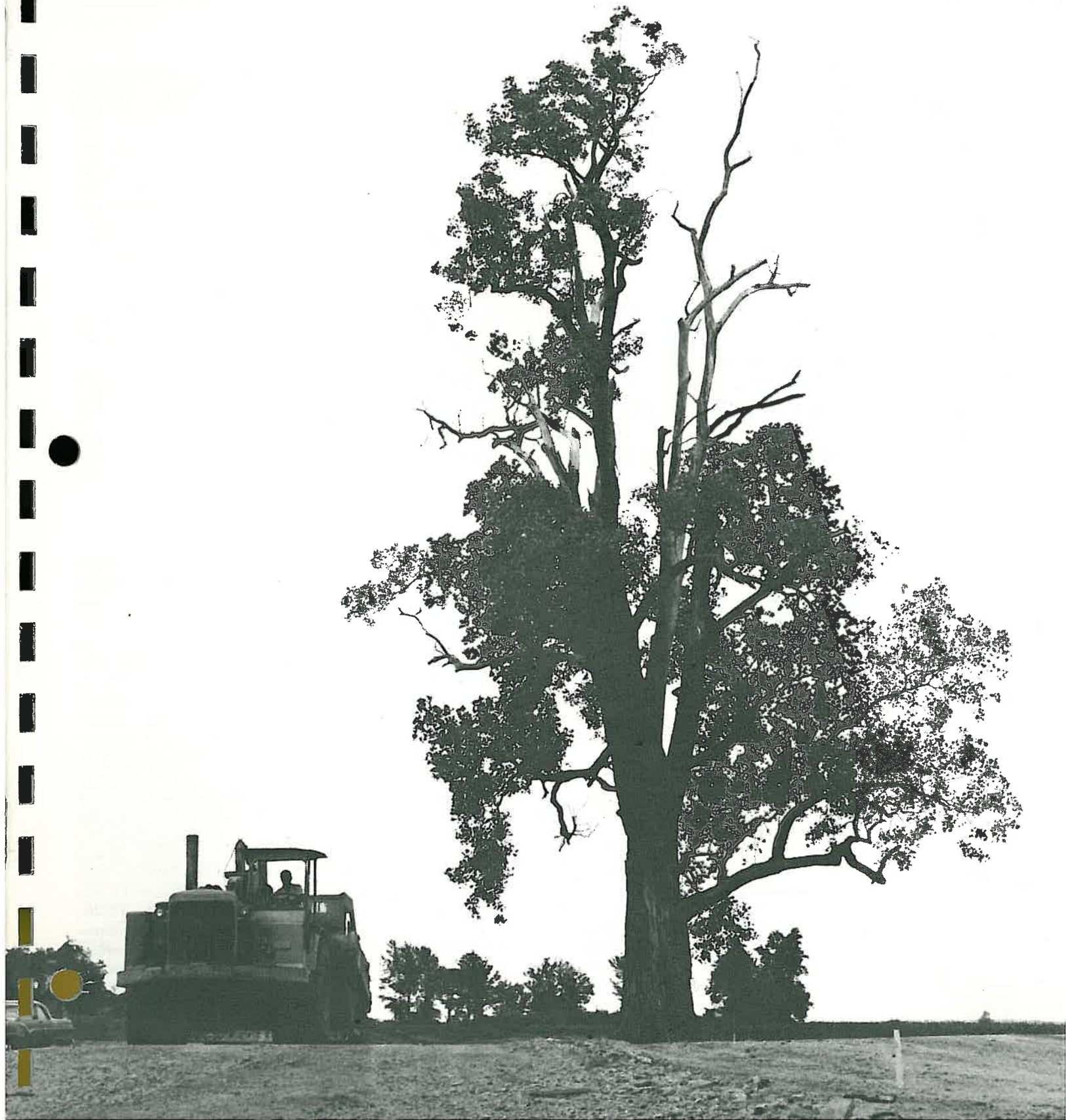


# ARKANSAS HIGHWAYS

October 1961



## To Three AHD Men Service Awards Presented



L. P. Carlson, R. B. Winfrey and William Cobb

With a total of 85 years of service between them, R. B. Winfrey, L. P. Carlson, and William Cobb were presented longevity awards in ceremonies October 4 in the Commission Room.

A large audience of friends and co-workers filled the room to witness the momentous occasion. On hand also were the Highway Commissioners and other top officials. Because of the close association of two recipients and Chief Engineer Ward Goodman, Director Oliver gave Mr. Goodman the pleasure of making the presentations.

Before awarding the certificates and pins Mr. Goodman gave a brief resume on each individual; acknowledging their work history and performances of duty, and cited their dedication to the Highway Department.

The first award was given to L. P. Carlson, with 30 years. Carlson, an Iowan by chance and an Arkansan by choice, came to the Department in 1927—two years out of Iowa State University at Ames where he received his bachelors degree in civil engineering. Except for a two-year interval, during which he spent with another firm, "Collie" has been with the Department continuously. He was made senior designer in 1935 and in January 1955 his talents for engineering and production were rewarded by his promotion to head of Bridge Design. It

is through his leadership that the Bridge Design Division is recognized as one of the best in the nation.

William Cobb, another 30-year employee, is one of the best motor patrol operators in the business. He is a native of Little River County, the vicinity in which he works in District 3. The depression hit Cobb as it did many others and in between employment he tried his hand at farming, roughnecking in the oil fields or as a carpenter with the WPA. He takes pride in the modern equipment in present-day use, but still can tell many a story about "how it used to be." When one talks about motor patrols in Little River County, one thinks of Cobb.

The third man to receive awards was R. B. "Dick" Winfrey who was, as Mr. Goodman put it, "the youngest man in years of service with 25 years." The State Maintenance Engineer for the Department, Dick's is a highly responsible position. He came to the Department in 1926 from a job as county engineer in Stilwell, Okla. As with most career employees in AHD, he progressed through most engineering positions - rodman, chainman, instrumentman, and the higher posts until he reached his present one. Dick accepted a job as state maintenance engineer with the Oklahoma Department and was gone 10 years. It is said that the ties that brought him back to his native Arkansas was the best thing that ever happened to the Department. When the late Herbert Eldridge resigned as director, Dick was chosen to serve as acting director. He handled the new responsibilities in the typical Winfrey fashion—with astute but friendly efficiency. By his own choice he was never an applicant for the permanent directorship. Rather he preferred to remain in his favorite work as maintenance engineer, although this meant giving up, according to Dick, "the only real advantages of being a director—a higher salary and a reserved parking place." The Highway Commission still rely on him for advice in his field.

# Art Johnson Receives Award by NMAA

## First in Arkansas to Receive Individual Performance Award



Art Johnson receives warm congratulations from Director Oliver on receiving the outstanding award.

At the same meeting in which the service awards were presented October 4, Director Oliver, in behalf of the entire Highway Department and Highway Commission, publicly commended Art Johnson for an outstanding award of a different nature.

Johnson, chief of the Data Processing Section of the Arkansas State Highway Department, was presented the Individual Performance Award by the Central Arkansas Chapter of the National Machine Accountants Association at their regular monthly meeting in Little Rock, September 19.

The Individual Performance Award is designed to require several years of constant effort to attain. It is based on a point evaluation of various activities which are essential to the organization and operation of a local chapter.

The local NMAA chapter has forty-eight active members. The Association on both the local and national levels is growing rapidly due to increased usage of electronic data processing equipment.

Art is the first person in Arkansas to be accorded this high honor. It is largely through his efforts, along with other charter members, that the local chapter has doubled in membership since the chapter was formed in 1956. He was the first president of the local chapter and has served as a national director for the past five years.

He was also presented a plaque commemorating his five years' service as a national director.

Johnson was employed in 1955 to head up the Highway Department's Data Processing Section. He came to Arkansas from East Moline, Illinois, where he was employed by American Machine and Metal, Inc. as supervisor of the company's machine accounting system.

The Department expects delivery of a recently-perfected IBM 1401 electronic computer in mid-1962. The highly complex system will be one of the first in operation in this part of the country. Art is preparing himself and his employees to efficiently utilize this electronic computer.

