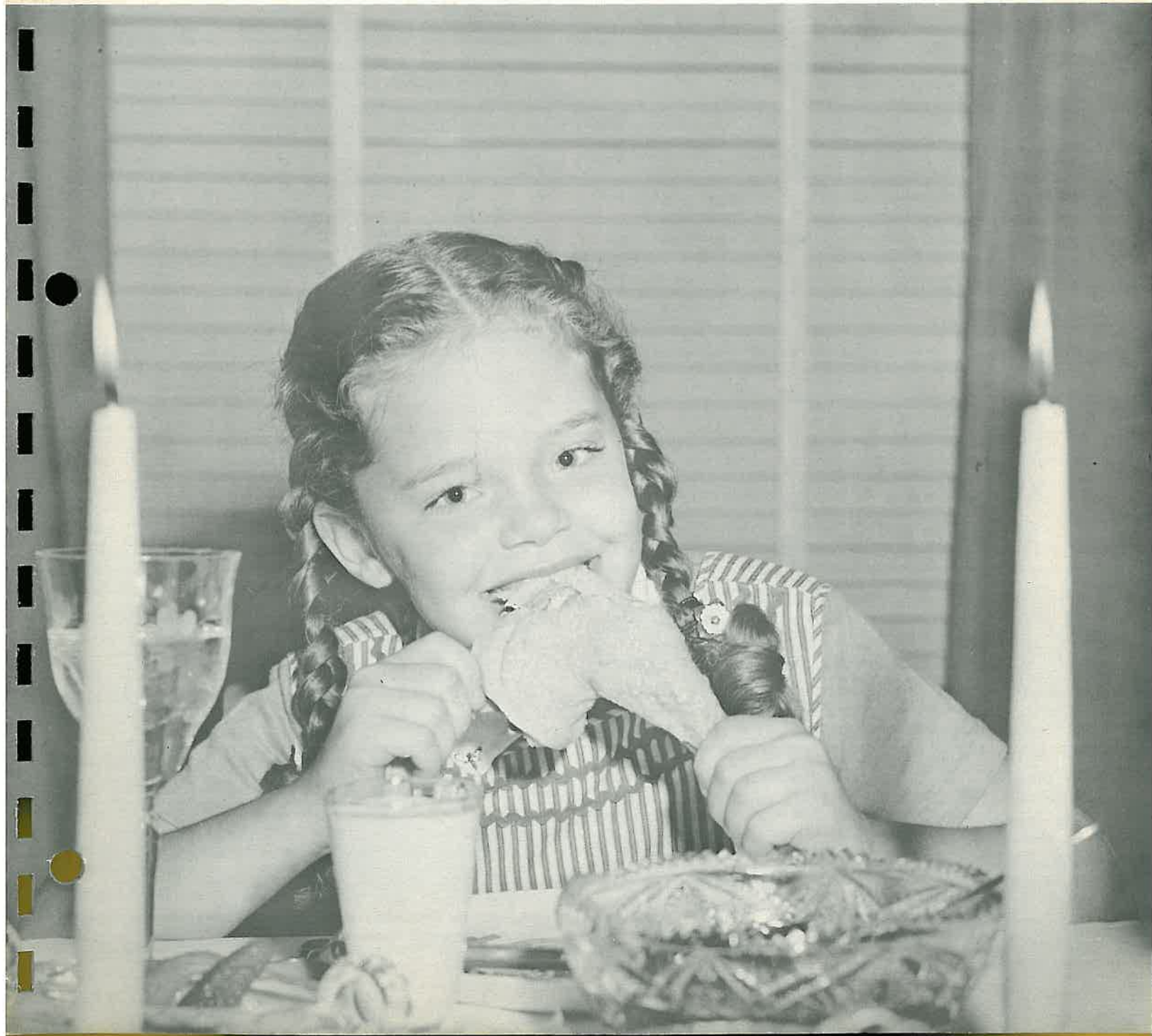


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Thanksgiving 1960

ONE DOZEN THINGS TO BE THANKFUL FOR

1. We thank Thee for the Deity, Who has set the World in motion,
Created so many wonders, and gave man the larger portion.
2. We thank Thee for partnership, in home, in church and nation,
For Business firms the world around; perfecting God's creation.
3. We thank Thee for children, that come laughing with a bound,
And grab your hand, or hug your neck, and bring heaven close around.
4. We thank Thee for people, who like to sing and pray,

And put their shoulders to the wheel, to bring a better day,
5. We thank Thee for the U.S.A., and the states around,
for sure;
For law-enforcement officers, that make our homes secure.
6. We thank Thee for Thy Word, Oh God, and the council that it gives,
In time of stress and trouble, and tells us how to live.
7. Coming down to lesser things; we mention water as one,
to quinch our thirst at resting time, and splash around in fun.
8. We thank Thee for food, that gives us strength, for food that does no harm,

For clothes that look so spick-and-span, or just to keep us warm.
9. We thank Thee for the vegetables, and the many lovely things that's ours,
For the snarled old pine upon the cliff; and a valley full of flowers.
10. We thank Thee for animal life, for what we have and lent,
From the frisky woolly little lamb, to the roaring elephant.
11. We thank Thee for our mineral wealth, machines and gadgets galore.
For steel to hold our crossties down, and diamonds in the store.
12. We thank Thee for Mother Earth, so good, so kind, so clever;
She takes these kingdoms in her fold, and molds the three together.
Man longs for wealth in outer-space, in ecstasy he lingers,
He sees the stars, the moon, the milky way, the world of our Master's fingers.
Man knits his brow in sadness, he knows these things will sever,
Heaven and earth will pass away; God's Word lives on

AHD Goes Over Quota on United Fund Campaign

The Highway Department employees in the Little Rock, North Little Rock, and Jacksonville offices came through in fine spirit for the United Fund campaign. As a result the Department was presented an award for having reached its quota. In fact, the Department went over the quota to reach 103! The set amount for the Department was \$1664.50 and the total reached was \$1717.10.

Fred C. Tanner, personnel officer, was chairman of the campaign for the Department and had charge of all the collections. He was assisted by Jimmie Higgins, assistant personnel officer. Tanner and Higgins accepted the award at a United Fund luncheon October 28. Others who helped to make it a rousing success were YOU, the the employees. On behalf of Mr. Tanner, Director Oliver, Chief Ward Goodman, Raif Smith, and all the other solicitors, a very big THANKS.

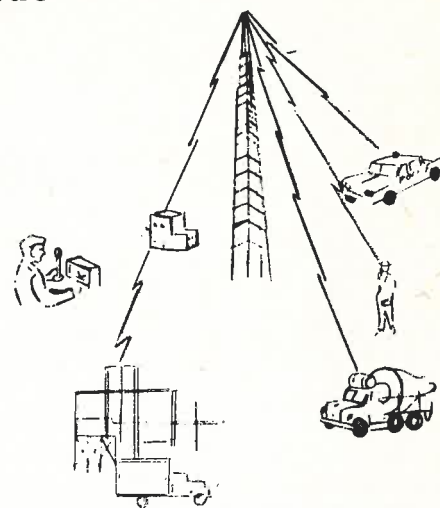


Here is the United Fund award won by the Department for reaching its quota during the United Fund campaign. The hand belongs to Joyce Spencer, Mr. Oliver's secretary.

