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**WELCOME
SASUO
CONVENTION**



*A Message from
Director F. R. Oliver
President of SASHO*

Time does fly - twelve years ago the Arkansas State Highway Department was host to the Southeastern Association of State Highway Officials Eighth Annual Convention. This year the Department again has the honor of being host to SASHO for its Twentieth Annual Convention to be held at the Marion Hotel in Little Rock November 27 to 30 inclusive. Our former Chief Engineer, Mr. A. E. Johnson, was President of the Association in 1949 and your Director is President this year.

Our Committees have been very busy planning and attending to the myriad of details necessary to the success of a large convention. Many of you have been called on to assist and have been most generous with your time and efforts.

I wish it could be possible for all of our people to attend at least part of the convention work sessions and entertainment features. This, of course, is impossible both because the work of the Department must go on and because the convention facilities could not possibly accommodate so many of us. Our aim has to be that of being good hosts to our visitors from other State Departments.

I would like to urge our maintenance people especially to be on the lookout for our guests driving in from other States and to assist them in any way possible. Many of them will be driving cars with their States' insignia and I'm sure we all want to give them the warm welcome of true Arkansans.

F. R. Oliver



The Southeastern Association of State Highway Officials

Two decades ago this fall, a group of men from the highway departments of the 10 southeastern states east of the Mississippi River were very busy making plans for the First Annual Meeting of SASHO, to be held at Asheville, North Carolina, in February 1942.

These states were Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia. Representatives from the highway departments of these 10 states and of Districts 8 and 14 of the Public Roads Administration had been laying out the groundwork for this organization over the preceding months. In July 1941 the organizational meeting was held in Montgomery, Alabama, with 30 representatives from six states and the two PRA districts present. Four states were unable to attend but submitted their memberships and were incorporated in the 10-state organization along with the two PRA districts.

This was not the first of these regional associations of state highway officials. In fact, it was by many years the last, all the other sectional groups having been set up years earlier and some ante-dating the organization of the American Association of State Highway Officials by several years.

The first of these regional associations, the Mississippi Valley Conference, was rather informally established by three states in 1907, although its formal founding is dated 1909, some five years prior to the founding of AASHO. Three states, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Tennessee were members of this group during the 20's, 30's, and early 40's but resigned, finding more of mutual interest and common value in the southeastern group. Kentucky has for many years maintained membership in both organizations, and at least one of the Kentucky officials, Mr. D. H. Bray, state highway engineer, is known to have served both organizations as President. SASHO was patterned upon the organization and experience of the Mississippi Valley Conference.

Organization of these Associations stemmed from recognition by the administrators and staffs of the various highway departments, of the vital values to be found in periodic discussion of their problems, and in sharing of their productive ideas with their opposite numbers in other states. Because AASHO serves this vital function at the national level, its concepts are

naturally in rather broad terms and tend to avoid purely regional identification. Thus, there is a certain category of discussion where the considerations require emphasis upon essential aspects of problems and techniques which are peculiarly regional in character. It is seldom if ever that a problem is unique, that is, peculiar to one state, but great differences exist between regions. Broadly, the homogeneity of regions has a tendency to extend pretty well throughout the spectrum of highway planning and construction problems - climate, topography, soils, culture, economy, and governmental viewpoint. This, certainly may be far from true in the specific instance, but in overall terms the regional similarities are strong. This truth is old and well established, and illustrated by the customary regional division of the many associations in industry, sports, politics, education, etc. Convenience is a factor, of course, but the major factor is the ability to discuss with more particularity than at the national level.

Arkansas and Louisiana became members of SASHO at the end of the year 1943, bringing the membership roster to its present level of 12 states and Regions 3 and 6 of the Bureau of Public Roads. Two Arkansas men attended the Third Annual Meeting, February 1944, Roanoke, Virginia, for our first representation in SASHO; however, Arkansas presented no papers at this meeting. These men were R. D. Bogart, Commission Member, and the late V. E. Scott, Assistant Director and Commission Secretary.

The Fourth Annual Meeting was scheduled for February 1945 at Birmingham, Alabama, but was cancelled in January to accord with the federal government's request that conventions be cancelled in the interest of the war effort. After cancellation of the meeting, the papers in preparation to be presented before the meeting were completed and published to maintain continuity of the "Proceedings" and to disseminate information. Although Arkansas was then represented on the Board of Directors most of the Standing Committees, E. L. "Noody" Wales (who retired in April 1960), a member of the Committee on Materials and Tests, was the only Arkansas member to submit a paper. To him goes the honor of the first Arkansas paper delivered to SASHO.

The Fourth Annual Meeting was held at last in December 1945, Atlanta, Georgia, and three more

Arkansas members, E. E. Mashburn, Fred J. Herring, and Guy W. Cobb, presented papers. This introduced active participation in the annual meetings by Arkansas officials, which has been maintained at a fairly high level ever since.

As first organized, SASHO had seven standing committees, as follows: Administration; Road Construction; Materials and Testing; Road and Bridge Design; Maintenance, Equipment, and Roadside Development; Right of Way; and Planning and Traffic Engineering.

The ensuing years have seen considerable change of emphasis in highway problems, and new problems have cropped up. As a consequence, the standing committees in 1960 numbered 12, covering the areas of: Administration; Accounting; Bridge Design and Construction; Legal Affairs; Personnel; Commercial Vehicles Sizes and Weights; Electronics; Maintenance, Equipment and Roadside Development; Materials and Tests; Planning and Traffic Engineering; Right of Way; and Road Design and Construction.

The emphasis in committee deliberations of the Association during its early years was largely upon wartime problems. Gradually, the emphasis shifted through the establishment of postwar Federal Aid procedures and the designation of the Federal Aid Secondary and Interstate Systems to a dawning recog-

nition of the formidable character of postwar problems -- the dwindling ability of prewar concepts to keep pace with postwar needs.

At the Eighth Annual Meeting in December 1949, when Arkansas first played host to SASHO, the outgoing President, A. E. Johnson of Arkansas, in his annual message to the Association introduced the present paramount emphasis upon monumental needs and the necessitous concomitant, an equally monumental planning approach, when he said:

"In the 55 years since the automobile was invented, we have become very dependent upon the motor vehicle. It is no longer classed as a luxury but as a definite necessity. We have over 40 million vehicles in use today. Our whole economy and civilization is based upon it, and we plan our cities, our school systems, and our everyday lives on motor transportation. It is the very reason that this meeting is being held here today."

It seems probable that Mr. Johnson considers his paragraph understated today. But a dozen years of constant wrestling with this problem, which was only in its early stage of definition at the time he spoke, has given everyone a more definite view of the magnitude of its outline.

Later this month Arkansas will play host for the second time when President F. R. Oliver calls the Association to order in its Twentieth Annual Meeting. It should be a most interesting session.

SASHO Meetings

<u>MEETING</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
Organization	July 1, 1941	Montgomery, Ala.	W. V. Baise, N. C.	30
1st Annual	Feb. 12-13, 1942	Asheville, N. C.	W. V. Baise, N. C.	195
2nd Annual	Feb. 16-17, 1943	Chattanooga, Tenn.	C. W. Phillips, Tenn.	209
3rd Annual	Feb. 9-10, 1944	Roanoke, Va.	E. L. Bailey, W. Va.	269
4th Annual	Feb. 21-22, 1945	Birmingham, Ala.	E. L. Bailey, W. Va.	Cancelled*
4th Annual	Dec. 3-4, 1945	Atlanta, Ga.	E. L. Bailey, W. Va.	?
5th Annual	Nov. 12-13, 1946	Birmingham, Ala.	C. S. Mullen, Va.	320
6th Annual	Dec. 7-11, 1947	Miami, Fla.	W. G. Pruett, Ala.	602
7th Annual	Nov. 4-5, 1948	Edgewater Park, Miss.	F. E. Bayless, Fla.	635
8th Annual	Dec. 1-2, 1949	Little Rock, Ark.	A. E. Johnson, Ark.	509
9th Annual	Oct. 5-6, 1950	Louisville, Ky.	S. T. Roebuck, Miss.	441
10th Annual	Dec. 5-7, 1951	Charleston, S. C.	D. H. Bray, Ky.	575
11th Annual	Oct. 15-17, 1952	New Orleans, La.	C. R. McMillan, S. C.	744
12th Annual	Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 1953	Asheville, N. C.	E. J. James, La.	716
13th Annual	Sept. 28-30, 1954	Nashville, Tenn.	W. H. Rogers, Jr. N. C.	722
14th Annual	Oct. 17-19, 1955	Charleston, W. Va.	W. M. Leech, Tenn.	639
15th Annual	Sept. 5-7, 1956	Roanoke, Va.	M. L. Shadburn, Ga.	755
16th Annual	Oct. 1-3, 1957	Atlanta, Ga.	F. A. Davis, Va.	630
17th Annual	Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 1958	Birmingham, Ala.	H. L. Nelson, Ala.	600
18th Annual	Nov. 22-25, 1959	Miami Beach, Fla.	W. E. Jones, Fla.	800
19th Annual	Nov. 1-4, 1960	Biloxi, Miss.	T. C. Robbins, Miss.	800
20th Annual	Nov. 26-30, 1961	Little Rock, Ark.	F. R. Oliver, Ark.	?