## AHD Employees Called for Military Duty

As a result of the announcement by President Kennedy to activate military units in Arkansas and other states, the Department will possibly experience a shortage of manpower. Thus far, 38 employees have either already left for military duties or shall in the near future, according to Director Oliver in a statement early this month. And there will probably be more in the months ahead.

Those who have been placed on leave without pay and departed are listed below (the district or division in which they worked follows their name):

Charles W. Bland, 6; James E. Blevins, 5; Wildon A. Faircloth, M&T; Donald A. Embry, 3; George O. Green, Legal; Amos D. Hughes, 9; Houston Kitchens, 3; Robert R. Lilly, 1; Pierre J. Malardier, 3; Teddy C. Murphree, 5; Reuben M. Pate, P&R; Arty P. Richards, 1; Siegle L. Swink, 2; William D. Upton, 10; and Jimmy D. Wynn, 7.

Those who have resigned are: Johnny T. Allen, 6; Henry S. Avery, Computer Center; Hoyt D. Ballard, 8; Darrell W. Carter, 8; Larry N. Carter, 7; Jay B. Crabtree, M&T; Phillip M. Cummings, 10; Kenneth B. Hendrickson, Roadway Design; Douglas D. Kuntz, Surveys; William C. Page, Jr., 6; James W. Short, 8; Daniel B. Thraikill, M&T; William P. Whitlock, Jr., 10; Noel C. Word, 7; and John A. Wilson, 6.

Military men who have received orders but have not departed are: James L. Briley, M&T; Kenneth D. Brown, Right of Way; M. J. Hensley, M&T; Frank D. Neighbors, Jr., 6; Travis M. Smith, 6; Jerry L. Stacks, M&T; Patrick L. Witherspoon, Roadway Design; and Yoshiaki Yada, Right of Way.

# 2101 Constitution Avenue - The Cape Canaveral of Surface Travel (Part II)

■ Here is the American capitol for hodology (hodos being the Greek word for road) and, doubtless, the major global center of this fragmentary science.

Science believes today that the evolutionary process is on the verge of becoming cephalized, that it is quitting the primordial phase of unorganized ecological interaction and, at last becoming conscious of itself, is entering a period where it may sense, effect, coordinate, and direct its processes. A major role on the epic stage of this transition will be that of the transportation sciences, for the capability of coordination will depend upon the quality of transportation in this new period of conscious, directed evolution of man and his environment. Whether it may be causative, contributive, or merely concomitant with the pattern of growth and form in the period will depend upon the degree of its development and the success with which its basic principles are enunciated for directive purposes.

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The key character on the stage could well be the Highway Research Board, for man is the dominant organism of Earth since he alone is capable of amassing great arrays of fact, disciplining them by logic, and postulating or speculating therefrom with any reasonable degree of success. But man is basically oriented to the land surfaces of Earth; so for the foreseeable future hodology will remain the most universal of the transportation sciences.

That the Board recognizes at least the importance of the practical application of its role was indicated in June 1958 when the Executive Committee instructed the Chairman of the Board to name a Committee of top research men in the highway field, "to assemble and evaluate all available highway research problems, set priorities, and estimate project costs, in order to get into motion as soon as possible an expanded national research program." This is not to say that the Board had suddenly become aware of the need for such research. For 40 years the Board has encouraged research and operated a clearinghouse and correlation service for

research activities and information, which is the chartered limit of their function. During those years, the Board has been increasingly aware of research lag, and in recent years the Board's awareness has developed an acute sense of urgency, even crucial, which led to the appointment of this reconnaissance committee.

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The opening paragraph of the Committee's report to the Director of the Highway Research Board is of particular interest. It reads as follows:

"Highway transportation is *more than a factor in the economy* of the United States; it has become a part of the American way of life. The economic structure is utterly dependent on it, and it is inextricably woven into the fabric of the Nation's society." (Underscoring supplied.)

Here the Committee expressed the broad philosophy behind the urgency of the Highway Research Board's advisory interest in (a) encouraging highway research and (b) collecting, disseminating, and storing data and information on such research. But in a later paragraph, the Committee outlined the basis for the present acute urgency in the statement: "...today's practice stems largely from yesterday's research. With the pace of construction already accelerated and with the promise of still greater acceleration ahead, if the transportation demands are to be met, today's research must be accelerated in at least equal degree if tomorrow's practice is not to suffer."

The Committee began with a survey of current (1958) research in highway transportation. It was found that the fiscal costs or expenditure levels of this current program are less than 2 mills per road dollar (construction, administration, and maintenance). In the same period, the national economy (all segments of industry and government) supported slightly more than 2 cents per dollar of Gross National Product, about 10 times the ratio of highway research. Medical research was 2.2 cents to the dollar or 11 times as great. The basic research program in industry is expected to double in the next decade while the Gross National Product will increase 50 per cent. Truly, the Highway Research Board can ask, "What of highway research?" in a mood of crucial urgency.

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The Committee finally isolated 19 areas of research need, not specific research projects, which it believes warrant the highest priority in importance and urgency. These areas include both current "continuing" research as well as new areas of research. The list is as follows:

1. Controlling Development of Land in Vicinity of Freeway Interchanges.
2. Design, Traffic Control, and Spacing of Ramps and Interchanges.
3. Intensive Investigation of Accidents.
4. Comprehensive Study of Passenger Transportation in Metropolitan Areas.

5. Comprehensive Study of Freight Transportation by Motor Vehicle in Rural and Urban Areas.
6. Translation of the Results of the AASHO Road Test in Illinois to Conditions in Other States.
7. Snow and Ice Removal or Treatment.
8. Improvement of Highway Maintenance.
9. Improvement of Knowledge of Aggregates and Soils.
10. Improvement of Techniques for Forecasting Traffic and Revenues.
11. Sharpening of Figures of Tangible Road User Benefits and Development of Method for Benefits Now Called Intangible.
12. Conceptual Study of Non-User and Community Benefits of Highway Construction in Relation to User Benefits.
13. Warrants for Lighting Freeways.
14. Standards for Secondary and Local Roads.
15. Development of Driving Simulator.
16. Electronic Control of Vehicles.
17. Analysis of the Interactions of Road and Vehicle.
18. Simulation of Traffic Flow.
19. Improvement of Motor Vehicle Administration.

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A review of this list shows that it contains no major "geographic" breakthrough into new fields of highway research, but the area descriptions for each item in the list do point out many new "topographic" extensions in existing fields.

At present these 19 areas contain 101 problem statements which fall into the following named fields of interest:

1. Economics, Finance and Administration	25
2. Design	18
3. Materials and Construction	21
4. Maintenance	3
5. Traffic and Operations	17
6. Soils, Geology and Foundations	11
7. Urban Research	3
8. Highway Equipment	0
9. Night Visibility	2
10. Electronics	1
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Each of the first six named fields of interest has an equivalent Research Department within the Highway Research Board under each of which from 8 to 20 Project Committees may be functioning on specific projects. The last four named fields of interest are matched by four Special Committees of the Board.

The Highway Research Board recognizes that this one of its functions, "to prepare a program of national research in the highway field," is a continuing one; that the recent reconnaissance survey was the first of a continuing task of formulating research needs; and that new problems and new areas will open up and be added to the program. In the meantime the Board carries on its function "to encourage" and hopes that these 19 areas defined last year will "provide direction and stimulus to a greatly expanded program of highway research." ■



The approach to the Saigon River Bridge.



A barge is driving falsework on the Saigon River.

These two scenes could be anywhere in Arkansas or the other United States. They were made in South Vietnam and sent to us by B. L. Ryan, resident engineer at Calion in District 7.

Ryan returned to the Highway Department in August from a two-year sojourn in South Vietnam as engineer supervising road and bridge construction and training Vietnamese employees on foreign and highway programs for the Republic of South Vietnam.

Prior to the Saigon venture, Ryan was employed by the Department for over 9 years and before that was employed as field engineer for a New York firm. That job took him to various parts of the United States and South America as layout and engineering supervisor of structures, pipelines, etc. Ryan is a native of Mississippi where he attended Mississippi State College.

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### BARBEQUE AT DISTRICT 3

Employees still are talking about the chicken barbeque at the Sidflower's new area headquarters building for Hempstead County, which was held September 29.