Highway Department to Have Statewide

Two-Way Radio System

by Clarence Page
Communications Officer
Maintenance Division



Many state highway departments are presently using radio as a tool for increased efficiency and to assist in safeguarding lives and property. Most other states are planning to make use of radio and will place systems in operation within the next few years. Arkansas is planning a brand new state-wide two-way radio system, and we expect to place the first portion in operation in early summer, 1961.

The Arkansas Highway Department is not a new user in the radio field, since a small system has been in operation at Henderson Ferry for several years. This system consists of a base station at the ferry headquarters and four mobile units located aboard the boats.

Our new system will be purchased in part with funds contributed by the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization. This assistance is possible because our radio system will be used to assist the department in accomplishing its mission of providing engineering services to the State Civil Defense Director in case of Natural disaster or enemy attack.

Planning for a large system entails a number of details other than the selection of the physical components required to provide communication. Some of these are preparation of applications for Federal Communications Commission licensing, site acquisition, and specification writing.

The Highway Maintenance Radio Service was established to provide for communications essential to official highway activities of the various agencies eligible to be licensed under this service. In general those eligible are state, county and municipal highway departments.

When division heads first considered the use of radio, the following communication requirements were established:

1. Communication between each District Office and mobile units within the District.
2. Communication between mobile units within a given District.
3. Communication between the Central Offices and mobile units in the various Districts.
4. Communication between the Central Offices and the District offices.
5. Communication between adjacent District offices.

To satisfy these requirements, planning has been centered around a mobile relay system with base stations located at each District Office and sufficient additional repeaters to give state-wide coverage. Inter-connection of the Central Offices with outlying base stations is to be accomplished over microwave channels. Twenty-four fixed stations and three hundred mobile units are included in the present plans.

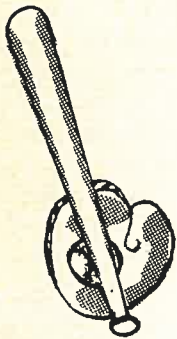
The lack of sufficient federal matching funds for this fiscal year will restrict our purchases to the basic portion of the planned system during the first half of 1961. Consequently, planning has been directed toward obtaining the major portion of the land station equipment and a token number of mobile units as the first increment of the system. As additional funds become available expansion of the system will continue until the desired level has been reached.

The base stations at the various District Offices will be operated by personnel presently working in these offices. In the case of the Central Offices, however, operating the station will require the full-time attention of an operator. All persons using the base stations will be required to have permits issued by the FCC. These permits can be secured by mail and involve no examination on technical subjects. Persons operating the mobile units in vehicles are not required to have permits but are still bound to observe the rules and regulations established to govern this service. Prior to actual operation of the system, training sessions will be held to acquaint all concerned with the capabilities and limitations of our system.

The completion of the full system will represent fulfillment of several years investigation and planning by various members of the highway department and should repay this effort in good measure through increased efficiency, and the satisfaction of knowing that we have the ability to communicate with one another in emergencies.

Man of the Month...

Jim (Baseball) Zinn



Sometimes you can work with a fellow for years and really not know what makes him tick. On the other hand, a person can be so down-to-earth and friendly you feel as if you had known him all your life. Like Jim Zinn, for instance, who has been around the Highway Department for almost 12 years dispensing good cheer and his own brand of humor.

Perhaps Jim's knack for making friends easily stems from his long career as a pro baseball player, with both the major and the minor leagues. But we get the feeling that he's been that way since he was born, an event that took place at Benton before the turn of the century.

Jim is the eldest of four sons born to Virginia Zinn and the late John H. Zinn. In 1903 the family moved to North Little Rock where the father was an inspector for the Missouri Pacific Railroad until his retirement. He died in 1942. Mrs. Zinn, a spry 88 years old, makes her home with Jim and Grace in North Little Rock, where the Zinns are all well known citizens. Reuben Zinn, formerly with the North Little Rock Police Department, is now with the Arkansas State Police where his wife, Edith, is "Girl Friday" to the director. Sherman, another brother, is a commissioner with the Workmen's Compensation Commission, and John is with the Owosso Furniture Company at Benton.

Jim attended Clendenin elementary school and the old North Little Rock High School, which is now Fourth Street Junior High. His first job after high school was with semi-pro ball club in the Little Rock City League. From then on his baseball career was launched. Next he went to a club at Waco, Texas for two years and then to Fort Smith, and back to Waco, before he was called to World War I. Jim was with the Ambulance Corps in France for two years. He said he wasn't a hero - no medals, no injuries, - and while he wouldn't take a million bucks for the experience, he wouldn't give a red penny to do it all over again.

After his discharge from the Army, Jim returned to baseball which eventually took him to Pittsburgh, Kansas City, Cleveland, and San Francisco. In 1921, while he was with the Pittsburgh Pirates, he met a young lady who was cashiering at a chain restaurant in Pittsburgh. She

was Miss Grace Brown, a young lady from Fairmont, West Virginia, who had struck out on her own after graduating from high school. After a two-year courtship, they were married in Kansas City, where Jim, in the meantime, had been sold to the famous Kansas City "Blues." A year after their marriage, Jim Jr., their only child, was born at Kansas City.

The years that followed were filled with many happy and memorable events. He recalls fondly the highlights of his successful baseball career but several will always stand out. During the Little World Series he pitched a one-hit game with the Baltimore club (which at the time was a famous hitting team), to win the game and the series. He considers the years 1923 and 1930 his best years, when he pitched respectively 27 and 26 winning games for Kansas City and San Francisco. In May 1931 he broke his shoulder, which kept him out until August, but didn't keep him from having 14 wins during that short time. In 1933 a bronze plaque, bearing his name and the inscription, "The best pitcher in Coast League standings," was placed at Seal Stadium in San Francisco in his honor. Few others have been so honored, but among them are Joe DiMaggio and Frank Corsetti.

Another great honor was bestowed on Jim, which he isn't likely to forget, but was too modest to mention. He was the first one to be immortalized in the Hall of Fame in Kansas City, which had formed the organization that year. He was commemorated for being "The Greatest Pitcher to wear the Kansas City uniform in 52 years," or words to that effect. He and Grace were flown up to K. C., where they were given the royal treatment during the week's festivities.

Jim has hobnobbed with some of the greatest names in baseball, a few of the present day players and many of the oldtimers. He considers Babe Ruth and Rogers Hornsby the greatest players of all time, however, his pitching idol was Grover Alexander. Jim's playing ended at San Francisco in 1935 when he took up managing various bush leagues in Arizona and Texas. —>

When World War II was declared, Jim's patriotism caused him to suspend baseball activities and he went to work at the Maumelle Ordnance Plant. For about four years he was unit foreman with 25 men under his supervision. When the plant was given the "E" (efficiency) Award, Jim was chosen to make the acceptance speech. But when the war was over he still couldn't get baseball out of his system, so he returned to managing. After a two-year hitch as coach at Chattanooga, his baseball career came to an end.

Jim's first job in the Department was vehicle clerk at Jacksonville's Central Shops. After a couple of years he was transferred to Accounting in the Central Offices as code clerk. In 1955 he came to Personnel where he has done interviewing and statistical work. He is presently engaged in various personnel work.