* Cancelled because of government restrictions on travel.

Sidewalk in the Woods

by Inez H. MacDuff



Traces of an early concrete highway, once the wonder of Arkansas, remind the motorist how far we've come.

Not long ago an observant six-year-old, peering from the window of his father's car as it traveled down U. S. 65 in southeastern Arkansas, saw a ribbon of crumbling concrete beneath the trees and exclaimed, "Look, a sidewalk in the woods!"

What seemed to be an abandoned sidewalk was actually a remnant of The Dollarway, the state's first concrete highway and, according to local claim, the longest continuous stretch of rural concrete road in the United States when it was built nearly fifty years ago. At a time when there were fewer than two hundred automobiles in Arkansas, the "highway" gained such regional renown that venturesome Model T owners in a score of states jolted over many tedious miles of dusty gravel to try out the new pavement. Today sections of the long-obsolete road still straggle along the right-of-way of scenic U. S. 65, or meander casually off through tall pines, as a reminder of the automotive age's first stirrings.

The Dollarway took its name from the initial construction cost of approximately a dollar a running foot (as compared to a million or more dollars a mile for modern expressways). Authorized in 1913 by act of the legislature, the 23.6 miles were completed in 1914 for a total bill of \$158.00. Understandably, sponsorship and financing of that first hard-surfaced road met considerable opposition, and the grand celebration planned for the opening date turned into an indignation meeting when more critics than celebrants showed up.

The new highway ran from the city limits of Pine Bluff northward to the Jefferson-Pulaski county line, about half the distance to the capitol city of Little

Rock. It had been promoted by an influential group of Pine Bluff businessmen who sought to increase property values and stimulate trade in the surrounding plantation country.

Opposition to the road came from unwilling taxpayers as well as from farmers who protested the necessity of shoeing their horses and mules. But letters of inquiry and congratulations, pouring from all sections of the country, soon altered the climate of public opinion. In 1925 the State of Arkansas assumed responsibility for the unpaid bonds, and in 1931 a new highway from Pine Bluff to Little Rock was built using much of the old road.

The original route, containing many winding curves, was eight feet wide, five inches thick, and one and a half inches higher along the center to provide drainage. Gravel shoulders were added later, and the road remained in continuous use for eighteen years. When it was finally abandoned, the same neighborhood farmers who opposed it eagerly sought chunks of concrete roadbed for building purposes. Thus most of the Dollarway may now be found in retaining walls, watering troughs, building foundations, and walkways. But those motorists who have recently sped along the thruways of Los Angeles, Long Island, and elsewhere, may still find pleasure in a quiet, lingering stroll along the remains of the sidewalk in the woods that helped start it all.

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You're "MR. HIGHWAY" in an AHD Car



The following, by Director of Procurement C. Don Hayes, was adapted from an article in "Personnel Observations," the Oregon State Highway Department magazine, written by Ray Stose, safety technician for the Oregon department.

There has been a lot of thought and words given to the subjects of state employees and the results their actions have upon the public. Adverse deeds by the state employees will always bring adverse reaction from the public. It, therefore, is up to all state employees to be on their best behavior at all times while performing their duties.

Arkansas State Highway Department cars are unique among state vehicles. They are identical in shape and are painted the same color as cars in other departments, but standing out as a beacon of identification AHD Decals on each front door are the little red and white targets that "shout" Highway Department. If one of our drivers "goof" in any manner, the public well knows at what department to point the finger of shame. And they are quick to do so!

Each year highway department vehicles rack up an astounding total of more than 30 million miles of travel throughout the state. Somewhere, right at this moment, one of our vehicles is traveling or working on a roadway and is being observed by those people who pay our wages - the taxpayers.

Mr. Taxpayer is a nice guy but is sort of sensitive. He knows that he has shared in the cost of everything we do. Taxes are a sore subject to him and he is anxious to see that his tax money is spent properly and carefully. He is quick to fuss when he feels it is not being used properly and he can't be blamed for that.

As he travels hither and yon, he sees evidences of how his money is being spent. In every corner of the state much-needed, modern highways take him smoothly and speedily to where he wants to go. The new highways, as well as the old, are kept in good condition by a maintenance program that is unequalled in other states.

Mr. Taxpayer appreciates all this but is inclined to take it pretty much for granted. After all, he paid for it.

One day Joe Taxpayer is out traveling blissfully along on one of those beautiful stretches of paved ribbon. The road feels good. The tires are humming a merry tune, and Joe is at peace with the world. A black colored car is approaching from the rear at a terrific speed but this doesn't bother Joe too much. If the guy behind wants to take chances by traveling at that speed, it's none of Joe's business.

The black colored car roars by, cuts Joe off short in its attempt to keep from hitting a car from the other direction. Now it IS Joe's business. That darn fool came close to causing a bad accident that could have involved him. It's then that Joe makes a discovery.

The car that took that foolish chance had a red and white emblem on its side which immediately rings a bell. It was a state vehicle! Joe takes a closer look and spots that S 6000 License Plate fastened on the back of the car. Joe Taxpayer's fond thoughts about the Arkansas State Highway Department slip angrily down the drain.

A few miles farther down the road another incident occurs to increase Joe's anger. It's the middle of a working day, and as he slips through the little town, he notices another state car with the red and white emblem on the side. The car is parked in front of a tavern. Perhaps the state driver is innocently drinking a cup of coffee, but Joe doesn't know this. He jumps to the conclusion that here is a state worker getting loaded on HIS time.

Joe Taxpayer's reasoning powers are blighted now. Those two incidents have left a severe scar on his memory, He fails to see all the other state vehicles performing their errands in a courteous and safe manner. His eyes turn away as he passes a maintenance crew laboring in the hot sun to improve the roadside ditch. He has but one thought - to get home and send a blistering letter to the governor about the decadent forces on the payroll of the Arkansas State Highway Department.

Since the beginning of time, the multitudes have had to suffer for the faults of the few. This is true in public service as it is in anything else we do. In order to overcome this it will have to be up to each and every one of us to make a resolution that in the future we will expend our strongest efforts to be safe and courteous drivers while operating state vehicles.

It's going to take a long time for Joe Taxpayer to get over the memory of the incidents that marred his trip that fateful day. When the Legislature meets to discuss higher wages for State Employees, he may be one of the first to send a letter of objection to his senator or representative.

For this very reason, as well as all the others that benefit our welfare, it is important that we show our best side always to all the Joe Taxpayers of Arkansas. Remember this thought: With that target on the right and left side of our vehicles, we are the focal point in the public's view. Let's don't become the target for darts and barbs. Let's become good personal representatives of the Department. ■



District 7 Engineer W. E. Hicks, a recent guest speaker at the Camden Jaycee meeting, is shown explaining to the group, the route of the proposed Highway 4 spur location, around the city of Camden.



DEPARTMENT OVER THE TOP IN UNITED FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

At the final report meeting for the United Fund Campaign of Pulaski County, the Highway Department had pledged \$2537.75, according to Y. W. Whelchel, chairman for the Campaign in the Department. This sum is 132 per cent of the Department's quote of \$1918.00.

Whelchel praised the work of the co-chairmen, stating that each of them has done an excellent job, and that response by individual contributors has been exceptional.