All Maintenance personnel of District 3 and their families, representing all eight counties and numbering 150, attended the event. Special guests for the barbeque



were Highway Commissioner Glenn Wallace and Mrs. Wallace; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hicks; Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Gray; and other engineering personnel and families in District 3.

The new building - an Armco type, 32-80 feet, will house all the Maintenance crew for Hempstead County and is the first building in District 3 to provide space for the resident engineer.

Mr. Wallace and Mr. Hicks each made brief speeches. District 3 Engineer Jim Lowder, introduced the area foreman, job superintendents and their wives and the other guests present. He also made a short talk concerning progress of Maintenance in the past 10 years. He cited the comparison of having the new building, and the old method of using a 55-gallon drum for gasoline and the area foreman's back yard for maintenance stock. Ted Maryman gave the invocation. Following the dinner Staff Photographer Johnnie Gray showed his film, "Highway Planning in Action" to the enthusiastic crowd.

Maryman and A. M. Clark said the great success of the barbeque can be contributed to the generous help of the ladies. And everyone is already asking, "When will the next one be?"



Standing in the "chow line" at the District 3 barbeque are Highway Commissioner Glenn Wallace, center, and Mrs. Wallace at right. Mrs. Johnnie Gray is at Mr. Wallace's right. We're sorry we were unable to get the name of the gentleman at left.



A. M. Clark, District 3 Maintenance superintendent and Mrs. Clark are seated here with Mrs. Lowder and Jim Lowder, District 3 engineer.



These handsome children are pictured with their mother, Mrs. C. O. Adams, wife of District 3 mechanic, C. O. Adams. On his mother's lap is Thomas Dale, and next are his sisters, Anita Kay and Cherryl Joy.

#### EXPERIENCE RECORD OF AHD GROUP INSURANCE

For the information of all employees who are policy holders of group insurance, the following is the experience record of the insurance plan with the First Pyramid Life Insurance Company of America:

##### SCHEDULE I

October 1, 1960 through August 31, 1961

	<u>Premiums</u>	<u>Claims</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Employee Life Insurance	\$38,094.30	\$25,500.00	66.9
Employee Health	47,960.36	49,758.11	103.7
Dependent Health	<u>102,241.71</u>	<u>89,970.07</u>	87.9
	\$188,296.37	\$165,228.18	87.7

##### SCHEDULE II

Period October 1, 1959  
through August 31, 1961

Employee Life Insurance	79,554.36	52,500.00	65.9
Employee Health	103,190.78	108,855.58	105.4
Dependent Health	<u>209,932.87</u>	<u>182,612.96</u>	86.9
	\$392,678.01	\$343,968.54	87.5

Schedule I is for the current year through August 31, 1961, and Schedule II is for the full time through August 31, 1961 that the \$35 deductible has been in effect.

Minute Order 4325 of October 4, 1961 authorizes the continuance of our present group insurance coverage for one year beginning January 2, 1962.

Supervisors should stress to new employees the importance of the benefits of our insurance plan and the excellent service rendered by the First Pyramid. Employees who are not members of the plan are urged to join.

U. OF A. AND AHD TO HAVE CO-OPERATIVE  
TRAINING PROGRAM FOR ENGINEERS

Recently the Department completed arrangements with the College of Engineering, University of Arkansas, to institute a cooperative education for selected civil engineering students. The program is based on alternating work and study by a pair of students from the same town or general location within the state.

In order to qualify for this program the applicant must be a United States citizen, male, and at least 18 years of age. Applicants must have satisfactorily completed two years of engineering study with a minimum of a "C" average and must satisfy the requirements for transfer or continuation in the College of Engineering, Civil Engineering Department at the U. of A.

After a pair of students have been selected, one will attend the spring semester and the first summer session with the alternate working during this period. Then the alternate will attend the second summer session and the fall semester, thereby allowing each student to obtain six months of academic study and six months work experience each calendar year. Three years will be required to complete the program.

If the trainee should be placed on academic suspension, anytime during the three years, he will be dropped from the cooperative program. However, he may be allowed to work for the Department in a position and at a rate of pay commensurate with his ability and Department needs.

After completion of the program, the student may be offered full-time employment with the Department.

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS  
Fayetteville

Dear Mr. Oliver:

The establishment of the cooperative plan of education for selected civil engineering students of which your letter of August 16 informed me, is a milestone of higher education in Arkansas. Your interest and assistance in making this development possible are deeply appreciated.

The statement "Policies for Cooperative Training Plan," which was worked out by your office in cooperation with the College of Engineering will serve as a basis and a model for further expansion of cooperative education at the University of Arkansas. This kind of education, particularly in engineering, is advantageous to the student, the supporting industry, the University, and the State.

Again, my thanks for your significant assistance in getting such a program under way.

Sincerely,

David W. Mullins  
President

COUNTY ROADS DIVISION HAS NEW ADDRESS

The gargantuan highway building program is manifesting itself in more ways than the resulting sleek transportation ribbons, either on the drawing boards or in actual evidence.

It is apparent in the steadily increasing work for all personnel; more administrative work, more plans and designs, etc., and ultimately more employees. This combination of things has created a screaming need for MORE ROOM. Most of the departments are too crowded in the Central Offices and many resemble obstacle courses in a desperate effort to establish more working and elbow room.

Three years ago the Highway Commission leased the entire third floor of the Game and Fish Building, across the Capitol Mall, for the Planning and Research Division, a large work unit. This move alleviated the problem for P&R, although the rental is an added cost to the Department. The Legal Division and County Roads Program, located in the old Highway building, began to feel the burgeoning some months ago-to the extent that County Roads moved October 2. Their new location is at 1401 West Sixth Street, three blocks from the Department. This action provides more space for County Roads employees and eases the strain on the Legal section, which will usurp the vacated room.

County Road's telephone service shall continue to operate through the Central Office switchboard and the extension numbers remain the same: 265, 266, and 267.

The tentacles of the Highway Department's big business are spreading out in all directions.

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OBITUARIES

RAYMOND SLATER

Raymond Slater, 38, an employee in District 4, died September 13 after suffering a heart attack during work. Mr. Slater died within seven minutes after the attack.

A native of Waldron, he had been employed since May 1 of this year. He was a veteran of three years, serving in the Army during World War II.

Among his survivors are his widow, Mrs. Edna Slater.

CARL W. ROWLAND

Carl W. Rowland, resident engineer at Ozark in District 4, died September 16 of a heart attack at his home in Paris. Mr. Rowland came to the Highway Department in 1946 and received his service awards for 15 years in June of this year. He was under the supervision of J. P. Clayton, District 4 engineer.

Mr. Rowland was a native of Benton but he moved to Little Rock as a young boy and attended schools there, and Little Rock Junior College (now Little Rock University).

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Bessie E. Rowland, and three children.

# 8 News and News Makers

Director F. R. Oliver, and J. R. Henderson, Bill Looney, and John Hume, of Planning and Research, were in Helena September 14 to confer with the Phillips County Highway Commission on the Phillips County Road Study, which was recently authorized by the Arkansas Highway Commission.

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Using as his theme, "Three Eras in which our Generations have Lived," Dan D. Stephens spoke impressively on "The Pioneer Age, The Power and Appliance Age, and The Atomic Age," at the Conway Rotary Club September 21. Mr. Stephens, the Department's newly-appointed general counsel, filled another speaking engagement September 28 at the Clarksville Rotary Club as guest of Highway Commissioner Arnil Taylor.

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Mr. Oliver winged his way to Ft. Smith Monday, September 25 on the first official flight made in the C-45 twin-engine plane since its purchase last month. Leaving Adams Field at 10 a.m., Mr. Oliver arrived in plenty of time to guest-speak at the Ft. Smith Real Estate Board meeting and luncheon. Edward Ray, formerly with the Arkansas State Police, piloted the craft with Charles Wroblewski of the Office Engineer's Office acting as co-pilot.

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Airborne again on September 26, the plane took off for Austin, Tex. with Mr. Oliver, Chief Ward Goodman, Roy Rosin, H. W. Schneider, and Carroll Colvin aboard. They flew down to inspect the new materials lab at the Texas Highway Department. Mr. Colvin, represented the architectural firm of Ginocchio, Cromwell, Carter, Dees, and Neyland, who are preparing plans, specifications, and estimates for the Arkansas Highway Department's lab building to be constructed on the Benton Highway. The lab will be built in accordance with the master plan of the eventual new Highway Building. Mr. Goodman, on his return, stated, "it was a great flight."



