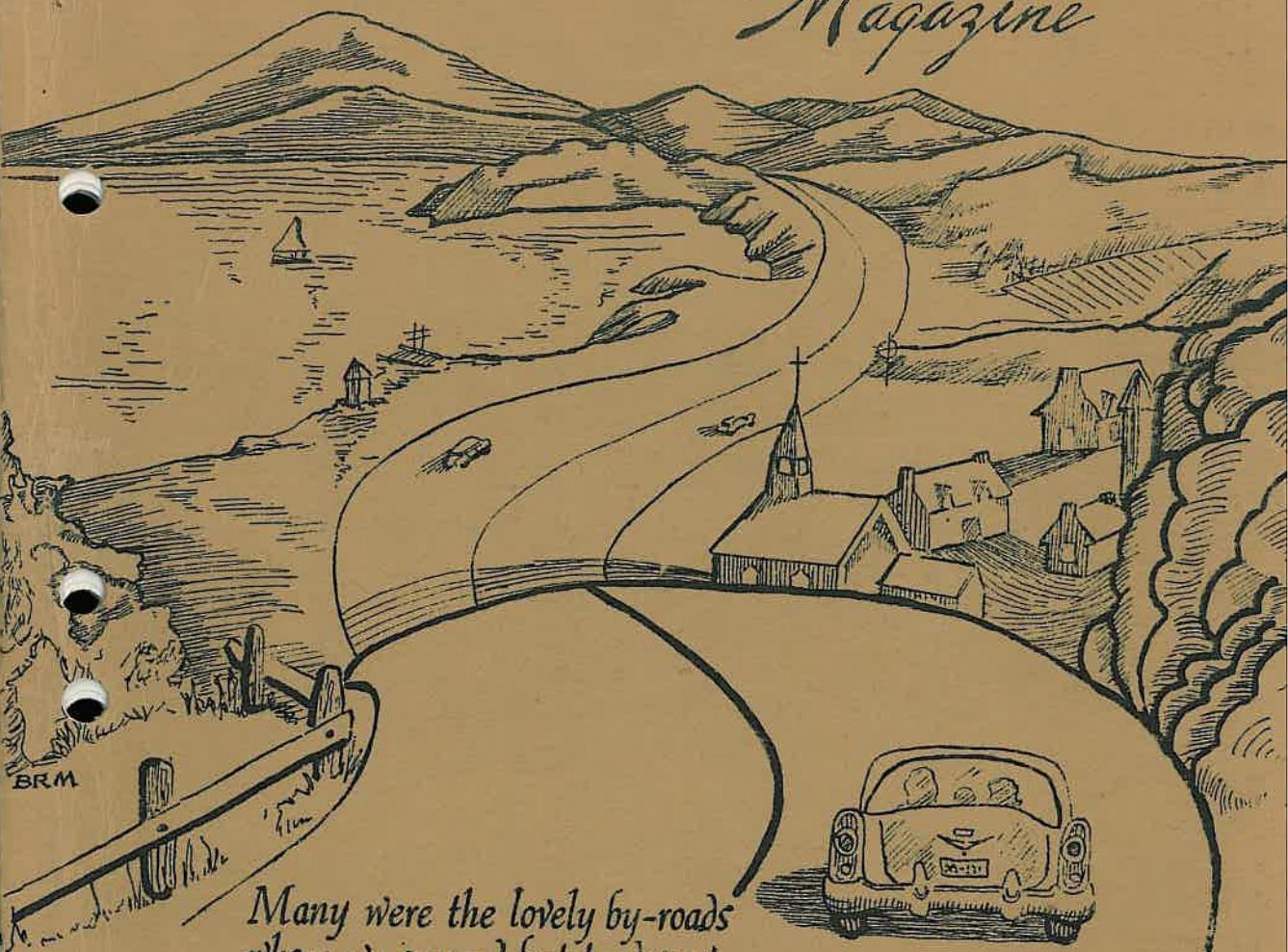


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Many were the lovely by-roads
where we paused, but to depart
but each left a stained glass picture
on the window of the heart.