The Zinns' social life is full practically every minute. Both are active in the United Commercial Travelers and Auxiliary, from which Grace has an award for being an outstanding membership writer. Jim is a past Grand Senior Counselor of the organization and Grace will go into the U.C.T. conventions and the Supreme Council. He is a member of Crescent Lodge, North Little Rock; Little Rock Consistory, the Shrine and Grotto. He is a member, and supports, the Arkansas Athletic Union and participates in all its social functions. They are members of the North Little Rock Methodist Church. When they are not engaged in these activities, you'll find Jim working around in the yard or his workshop (of sorts), which is attached to his garage. Or, you may find him in front of the TV set watching any sporting event. Most likely Grace will be in the kitchen baking one of her mouth-watering cakes, or stirring a pot of mulligan stew, for which she is well-known in the Zinn circle. And, being typical grandparents, they indulge their two darling grandchildren, Carolyn and Jane, the offspring of son Jim, Jr. now 36. Young Jim is a claims adjustor for an insurance company. He married the former Miss Delores Whitson, who was "Miss North Little Rock" of 1948.

In summing up Jim Zinn, we can say that he loves people and wants them to like him. One of his objectives for the past 12 years has been to act as a "Goodwill Ambassador" for the Department, an organization he loves. We'll go along with the majority in thinking that "Jim's - In."

JEWEL J. TACKETT

Jewel J. Tackett, inspector in District 7, who worked with Resident Engineer C. L. Baucum, passed away Sunday, October 23. Mr. Tackett was employed by the Highway Department from 1920 to 1927, and re-employed in 1950.

Mr. Tackett was a native of Glenwood, Arkansas and is 57 years old.

Our sincere sympathies are extended to Mrs. Tackett, their children and other relatives.



Construction is under way on three more area headquarters buildings since the magazine ran an article on the structures in the August issue. The new buildings will be located at Hamburg, McGehee, and Marianna. Land has already been purchased at Camden, Lonoke, Clinton, and land has been authorized for purchase at Hope, Magnolia, and Forrest City. There are about 18 more to be built before the program will be completed. Standing before the Hampton building are: Dewey Brandon, area foreman in Calhoun County, and L. A. Strickland, motor patrol operator, both employees of District 7.



This pile driver, shown on its way down the Arkansas River, was considerable taller than the free bridge at Pine Bluff, so the vertical lift bridge was raised, an operation which is interesting to watch. The bridge-raising is done by Joe Hays, John Merle Hollis, and Aubrey Murphy, all from District 2. Merle turns on the electricity in the power house without any help from the Arkansas Power and Light Company. Traffic was held up for about ten minutes only. Joe Tice, bridge foreman, is looking on.

Construction

Job Letting Procedures with Electronic Equipment

by Ward Goodman, Chief Engineer
Arkansas Highway Department

Editor's Note: The following paper was presented by Mr. Goodman at a Seminar of the Electronics Committee during the Southeast Association of State Highway Officials meeting at Biloxi, Mississippi November 1-4.

It is a pleasure for me to represent the State of Arkansas at this Seminar for the "Tabulation of Bids by Electronic Equipment." We like to think that we were one of the first to utilize this type of equipment for that purpose.

An average letting in our State consists of about 16 jobs - with approximately 7 bidders per job. This meant, prior to the use of electronic equipment, that it was well into the afternoon before bids could be tabulated for use by our personnel, using ordinary desk calculators, and often the work ran into the next day. We pride ourselves on the fact that now, prior to 5 p.m. on the day of the letting (if all other items of contract requirements have been fulfilled), the bids are reviewed, tabulated and checked, and the contractors are notified as to the successful bidder.

Many states use expensive electronic computers for tabulating and checking bids. We, in Arkansas, try, to schedule our work so that each of our electronic machines can be put to the most economical advantage. For example: some items of work can be done more economically on a desk calculator than on the latest high-speed electronic equipment. For that reason, we have found that, rather than use our computer for the tabulation of bids, it is more satisfactory to use the IBM equipment in our Data Processing Center. The machines used are the IBM 407 Printer, the 557 Interpreter, the 519 Reproducer, and the 604 Calculator.

A detailed explanation of our operation would take too long but, briefly, our method of tabulating is very simple. As soon as a job is advertised, spec sheets, or proposals with quantities for each job, are key-punched and verified. A check listing is made for each job with the quantities tabulated and sent to the Office Engineer to be reviewed for accuracy of items, quantities, and descriptions, and as a further check on the keypunching. Each job is reproduced in multiple - the number reproduced being the average which our chief of Data Processing estimates will be the actual bids submitted.

We have found from experience, that of all the contractors who take out proposals for a project, only about 60 per cent submit bids. Our deadline for purchasing proposals is 5 p.m. on the day prior to the bidding date. When the time expires, Data Processing Center is furnished with a list of contractors who have taken out proposals for each of the jobs. Data Processing then punches a set of cards for each qualified bidder and they are verified. The cards are assembled and filed until the morning of the job bidding.

In Arkansas, bids are received and opened at 10 a.m., at which time the Office Engineer opens the proposals and reads publicly the total. As soon as the total for each job is read, all proposals for that job are sent to the Office Engineer's office where they are given a cursory review for the picking up of obvious inaccuracies. The Office Engineer verifies also that the bid proposals include the unit prices in writing and in figures, and that the contractor has submitted a proper bid bond. They are then sent to Data Processing Center where Master Contractor Cards and one set of item cards are set up by the keypunch supervisor for each contractor's bid. The cards are again punched on the IBM 519 Reproducing Punch to set up the contractor's control number in item detail cards. The contractor's unit bid prices are punched and verified into the pre-punched cards by keypunch operators. The bidder's extension is also punched into the cards which are run through the IBM 604 Calculator that multiplies quantities times unit price, resulting in the Data Processing extension. This is visually compared with that of the extension submitted by the contractor. When differences are noted in the two extensions, Data Processing verifies that no error has been made in keypunching.

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

BIDS OPENED FOR JOB 2620 FAP 5-426 -1-
DATE OCTOBER 5, 1960

JOB DESCRIPTION CANAL 43 BRIDGE & APPROACHES
AND LOCATION APPROX. 0.242 MILE
ROUTE 138, SECTION 4
DESHA COUNTY WORKING DAYS 100 BID BOND \$ 1,000.00

BID SUBMITTED BY BSW CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
283 LAMAR AVENUE
GRFNADA, MISS.

ITEM NO	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	EXTENSION
101	1 0	AC CLEARING	150 00	150 00
101	1 0	AC GRUBBING	150 00	150 00
103	6871	CY COMMON EXCAVATION	0 50	3435 50
107	1347	CY SPEC COMP OF FATHWORK	0 06	80 82
204	940	CY GRAV SURF CRSF-CL GS-5-	4 25	3995 00
801	55	CY COMMON EXCAV FOR STRS	1 00	55 00
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802	40	UNT PRFS PRFC SL INT UN-31FT	440 00	17600 00
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812	1	PLATE RR NAME PLATES-TYPE C-	25 00	25 00
909	102	LF CMA PIPE CULV -1.5 SFWM-	4 00	408 00
SPG 917	114	LF GUARD FENCE -TYPE A -	4 20	478 80
923	14	EA RIGHT-OF-WAY MARKERS	3 50	49 00
1006	1	CI REMOV OF EXIST RR STRS	1,000 00	1,000 00
17		BID TOTAL 63,123.02		63,123.02

This is a sample of a print-out by Data Processing Center in checking bids.

or calculating. The listing is returned to the Office Engineer for his use in analyzing the bids, so that a decision can be made as to whether or not the contracts should be awarded. Data Processing rearranges the deck to show the contractors listed in order of bidding sequence from low to high. Multilith mats are run on the IBM 407 so that details, with the re-cap indicating the order and the amount of bids, can be furnished each bidder, on a separate sheet. The mats are furnished to the Office Engineer for final checking, after which they are reproduced. Each contractor bidding on a job is furnished a tabulation of his bids and those of all other contractors who bid on that project. By this electronic method, usually all bids have been checked, verified, and tabulated by 2 p.m. The Office Engineer recommends to the Chief Engineer whether or not an award should be made or bids rejected. The Chief Engineer reviews and recommends to the Highway Commission. Usually, the bids are in order for the Commission to announce an award by 3 p.m. on the day bids were received.