Charles Bedford Brooks, Jr.

## KEENE HEADS AUDIT SECTION

Mr. Oliver announced last month the promotion of Internal Auditor R. B. Keene as acting head of the Internal Audit Section. Keene is responsible for directing all activities of the section. G. W. Stanford will continue as consultant. The assignments were made effective September 16.

Keene, a native of St. Paul, Minn., came to Arkansas in 1946. He was office manager for furniture companies at Benton and Camden for six years, after which he was in business for himself. Just prior to coming to the Highway Department in 1958 he was with a welders supply firm.

The Keene family, which includes Mrs. Keene (Marion), R. Bruce 20, Robert 18, and Donald and Diane 14, reside at 2423 Durwood Road.

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## AASHO MEETS IN DENVER THIS MONTH

The "mile-high" city of Denver, Colo. will be the site this year of the American Association of State Highway Officials (AASHO) Convention when it meets October 9-13.

The following persons were authorized to attend the 5-day meet. Each person listed was urged to attend all sessions of the committee listed after his name: F. R. Oliver, Uniform Accounting, Administrative; Ward Goodman, Planning and Design Policies, Administrative; R. B. Winfrey, Maintenance, Radio, Emergency Planning; C. A. Shumaker, Construction; E. F. Nelson, Right of Way, Legal; Dowell Anders, Legal Administrative; George Fry, Roadway Design; L. P. Carlson, Bridges and Structures; J. R. Henderson, Factual Surveys, Traffic; J. M. McCarthy, Uniform Accounting, Finance; H. W. Schneider, Materials; H. W. Wright, Secondary Roads; and Dan D. Stephens, Legal, Administrative.

Some of the men will be accompanied by their wives.

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## CHARLES B. BROOKS, JR. NAMED CENTRAL SHOP SUPERINTENDENT AT JACKSONVILLE

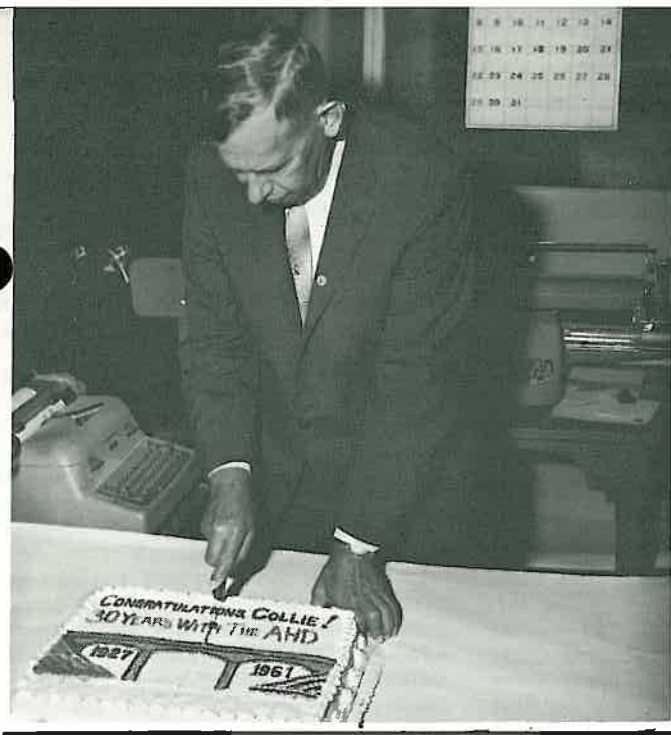
Charles Bedford Brooks, Jr., well known to many members of the Highway Department, assumed the duties of Central Shop superintendent at Jacksonville October 1. John J. Millender will be assistant shop superintendent.

A native of Sharon, Tennessee, Brooks came to Little Rock in May 1942 and was associated with Kern Limerick, Inc. until the firm closed in May 1960. He attended schools at Sharon and Morgan Business College at Martin, Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks have resided on Plainview Circle in Park Hill since 1946.

The Shop Superintendent's phone numbers at Jacksonville are FRanklin 5-4604 and YU 2-2218. The mailing address is P. O. Box 67, Jacksonville, Arkansas, and when in need of repair service or materials furnished through Central Warehouse, contact Mr. Brooks.





L. P. "Collie" Carlson, Bridge Engineer exhibits a steady hand as he cuts his 30th anniversary cake at an office celebration immediately following the presentation of his 30-Year Award by the Commission on October 4. Mrs. Carlson attended the award ceremony and joined the Bridge Design Division for coffee and cake afterwards, along with R. B. Winfrey and William Cobb who also received Awards.

District 9 Engineer Bill Moore represented the Arkansas State Highway Department at the National Highway Management Conference at Boyne Falls, Michigan during the week of September 11.

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Robbie Ingle, pictured here behind her drawing board in the magazine section, left September 29 to await the long-legged bird, due the last of the year. Robbie, varitypist on the magazine, is on temporary leave, and plans to return when time permits.

## AHD TO HOST IN NOVEMBER

WAVIA

The Southeastern Association of State Highway Officials Convention will be held in Little Rock on November 26-30 and the Highway Department, as official hosts, have been busily preparing for the event. Highway Director F. R. Oliver is president of the Association.

Raif Smith, secretary-treasurer of SASHO, appointed the following committees several months ago to work on the details and planning:

**COORDINATING COMMITTEE:** R. M. Smith, chairman, J. T. Pendergrass, and J. R. Henderson; **DISTINGUISHED GUESTS COMMITTEE:** Dale Davison, chairman, Hoyt Thomas, Bert Round, Bill Moore, and Frank Caple; **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:** C. Don Hayes, chairman, Maurice Head, W. F. Oliver, and W. K. Bartleson; **GENERAL CHAIRMEN-LADIES ACTIVITIES:** Mrs. F. R. Oliver, Mrs. Harry Parkin, Mrs. Ben Hogan, Mrs. Ward Goodman, and Mrs. J. R. Henderson; **REGISTRATION COMMITTEE:** J. G. Meredith, chairman, Jack Teasdale, S. H. Daggett, Bill Rainwater, and Bill Looney; **ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE:** Don Martin, chairman, Bob Andrews, Ed Johnson, R. L. Narrell, and Otha Hewitt. **PUBLICITY AND PRINTING COMMITTEE:** Y. W. Whelchel, Chairman, Roy Rosin, Leroy Beckett, and Johnnie Gray.

The **HOST COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRMAN ARE:** Mr. and Mrs. Oliver; Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Parkin, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Crain, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Glenn F. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Arnil Taylor, Truman Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. Raif Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Dan D. Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. John Pendergrass, and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Henderson.

The Highway Department is making every effort to have a successful convention for the approximately 850 persons who are expected. The Association is comprised of eleven states.

### A SAFETY TIP - BEWARE THE AIR HOSE!

A mechanic working on a car received a minor cut on the side of a finger of his left hand. After washing some small parts in cleaning fluid he dried them with an air hose playing the jet over the small cut area. Shortly thereafter, the mechanic, in great pain, staggered to the shop manager complaining that his body and head felt as though they were going to explode. At the hospital his ailment was diagnosed as "air bubbles in the blood stream." The man recovered but could easily have died. Even minor cuts may require first aid. Never use the air hose around an open wound.

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### Leap Year Trophy

One of the unmarried girls in the office came in early one morning recently and began passing out cigars and candy, both with blue ribbons. Somewhat puzzled and more than a little surprised, we asked the occasion. Proudly she displayed the solitaire on her third finger, left hand, and announced: "It's a boy, 6 feet tall, and 187 pounds." (Submitted by District 10 reporters, Light and Wycoff.)

# AROUND THE DEPARTMENTS

## CHIEF ENGINEER

Leontee Connelly

Two summer employees in our office, Joe Hughes and Jim Johnston, left August 31 to return to school. Coffee and cake were served in their honor that morning and going-away gifts were presented to them. They were also treated to lunch at Granoff's at noon with 20 persons attending. They will be missed by all of us.