Listed below, by major payroll division, are the amounts pledged in this partial report:

DIVISION AND CO-CHAIRMAN	AMOUNT PLEDGED
Director's Office: Marie Rossing	\$ 183.00
Legal: Carolyn Vance	110.00
Chief Engineer: Bill Rainwater	243.00
General Services: Jim Zinn	150.00
General Services: Erma Jetton	28.00
Accounting: Margaret Allen	65.00
Equipment: Leon Sneed	118.00
Planning and Research: John Longcoy	215.50
Maintenance: Ceceil Byrns	85.00
Sign Shop: Fred Koch	63.00
Construction: H. B. Matthews	358.30
Bridge Design: Virginia Tackett	140.50
Surveys: Adele Fiedler	103.00
Roadway Design: Delbert VanLandingham	152.50
Materials and Tests: Roy Rosin	152.00
County Roads: Zelda Riggs	17.00
Right of Way: Retha Griffin (Dale Oswalt, acting chairman)	269.25
District 6:	84.70
	\$2537.75



Pete Daggett Speaks on Women and Hats at Hi-Noon Club



Alas, the Academy of Arts and Sciences probably will never consider Pete Daggett a contender for the Oscar award, but his recent histrionics at a Hi-Noon Toastmasters Club meeting was a lively change of pace and his speech was unique. The meeting was one at which "Girl Fridays" were guests of their bosses who are AHD members of Hi-Noon.

Pete presented a travesty on women's hats in his nine-minute speech, from which he drew a parable. On the assumption that styles and accessories on the bonnets are symbols of the wearer's character, talents, and habits, Pete began his monologue with demonstrations.

A *wide brim hat*, according to Pete, is perhaps the HAT of INDECISION. Walking along, the wind begins to blow and the lady, trying to hold down her hat and her skirt, discovers she can't do both successfully. Her decision is what is most important: save her hat, or her dignity. This could represent a Girl Friday who is working and given two things to do at the same time. She has to decide which job is more important and who she wants most to please.

The *feathered hat* wants to fly - jump around - go places...always on the move. It represents a seemingly eager beaver who will volunteer to do any new job. But she is not satisfied. The work is not as she expected so she asks for a transfer. She gets it but doesn't like the people in the new job so asks for another transfer. This person has talent but no one has been able to tie it down.

The *single-band hat* is a simple one. It doesn't require much material; is easy to put on; easy to carry and usually doesn't cost too much. This is the TELEPHONE HAT because it looks a little like a telephone operator's headpiece equipment. The correct use of the telephone is important in an office: for getting as much information from the caller as possible, thus relieving the boss of unnecessary conversation. **BUT**, some people use the office phone too much for personal calls.

The *bonnet hat* hides the beauty of the wearer. Resembling a basket, it comes down over most of her face. It represents a Girl Friday who has talent and can do a job, but is shy and timid. She does the job given to her but lacks initiative and will sit until given something else to do.

The *bucket hat* is in style today. Most all of them follow the same pattern but are not exactly alike. The bucket hat is a Girl Friday that has been asked to do several jobs and after seeing the light and realizing that she can do several jobs on her own initiative, enjoys doing things on her own.

"You won't forget the unusual hat," according to Pete. It makes a person turn around and take a second look. It could be an expensive one but it is worth the price. A Girl Friday that is always willing to do an extra job, she arrives at the office early and remains late when necessary. She greets the public with a smile and when necessary to inform a caller that the boss is in conference and can't see him, she displays such finesse and charm that the caller feels honored.

In concluding, Pete said that there are all types of hats and all types of Girl Fridays: some wide, some narrow, some brief, some flighty, some reserved, some bold, and some unusual. But hats are necessary for the ladies and the boss cannot do his job without his GIRL FRIDAY.



RETIREMENT PROVISIONS FOR MILITARY SERVICE

The following information was issued in a memorandum October 10 by C. Don Hayes, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Highway Department Retirement System:

As a result of employees of the Department being called into active service with the Armed Forces, we have received several inquiries as to how and when credit for military service may be claimed in the Retirement System.

For your information and guidance, Section 1 (j) of Act 454 of 1949 as amended by Section 2 of Act 403 of 1953, is quoted as follows:

“ ‘Current Service’ means service as an employee of the Arkansas State Highway Department after the date of establishment of the System. Such current service may include the period of time during which the employee’s service may have been interrupted for service in the Armed Forces of the United States. The annual earnings for such military service period shall be computed in the manner set forth for prior service in Section (k) of Act 454 of 1949.”

Section 1 (k) of Act 454 of 1949 is quoted in part as follows:

“...The annual earnings for the military service period of a member shall be computed upon the average of his last twelve (12) months compensation from the Highway Department prior to his entry into the Armed Forces and the first twelve (12) months compensation after re-employment by the Highway Department.”

Interruption of service is construed to mean that a member must leave from and return to employment with the Department in order to claim military time.

Under provisions of Act 454 of 1949 as stated above, contributions on earnings cannot be computed until such time as the member has returned to employment and no payment can be made until that time.

AHD TAKES TO THE AIR



The Highway Department’s newest possession got off to a “flying” start last month when Mr. Oliver made the first official flight in the surplus C-45 twin-engine plane.

Due to guest-speak at a noon luncheon meeting, Mr. Oliver arrived in Ft. Smith with plenty of time to spare, spoke to the group, and returned to the Department and his duties early that afternoon. The trip by automobile would require the entire day.

Authorization to purchase the plane from the Civil Defense at Conway was made by the Highway Commission in September.

The pictures here show the new plane and the two men in the Department who will be available to pilot the plane when necessary.



Mr. Oliver approaches the plane ready for take-off.



Pilot and co-pilot, Ed Ray and Charles Wroblewski →



Colonel John C. Dalrymple



Governor Faubus



Mr. Oliver and Governor Faubus cut the ribbon at the Edgemont Bridge.

EDGEMONT - HIGDEN BRIDGES DEDICATED

Director Oliver, accompanied by Mrs. Oliver, Chief Engineer Ward Goodman, Governor Orval Faubus, Representative Wilbur Mills, Colonel John C. Dalrymple, district engineer with the U. S. Corps of Engineers, members of the Highway Commission, and other dignitaries were on hand for dedication ceremonies officially opening the Higden and Edgemont bridges near Heber Springs November 3.

The program for the ceremonies was planned by the Heber Springs Chamber of Commerce and other civic organizations and individuals in the area. Brief speeches were made by Governor Faubus, Mr. Mills, Colonel Dalrymple, and Mr. Oliver.

The Edgemont Bridge, the tallest in Arkansas - it's taller than Little Rock's Tower Building - has been open to traffic since September. The motorcade of participants and visitors formed at the bridge on State Highway 16 at 10:30 a.m., where the ceremonies were held. The ribbon, formally opening the bridge, was snipped by Governor Faubus and Mr. Oliver.

The Higden Bridge, three miles downstream from Edgemont Bridge, forms part of the new route for Highway 16 in the Greers Ferry Reservoir area. When the Greers Ferry Dam on the Little Red River is completed near Heber Springs, a lake will form below the two bridges.

Representative Mills, speaking at the Higden dedication, said the construction of the two bridges was a clear example of how federal, state, and local governments could work together for the mutual benefit of all. The bridges were built by the Highway Department and financed by the Army Engineers, in excess of \$1 million each.

EDGEMONT BRIDGE



HIGDEN BRIDGE



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Another bridge was dedicated November 5 at Springdale, when ceremonies were held for the opening of White River Bridge, east of Springdale on Highway 68. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver attended as did Highway Commissioner Truman Baker. They were guests of the Springdale Chamber of Commerce luncheon held at the A. Q. Chicken House at Springdale, before the ceremonies at 2 p.m.

Chief Goodman's speaking engagements recently have been numerous. On October 27, he was in Memphis where he spoke on "Civil Engineers in Highway Transportation" for the Mid-South Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers...On November 1, he was guest speaker at the meeting of the Society of American Military Engineers at Little Rock. He spoke on "Highway Construction Program in Arkansas."

On November 3, after the dedication ceremonies for the Edgemont and Higden bridges he stopped off at Enola, Arkansas to attend a fish fry. Others going along were: Highway Commissioner Armil Taylor; Congressmen Dale Alford and Wilbur Mills; Maintenance Engineer R. B. Winfrey; Anthony Leone with the Bureau of Public Roads; District 8 Engineer W. F. Turner; Resident Engineer Sherman James; and Area Foreman Paul Rowlett. The affair, sponsored by the Highway 107 Improvement Committee, was held in appreciation of the completion of Highway 107 from Junctions 36 to Enola. Mr. Goodman and Mr. Taylor spoke briefly on highways in Faulkner County and in Arkansas. Mr. Goodman said it was a very fine meeting.