We consider our method most satisfactory and much credit is due Art Johnson, chief of our Data Processing Center, for working it out.

**Federal-Aid Billing Section
Transferred to Accounting**

The Federal-Aid Billing Section, formerly a function of the Chief Engineer's Office, was transferred to the Accounting Division. Jack Keilch, who had been working in the section in Mr. Pendergrass's office, was transferred also and will supervise the operation, assisted by James Watts and Betsy Morrison.

Jack has been with the Department for 12 years, having started as a field clerk inspector in Construction in 1947. He is a native of Dardanelle where he graduated from high school. He attended the University of Houston, in Texas, and graduated from Arkansas Tech, Russellville. Keilch was a corporal in the U. S. Marines for two and a half years during World War II. Jack and his wife, Pat, reside in Meadowcliff.

Watts, an accountant in the billing section, has been employed since May 1958. Prior to this transfer and promotion he was code clerk in Accounting. He is a native of Cabot, but attended elementary schools at Newport. He is a 1957 graduate of Little Rock Central High School. For the past two years he has been attending night classes at Little Rock University studying accounting and business. He is also a member of the Marine Corps Reserve. He and wife, Carolyn, reside on Oak Street, Little Rock.

Betsy Morrison returned to the services of AHD on November 1 after a three-year absence. Prior to her resignation in 1957 she had been employed in Accounting Division for almost 13 years. Betsy is a native of Camden where she received her education. She and her husband, Joe, and young son Brian, reside on Thayer Street, Little Rock.



Jack Keilch



Jim Watts



Betsy Morrison

NEWS BITS OF INTEREST

The district engineers and many other Highway Department executives and their wives attended the Southeastern Association of State Highway Officials meeting at the Buena Vista Beach Hotel in Biloxi, Mississippi November 1-4. Included in the trip were Director Oliver and Chief Engineer Ward Goodman, each of whom spoke. Director Oliver, vice president and chairman of the Administrative Committee was elected president of the organization during the meeting. More than the usual number of Highway personnel attended the convention in order of gain experience for the next annual meeting of SASHO, which will be held in Little Rock, November 1961.

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Johnnie Gray, photographer, showed his film, "Arkansas Highways," at the October 31 meeting of the Little Rock Engineers Club. Johnnie was introduced by Fred Herring, former Planning and Research engineer.

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JOHN WILLIAM MARSHALL RETIRES

John W. Marshall, an accountant in the assistant chief engineer's office, retired voluntarily October 26, at the age of 65.

An employee of the Highway Department since 1927, Mr. Marshall previously worked as federal aid auditor in Accounting Division until his transfer in 1957.

He is a native of Little Rock but he and Mrs. Marshall have made their home in North Little Rock for years. He studied engineering at the University of Arkansas, and took an extension course in higher accounting at LaSalle University.

Our Plan for Civil Defense

Plans are being prepared for the development and perfection of an organization within the Highway Department which will enable the Department to efficiently and expeditiously carry out its functions and responsibilities in case of natural disaster or emergency.

The plan calls for full cooperation with the Bureau of Public Roads and other departments and agencies of the Federal Government; with other States and localities; with other departments of State Government and the State's political subdivisions to the end that the most effective use may be made of the Department's manpower, resources and equipment. The plans shall be, of course, consistent with the Department's statutory and delegated responsibilities in normal times and as found necessary and expedient in a national emergency.

The entire plan is predicated on the theory that almost instantaneous actions on the part of the Highway Department employees may be necessary in order to prevent human suffering, save lives and property, and to preserve the nation's capability to retaliate in the event of enemy attack. Department personnel will be instructed and trained to take immediate action in the event of emergency by carrying out the Department's responsibilities until communication can be reestablished.

The plan is necessary in order to restore and/or maintain adequate routes of transportation within the limits possible and practical under the existing circumstances and to cooperate to the fullest extent in efforts to protect and preserve lives and public property of the people of Arkansas, in the event of a disaster.

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UA EXTENSION TO GRANT HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS

A program has been developed by the Division of General Extension of the University of Arkansas, which may be of interest to Highway Department employees who have not completed their high school education.

The program has been approved by the Arkansas State Board of Education and the University's Committee on Admissions to the University. The high school diplomas may be obtained by either of two methods: Local high schools, where they can do so, will give consideration to granting diplomas to students who complete either by correspondence study or local evening classes a required program from State Department of Education approved schools or by the local high school. The other plan is through the University of Arkansas, Division of General Extension, who is authorized to offer a certificate to any adult student who cannot obtain a high school diploma through the local high school, and who qualifies under certain other conditions. Anyone who is interested may obtain full information on the program by writing to Keith Sutton, head, Department of Correspondence Instruction, Division of General Extension, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

John L. Vanden Berg, Bureau Engineer, Transferred to Albany

John L. Vanden Berg, one of our favorite Public Roads' engineers, is being promoted and transferred to Albany, New York, we regret to announce.

"Van," as he is known to his many friends, came to the Bureau's Arkansas office in January 1946 following his release from active military service, reporting to Mr. Oliver who was in charge of the Public Roads office at that time. Van has served as construction and maintenance engineer and, since July 1956, as Programming and Planning Engineer on the staff of the Division Engineer. In his new assignment in Albany, Van will be Regional Construction and Maintenance Engineer.

Mrs. Vanden Berg and younger daughter, Linda, will remain in Little Rock until the end of the current school semester. An older daughter, Ann, is a senior at the University of Arkansas.

In a ceremony on November 7 in Division Engineer Courter's office, Director Oliver presented Mr. Vanden Berg with an Arkansas Traveler's Certificate.



Director Oliver and Mr. Vanden Berg.

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George O. Green was elected Chairman of the Legal Affairs Committee for the Southeast Association of State Highway Officials at its convention in Biloxi, Mississippi Oct. 31 - Nov. 4. He succeeds Ross H. Stanton, Jr., of the Florida Highway Department. G. T. Curry, chief trial attorney for the Kentucky Highway Department was elected secretary.

Green, a resident of DeWitt, practiced there for nine years prior to joining the legal staff of the Arkansas State Highway Department last year. He is a former city attorney of DeWitt and was state representative from 1955- 1958.

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OOPS! HE'S FROM BIG "D"

Don Martin, assistant director in Right of Way, wants it known that he was not born in "Yankeeland," as was erroneously stated in the last issue. Don did live in Chester, Illinois, and says it's a good town, but he was born in DALLAS, TEXAS!