There has been some excitement in Ferol Jones' household. Her son Jerry, was married September 2 in Selma, Ala., to Miss Shelaha Bennett. Jerry and his bride are residing in Little Rock at 815 N. Beech. Ferol's daughter Judy, has started her freshman year at the University of Arkansas.

The W. C. Johnstons are spending a vacation at Marshall, Ark., remodeling their home there...It seems that remodeling and repainting are the outstanding off-duty occupations in our office. It was all started we believe by John Pendergrass, now Goodloe Hampton, Hub Holland, June Dillon, and Jim Boen have followed suit with various remodeling to their homes.

Ferol Jones had a birthday September 25 but we (being typically female) wouldn't reveal which one. A small party was held that afternoon in her honor with the traditional refreshments - cake and ice cream. A delayed luncheon was given for her on September 27 at Granoff's. Those attending were Joyce Spencer, June Dillon, Millie Houston, and this reporter.

Dan Morgan and his wife spent the Labor Day week end at Biloxi.

Employees in the Office Engineer's group who are bowling members of a Northside handicap league are: Charles Wroblewski, team captain; Bill Rainwater, Chuck Freeman, and Dan Morgan. Other members are Ralph Stiefvater, Assistant Chief Engineer's Office; Robert Hamilton, Right of Way; and Jerry Conway and Eston Yandell, Data Processing Center.

## COUNTY PROGRAM

Zelda Riggs

Jack and Mary Teasdale returned from a vacation of two weeks at Pensacola, Fla. They were accompanied by their daughter Patricia of Houston, Tex. During their stay in Houston, they were guests of Pat and husband John.

Max C. and Mary Hall motored to Jackson, Miss., to see the Ark -Ole Miss game and from there to Atlanta, Ga. for a few days' visit with daughter and son-in-law, Helen Anne and Don Banks, and their little

daughter. They will return (we hope) in time to help us get moved into our new office at 1401 W. 6th. on October 1.

Raymond Sansing (see picture) of Little Rock, formerly with the Air Force Stationed in San Antonio for almost four years, has joined our forces as draftsman. He replaces Pat Herndon who resigned to attend State Teachers College at Conway. Wayne Glover also has resigned and will attend State Teachers.

Julie Anne Hudgins of Kansas City, niece of your reporter, and great-granddaughter of Mother Allen, was married September 15 at Rosedale Congregational Church, Kansas City, to William J. Hume of that city. After a brief wedding tour they are now at home at 2313 Marty Avenue, Kansas City. Julie Anne visited the Highway Department several years ago and at that time helped assemble the Highway magazine.



Raymond Sansing

## EQUIPMENT

Our boss, C. Don Hayes, and Mrs. Hayes, celebrated their thirty-sixth wedding anniversary on September 19. That's a mighty fine record and our congratulations to the Hayes.

James S. Alexander is driving a good-looking new 1961 black and white Plymouth with red interior.

We have had two unfortunate accidents at the Central Shop this week. W. K. Heard had the misfortune of falling and

fracturing his left knee cap and Harlan Helton broke his foot while helping unload bridge timber.

Henry Kirchoff has returned to work after having been hospitalized several weeks.

It's a boy, and a hefty one at that - for Doris and Jerry Haley. Jerry, Jr. weighed 11 pounds when he arrived September 9.

Carl Hillis visited relatives in Missouri over Labor Day week end.

Bill Sneed, the 110-pound son of Leon Sneed, our equipment auditor, brings credit to himself and his football team mates at West Side Junior High. In the football game with Forrest Heights in Quigley Stadium recently, Bill, as half-back, scored on a reverse from 8 yards out. We're all watching Westside with a great deal of interest this season.

Sally Crook was honored with a party September 15 and was presented gifts by the personnel in the Equipment Office. The occasion was Sally's last day with the Highway Department for awhile as she is going to stay home to wait a visit from the stork.

We extend our sympathies to Mrs. M. L. Price and family in the death of her mother in a Little Rock hospital after an extended illness.

## LEGAL DIVISION

Betty Grimes

Fall term of court has begun and the gears have meshed into high for the Legal Division. The tempo of the typewriters have accelerated and we are all trying to keep pace with them. At this time of the year there always seems to be 10 times more work than can possibly be done and I almost feel as if I'm stealing time when I sit down to write the news.

Most of us have stolen time to visit our beloved Mr. Justice Bohlinger in his new offices. He has graciously modeled his robe of office for each of us and he does cut a dashing figure in the judicial gown.

It is indeed a rare person who can, with such ease, step into the position vacated by Judge Bohlinger and immediately, in his own right, command the respect and loyalty of his subordinates. Dan Stephens has proved to be such a person. His warm smile and pleasant manner have endeared him to each of us.

Moving day with the Anders family was so chaotic and turbulent that Dowell refused to comment except for this: "Thank goodness for my father-in-law. Without his help I'd still be moving." We know they are relieved that the chore of moving is behind them and they can settle back and enjoy their new home.

Frances Elaine Foley arrived Saturday, September 9, at 7:22 p.m., weighing 6 pounds, 10½ ounces. Mother, baby, and grandmother are all fine and dandy. I've had to share the honor of being the ancestor of such an outstanding baby with a few other persons, but I honestly admit it has not dimmed my pride and pleasure one iota. In addition to myself are little "Fran's" parents, Richard and Mary (my daughter); the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson D. Foley; and three great grandmothers. I hereby publicly announce that I am going to be a full-fledged SOGWPIP (Silly old grandmother with pictures in purse).

We were the lucky ones because we get to keep Harriet Smith. Harriet was an employee of the Personnel Office who was filling in in various departments, for vacationing girls. When it came our turn, we liked her so much that we twisted someone's arm and wouldn't give her up.

## PERSONNEL OFFICE

M.A.

We lost one of our employees and gained a new one. The new one is Bobby J. Farnam who came to work September 18. He is a native of Little Rock but for the past four years has belonged to Uncle Sam serving in the Navy. During his stint his duties were in personnel work. Bob saw San Diego, Florida, Virginia, and Guantanamo Base at Cuba. Welcome, Bob. Harriet Smith is no longer with us, having transferred to the Legal Division. We were reluctant to "let" her go but we are glad she has a better job.

Ruthie Foll took off three days and drove up to see parents and sister at Mountain View. She returned and said she worked almost the entire visit... Sible Cox took the remainder of her annual leave to spend at home and try to get in some fishing.

Jim Higgins was in and out of the office last month quite a bit. He visited resident engineers in Little Rock, North Little Rock, Benton, Harrison, Helena, West Memphis, etc. His visits were made primarily to explain personnel procedures - particularly job classifications.

This issue of the magazine is the last on which Robbie Ingle will work until next February. She left us September 29 to stay at home and await the new addition to the Ingle family. We're going to miss the little "squirt" but she'll be back. We had an office get-together before she left and presented her with a baby gift. Taking her place until her return is a familiar name to many of you - Billie Ruth Hatcher, who, for three years, was a magazine staffer. We're very glad to have her back with us; she's very capable, and good company.

What with several Arkansas National Guard and Reserve units being activated,

Hoyt Thomas and Jim Higgins are wondering when or if they will be called. Both of them are standby reservists. Let's hope not.

Hoyt Thomas and his fiancee Linda Mode, and Earl Thomas of District 6 and his fiancee, Bonnie Liner of P&R, spent the Labor Day week end in Alabama. During the trip they visited another Thomas brother at Jacksonville, Alabama, with other stop-offs at Tuscaloosa and Mississippi, returning home via the Helena Bridge.

Most of the crew spent a fairly quiet week end Labor Day, with no sunburns or other trips of significance reported. Jackie Wallace, however, had a gay time the following week end when she and several friends drove up to north Arkansas and Missouri.

## PLANNING AND RESEARCH

Bonnie Liner

Ed Johnson and his family have moved into their new home at 33 Talmage Drive. Ed and his wife, Sunny, held open house Sunday, September 24. Around 74 guests called during the afternoon including several from our division. Their new home is beautiful.

Jack Wofford of the Engineering Training Program worked with us during the month of September.

Lester Jester left the first of September to attend Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana. Lester will be in school for a year to work on his master's degree in traffic engineering.