"Your Highway Department," was the theme of Mr. Goodman's speech to the Arkansas Adult Education Seminar at Cabot, Arkansas on November 13. The seminar is part of the Arkansas Education Department.

The County Roads Division moved out of the old frame Highway building last month to the new quarters pictured here, at 6th and Victory. The move was made to provide more space for the personnel in County Roads and also Legal Division, which took over the old County Road offices.



Bea Davis of Planning and Research Retires

Beatrice Margaret Davis, one of the most beloved personalities ever employed in the Highway Department, retired November 1 after 20 years creditable Service in the Department's Retirement System. By way of saying goodbye, her boss, J. R. Henderson, and friends and co-workers in Planning and Research gave a party a week before she left at which time she was presented her 20-year service awards.

Bea's genuine warm, friendly nature, and her generous heart made her a wealth of friends - not only in the Department but elsewhere. And while it is with deepest regret that we see her leave, we are happy knowing that these friends and her many interests will make her life of retirement more enjoyable. So good luck, Bea, and the very best to you always, from your friends in the Highway Department.



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Joyce Spencer Presented 10-Year Service Awards

"It gives me great pleasure to present you with this 10-year Certificate of Merit and Service Pin," Director F. R. Oliver said to a surprised and pleased secretary, Joyce Spencer, the morning of October 18 in the Commission Hearing Room.

Only a few moments before this short but sincere delivery, Mr. Oliver had escorted his "Girl Friday" through the door of the room where she was stopped cold. A sea of faces met her - friends and co-workers who had been invited to a surprise party were waiting to congratulate her on her service awards and help celebrate the occasion.

After Mr. Oliver made the presentation, and when Joyce had overcome her surprise, she blew out 10 lighted candles on one of the five delicious cakes which were served with coffee and nuts. (There were so many demands for Mrs. Oliver's cake recipe, we are printing it on p. 19.) The table was decorated with white lighted tapers and beautiful floral arrangements. Refreshments were furnished by those who were responsible for the party: Mr. and Mrs. Raif Smith, who were absent due to Mr. Smith's illness at the time; Marie Rossing, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver, Ferol Jones, and Dot Switzer. Approximately 80 persons attended and they all agreed that it was a nice affair.



Joyce and her boss, Director Oliver



The Honorable Neill Bohlinger, who was appointed by Governor Faubus to the Arkansas Supreme Court, is shown in his office in the Justice Building wearing his vestments of Supreme Court Judge. Mr. Bohlinger was general counsel of the Highway Department until his appointment September 5.



Frank Caple and Jim Meredith

Another employee in the building who reached a 10-year milestone with the Department was Frank Caple, assistant to Procurement Officer Jim Meredith. And, like Joyce, he was the honoree at a surprise party given by Meredith and his crew, to commemorate the event.

The Procurement Office was crowded with well-wishers the morning of November 7 when Frank came through the door. His wife, Sylvia, was on hand to help Amy Tedford, Willene Gray, and Linda Schmidt serve coffee and cookies to the fourth-floor employees and a few others in the building. Jim presented Frank his Service Pin and Certificate of Merit.

AROUND THE DEPARTMENTS

ACCOUNTING DIVISION

Blanche Smith

Peggy Zeiner's husband, Max, has mended enough to return to work. For those who may not have known, he was involved in a near-fatal airplane crash on the outskirts of Little Rock August 27. We are all happy for both Max and Peggy that he has such remarkable recuperative powers.

The Internal Audit Staff, along with the Accounting Division, gave a party on the occasion of Ed Orsini's 10th anniversary with the Highway Department. (See picture .Ed)

Margaret Allen underwent surgery October 24 and is doing fine. She expects to return to work soon.

This reporter is looking forward to a visit with her daughter and family who are flying in from California for the Christmas Holidays. Getting a house prepared for a visit with 9 (count 'em!) people is proving a task, and I might add a JOY.



From left: G. W. Stanford, Ed Orsini, and Ronald Keene.

BRIDGE DESIGN

Virginia Tackett

There has been a little hunting and fishing going on among the Bridge folk, but nothing really worth reporting. Of course we have all been occupied week ends calling the Hogs and making predictions, largely inaccurate, as to various football scores. Reid Beckel and Sally, feeling that the Ark-N.W. La. game was in the bag, let that game go by and drove over to Muskogee, Okla. with friends to take in the sports car races. They said there were lots of good cars and the races were all exciting.

Jake Knott celebrated his birthday since our last news bulletin and the

event called for a party. Later on in October, Harold Bastian's birthday rolled around and we were off again. On both occasions we indulged in more coffee and cake than were good for us but they were such happy events we felt entitled.

We all deeply sympathize with Frank and Helen Battisto because of the loss of Frank's father, Steve Battisto. Many Bridge Designers had met Mr. Battisto and been impressed by his friendliness.

This Division, as well as the rest of the Highway Department, was saddened beyond expression by the death of our friend, Martha Carlson, wife of our Division Head, L. P. Carlson. Mrs. Carlson's interest in each of the members of the Bridge Division was always felt and appreciated, and our profound sympathies are with Mr. Carlson and his children, Catherine and Larry.

CHIEF ENGINEER

Leontee Connelly

Van Freeman, young son of Chuck Freeman in the office of Office Engineer, has fully recovered after a tonsillectomy operation.

The Highway Bowling Team No. 6, North Little Rock handicap league, needs a couple of bowlers. Are you interested? If so, contact Charles Wroblewski, telephone No. 296.

Office Engineer W. C. Johnston reports that his office has had an unusually heavy work load in October - more so than usual.

That's it, this time.

CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

Geraldine Kissire

H. B. (Fat) Matthews, co-chairman of the United Fund Campaign for the Highway Department, issues the following: "I wish to express my gratitude to those contributing to the United Fund through the Construction Division. We exceeded our goal, helping the Department to exceed its goal. In fact, we all should feel proud."

Two of our men have had operations recently. John Tallant had a leg operation October 19 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Hot Springs but was up and about at home a few days later. Homer Lucus entered Baptist Hospital, Little Rock, October 24 for surgery. We all hope sincerely that they are both at work by the time this issue is out.

Les McCain's son, Donny, is recuperating from surgery. When it rains, it pours.

Have you met the pretty blonde in our office? No, she's not a new girl...

she's our own Lucille Dishongh, who has a new hair color - and it looks good.

COUNTY ROADS

Zelda Riggs

Our office moved from the old Highway building to the Roberts Building at 6th and Victory, about three blocks from the old building. We made the move October 2 and are very comfortably located, and about settled. We would like to have all of you to come by to see us and our new quarters. (See pictures of the new County Roads quarters elsewhere in this issue.)

The Harry Wrights, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Schneider, motored to Denver, Colo. to attend the AASHO meeting in October.

Max C. Hall attended the Arkansas-Baylor game at Waco, Tex., going by chartered bus. He and wife Mary were in Fayetteville October 21, to witness the slaughter by Texas, on "Dad's Day." ("Sad Day" would have been more appropriate. Ed.)

Ed Sansing, junior draftsman whose picture was in the last issue of the magazine, is sporting a new convertible.

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Marie Rossing

Dan D. Stephens our new General Counsel attended one day of the Legal Seminar at Fayetteville on October 19-20 after which he attended the Texas-Ark. Game on Saturday.

We are glad to have Raif Smith back after being off for several days due to illness. Think the rest did him good.

Eleven friends of Bea Davis over in Planning and Research surprised her with a luncheon on Wednesday, October 25 at noon at the Sam Peck Hotel, in honor of her 20th anniversary with AHD and because she is retiring as of November 1, 1961. Those attending were: Marie Rossing, Joyce Spencer, Dorothy Switzer, Ceceil Byrns, Adele Fiedler, Ferol Jones, Daisy Conley, Jane Huff, Marjorie Turner, Ruth Cantley and Katie Brasel. She was given a gift.

EQUIPMENT DIVISION

Doris Healy

The Jacksonville "Red Devils" are lucky to have the two Cox brothers on the team. Senior quarterback Bernie and junior halfback, Donnie, are the sons of Bernie Cox in Procurement Division. At the homecoming game at Jacksonville, when the Red Devils played the

Catholic High Rockets, Bernie threw three touchdown passes and added a touchdown himself to lead Jacksonville to a 27-6 win. Donnie is always at the right place to catch his brother's passes. as was evidenced when he took a pass on the Rocket's 40 and ran for a t.d. When Jacksonville kicked off after the half, the ball was downed by Donnie on the Rocket's 34 and another t.d. was in making. The brothers make a good team within the team.