Henry Williams, vault custodian, is shown receiving his 5-year service awards from Chief Engineer Ward Goodman. The milestone was reached on October 21. Congratulations, Henry!

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NEW CENTRAL SHOP SUPERINTENDENT



John J. Millender assumed the duties of Central Shop superintendent November 1, to replace N. E. Stewart, who resigned October 15. Millender, who resides in North Little Rock, is married and has three daughters. He is a graduate of Jonesboro High School. For the past 18 years he has been associated with the Continental Trailways as shop superintendent.

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There is a lady living in the vicinity of the El Dorado by-pass project (Job No. 7539), whose troubles have really piled up. She has accused the Department personnel, who are working on the job, of letting the contractor use salt water to wet down the dust stirred up on the work.

Her Big Problem: The salt water is rusting her scissors.

Interesting Jobs...Personalities

In four rooms which make up the Bridge Design Division, close to 30 male engineers pour over their work spread before them on their drawing tables. In one of the rooms, among the sea of male heads, is the figure of a small, pretty, black-haired woman, equally engrossed with the slide rules and other engineering paraphernalia. When she looks up, an attractive smile lights her oriental features. She is Alice Dong, nee' Joe, the only female engineer in the Department and one of three only in Little Rock.

Alice is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gion of Altheimer, and if you are confused by the various names, let's clear it up. It's customary for the Chinese to take their father's first name as their last, hence, Alice Joe, by which she is known professionally. Dong is her married name.

Perhaps you're wondering why she chose a profession usually considered as men's work. Alice herself was undecided as to what subject to choose for her major when she entered the University of Arkansas. Having made excellent grades in math in high school, she made the logical choice in engineering - tough pickins' in anybody's language. But apparently it was a snafu for Alice because she received her bachelors degree in civil engineering in January 1950. The next month she got her first job with the Highway Department as a draftsman in Bridge Design. She had advanced to bridge designer by May 1952.

Broader fields beckoned though, so she resigned to accept employment at the Arkansas Foundry Company, where she remained two and a half years. She was offered a better job with the Bechtel Corporation, a nationally known construction concern, so the next few years were spent in San Francisco.

She met her husband, Don Dong, in San Francisco, where he was in the restaurant business. Don had come to America in 1937 from his village home in Canton, China. By the time they were engaged Alice was homesick for her native state, so she returned in December 1957. Don followed her in January. Together they bought a restaurant in Park Hill and named it Ming Toy's, which specializes in Chinese cuisine. In the meantime, however, Alice returned to the Highway Department, leaving the management and operation of Ming Toy's to Don.

They were married July 3, 1958, in the North Little Rock Methodist Church, by Christian ceremony. However, the banquet reception at Ming Toy's after the wedding, followed the true Chinese custom. The wedding menu consisted of traditional Chinese delicacies and each of the nine courses represented a symbol of some sort. For instance, the soup course is the symbol for strength, etc.

Alice is not only a good engineer, but is talented in other ways. She made her beautiful wedding dress, fashioned along the Chinese line, with which she wore a tall, unusual looking, oriental headdress. A Chinese decor is predominant in their home on Park Hill. Some of their furniture is lacquered in black with red trim on which



Chinese scenes are painted and their dining room chairs are covered with embroidered Chinese letters on bright linen.

Alice took time out from her engineering duties last spring to have Tunney Allen Dong, now almost six months old. She returned to Bridge Design in September.

TANNER RESIGNS



Fred C. Tanner, personnel officer since September, 1956, resigned from the Highway Department, effective November 16. Dale W. Davison, who has been working as personnel analyst on the director's staff since he came to the Department in August, will replace Tanner as head of Personnel.

We wish Fred much good luck and success on his new position which will require some traveling.

"WORDS OF INSPIRATION"

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

"But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night." - Psalm 1:1-2

Submitted by John E. Hall, Bridge Design

AROUND THE DEPARTMENTS

accounting

Jimmy Myer

Margaret Allen and husband, John, went to Houston, Texas to visit their son, John Allen, Jr., and his family. Later in the month John and family returned the visit.

There have been several changes in our office recently. First, however, we welcome a new employee, Wanda Boerner, who took over Peggy Keedy's duties as file clerk. Peggy was promoted to voucher clerk. Wanda is married, has three children, and resides in North Little Rock. Next, we welcome Jack Keilch, who was transferred to Accounting from Mr. Pendergrass's office (right down the hall). Jack, and Jim Watts will be working on federal aid vouchering. Jim's former job of code clerk was taken over by Peggy Yielding.

A party was given in our office to celebrate three occasions. Lee Wagner received his 5-year service awards; we welcome Jack Keilch and Wanda; and said farewell to Margie Wallace, who resigned October 28. Refreshments were served.

Olin (Randy) Randle went to Camden, Tennessee with her sister, Mrs. Myrtle Burns, to visit their brother, E. R. Colard, and Mrs. Collard.

Jonnie Beavers was glad to get back to work (and we were glad to have him) after a recent illness. He said the reason he came back as soon as he did was a matter of "self-preservation." (Now what could that mean?) Joe Schamer has been on the sick list also, for about two weeks.

bridge design

Virginia Tackett

Last month began and ended with festivity. On October 5 Doc Bonner and Eddie Williams were awarded service pins marking 25 and 30 years' service respectively, and we had a giant size cake with our afternoon coffee, decorated with the heartening message, "Congratulations, Old Timers!"

We finished off October with a steak dinner in Burns Park the night of October 26. Frank Battisto, Lowell Tackett, and Bill Price presided over the charcoal grills and staff wives brought casseroles of potatoes and bowls of salad. Almost everyone in the division was there and we had as guests Mr. and Mrs. Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Goodman, and Mr. and Mrs. Kent Brown, along with a few ex-Bridge Designers we have never felt able to cut off our party roster. My own special guest was my mother, Mrs. Ed McCorkle of Hope.

Earlier in the month Sally and Reid Beckel spent a long weekend in New

Orleans, checking out the food and music situation. They reported that everything is still in fine shape.

Everyone who can get tickets has been attending the Razorback games and no one has been disappointed yet. Frank Battisto probably has the highest rate of attendance, as he has seen all the Little Rock games as well as those in Fayetteville and one in Texas.

We are all happy to hear that Jim Hillis is planning matrimony. Almost everyone in the division has met his pretty fiancée, Joann McLain, and our congratulations to both of them are most sincere.

It's getting so that if it weren't for payday we'd hate to see the first of the month come along. Trainees Jim Barnett and Delbert Vanlandingham move on to Construction and Bob Seay and James Chaney have joined us. We are very reluctant to let Jim and Van go, but we are looking forward to getting acquainted with Bob and James.

equipment

Avalee Padgett

Congratulations to Carl Hillis, Central Shop truck driver, on 10 years service with the Department. Carl was presented his 10-year service awards by C. Don Hayes and N. E. Stewart on October 6.

G. G. Carter, mechanic, had a "busman's" holiday. He spent a week of his vacation working on his Plymouth.

Herbert "Doc" Burns was off for a few days having minor surgery on his eyes. We are glad he is back on the job and improving daily.

Ed Orsini, Tom Dixon, Ronald Keene, and Tom Smith, highway auditor, have been working at Central Shop on and off for the past month. We always welcome new faces in our midst.