Edwin Hoggard of the Mapping and Drafting Section resigned September 1, to continue his studies at the University of Arkansas.

Bea Davis entertained 11 guests at a luncheon in honor of Bonnie Liner whose engagement to Earl Thomas was recently announced. The luncheon was in the Terrace Room of the Hotel Sam Peck. Guests included the girls in our division, J. R. Henderson, and Johnny Longcoy.

Walter Hereford of Traffic Analysis section is engaged to Melba Garrett. The date has been set for January.

Jane and Karl Huff have just returned from two weeks' vacation, traveling through the western states. They visited Yellowstone National Park, Royal Gorge, Pikes Peak, Salt Lake City, and various other tourist attractions. Both had a wonderful time. Their only regret - the trip wasn't long enough.

Jim Carvell of Traffic Engineering Section is leaving the first of October for two years' service in the Army. Jim has been working here since his graduation from Vanderbilt.

Several P&R employees are attending night school at Little Rock University; Billie Whiteside, Mignon Besancon, Ralph

Pack, Bill Smith, Jim Smith, Ken Graves and Mary Ann Dickson. Gary Whittington is attending classes at the Graduate Institute.

Lukie Atkinson of Traffic Analysis Section, who has spent several weeks in hospitals in Fort Smith and Little Rock as the result of an accident early in August, is now at his home in Jacksonville. He is recovering slowly but surely. Lukie will appreciate all cards and visits from AHD employees.

## REPRODUCTION

Hess Gordon

Rachel and June Simmons are announcing the betrothal of their daughter, Miss Dotty Newkirk, to Kenneth Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Brown of Ft. Worth, Tex. Dotty is employed at National Old Line Insurance Company. Ken is employed in the Right of Way Division, but as a member of the Army Reserve, will report to Fort Benning, Ga., to serve military duty very shortly. The wedding will be an event of early October.

Pat Roling recently took a week of her annual leave. She stayed at home and slaved to get her house in order.

Buddy Aley took advantage of the squirrel season. He and a party of three others brought home thirteen.

## RIGHT OF WAY

Green and Brown

The deletion of the Right-of-Way Division's news in last month's issue was due solely to the lack of it. This time we are bubbling over with little items - both happy and sad.

First of all, we would like to say our farewells to Ken Brown, co-reporter, who by the time this magazine goes to press, will be serving his country in the Army Reserves at Fort Benning, Ga. He will not only be missed by one and all in the Engineering Section and the entire Division, but by the wife he is having to leave behind until living accommodations are made available. Yes, Ken and Dottie finally made it to the altar...the date - October 6.

Bob Yada, also in the Engineering Section, is leaving us at the insistence of his Uncle, too. I think what will be missed most of all is Bob's delightful and infectious laugh than can be distinguished from a thousand others. Good luck to you, Bob!

And then we have Jonnafae Hewitt, who left us at the call of Mr. "Greenbacks" on September 29. Seriously, she has been a most competent and cheerful asset to the Engineering Section as their Girl Friday, and we hope the telephone company

appreciates her always smiling face as we have for the past 18 months.

And again in Engineering Section, we have lost the following in the past month: Virginia Lewis, who returned to Hope, Arkansas, and housewifely chores; Clifford Moore, who moved to St. Louis to accept another position; and Carl Johnson, who moved back to Los Angeles and his old job.

It would seem, from this report, that by now we should have empty desks, drafting tables, and typewriters all over the place, but, to the contrary, we appear to more crowded than ever before, as new employees keep coming in.

We have two new men in Utility Section: Barner Haggard, who comes to us from A R & T Electronics in Jacksonville, and David Nelsen, who worked previously at Craighoad Electric Cooperative Corporation in Jonesboro.

In Appraisal Section, we have added Harry Word and Sam Stokes. Harry, who started August 1, was attending medical school before joining us; and Sam hails from Shreveport, Louisiana.

We were sorry to see Barbara McElroy leave us in the Accounting Section, but are happy for her that she won a scholarship which enabled her to return to college. She is enrolled at North Texas State University in Denton, Texas. We wish to welcome her replacement, Doloris Mayhan, who moved here from Jonesboro where she had been attending Arkansas State College.

Vacationwise: Jonnafe Hewitt and Brenda Pruitt journeyed to Gulfport to visit their husbands in military training there the week of August 16. Edith Garland and husband Wade toured the Carolinas and Tennessee and arrived on their first wedding anniversary at Wade's parents' home where Edith met them for the first time. Sue Boyett and her husband Jimmy went to Dallas, stopping off at Denton to leave Barbara McElroy to enroll in college, and came on home through Oklahoma. Carolyn Halbert spent a restful week with her parents in Prattsville and looked most refreshed upon her return.

The Alton Van Pattens added a new member to their family on August 12...a little girl named Brenda Lois.

What with all our additions and subtractions, there doesn't seem to be much time or space for anything except hellos and goodbyes for this issue.



## DISTRICT 1

Janet McElduff

Summer has come and gone - where, no one seems to know. With it goes pleasant memories of vacation time, fishing, horse shows, company fish fries, Helen Lindley (Jeff's wife) bringing in home-made peach ice cream to ease the long, hot working day, and the rush, rush, busy season of summer with AHD. Sad but true, everything has let up but the work and Ol' Lady Labor doesn't seem to know summer is drawing to a close.

We have had several to receive service awards in September. Stanley Newman, resident engineer in Helena and Helena Bridge engineer, who has been with the Department 20 years; Emet Fred Anderson, 15 years; Griffin Roberts, 15 years; Henry McMillon, Jr., 10 years; and Carl Majure, Charles Perry, Henry Ross, and Princess Thompson, 5 years. Princess, incidentally, is taking lullabye leave which began September 15. And speaking of lullabyes, one of our latest is sung for John R. Carter, 10 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Louis Carter and wife. Buck Wilkins, one of the best "sub-reporters" in the district, tells of Nolen Williams being on vacation and going to Mississippi to pick up items for his Saturday auction. That sounds interesting. Also, of losing Jerry Altman and Charles Voyles who have gone on to other jobs. Jessie Davis, so Buck reports, killed a rattlesnake recently with 9 rattlers! Glad I wasn't there.

I made a tour of the shop and discovered a high pressure cleaner built by Shorty Jacobs, that is now in good use. It is used to clean equipment, has a pressure up to 400 per square inch, and pumps 5 gallons of water per minute. Congratulations Shorty, on your ingenuity. Shorty's son, Jimmy, is equipment manager of the Wynne Junior High football team this year. I know now how an inquiring reporter feels, for on my short circuit about, all I could get were remarks such as Fred Rock saying all he knew was old age had jumped on him and whipped him, and he "didn't want that printed," and Virg Parr sidling up to me and confidentially telling me what he knew would start a revolution. I need better news than that, boys! I did find one honest man. Grady Dye reports that he spent 8 days of his vacation, and \$9 for minnows, all to catch a quarter-pound crappie. Also heard that Ralph Vickers went hunting a few Saturdays ago, shot one squirrel and captured 12 roasting ears. Classify that sport, if you will!

Mary Ann Harrell and husband Bob, were planning to make the Arkansas-Ole Miss game in Jackson on the week end of September 23. Ditto for Resident Engineer Sam Smith and his wife. I headed north that week end for South Bend, Indiana, to visit my brother and his family, whom I hadn't seen in six years.

Dick Ethridge, Mildred Stacy, and

Glenda Grafton have all within the last few weeks, taken their families for a short stay at Blanchard Springs, where they enjoyed swimming, fishing, eating and in general, a nice change of scenery. We enjoyed the visit of James Hamilton's grandson, Jim, who spent two weeks with the Matthews - two grandchildren with the prettiest red hair you ever saw.

Can't close without mentioning our new addition and how happy we are to be in it. We really feel "uptown" now all spread out - and with our intercom system, which can make you feel pretty silly when you dial yourself and try to answer yourself all in one motion,

Well, on to school - football games - Halloween, and all the rest that Fall brings. Come see us some time...

## DISTRICT 2

Ouida Grimes



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The Garland Vicks of Star City took a vacation sight-seeing to Dayton, Ohio, August 21-28. They traveled Highways 67 and 40 and the weather was cool the entire trip.