Ten-year service awards were presented to T. C. Ellis, and 5-year awards were presented to Carl W. Colvert and L. E. Harper October 27.

Ray New and his wife spent a week at Lake Nimrod. They enjoyed the outdoor life.

Frank Boyette was another vacationer. He was told by some hunters that fish were working alive at White River so he decided to go and try his luck. When he got there the fishing spot had been seined. Better luck next time, Frank.

New employees in Central Shop are: George Ashworth and Jimmie Andrews, in heavy equipment shop; Imogene Mayfield in central warehouse; and Roy Keathly at the gas station in Little Rock.

Your reporter is glad to be back after having been on maternity leave for a few months.

MATERIALS AND TESTS

Julia Halliburton

• Ten-year service awards were presented recently to Frances Roller, Neal Roach, and Hayes Medlock. Keep up the good work, all of you.

Grady and Jean Putnam have a bouncing baby boy. Red Willcockson said that Grady was on "Cloud 9" as he passed out cigars at the plant in El Dorado.

Raybon Camp and Ruth have bought a home in Benton and already Ray is a booster for Benton High School.

Vacationers in our department recently were: the H. W. Schneiders, who visited New Orleans; Wilbert Chapman, who said he was "going to hunt ogle-ogles" in the jungles of Brazil (?); and Harry Doyle, who didn't say where he was going.

Johnny Dumber had a fine trip to Fayetteville on Dad's Day, but didn't enjoy the game. Dick Pils, one of our new employees, was also disappointed on his trip to Fayetteville.

Greetings to new members of our staff: Al King, W. S. McCumber, and G. A. Phillips. Frank Lambert, a new assistant in the asphalt lab, is catching on quickly in his work.

Maurine Rogers, flower of the paint lab, is happy as long as she can wear her earrings on her collar. (?)

John Whitlow reports that working with cement in the day and walking his new

son at night, is getting a good man down. And Raymond Lynch of Conway, who is in charge of the cement testing lab, says that his day's work does not end with the bell. He is painting his house, building a carport, and, according to the scuttlebut, a small greenhouse in his spare time.

W. A. Williams, a member of the 9th. Sp. Forces, had an interesting week end at Davis Field in Oklahoma October 21 and 22.

Don Younger will be out soon in the field playing "catch-up" on his core drilling since AHD is purchasing a new drilling machine for him.

Ed Rauch has been away a few days arranging for some new store-bought "ivories."

Bill Lanston is sporting a new Ford Falcon.

Fred Clark spent some time recently in Baptist Hospital, but has returned to work.

Robert Braknell took his Army physical and barely passed.

Will Banks' dog is better, and ready to go squirrel hunting.

Jerry Stacks, M. J. Hensley, and Jim Briley said goodbye to the design section for a new career with Uncle Sam. Our loss was compensated by Eugene Belknap, a trainee, and Mike Hart, a new employee. Mike proved to be an archer deluxe by bagging a deer during one week end.

The Materials and Tests Division was saddened by the death in October of Regal Cotton, one of our former employees. Cotton had retired due to ill health but was still a young man. He was well thought of and respected by all employees. He had visited us only a week or so before he died. We shall all miss him greatly.

PERSONNEL OFFICE

M. A.

Billie Ruth Hatcher stepped back into her old job on the magazine so easily and naturally, it seems as if she never left it. Billie left almost two years ago to await the arrival of Tommy, now 19 months old. She is temporarily replacing Robbie Ingle who left to await an addition to the Ingle family. It's good to have Billie Ruth back with us. We miss Robbie though but we talk with her over the phone occasionally, and she's doing fine except that she was put on a diet.

Not one of our men in the office has mentioned having been squirrel hunting. Guess they are not hunting enthusiasts. Jim Higgins did go fishing one day and came home with a nice catch!

Hoyt Thomas and Linda Mode finally decided (after changing their minds several times) on a date for their

wedding. They were married in the home of Hoyt's parents in Little Rock on October 14. Linda, who is from Conway, was employed in Procurement. They are residing in an apartment on 18th Street, near Central High School.

Marie and Paul Eckert of St. Louis, visited her sisters, Martha Adams and family, and Blanche Reed and her husband. While they were here they were entertained with two dinner parties held in their honor. Shortly after their return to St. Louis another sister, Mrs. Lou Sanders, also from St. Louis, came down for a week end with sisters and friends.

Bobby Farnham, an employee for a short period in our office, resigned to move out of the state with his family. We were sorry he left us. On his last day we gave a small party for him to bid him adieu. Coffee and cake were served.

Ruth Foll, of our office, and Carma Dunn, drove up to Russellville October 21 for the week end. They attended the Tech-State Teachers College game while there.

Peace and quiet were the ingredients for the week end of October 27 when Jackie Wallace drove to Heber Springs to visit her grandmother, her sister and family and her brother.



Pictured here is Shirley Bain, our newest girl employee, although she's been with us now since August 15. We didn't have space in the last issue to show her pretty face.

A dog who claimed to be a superb theatrical agent. The agent listened to his repertoire and said, "Yes, you're very good. But, just at present, I can't think of a singing role for you."

"Well, then," said the dog, undismayed, "how about a barcarole?"

PLANNING AND RESEARCH

Liner - Turner

Don Finkbeiner is a new employee in the Mapping and Drafting Section. He worked for six years for a mapping company in Little Rock. He resides in North Little Rock with his wife and child.

J. R. Henderson attended the annual AASHO meeting in Denver, Colo. October 9-12. In addition to the general sessions, Mr. Henderson attended the sessions of the Factual Committee and Traffic Committee.

Our division was well represented at the Ark-Tex. game at Fayetteville. Those attending were: J. R. Henderson, Stuart Pattillo, Jim Barnett, Bill Smith, and Pat Patton.

Ruth Cantley was a delegate to the Soroptimists Club Convention in Beaumont, Tex., the week end of October 6.

Bea Davis is a "first." She is the first woman in P&R to receive a 20-year service award - an event which took place last month. To celebrate the occasion, Mr. Henderson invited a few special guests and the employees in our division into his office for a party - homemade cake and plenty of coffee. Mr. Henderson made an appropriate speech and presented the service pin and certificate of merit to Bea. The certificate was a special job by Bill Moore, lettered with gold highlights. Awards for 10 years and 5 years were presented to Ruth Cantley and Robbie Parker respectively. The cakes were made by Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Looney, Mrs. Beckett, and Billie Whiteside.

Patricia Ann Moore, daughter of Bill Moore, who is a freshman at Henderson State Teachers College at Arkadelphia, was one of two Little Rock girls accepted as pledges to Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority.

Below, Ruth Cantley and Robbie Parker are holding their service awards presented to them October 23.



We've been "fissioned" - not on the megaton scale but on a scale that makes us unhappy for our prop and mainstay. Bea no sooner received her service awards than she retired. We feel a dual loss - not only because we love Bea dearly, but as a unit in our operation, we have never known anyone who could turn out our statistical tables with the patience, accuracy, fortitude, and volume that Bea did. We bewail our loss but wish our dear Bea the best of everything and hope she will visit us whenever she can.

REPRODUCTION

Rachel Simmons

Mrs. A. B. Andrews, Henry Vopel's mother-in-law, has returned to the Vopel home after a long stay at Baptist Hospital.

David Johnson is all smiles these days - he traded his car for a 1957 Ford.

Patsy and Leroy Roling are in the process of moving into a new home. The lovely split-level three-bedroom home is located at 5104 Blue Bell Drive in North Little Rock.

A recent squirrel hunting trip proved to be quite profitable for Buddy Aley and his party. They bagged 18. Buddy hasn't told us where he found so many in one area.

Lucille Huffstutlar says that she and Roy have had 8 squirrels - without firing a single shot. Maybe Roy is good at slipping up on them and catching them by hand.

Lt. and Mrs. J. W. Johnson and children spent one night with his aunt and uncle, Mamie and Deveau Fanning in Park Hill enroute to California. Lt. Johnson is a naval aviator stationed in Norfolk, Va., and is being sent to U.C.L.A. for a three months' school in safety, after which he will be re-assigned and promoted to Lt. Commander.

This writer is glad to have her husband home from St. Vincent's Hospital. He helped push a jeep while on a hunting trip and injured two spinal discs and sprained his back.