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Around The Building

Mr. Eldridge has made plans to attend the meeting of the Highway Transportation Sub-Committee of the AASHO Road Test September 23, at LaSalle, Illinois. Mr. Wales, engineer of Materials and Tests, will accompany him. Mr. Eldridge will be on hand at the dedication ceremony for the new Buffalo River bridge on September 21. An appreciation dinner will follow the proceedings. The SASHO Administrative Committee will meet in Birmingham, Alabama on September 30, which Mr. Eldridge will attend. Past activities on his date calendar were the speeches at the Monticello Rotary Club, August 21, and the Lions Club at Rogers, on September 10. Mr. Eldridge's topic was the Interstate Highway System.

Napoleon Montiel C., engineer from Managua, Nicaragua, left for Washington, D. C., August 8, after working and studying in our Highway Department for three months. While in Washington he will present his report on the findings of our operations in the various divisions in which he worked which were, Surveys, Roadway Plans, and Materials and Tests. Napoleon said that he gained much knowledge and many new ideas from his stay, and expressed his thanks for the kindness he was shown by all the personnel. From Washington Nap was going to Niagara

Falls for a short trip and then on back to his country. We hope that he can return again and we enjoyed having him.

George C. Cavaness, Resident Engineer at Mena, assumed the duties and responsibilities of District Maintenance Supervisor in District 4, Russellville. He succeeds Homer F. Hill, who retired August 31.

Mr. Cavaness is 30 years of age. He was born at Yellville, Arkansas. He received his early education at Yellville and attended Arkansas Polytechnic College for two years then completed his civil engineering training at the University of Arkansas. He has been with the Highway Department for more than six years. He is a registered professional engineer. He is married and has two daughters.

Gus Powell

Gus Powell, retired auditor in Accounting Division, passed away on August 15, after suffering a heart attack. Mr. Powell had only retired June 30, under Minute Order 2082, after having been employed by the Department for 16 years.

We extend our deep and sincere sympathies to his daughter, Mrs. Christia Hendricks, and son, Ermon A. Powell, who survive him.



Letters - - -
A We get Letters



Comments From The Traveling Public

August 6, 1958

Dear Sir:

In behalf of the entire citizenship of Eureka Springs, I wish to extend our sincere thanks for the channelization of traffic at the top of Planer Hill, at the intersection of U. S. Highway 62 and State Highway 23. This is one of the most valuable contributions to traffic control and safety ever made in this area and coupled with the channelization near the High School at the intersection of City Route 62 and U. S. 62 Bypass, has done as much to solve our traffic problems as anything that has ever been done. We also want to belatedly acknowledge and thank you for the work near the school.

Very truly yours,
C. C. King, Mayor
City of Eureka Springs

A Note of Thanks from the Pastor of the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church

August 28, 1958

Dear Mr. Tanner:

I would like to take this means of expressing to you and the other members of the Highway Department my sincere appreciation and that of our church for your very generous gift in memory of W. A. Stewart.

Enclosed you will find a letter which I have written to Mrs. Stewart today, acknowledging the gift you have made. I think this is a wonderful thing for you and the other employees of the Highway Department to do, and our church is grateful to you for honoring the memory of Mr. Stewart in this manner.

Sincerely yours,
Kenneth Shamblin



Glimpsed in the Building

Willene Gray, whose laughter lights an always sunny countenance. Lewis Greer, Bob Crook, and Tom Henderson, the "three-toned mustache" trio in Construction... Carl Hosack, who is responsible for Department cars, but not the nuts behind the wheel... Ann Farquhar and her love (?) for cleaning the Dial-A-Matic machine... Sam Foster, who "trims" many "swindle sheets"... Johnny Gray and his filters for "atmosphere"...

Pat Denson, who helps supply these Glimpse bits... Art Johnson, whose brain can calculate almost as fast as the machines he oversees... Jean Lanier, stately, serious, and sagacious, who retired from Accounting to take care of Retirement... Marlin Powell, S & A, and his resemblance to Robert Q. Lewis, TV... A. W. Hardy and Bill Rainwater, seen eating at Tom and Andrews just about every day. Newt Carter and Ray Casey, retirees, seen from time to time in the building, as they can't seem to shake the Highway Department habit they had for so many years...

Bill Headrick, who, by trimming off quite a few pounds, is looking quite trim... And Therese Peyer, who will be gaining weight soon, and not altogether from an increased appetite... Billie Ruth Moore, who has a penchant for collecting "things" and who can be counted on for having whatever anyone is looking for, especially if it's theirs... W. K. "Bart" Bartleson, a favorite with many, and his southern drawl.