George Lewis is anxious to get moved into his home, now under construction on Thayer Street in Little Rock, but he reports the carpenters are slow.

The following personnel changes were made the past month: N. E. Stewart resigned as shop superintendent; Frank Caple transferred to Procurement Office in Little Rock and was replaced as equipment auditor and office manager by Leon Sneed, who transferred from Procurement for Equipment Office; and Frank A. Pitts, clerk in Central Warehouse, transferred to Procurement for Equipment Office.

We are all enjoying these pretty weekends and several have been taking advantage of the nice weather by fishing. Don Hayes reports a big catch of bass on White River, but Doris and Jerry Healy didn't have such good luck at Maumelle.



Mary J. Moore, above, was employed in the Equipment offices November 1 as a clerk. Mary and husband, Kenneth, live in Jacksonville. She is a native of Brownwood, Texas, where she attended a business college. She has six years experience in secretarial work.



Lee Roy Rateliff is the newest clerk in the Central Warehouse at Jacksonville. He attended Camden High School. For the past 12 years he has been parts manager for Winchester Auto Stores in Little Rock. He, Mrs. Rateliff, and their two small sons reside in Little Rock.

roadway plans

John Dunn

Charles Toland is the proud father of a fine, bouncing 8 pound, 11½ ounce baby boy, Charles Phillip Toland, Jr. Congratulations to the Tolands!

The Joe A. Hicks motored to southeast Missouri over the week end of October 22, to visit with Mrs. Hicks' mother, who is ill.

Bud Smith went up to Norfolk Dam on his annual fishing vacation...hope he gets a barrel full.

G. E. (Babe) Williams enjoyed two weeks' vacation in northern Wisconsin, fishing and just having a wonderful time.

Our sincere condolences are extended to Frank Hutchison on the loss of his mother, Mrs. Mary Hutchison, who passed away at Russellville October 5.

construction

Lucille Dishongh

T. E. Henderson was on vacation last week visiting with his brother, Lt. Col. V. L. Henderson (ret.) and wife, whose home is in Omaha, Nebraska. Colonel Henderson was born and raised in Arkansas; spent nearly three years in Japan and Germany during World War II, but neither he nor his wife had ever been to Hot Springs, so on October 20 they all motored to that city in the mountains. The colonel praised the progress that Arkansas has made in our highways and stated that we were ahead of Nebraska in mileage and that they would never be able to equal routes in beauty and attractiveness. Of course, the Hot Springs, on Bath House Row, was a curiosity to them, but Tom says he used to live in that vicinity and remembers when DeSota and his expedition came through Arkansas and stopped at the Springs - probably looking for the "Fountain" of you know what...They left without locating it but Tom says he knew where it was all the time and neither he nor his folks made any effort to contact DeSota's party; thinking that they were, no doubt, "Revonooors"!!

It's probably no secret anymore that the youngster in the picture of the last issue, was none other than "Uncle Fat," of our office. Looks just like him (now that we know), but it took a while to guess.

county roads

Zelda Riggs

Mary and Jack Teasdale took off for a two weeks' vacation recently. They visited their daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Joe Allen in Houston, Texas and then daughter Pat accompanied them to Port Aranza, Texas where they had another delightful vacation.

Max C. Hall and wife Mary, spent a week recently with Mary's daughter, son-in-law, and grandbaby in Fort Worth. They attended the game while down there. The rest of their vacation was spent in Atlanta with Max's daughter and son-in-law, Helen and Don Banks.

Our junior draftsman Carroll Wayne Glover, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Glover of North Little Rock, and Miss Rachel Marie Stoops, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stoops, of Route 1, Little Rock, were married October 14. The candlelight ceremonies took place in North Little Rock. After a brief honeymoon they are at home at 1822 Maple, North Little Rock. Our best wishes go to the young couple, for a very long and happy life together.

Our boss, Harry Wright, and Mrs. Wright, attended the SASHO meeting in Biloxi, Mississippi November 1-4.



These handsome children belong to Roy Shelby in Data Processing Center. Barbara Ann, 8 years old, has her arms around the family pet, "Oscar," 6 years old. Vickie Lynn, 7, is hugging baby brother, Douglas Edward, 20 months old.

data processing

Billie Jean Oholendt

We all wish to add our congratulations and best wishes to Wade Graham, of our section, and Betty Ray, who works in Microfilming, on their engagement. Wade presented Betty with a beautiful ring October 24, and they have both been in a "daze" ever since.

This writer took a three-day vacation recently, to catch up on her rest...and this seems to be all this month. We're working pretty hard, as usual.

microfilming

& supplies

Helen McCook

We are kinda' behind in our "knitting" because we have just started to report on our own. So, to bring you up to date, our section includes Verna Daes, Betty Ray, and Sarah Neel in Microfilming, and Dale Hoggard, Nebraska Droughtier, and yours truly in the Supply and Mail Room....

Verna, Betty and Sarah are busy microfilming all our important data that must be preserved for posterity. Dale fills your transfer requests and puts postage on mail, and Nebraska takes care of the mail to and from the Post Office, and delivers to the departments and officers. I just get in your hair, in general.

To sort of bring you up to date, I moved from the Accounting Division to the Supply Room months ago. After David left us to go to Reproduction, Dale Hoggard came to work for us...

Nebraska took a vacation to do some work on his house last August and it was so hot he didn't accomplish much. It turned cool the day he came back to work

Dale carried the mail while Neb was gone and did a good job of it.

Your reporter became Grandma again on July 3...another boy, Jerry Eugene Duckworth. He has blue eyes and makes a nice contrast to Ryan Dale, who is nearly four years old and brown-eyed. S.O.G. (silly old grandma) is having the time of her life between the two of them. Cute sayings by them will be cheerfully repeated upon request.

Verna Daes was off for the summer away from the daily grind and while gone she added another member to her family... the easy way. She and husband, Ivan, adopted a little boy, Ray Dale Daes, and we know their son Rickie is proud of his new brother. Ray Dale was a year old in this month.

We have new supply cabinets (which I think everyone has seen) and doors on our mail tables so our mess is not visible to the naked eye.

Have you noticed Sarah (Skinny) Neel these days? She has taken off 15 pounds. The emerald hue on my face is envy. Sarah took three days of her vacation and spent them in Hot Springs visiting friends. Her husband, Walter, drove her over...

Betty Ray is floating on Cloud 9 since October 24. She became engaged to Wade Graham, who works in Data Processing Center. They haven't set the date yet but we wish them all the happiness possible.

Some of you have asked about Jessie Lee Perry, who used to work in the Supply Room. She is doing pretty good but still can't get around too well. She always sends her best wishes to her friends whenever she calls.

This writer took off to the mountains over the week end of October 21, and thoroughly enjoyed the scenery and rest (what little I got).

Gossip is what no one claims to like but everyone enjoys.

personnel

M. A.

Those included in the crowd of forty thousand persons at the Ole Miss-Arkansas game were Fred and Dorothy Tanner, and Martha and Harry Adams. Practically all the Personnel crew attended the Rice-Arkansas game.

Jim Higgins, assistant personnel officer, accompanied Dale Davison, analyst in Raif Smith's office, down to Camden October 28 on Highway Department business.

Ruth Foll celebrated her birthday November 1. We had cake and coffee and presented her with a gift. That date was significant to this writer also...on November 1, 1955, she started to work for good old AHD so it was her fifth anniversary with the Department.