Newlyweds Kenneth Dean Brown and the former Miss Dorothy Marie Newkirk, are shown (See Picture) at the wedding reception given in the parlors of the First Christian Church in Little Rock, after they exchanged wedding vows October 6. Dorothy Marie is daughter of this reporter and Fred Simmons. Ken is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean D. Brown of Ft. Worth, Tex., formerly of North Little Rock. He was employed in Right of Way until he received Army orders, to report to Ft. Benning, Ga., where the couple is at home after an Ozark honeymoon.



Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dean Brown

RIGHT OF WAY

Green and Walton

This month we have five new employees and nobody has left - which is remarkable for our division. Our new people are: Engineering Section, James French from Augusta, Ark., who worked for Agricultural Stabilization Committee; and Gloria Cobb, who is the new Girl Friday for that section, who came to us from an insurance firm in Little Rock; and Carl Keehn, from North Little Rock, who was with the Clyde Buchanan Company. In Accounting Section we have Doris Middlebrooks of North Little Rock, who also worked for an insurance firm; and Charlotte Lee of Little Rock, who worked for a doctor.

The flu bug has been around to just about everybody, taking its toll in sick leave, especially for Forrest Bogart, who was hospitalized for a few days.

George Lewis returned to us October 1 after a lengthy illness. Retha Griffin, our payroll clerk, has taken leave of absence for six weeks to convalesce after being hospitalized the week of October 22.

We hear that deer season opens November 13 - a date which many of our men have been looking forward to, although I can't see how anyone can kill one of those sweet little brown-eyed Bambis. Anyway, many of them will be enjoying it and we will probably have some pictures for the next issue. Barney McCright spent a week's vacation squirrel hunting and fishing... said he enjoyed it thoroughly.

George Howell, one of our negotiators, was involved in a three-car collision near the Sweet Home cutoff, but escaped serious injuries. He entered the hospital to have a deep head wound stitched, and for ex-rays, and was released.

That's about it for this issue.. however...back to the deer season. If anyone finds a poor motherless baby deer, I'd like to have it to take care of, so will you bring it to Right of Way, and ask for Kaye?

ROADWAY DESIGN

John Dunn

Marvin I. Bunch was feted with a small party not long ago on receiving his 10-year service awards. Cake and cokes were served in Bud Smith's squad. After the refreshments, Marvin gave a small acceptance speech. Everyone had a good time. Congratulations Marvin, and we hope you make it 10 more.

Pat Thompson, another Roadway Designer, received service awards. Travis Orton, Pat's squad boss, presented him with 5-year service pin and certificate of merit October 31. Refreshments of cake and cokes (no beer) were served to celebrate the occasion.

DISTRICT 1

Janet McElduff

There are some days when you need a good laugh to start the day off right. and such was blue Monday, October 23, when the following news item appeared on my desk. I quote: "B. J. Altman was off the week of September 24-29. B. J. got married September 23 and he and his new wife spent the following week up in Missouri. Tommy Webb also was off September 24-29. Tommy went along with B. J. and did the driving." We like items like that one!

We also have another wedding to announce, L. G. Jones, who works for Resident Engineer W. F. Deaderick of Marianna, was married October 21, at 4 p.m. in the Second Baptist Church in West Helena, to Miss Jari Van Hooten of West Helena. Glenn and Jari took a honeymoon trip up in Tennessee, and we assume that Glenn did his own driving.

Charlie Pittman, Howard Pittman, Dalton Bradley, and Jeff Lindley, have all been on vacation recently, and Buck Wilkins took off a week. Buck and Opal recently moved into their new home and we know they are proud of it.

Griffin English, area foreman for Crittenden County, gave us a lot of talk

about the fish fry they were going to have and promised pictures. He not only failed to invite us but never has sent the pictures. How 'bout that, Griff? Did you ever have a fish fry?

Maxine English of Forrest City, brought young James, Jr. in for a once-over recently. Maxine is our former stock clerk. James was born September 23 and already looks 6 months old! Andy English, mechanic, is the grandfather of this fine specimen.

We found out quite by accident that we have some fine drumming and guitar players in our midst and didn't even know it. Ray Jones and Thomas Rooks, both employees of AHD, and Thomas's brother, Lomas, have teamed up with two guitars and a set of drums and are going to town in these parts. The Rooks brothers are on guitars and Ray handles drums. We suggest they give us a performance at the next fish fry.

Our parking lot is loaded with new cars, Rosemary Weeden is proudly driving a 1962 Falcon Station Wagon, and Alfred Crumley is wheeling around in a 1961 Falcon. He claims it saves him so much gas he is giving it away to friends with costly operating cars. Thomas Rooks is sporting a 1961 Ford, but the best trade we have heard of is Glenda Crafton's husband trading their 1957 Ford for a 1956 Chevrolet. We know the ways of car-trading are mysterious, but that is one trade that has us all confused. Glenda declares they came out on top!

Pat Russell received his promotion from mechanic II to mechanic I, and we're proud of him.

Birthdays celebrated over the last few weeks were Dick Ethridge, Mary Ann Harrell, and "Red" Smith. We always enjoy an excuse for a cake.

Our sincere sympathies are extended to Herbert E. Wilson and his wife in the loss of their baby daughter, who was killed in an automobile accident near Forrest City October 1. Herbert was injured as was his wife, but we understand that they are both much better at this writing. His mother-in-law, who was a passenger in their car, is still hospitalized.

I hope to devote the next few columns to news from out in the district. We like to know what is going on with our co-workers, especially those we don't see often, and would like to pass on the news to you. So here's to a whole new set of names and faces in the next issue!

DISTRICT 2

Ouida Grimes

We have lost three good and dependable employees to Uncle Sam: William Kirkpatrick, Joe Brown, and Jimmy

Hilburn, all from our Construction Division at Monticello. We do wish them good luck and hope to have them back with us real soon.

Neal Peacock received his 10-year service awards, and R. C. Hudson received his 5-year awards in October.

John S. Harris joined the Pine Bluff Rotary Club recently. Also, he made a speech before the local Optimist Club about our local highways, maintenance, and construction.

The Guy Thomassons are parents of a baby daughter, Judy Denece, born September 26 at Bradley County Memorial Hospital. The little one weighed 9 pounds, 12 ounces!

Frank McKay transferred to District 6 as stockroom clerk. We miss him around the office. David Leggett, one of our mechanics, is taking over Frank's old job.

"Dosi-Do" Gaddy attended the Arkansas Square Dance Convention in Little Rock October 21. He was on the program Saturday night at 11:30 to call one of the dances.

DIVISION 3

Olive Jackson

William Cobb of Little River County, received his 30-year service award at the Commission Meeting in Little Rock on October 4. Also, others receiving service awards in the month of October were: Millard Archie Lynn and William Ben Wilson, 15 years; and Samuel Jefferson Huckabee, Jr., 10 years.

Sue Lowder, daughter of Ethel and Jim Lowder, was chosen one of the maids for the home-coming game between Hope and Magnolia on October 20.

Johnny Robinson, resident engineer of Nashville who was ill with pneumonia, has now recuperated and back on the job.

The Junior Band of the Arkadelphia High School, whose Director is Bill Clark, won first place in the marching of the Junior Division contest held at Henderson State Teachers College on October 21. Bill is the son of Nellie and Ardell Clark.

Billy Wayne Stewart of Murfreesboro who had an accident on October 20 on Highway 84, had the misfortune of breaking his shoulder blade and is in St. Joseph Hospital in Hot Springs.

On September 23, wedding bells rang for Joe Craig and Janie Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lendo Wilson of Blevins. They were married in the Bruce Memorial Methodist Church of Blevins. After a brief honeymoon, they are now residing in Hope.

Carl and Emily Mitchell have just recently returned from a wonderful trip to points in New Mexico. In Santa Rosa, they visited their daughter, Catherine Jane Price and husband, Ronald, and

their little two-year-old grand-daughter, Ronda Catherine. While there, they were joined by another daughter, Martha Ann Mayfield and husband, Jack, of Warren, Arizona. Their trip included a visit to the Capitol in Santa Fe.

Albert and Mary Frances Hodges are the proud parents of a little boy, who arrived September 13. He has been named Albert Alvin, Jr.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to the family of Mr. J. S. Copeland, who passed away October 9, 1961 following a heart attack. Mr. Copeland was our Area Foreman of Howard County and was dearly loved by all the employees in this district.