The Bobby Sivils are parents of a 9 pound baby boy born September 15 in the Monticello Hospital. Bobby works in the asphalt plant crew at Monticello.

Mrs. Glen Jacks of Star City, recently, underwent surgery at the new Jefferson Hospital. Mrs. Garland Vick also had surgery, in the Monticello Hospital. Mrs. James D. Pierce spent a week in Jefferson Hospital the first part of September.

We had a foremen's meeting in the district office September 22. We used our new conference room for the first time. Barbecued chicken and beans, potatoes in

foil, coffee and cokes were served to 45 persons at noon. Our special guests were Jonathan Beavers, Joe Schamer, Raif Smith, Jake Clements, and Don Hayes m Little Rock; Mrs. Inez T. Royston, C. Warren, Mrs. John Harris, and Mrs. Brewster Shalmy of Pine Bluff. Brewster Shalmy was chief cook and his very able assistants were Dewey Rawls and Almus Leopard.

Our offices and stockroom have had a face-lifting. We are indebted to Joe Tice and his crew for our new acoustical ceiling and complete job done in a new color scheme...Our offices are so much lighter and we appreciate it.

Charles R. Gaddy made his annual trip to Broken Bow, Oklahoma over Labor Day week end to attend a square dance camp. He danced and ate for four days. He really enjoys these annual trips.

We send our sincere sympathies to Mrs. James D. Pierce on the death of her mother September 16.

## DISTRICT 3

Olive Jackson

Three of our employees, Houston Kitchens, Pierre Malardier, and Donald Embry, will report to Camp Le Roy Johnson, New Orleans, October 1 for active duty. These fellows are with the S. Army Reserve, 238th Division. Julia and Glathon Monroe of Fouke, are the parents of twin daughters, Sheron Rena and Keren Tena, who made their arrivals August 21. This is the second set of twins for the Monroes and congratulations are in order.

Drollene Plattner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Plattner of St. Albans, West Va., became the bride of Charles Ray Tittle, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Tittle on August 29. The ceremony took place at the First Baptist Church at St. Albans at 7:30 p.m. by the Reverend Ward Robinson. The newlyweds are graduates of Ouachita College and will do graduate work at the University of Texas where she holds a University Fellowship and he has a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship and a Danforth Fellowship. The wedding was attended by Clovis and Nettie Tittle and son, James Gilbert.

Service Awards were presented in September to Herman T. Barham, for 10 years; and Houston Kitchens and Claud Briant O'Steen, 5 years.

Clyde and Juanita Tullis and little son, Randell, have returned from a vacation to points in Kansas, Virginia, and Mississippi. In Wichita, they visited Juanita's brother and family, the Glendale Hoovers. They visited relatives in Richmond, Va., and in Meridian, Miss., they visited their daughter and husband, the Jerry Dolans.

## DISTRICT 4

Carolyn Barber

Shirley Armstrong is a new clerk in our office, and a badly-needed one at that. Welcome, Shirley.

If you recall, in the last issue we were all sweating along with Bill Gibson, our stock clerk, whose wife was awaiting an arrival. She (we said they wouldn't have anything but a girl) arrived August 12, was 19 inches long weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces, and was in perfect condition. As of this date she has grown two inches and gained another pound. She is one of the most beautiful babies I've ever seen.

The J. P. Claytons and the Webb Turners took off bright and early September 20 for Old Mexico. If time permits they plan to go to Acaapulco. We shall report their trip in full for the next issue.

District 4 has had several deaths within the past month. Our sympathies are extended to Mrs. Raymond Slater and children in the loss of their husband and father; to Mrs. Joe Dalmut, the Charles Dalmuts, and the Columbus Dalmuts in the loss of their husband and brother; and to Mrs. Bess Rowland in the loss of her husband, Carl. Mr. Slater and Mr. Dalmut were in Maintenance, and Mr. Rowland was resident engineer in Ozark.

## DISTRICT 5

Carl Davis

Although it's getting late in the year we still had a few who took vacations. The C. K. Logans and son, Ricky, spent two weeks in Kansas and Oklahoma... Stanley Fulbright had a 5-day vacation the week of September 20. He spent most of that time fishing.

Service awards were presented last month to Jack Wilson, 10 years; and Archie E. Smith and John E. Smith, Jr., 5 years.

Billy Fulbright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Fulbright, underwent surgery in the North Arkansas Clinic September 13. He is at home now, however, and doing fine.

We have several new employees: Solon Fugatt, Bobby Bolin, Orville Elumbaugh, C. T. Goodwin, and G. J. Collins.

Our sympathies to J. H. Vincent of Higginson, whose aunt, Mrs. Edward F. Brewer of Augusta, was fatally injured on Highway 64, four miles east of Augusta.

## DISTRICT 6

Pat Venable

We have two new smiling faces in our group. Margie Johnson, originally from Houston, Tex., is our new steno, and Pat Venable, from Morrilton, is the new payroll clerk, replacing Marie Watson. As you can see I have also taken on the job of reporting District 6 news.

Robert J. Lybarger, whose critical illness had us all concerned, has returned to work. On the sick list at this writing are Richard Stanton and Gus Paul.

Cap Witherspoon, our permit clerk, is grinning all over the place since the arrival of a new granddaughter, Tanya. The little one's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Pat Witherspoon, who also have another little daughter.

George Ingle returned last month from a wonderful vacation in California. George has great tales about his trip...Billie Jones returned from vacationing in Chicago and provided us with sunflower seeds and the directions as to how to eat them.

Junior Goins reigns as "Ski King" in our district. Junior spent several week ends learning (?) how to ski and just when he thought he had it mastered - it mastered him. He's in the hospital.

District 6 service awards for September went to Pierce Bruette Rundel for 10 years; and to Willard Shoptaw and Leonard Bruce Ingle for 5 years.

E. E. Hurley, District 6 engineer, spent his vacation beginning September 25, in New York.

Edith Greene spent a week end recently with her brother, Dutch, from Sapulpa, Okla.

Thomas Bond and M. B. Gentry are two new trainees, temporarily working in District 6.

## DISTRICT 7

Burnham and Campbell

Judy Hicks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hicks, has entered her freshman year as a chemistry major at the University of Arkansas.

Richard Warnock has resumed his studies at Henderson State Teachers College and Theodore Daniel at Louisiana Tech.

Wedding Bells rang in August for F. A. (Bill) Lansdale, area foreman in Dallas County. Bill and Miss Josephine Wright of Fordyce were married at Temple Baptist Church. After a honeymoon in New Orleans Bill returned to work all smiles...W. A. Herring was married to Nancy Major of El Dorado. Best Wishes to the couples.

And, at the construction office at Calion, we get the following: Gary P. Tompkins will be a married man by the time this goes to press. He and Miss Billie Jean Aaron were married September 23.



Linda Trosclair, clerk, made a trip to New Orleans to go through O'chner Clinic... Mrs. B. L. Ryan, wife of our resident engineer at Calion, is in the hospital at Little Rock.

E. W. Bartel and Mrs. Bartel made a trip to Dallas, Tex., to visit their daughter. They also flew to Kansas City on business.

New employees in the Calion office are John Roe Dempsey and Edward L. Goodwin.

Grover Guy Wise, levelman in El Dorado, received his 10-year service awards.

Boyd Hatridge will spend his vacation squirrel hunting and will likely have his freezer filled by the time this is printed.

Mrs. Bryant Hatridge has been moved to her home after undergoing surgery in the Camden Hospital.

Noel Word, inspector for J. C. Webb, has joined the Air Force and left the last of September.

What happened to Harold Moore's car? Four wheels help a lot, don't they, Harold?

T. H. Thompson, assistant maintenance superintendent, is in the Ouachita County Hospital. Mr. Thompson had surgery September 25 and we are all pulling for him to be back on the job, so hurry and get well!

Mary Silliman, fuel clerk, reported back to work one morning after spending a week at the Majestic Hotel in Hot Springs, taking baths and massages. She was all "untied" until she drove to Jackson to watch the Ark-Ole Miss game, in which Arkansas got beat, but all kinks will be released after the Tulsa game...We Hope, Condolences to:

W. E. Hicks and family in the loss of his aunt, Mrs. Nettie Killgore, 94, of Magnolia, in August.

G. E. Nunnally in the loss of his mother, Mrs. John Nunnally, September 9.

Hugh Anderson and family in the death of Mrs. Anderson's mother, Mrs. Maudie Evans, September 8.