Pat Wheat, former vari-typist on the magazine until she resigned, gave birth to a darling baby girl, Theresa Lynn, who weighed 6 pounds. The little one arrived at St. Vincent's on October 21.

Mrs. Mary Raikes from Fairmont, West Virginia, visited her sister and brother-in-law, Grace and Jim Zinn, the week of November 1.

We've got a cotton-pickin' cotton-picker in Personnel! Carolyn Reddin and husband, Jimmy, go down to Hampton nearly every week end to visit their folks, so on one of the trips recently, she and Jim picked cotton. The point of the whole thing was to see who could pick the most. Carolyn won by picking 49 pounds to Jimmy's 44 pounds, and she's been "throwing her weight around" ever since...Jimmy didn't even think Carolyn knew how to pick it, much less beat him.

Ruth Foll, and Carma Dunn, who works in Maintenance, spent the week end of October 21 at Ruth's home in Mountain View, and Carma's home in Bradford.

Little Mike Cox, grandson of Sibble Cox, was in the hospital at Magnolia for while but they brought him to Little Rock at St. Vincent's. He is still there as of this writing. We hope the trouble will soon be cleared up.

Guess what, folks? Jackie Wallace spent the week end in Hot Springs.

district 2

Ouida Grimes

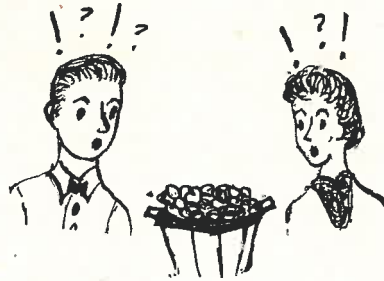
We are happy that Selma Chavis has returned to work after an operation.

Frank McKay has completed a business course in accounting and received his diploma. We are real proud of him.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Town, who are the proud parents of a baby daughter, Brenda Kay. Also, to Mr. and Mrs. Billy Johns, who have a new son, Dale Douglas, born September 8, weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

Some good luck came Tom Conner's way during the rodeo in Pine Bluff. He and his family won the gate prize one night which was a nice, crisp \$100 bill.

A plank fell 8 feet and landed on the noggin of John M. Hollis. He said if it had hit his foot it would have broken it... but it didn't hurt his head except for a small cut which was quickly healed by a lady doc.



Mr. and Mrs. Brewster Shalmy went to Columbus, Ohio the first week in October for the Short Course in Roadside Development. While there they were taken on a sight seeing tour. During the tour they didn't see one buckeye so Mrs. Shalmy remarked on the fact, asking if Ohio isn't called the "Buckeye State." The week after they returned to Pine Bluff they received a half bushel of buckeyes from the Ohio State Highway Department!

Earl Arnold of Monticello, who works in the district wide sealing crew, has some interesting hobbies such as squirrel hunting, coon hunting, fishing, and baseball. He takes his vacation about the same time each year...at the beginning of squirrel season and during the World Series. This vacation he killed 82 squirrels - mostly with a 22 rifle. His record bass weighed 7 and 1/2 pounds. In his younger days he was a pretty fair country ball player, first baseman and pitcher.

We had a meeting of the foremen and job superintendents in the district office October 20. It was the best meeting that we've had. At noon White River catfish with all the trimmings were served. John Hollis and Louie Parker were chief cooks with Olan Clark and Harvis Laminack assisting. Special guests were R. B. Winfrey, Jake Clements, Dale Davison, Raif Smith, and Carol Hosack, all of the Little Rock and Jacksonville offices.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Harris, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Raif Smith, left October 30 to attend the annual convention of SASHO, held in Biloxi, Mississippi.

James Henderson's house burned the night of October 20, destroying all their belongings. They just barely got out in time, as they were all asleep. They have seven daughters ranging from 20 to 2. Everything you people have been doing for them is greatly appreciated.

We extend our deepest sympathies to George Karnes, resident engineer at Monticello, whose father passed away recently.

district 3

Olive Jackson

We are happy to report that Roy Cowart, who has been off since June due to illness, has now returned to work.

Virgil and Grace Cleveland enjoyed a nice trip to Bartlesville, Oklahoma, where they visited their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Minor Oglesby and their grandchildren, Denise and Kay.

Marie and George P. Lively announce the marriage of their daughter, Pamela Joe, to Max Bruce, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd J. Bruce of Hope. They were married October 15 in the Oak Grove Methodist Church. The Rev. James Shaddox, officiated at the double-ring ceremony. The newlyweds will be at home in Helena where Max is employed by the Arkansas Louisiana Gas Company.

We were glad to have as visitors in our office during the month of October, Messrs. H. R. Lucus and Warren Stanford.

We welcome Horace Leslie Jordon of Nevada County, who is a new employee in our district shop.

Billy Ray and Ouida Mae Hudson are the proud parents of a little son, Boyce Cameron, who arrived on October 25, in Texarkana.

Congratulations to Andrew Jackson Schaeffer who received his 10-year service awards.

Those who have been on the sick list recently were H. B. Marcum and Cleo Powell. We are glad to report that both have now been dismissed from the hospital and we hope will soon be able to return to their jobs.

district 5

A. L. Moser

Service awards in District 5 for October were presented to Steve West, 15 years; Hubert Austin Miller, and Ralph Kenneth Rollins, 5 years.

Jake Clements, D. W. Davis, R. H. Mattox, and Bill Baugh were visitors in our district recently. Always glad to have you.

Some late vacationers were: B. J. Weaver and family, who visited in Wichita, Kansas; J. C. Thompson; Horace Howard (Cango Kid); E. H. Cuzzort and family, who had a good time at the Little Rock Livestock Show; and Bill West, who also attended the show in Little Rock.

Mrs. A. L. Moser underwent major surgery October 22. She is recuperating nicely at this writing. →

Mrs. Ludy Massey is improving after being in the Clinic Hospital after suffering another heart attack. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Epter McElrath, area foreman of Jackson County, is back on the job after having surgery at the Veteran's Hospital in Little Rock. Glad to have you back with us, Epter.

Maston Long of Jackson County, received painful burns while burning trash at Newport Area Headquarters. Get well soon, Maston.

district 7

Burnham and Campbell

October service awards were presented to Martin Olin Machen, 10 years, and Richard V. Wilkerson, 5 years. Congrats, fellows!

Berry Asphalt Company gave a barbeque on October 5 for the employees of the Waterloo Plant. W. E. Hicks, district engineer, and G. E. Nunnally, district maintenance superintendent, attended from the Camden district.

Boyd Hatridge spent his vacation squirrel hunting, and we'll bet eating lots of "mulligan."

Mr. Hicks attended a dinner given by the Highway Committee of the Warren Chamber of Commerce October 11. A rousing time was had by all.

Sam Dundee is sporting a 1961 Oldsmobile F-85, in a light Chocolate color.

Harold Moore and his wife spent their vacation in Texas visiting relatives and attending the big rodeo at Huntsville.

Bun Heldebrand, Ouachita County area foreman, had as guests at his club house on the Ouachita River October 5, the following: G. E. Nunnally, T. H. Thompson, Hugh Anderson, H. B. Woodson, and Mr. Hicks. They had a squirrel, fish, and "mutton" mulligan.

W. I. Loftin, El Dorado, is back at work after an absence of two months, due to surgery. We are glad to have him back with us.