DISTRICT 5

Carl Davis

Service awards were given to William C. Huff for 15 years, and William F. Denniston for 10 years in October.

E. T. Sweet was injured by a tractor and hospitalized for a few days, but he has returned to work.

George Kirkdoffer and his wife took a three-day vacation the week of October 16, and visited in Conway and Little Rock.

Orville Gold has really been getting in some fishing in the late afternoons. As you can see by the picture below, he brings in the fish to show that the big ones don't always get away, like the 7 pounds, 4 ounce jack-salmon.

All of you football fans, sit up and take notice of the Arkansas State Teachers football team. Shyler Bradberry, son of C. L. "Brad" Bradberry, assistant district maintenance superintendent, was awarded a football scholarship, AND is the only freshman that made the first team. He is a linebacker, and needless to say that his dad is mighty pleased and proud about it.

Orville Gold



Our sincere sympathies are extended to the George Jones family in the loss of his father-in-law September 29 at Mountain Home.

DISTRICT 6

Pat Venable

Welcome to Frank McKay, a transfer from District 2. Frank replaces Junior Goins as stock clerk.

The Bobby Ray Batties are the proud parents of a son, born October 4. Bobby works with the Pulaski County crew.

Junior Goins visited us not long ago. He dropped in between hospital visits. Here's hoping he continues his fast recovery and will be back soon.

Richard Stanton continues to be on the sick list. Also, Pat Fisher, a former employee, is critically ill.

Edith Greene visited her sister recently, and returned refusing candy, cokes, etc., as she usually does. Her sister must really put on the feed bag.

Billie Jones went diamond hunting at Murfreesboro. She dug and dug, and came up with so many "diamonds" she thought - but to her dismay the keeper said they were only crystals. Billie still wears that "old diamond" she has always worn.

Marge Johnson satisfied that longing for Texas. She spent the week end of October 20 with her family visiting the old stomping grounds. She tried riding a horse, her childhood delight, but found that the old gray mare wasn't what she used to be.

We celebrated this reporter's 20th birthday October 23, with cake, coffee, calories - just what we needed to start the day off.

Since football season, Bill Jeter has had several lunches gratis. He has a regular buyer - seems she bets on a loser every time. Not mentioning any names - but her initials are Billie Jones. Incidentally, Mr. Jeter received his 30-year service pin recently.

We're hoping that by the printing of this magazine, we'll be in our new headquarters on the Benton Highway. If you love inventory and confusion, do drop by for a visit.

DISTRICT 7

Burnham - Campbell

Roy John West and Henry Edward Bennett received their 10-year service awards last month.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hicks were in Fayetteville the week end of October 27 for Dad's Day, visiting daughter Judy, and attending the game. Their daughter, Virginia, drove over from Tulsa to attend the game with her family.

Odis Alexander and Mrs. Alexander took a trip to Carlsbad Caverns. They visited relatives and enjoyed points of scenic interest along the way. Frank Mulligan carried the mail and kept up the office while he was away.

Carolyn and Larry Hollis are parents of a new daughter, Denita Carol, who arrived October 17, weighing 7 pound, 2 ounces. Eddie Beasley has a new granddaughter, Cynthia Raymos, born October 18, at Ripley, Tenn.

Charles Rampley, Thomas Mitchell, Larry Hollis, and David Rowland were guests at a dinner given by J. Lester Booker Construction Company in Little Rock. Following the dinner they attended the Ark.-T.C.U. game. John and June Livingston also enjoyed this game. John Harvey attended the game at Fayetteville between Ark.-Tex.

Carl McMahan spent his vacation visiting relatives and friends in New Mexico. Bryant Hatridge spent a leisurely week helping his wife recuperate, however, we understand he got in a little squirrel hunting, also.

G. E. Nunnally and Mrs. Nunnally, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hicks, J. C. Webb, and Charles Rampley attended a Berry Asphalt barbeque at Waterloo the last of September.

We understand David Rowland is learning to read...just a case of mistaken identity. (That's got to be a private joke, cause we don't dig it. Ed.)

DISTRICT 9

Hulsey and Morton

Ottie Pillow celebrated his 67th birthday on October 12, and was the honoree at a family dinner on that evening. We extend wishes to Ottie for many more Happy Birthdays!

Walter Kirk, Boone County foreman, recently moved to his new house on Highway 7 near Bergman. We know Walter and Mrs. Kirk are very proud and will get much enjoyment from their new home.

Tillman Fancher, Carroll County foreman, and wife, Dottie, motored to the West Coast to visit friends and relatives in California. Tillman reports they had a marvelous time!

Our most heartfelt sympathies are extended to the widow and family of William H. "Bill" Childress, who was fatally injured on the job October 19, 1961. Bill was a truck driver for the Springdale Division of District 9.

DISTRICT 10

Golvie Light

Essie Butler, district bookkeeper, was one of the many fortunates that motored to Waco, Tex. to see the Arkansas

Razorbacks whip the Baylor Bears, 23-14.

Raif Smith, administrative assistant, visited our offices October 11. He spoke to the Paragould Rotary Club at a downtown cafeteria while here. Also visiting us recently were Y. W. Whelchel and Thurman Payne.

The Galen Williams (Galen is backhoe operator for the district) are lullabying a new baby boy, Joseph, born October 3.

Service awards for October were presented to James O. McDaniel, 15 years; John W. Parish, 10 years; and Walter R. Boland, 5 years.

John F. Price, district engineer, spoke October 13 to the Walnut Ridge Kiwanis Club.

Buford Roberts, district sign foreman, injured his right hand while using a wrench, but several trips to the doctor got it fixed up just fine.

Friday the 13th truly proved to be unlucky for your reporter and steno Isabelle Psalmonds. We were involved in a two-car collision but were fortunate no one was hurt. Considerable damage was done to both vehicles.

Thad Crowley, stock clerk, and Mrs. Crowley, motored to Clarksville one recent Sunday to spend the day with their son Ben, who is enrolled in the College of the Ozarks. Ben is majoring in pharmacy.

About 65 employees enjoyed a big fish fry in the Paragould district shop.

After a large quantity of catfish, french fries, slaw, etc., were consumed, the group enjoyed talks by our District Engineer, John F. Price, and District Maintenance Superintendent John H. Sanders. An informative and colorful film on Arkansas Highway Progress was shown as a conclusion to the night's festivities. Many thanks to Luther Hayes, who works in the Clay County area, for doing such a fine job as "Chief Cook," and to the committee for working so hard on preparations (peeling potatoes, etc.) and to our bosses for their splendid cooperation.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to the Rufus Cobb family on the death of Mr. Cobb's father October 1. Rufus works in District 10 Maintenance.



District 10 Engineer John F. Price, standing, and the family of Junior Wycoff are around the table at the fish fry at Paragould.

BLYTHEVILLE OFFICE

Johnnie Alexander

Calvin and Jeanette George have a fairly new baby son, Michael Wayne, born August 5. The Georges have another son, James Wesley.

Best Wishes to Eddie and Melba Perry, who were married September 1. in Osceola where they are residing. Eddie has been employed in our office for about 18 months.

The final inspection on Job No. 10649, Jct. Hwy. 150 - Missouri State Line, was made October 9 by District Engineer John Price; G. E. Gunn, resident engineer; H. O. Thompson, Bureau of Public Roads; and M. L. Hughes, the contractor.

Cliff Ellis, senior instrumentman, has transferred to Walnut Ridge. We enjoyed working with Cliff and wish he and his family the best of everything in their new location.

Vacationers recently were: Billy Webb, Donnie Wright, Calvin George, and James Gibson.

Another new arrival is Dennis Lee Elliot, whose parents Marvin and Lois Elliot, welcomed him October 18. He weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces. Marvin is a former employee in our office but is now engaged in farming with his father.

Obituaries

J. S. COPELAND

James Spurgeon Copeland, area foreman in Howard County in District 3, died of a heart attack October 9 while working at his job.

Mr. Copeland received his 15-year service awards from the Highway Department in December 1960.

A native of Nashville, Arkansas, where he resided, Mr. Copeland is survived by his wife, Mrs. Winnie Copeland, and three daughters.

WILLIAM H. CHILDRESS

William H. Childress, truck driver out of District 9-Springdale, was fatally injured while on duty October 19. He worked in Lincoln County.

A native of Clyde, Arkansas, Mr. Childress made his home in Cane Hill. He had been employed in the Department since February 1948.

Among his survivors are his wife, Mrs. Beulah Childress, a son and a daughter.