Ray Rogers and family in the death of his mother September 9.

James Renfro in the death of his mother August 29.

J. C. Wilson and family in the loss of his father September 15.

## DISTRICT 8

Netha Brown

We all tried our darndest to get our boss, W. F. Turner, to take us along on the two-week trip he and Mrs. Turner took to Mexico. Our pleas of how good we are at polishing shoes, washing socks, etc., fell on deaf ears. Seriously, we wish them a wonderful trip and should have a report on it for the next issue.

It's very good to have Elzie Edwards back with us after a year's absence. Elzie has been convalescing from a severe leg injury received in a bulldozer accident exactly one year ago.

Recent visitors to our office have been R. B. Winfrey and Jake Clements from Maintenance Division; G. W. Stanford, Ronald Keene and Tom Smith from Accounting; and Reese Batson.

## DISTRICT 9

Hulsey and Morton

Thomas C. Faubus, Frank Knight, and C. D. Snow received their 10-year service awards last month.

The most eligible bachelor in District 9, W. H. "Slim" Porter, took himself out of circulation on September 9 when he was married to Sue Lindsey. The ceremony was performed in the First Methodist Church in Harrison by the Reverend J. C. Wilcox. Best Wishes to Slim and Sue.

Several employees have enjoyed vacation trips: Forrest and Vivien Williams spent a week at Magnolia fishing on Lake Erling... Curtis and Claudette Gardner and daughter, Sharon, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gardner and other relatives in Chicago... Joe Patton spent his vacation relaxing "down on the farm." One-half of your reporting team, Edris Hulsey, spent a week south of the border in Monterey and took in the bull fights and a trip up to Horse Tail Falls. On top of this, she stopped off in Houston, Tex. and bought a brand new 1962 blue Volkswagon. Real cute little "bug"!

J. L. Owens and Walter McDonald are also new-car owners. They have 1961 Ramblers.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett W. Looper have a new addition: Everett Woodrow Looper, Jr. Congratulations to the Loopers.

Ray Crouse was confined to the Boone County Hospital for several days but is now up and at 'em back on the job.

Charlie Fullerton swept the field in the Black Angus Division at the Boone County Fair. Charlie won seven blue ribbons and had three Grand Champions, one Reserve Champion, and won a total of \$109 in cash prizes.

The three "gals" in the Harrison office Minnie Shinn, and Hulsey and Morton, celebrated birthdays in September. We enjoyed coffee and doughnuts and each received a carton of cigarettes from "someone," whose name we are not allowed to mention.

## DISTRICT 10

Golvie Light

A big time and delicious "eats" were enjoyed by approximately 80 guests at the annual fish fry held at the Corning Area Headquarters in Clay County on August 25. J. A. Lunsford is area foreman for the County. Special guests included Mr. and Mrs. John H. Sanders, Henry Coe from

the district office in Paragould, and local state police and families.

A new resident engineer's office has been moved into the Walnut Ridge Maintenance Area Headquarters. A. H. Cocke is the resident engineer in charge. Considerable work proposed in the Walnut Ridge area will be handled through the new office.

G. E. Gunn, resident engineer for Osceola and Blytheville, has acquired a new son-in-law.

"The new additions and the mother are doing fine," Jason Adams happily reported to us one morning on his arrival. When someone asked how many additions, he replied eight - What? Eight? Jason then explained the new additions were little piglets.

District 10 enjoyed visits from the following last month: W. L. Baugh, Thurman Payne, and Jim Francis.

Our sympathies are extended to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Smith, Jr., and family, on the death of Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. Jane C. Burnett of Atkins. E. W. is resident engineer at Joiner.

## THE LAST REVISION

The draftsman and the engineer  
Are men of skill and vision.  
At least they are until they hear  
That hated word: Revision!

The engineer with practiced eye  
Surveys his grand design.  
The draftsman then expertly draws  
Each complicated line.

"Complete!" they sigh contentedly.  
"Miraculous precision!"  
Oh, optimists! Tomorrow brings  
Catastrophe...revision!

Revision one adds this new piece.  
Revision two improves it.  
Revision three makes it just right,  
Then number four removes it.

"You can't do this; you can't do that,  
We'll wait for a decision.  
But in the meantime, just revise  
That last revised revision."

Revise...revise...the very word  
Fills engineers with dread.  
Though die they must, they'll be revised  
To make damned sure they're dead.

We hope that God's no engineer  
When He makes His decision  
If once they win their wings they hope  
There'll be no last revision!

—Author Unknown

Ode to Hi-Noon  
Toastmasters Club

I LOVE A FINISHED SPEAKER,

I really, truly do;

I don't mean one who's polished -

I just mean one who's through.

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**COVER PICTURE:** The Cottonwood tree shown on our cover was known to be over 200 years old and a landmark a quarter-mile west of Dardanelle before it was felled October 5 to make way for a new highway. The tree, measuring 30 feet in circumference at the base, was hollow inside and only four inches of the wall thickness supported the structure. When it fell it shattered completely after hitting the ground.

As far back as old timers could remember there were many interesting tales about the old Cottonwood. If the tree could have talked - but it stood as a silent monument keeping to itself the many events which took place under its overhanging boughs. The cool shade which it offered had been a resting place for the traveler in the early days. During the horse and buggy era, courting couples would park beneath it. Even until the tree was cut down many stopped to rest under the old Cottonwood.



**WHO??**

Thirty-four and one-half years have elapsed since the picture of the baby boy at left was made but time hasn't changed his facial appearance too much. He has been with AHD in the vicinity of 10 years - give or take a little, and has a responsible position. The pretty little girl beside him is his sister.

# THIS'LL KILL YA

By  
Jimmy Zinn



Looking at some modern art is like trying to follow the plot in a bowl of alphabet soup.

The patient was shocked when the dentist said he would charge \$10 to extract a tooth.

"Ten dollars?" he exclaimed. "That much for about three minutes work?"

"Well," the dentist soothingly replied, "I could yank and pull on it for 30 minutes if you'd prefer."

If you don't believe in flying saucers, try tickling a waitress carrying a load of dishes.

A very shy young undertaker from the deep south was attending a political convention in Chicago. Those present were asked to stand, introduce themselves and then name their professions. Fearing laughter from the crowd if he mentioned his profession, the mortician said, "My name is Harlan Brown and I'm a southern planter."

Friend: "How do you like your baby sister, Tommy?"

Tommy: "All right, I guess. But like Papa said, there are lots of things we needed worse."

A shotgun marriage is a case of wife or death.

One chorus girl to another: "Did you get that mink coat to keep you warm or quiet?"

On payday, a husband came home intoxicated and announced he was broke. "What did you spend it for?" screamed his wife.

"Bought something for the house," explained the drunk.

"Oh, yeah. What did you buy?"

"Twelve rounds of drinks."

Brutus: "I'm the kind of man that believes in calling a spade a spade."

Percy: "Perhaps you are, but just wait until you fall over one in the dark."

Personnel Director: "Your application states you left your last job because of illness. What was the nature of your ailment?"

Applicant: "The boss said he was sick of the way I was doing my work."

A Texan in a Cadillac stopped on the turnpike to offer a tow to the driver of a Model A Ford whose motor had conked out. They tied the Model A to the Cadillac and started off slowly. But the next turnoff was far down the road and after a few miles, the Texan got to thinking about his oil wells and forgot about the Model A. He stepped up his speed - to 60, 70, and then 80. And when, in his side-view mirror, he saw a patrolman following, he roared up to 90.

The patrolman gave up the chase, and radioed ahead to another patrolman. He said: "There's a black Cadillac with Texas plates coming your way doing 90. But you aren't going to believe this: Right on his tail is a Model A Ford, honking like hell, and trying to pass."



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AHD employees' curiosity caused a short work stoppage last month when these pictures were taken. They were hanging out the windows on the south side watching workmen raise concrete to the roof for the 70-foot tower and radio base station. The two-way radio operation is expected to be in use by Highway personnel by early 1962.