Harold Baugus, son of Ollie Baugus, suffered a brain concussion as a result of a fall from a horse. We are glad he is recuperating at home now, after spending several days at the Warner Brown hospital.

G. W. Stanford, Ronald Keene and Tom Smith were visitors in our office recently. Hurry back, boys. The coffee pot is always brewing.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. (Dick) Bartel visited in Kansas on their vacation. Dick works with Resident Engineer C. L. Baucum.

The following who attended the funeral of Jewel J. Tackett, inspector, who passed away October 25, were Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Baucum, the Bartels, Mrs. Ralph Millican, Jimmy Wynn, Allen Cheatham, Jerry Stringer, Dallas Smith, and J. C. Webb, resident engineer.

Mrs. Catherine Cheatham, mother of Allen Cheatham, senior instrumentman, passed away September 28. Our sympathies are extended to Allen and his family.

B. L. Merritt, brother-in-law of W. V. Bradshaw, area foreman in Union County, passed away October 21 at Camden. Our sympathies to the family.

district 8

Netha Brown

W. F. Turner, our district engineer, and Mrs. Turner, have just returned from a two weeks' jaunt through Canada and the Dakota Badlands and surrounding country. From the pictures he has been showing around the office, we have decided that it must have been a beautiful and interesting trip.

Congratulations to Nymph Jones, our equipment superintendent, on receiving his 25-year service award.

Eelzie Ray Edwards undoubtedly is relieved to have his leg finally taken out of traction and placed in a cast. He says it's wonderful to be able to turn over again.

Lorna Jean Brown, daughter of Netha Brown, was recently installed as Worthy Advisor of the Russellville Assembly of the Order of Rainhow Girls. We wish her much happiness and success during her term in office.

We offer our deepest sympathies to Charlie McAlister on the death of his mother-in-law.

district 10

Kathryn Booher

Mr. and Mrs. Jason Adams are the proud grandparents of a darling little 6 pound, 4 ounce baby girl, Myrna Lorraine, who was born at 11:35 a.m. on October 19. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Larry Adams of Walcott, Arkansas. Congratulations to all, especially the granddaddy, who is recovering nicely.

Those in our district who received Certificates of Merit and Service Awards during the month of October were as follows: E. M. Jones and R. L. Kirby, 10 years; and W. W. McAfee and B. L. Roberts, 5 years.

Visitors in the district from the Little Rock and Jacksonville offices during the past month were: C. A. Shumaker, Asa Duncan, and Red Shaw. Hope they will come back soon.

We are happy to hear that Guy Tate is home recuperating. We wish him a speedy recovery.

The employees of District 10, their wives and husbands, enjoyed a fish fry on the evening of October 7 at the Paragould Area Headquarters. There was plenty of delicious fish with all the trimmings. The occasion was really enjoyable and we're all looking forward to more of the same.



Our boss, J. F. Price and Mrs. Price, are shown in the serving line at the fish fry in District 10 October 7.



Wilbur D. Luton accountant in Administrative section in Right of Way, leaned back and smiled prettily for the camera. Luton has been with AHD since his retirement from the Esso Company two years ago. He is a native of Memphis.

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THIS'LL KILL 'YA...

by Jimmy Zinn



Dear Sir:

This is a little late in coming to say my word of appreciation for the chivalry of two men in your Department, but an unexpected hospitalization has curtailed my correspondence.

None the less, on October 4, two Highway employees so graciously and kindly, stopped and helped me change a flat tire. It was at the end of work day, on the new Little Rock-Hot Springs Highway near McClendon Springs. For some reason, I didn't get their names and being a registered nurse I usually ask. But they were in State Highway truck number 7072. One was about middle age and the other a younger man. They refused any monetary compensation, merely stating, "glad to help."

So, May I commend these two fine gentlemen, if you find out who they are, and convey my heartfelt thanks. I believe the reason I didn't get their names was because my jack had slipped off the car and hit me in the jaw and I was dazed.

I've traveled this stretch of highway since its being and all your employees have been very gracious and mannerly, but the two I met for a fleeting few moments, I shall always feel indebted to. I had worked all day and they made a monstrous task appear as a daily event.

With deep gratitude, I remain,

Thankfully yours,

Mrs. G. H. Lamber

(Editor's Note:) Mr. Oliver acknowledged Mrs. Lamber's letter and identified the two employees who showed such courtesy to Mrs. Lamber, as Wallace W. Cook and Roland A. Copeland. Mr. Oliver further stated that the two employees have splendid service records. Congratulations to the two gentlemen who proved they are true servants of the people.

COVER

Little Miss Lois Jane Hammond is doing her bit towards reducing the turkey population during this Thanksgiving season. Lois is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hammond, 2701 Broadway.



"You sure kept your word, Doc, when you told me I'd be walking in a month."

"Oh, you're feeling fine? Your broken leg doesn't hurt anymore?"
"No, I had to sell my car to pay your bill."

"Whenever I have a headache, I take an aspirin; when I have a cold, I get plenty of rest and drink lots of fruit juice; and when I have stomach trouble, I take bicarbonate of soda. Have I been doing the right things, doctor?"

"You sure have. That will be \$10, please."

Fond mother: "Why are you crying, Stanley?"
Stanley: "P-P-Papa hit his finger with a hammer."

Mother: "Why, you needn't cry about a thing like that. Why didn't you laugh?"

Stanley: "I did."

A physics professor called on a welding engineering student to list some characteristics of heat and cold. "Things expand in heat and contract in cold," said the potential engineer.

"Give an example."

"In summer," answered the student, "the days are long and in winter the days are short."

It was getting cold and all the other pigeons had flown south, but baby pigeon could not seem to fly. One day mama pigeon said, "If you don't learn to fly today I'll have to tie a rope around your neck and tow you along." But baby pigeon cried, "Mommy, I don't want to be pigeon-towed."

Prof: (In the middle of a joke) "Have I told this joke in class before?"

Class: (In a chorus) "YES!"

Prof: "Good, you'll know when to laugh this time."

Neighbor: "What's the matter?"

Mrs. Newlywed: "Well, John said he was going out to shoot craps tonight, and I don't know the first thing about cooking them."

When the lady who was making out the application came to the word "Age" she did not hesitate. She simply wrote "Atomic."

One of the pallbearers at a funeral slipped and broke his leg at the graveside. This cast gloom over the whole proceedings.

The bank cashier recognized the matron as the wife of a leading poultryman, but in totaling her sizable deposit, did not hear her remark that the money had been raised in a drive by the town's Women's Club.

He finished counting, smiled gladly and observed, "Well, I must say the old hens are doing a swell job."

Husband: "I bought something today for the one I love best. Guess what."

Wife: "A box of cigars."

"You mean you gave that doctor \$5 when all he did was paint my throat?"

"Well, what did you expect, wallpaper?"

The head of a television network who was having trouble with his program department called in his executives for a lecture.

"Look," he said. "You guys have got to get on the ball. That's all there is to it. If we have any bottlenecks around here, I want you to get rid of them, and get rid of them immediately. Now, who has any suggestions?"

From the rear of the conference room a junior executive piped up. "Sir," he said, "I've had some experience with bottles, and from that experience I can tell you, the necks are always at the top."

When someone says, "Stop me if you heard this one," you are always tempted to ask, "How?"