MRS. MARTHA CARLSON

The Highway Department expresses deepest sympathies to Bridge Engineer L. P. Carlson, his son Larry Carlson, and daughter Mrs. Catherine Rochester, whose beloved wife and mother, Mrs. Martha Carlson, died at the Carlson home on October 30.

A native of Nebraska, Mrs. Carlson came to Little Rock with Mr. Carlson after their marriage in 1927, when he began working for the Department.

Mrs. Carlson took an interest in many things. She was a member of the Friendship Sunday School Class of Winfield Methodist Church, and when her children were growing up she was very active in the PTA and Scout work. Her love of gardening and flower arranging was expressed throughout her work with garden clubs and the Federation of Garden Clubs, both as exhibitor and show judge throughout the state.

Funeral services for Mrs. Carlson were held at Ruebel Funeral home Wednesday, November 1.

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COVER PICTURE: The scene on the front cover is located on Highway 62, southeast of Eureka Springs in the beautiful, lush, Ozark Mountains. The back cover scene is also located on Highway 62, in northwest Arkansas between Eureka Springs and Gateway, Arkansas.



GUESS WHO?

This young lady with the big bow in her hair is our mystery subject. She was 11 years old at the time, which was "over 21" years ago. She's been with AHD over 15 years. So now you've probably guessed. The identity of last month's subject is Jim Meredith, Procurement officer.

MRS. OLIVER'S SWEET CREAM CAKE

1 cup Whipping Cream	1 cup sugar
1½ cups flour	2 eggs
1 teas. vanilla	2 teas. baking powder

Whip cream, fold in sugar and eggs beaten together. Add flour, baking powder, and salt, sifted together. Add vanilla. Bake in layer pans in 375 degree oven.

CREAMY ICING

½ cup butter or margarine	5 tablespoons cream or milk*
½ pound powdered sugar	1 teas. vanilla
	Dash salt

* Use amount of cream as needed

THIS'LL KILL YA



By
Jimmy Zinn

On his return from the office, after having attended the Toastmaster's Club, his wife asked, "How was your speech today?" "Which one," he retorted, "the one I was going to give, the one I did give, or the one I delivered so brilliantly to myself on the way home in the car?"

Did'ya hear about the Brooklyn woman who went to the cemetery office with the complaint, "I can't find my husband's grave. I know he's buried here."

"What is the name?" asked the manager.

"Thomas Jackson," she replied.

"Madam, we have no Thomas Jackson. We have an Elizabeth Jackson."

"That's him," she replied. "Everything is in my name."

Two mountain climbers named Hans and Fritz took their mothers for an outing. In going up the cliff, the mother fell off into space. Fritz looked at the other mountain climber and said, "Look, Hans, no Mom!"

While a tourist was in a barroom deep in the heart of the Belgian Congo, in walked a minute individual, about one foot high, sparkingly dressed in a British uniform.

The tourist was gaping at the apparition when the bartender said, "Evidently you haven't met the Major before. Speak up, Major, tell the Yank about the time you called the witch doctor a bloody fake."

First bookie to second bookie, after leaving an Easter church service: "The word is 'Hallelujah,' stupid, not Hialeah!"

The day was rainy and the cellar leaked. Bertram, 5, was having a wonderful time sloshing around in the water when his mother caught him, soaked to the skin. As punishment he was ordered to stay in his room until his pants were dry.

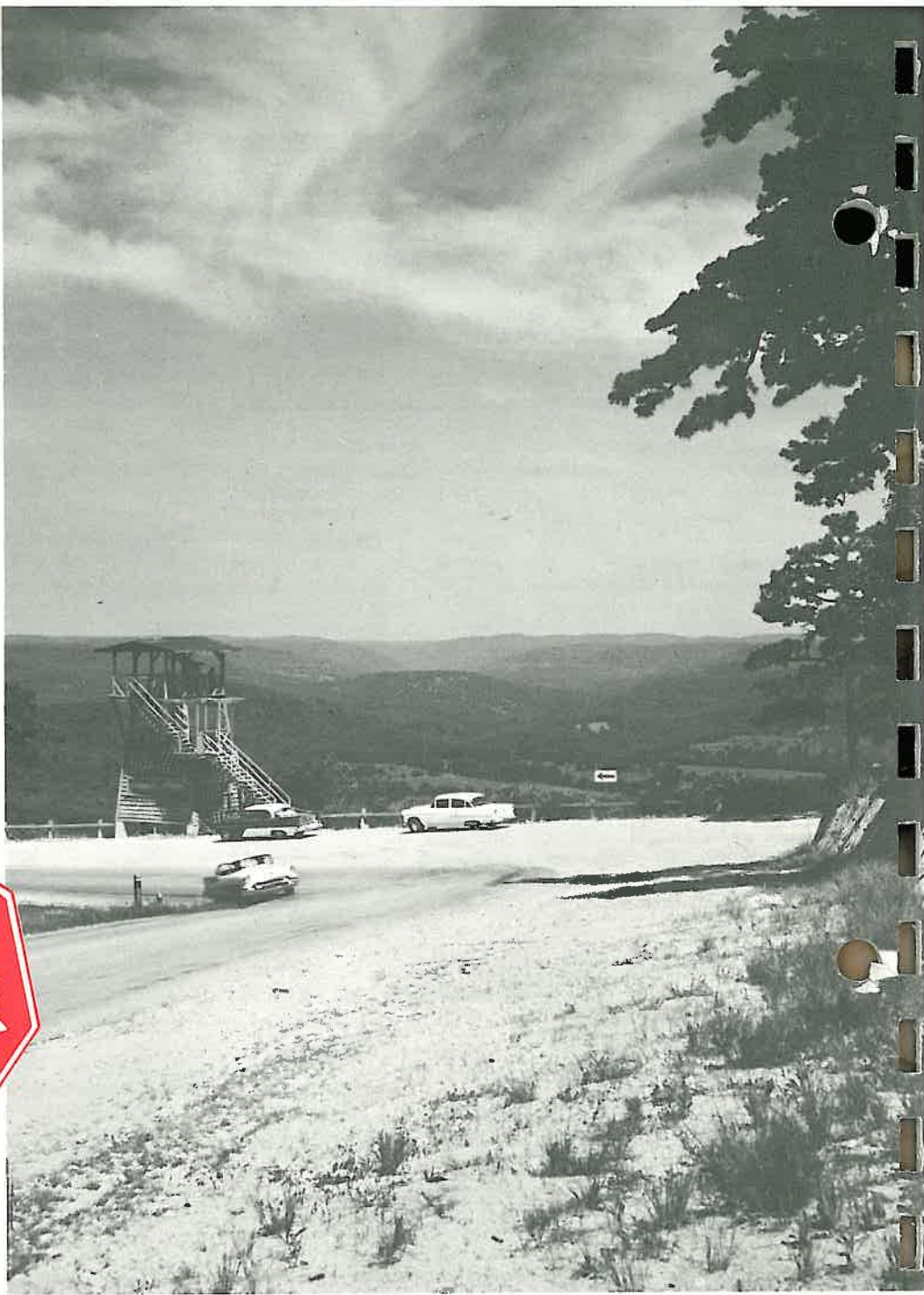
A short time later his mother heard a commotion in the basement "are you down there wetting your pants again?" she bellowed.

There was a long pause and then a deep masculine voice replied: "No Ma'am, I'm just reading the meter."

The modern dad in response to his small son's plea for a loan: "It's like reality, sonny-o," showing empty pockets, "like Mother Hubbardville."

Two Swedish gentlemen were putting the finishing touches on a road building job on which they had been the successful bidder. They had the slopes and ditches all dressed up to perfection, all in readiness for the final inspection. The day finally arrived when a group of engineers made the final inspection in company with the Swedish contractors. The engineers made various measurements and found that the crown of the road was .5' too narrow, the ditches were shallow by .3'; the slopes were too steep, the pavement was 4" too wide, the gravel was 2" too deep. When the contractor was advised of the conditions, he turned to the resident engineer on the job and asked, "Well, have I got the d--- thing long enough?"

A resident engineer and an engineer of the Bureau of Public Roads were driving out to the job. On the way they passed a flock of sheep. The resident engineer made the remark that the farmer must have just finished shearing his sheep. The Bureau engineer said, "I am not so sure that he has finished, I can see that this side is sheared but I can't tell about the other side."



Wendell W. [unclear]

KEEP ARKANSAS NEAT