ATTRACTIVE NUISANCES ARE HAZARDOUS

We may be neglecting a vital area of safety in our work. This applies mainly to construction work in which various road-building equipment is used. Some of this equipment is manufactured without locking devices so that anyone may operate the unit.

Recent events in other departments have shown the dire results possible when there is a lack of proper safeguards. A tractor was damaged due to unauthorized use and a construction company was sued for negligence because it failed to provide adequate safeguards in a unit which had been parked unused for a considerable period of time at the site of the construction.

Though it may seem inconceivable that a jury would award damages to persons who are injured due to unauthorized use of such equipment, it is being done, and we must remember that such equipment can and often is considered under the area of "Attractive Nuisances," as defined by law.

It might be a good idea for all of us to check equipment which is not under lock and key with an eye toward attaching safeguards so no one, child or adult, will have the opportunity to injure themselves and the equipment.

Consolation Edwards has her own ideas about how to achieve a passing measure of contentment: "This ain't a happy world, and nobody's happy in it, so might's well be happy without no happiness."

Controlled Access versus Uncontrolled Access

Esthetics

Discussion of the planned access problem usually works from the case to the principle as in other highway problems, thus is always focused upon the personal access problem of individuals. Justification by highway planners, emphasizes the safety and convenience aspects and the economic benefits and savings in reduced accident rates, more efficient operating ratios, and the improvement in land use and values. But there are other factors, less apparent, to be evaluated in the pros and cons of access control. One of them is the esthetics inherent in planned access.

Esthetics in reference to highway design is used in a somewhat particularized sense to indicate the often intangible and, as yet in the highway transportation fields, unmeasured and uncatalogued influences and relationships between the beauty or pleasingness of the travel facility and the driver's mind - the psychology of the sensations and emotions evoked in the driver by the roadway being traveled.

These modern expressways are dramatic. The Interstate System, which will one day be the very epitome of express highway transportation, is our most important national system of highways. It will and it should, excite our imagination and we should be able to take great pride in it.

Standardization can and should be used to advantage in many phases of highway development. In view of the magnitude of the road-building job facing us now, standardization is a must - but only within its proper limits. The drama and the ultimate function of these Interstate expressways, and the pride we take in them, will not be achieved by promiscuous standardization and later trimming with turf, shrubs and trees.

As Joseph Barnett of the Bureau of Public Roads has put it: "It can come about only through the conscious intent of the designers of each section, who must seek a result which will not only meet the demands of traffic as embodied in the standards, but be pleasing as well. This will not require added cost and need not take added time, as has been demonstrated in the building of fine expressways now in operation.

The initial problem then is to equate esthetics and standardization. Too great an emphasis on standardization can result in highways which are monotonous (even mesmeric) to the driver and which have a high accident design rate although, taken individually, their design features are of a very high order. This was one of the lessons derived from the early use of the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

To quote Mr. Barnett again: "Hypnosis caused by driving on long tangents (i. e., straight stretches) is not an imaginary phenomenon. It is one of the undesirable products of the efficient type of controlled-access highway which results from a design based entirely on standards and lack of attention to important features not covered by standards.

"Long tangents are not only detrimental to ease in driving, but have another disadvantage from the standpoint of defense, a factor of no inconsiderable importance in the development of the Interstate System. In the transportation of military personnel, goods, and equipment, operation on long tangents is vulnerable to strafing from the air, as was proved on the autobahns in Germany during World War II. With the increased speed of military aircraft, the protection afforded by a winding alignment as against a long tangent is of even greater significance."

And further: "Location and design on the basis of one-way (planned access) roadways is recommended for all highways on the Interstate System. Cars are not driven in two directions at once, and a divided highway is always superior when the designer thinks and works in terms of a one-way road rather than of one centerline for a fixed cross section ... designing on the basis of separate one-way roadways is particularly fruitful in intersection and interchange design."

Two examples, among many over the nation, of a happy relationship be-

tween standards and esthetics in the design of expressways are found in New Jersey's Garden State Parkway and in U. S. 240 south of Frederick, Maryland. These were planned, designed, and constructed in as short a time as any comparable facility, yet the results are extremely pleasing, the accident rates are low, while driving them is refreshing and relaxing. Advantage was taken of rolling terrain to develop two separate one-way roadways, and to avoid long tangent, roller-coaster profiles, yet the location is reasonably direct. Sight distances are well above standard minima, yet never such as to encourage unreasonable speeds. Rights-of-way width is not constant but varies considerably, thus in rural areas where land costs were low, very wide medians were built as a result of designing two separate one-way roadways. Incidentally, it was found in special studies that this designing technique permitted great savings in cubic yards per mile of required grading.

The topography of some sections is such that a sweeping curved alignment is natural but in others it will be a difficulty which must be overcome by conscious effort in design. But Mr. Barnett finds there is little doubt that the more pleasing and desirable types of facilities have resulted from design as separate one-way roadways with planned access.

Road users' judgment is based essentially upon what they see and how they can drive. But that judgment is greatly affected by esthetic influences, some personal and prior

but others definitely created by the facility being traveled. We all know of certain stretches of road which are dull and boring, often inducing drowsiness; of others which are depressing and to be avoided; then still others which are exhilarating to ride over. These impressions are in part due to weather, to the environment, to adequacy of the facility; to personal condition, and to certain intangibles. However they are also due in an undetermined (but acknowledged to be appreciable) part to the esthetics of the facility itself. We all know a stretch of road that seems far longer than its actual mileage - in good weather or bad, day or night. But we all know another road that is a delight to drive over, except under most unusual circumstances. That is the place of esthetics in design.

Mr. Barnett in considering Interstate Highways concluded: "The fact that a highway is efficient and saves time will not long counteract a depressing effect. If drivers see the roadsides cluttered with a conglomeration of businesses and advertising signs, if they have to be continuously on the alert to avoid accidents due to sudden and uncontrolled entrances and crossings, and if they grow weary of the monotonous sameness of long tangents and a fixed cross section, they will consider Interstate Highways as just more of the same highways they have always driven. Few will know, and fewer will care, about the toil required to provide adequate roadbed support for all vehicles or about

the standardization that insured the meeting of financial deadlines. If, on the other hand, drivers have a sense of relaxation, have an ever-changing view, and drive between roadsides that are pleasant and perhaps green, their sense of security, pleasure, and well-being will develop pride in the nation's most important highway system.

And esthetics, when equated with the standards of expressway design, require fully planned access control just as much as do economics and operation of themselves. Esthetics too, will be the major stimulus to that pride we all anticipate in our major expressway systems.

Wages Of Dishonesty

Ninety-three motorists paid a total of \$1,634 in seeking to evade payment of about \$25 worth of tolls on the Garden State Parkway in New Jersey during the first 6 months of 1958. The motorists, one of whom was caught in the act twice, paid the 65-times-larger toll in the form of court fines and costs as a result of attempts to outwit the automatic collecting machines at toll plazas along the parkway. The offenders represent much less than 1 per cent of all motorists using the machines. The New Jersey Highway Authority, operator of the parkway, is attempting to obtain 100 per cent public compliance with automatic collection procedures.

FOR SALE: Large German Shepherd dog, will eat anything. Fond of children.

* THIS AND THAT *

In an all-day meeting for the district engineers and division heads, held August 5, in the Commission Room, Mr. Eldridge commended the men as leaders and stated that the success of our organization under the Mack-Blackwell Amendment depended upon the initiative and integrity of each individual employee, but first upon our doing a good job at all times.

Mr. Eldridge discussed the Milum Bill Roads, Finances, Public Relations, Landscaping, Engineering Service, and many others. Chief Engineer presided over the meeting with Mr. Eldridge and following the noon-day recess he made quite a few comments in the form of a resume.

Those attending were: Bernard Bice, G. E. Nunnally, E. E. Hurley, W. T. Jeter, W. F. Turner, John S. Harris, J. P. Clayton, E. L. Wales, C. M. Matthews, C. Don Hayes, L. A. McCain, James Lowder, John Crouse, Gerald Sisk, H. R. Lucas, Homer Hill, Harry Wright, A. G. Rives, W. H. Cook, J. C. Perkins, Jr., Eugene Nelson, Fred Tanner, Fred Leebrick, Neill Bohlinger, Bill Looney, Billy Cooper, V. E. Scott.

Ott Tinsley, Walter Hicks, George Fry, L. P. Carlson, Kent Brown, A. W. Hardy, W. R. Thrasher, J. T. Pendergrass, Pete Daggett, Mrs. Pat Denson, Publicity, and Marty Adams.

BIRTHDAY CAKE

Why overdo my brightest hour, with all that increased candlepower?

Two distinguished honors were bestowed upon the wives of two of our employees recently, which we are happy to announce.

Evelyn Schamer, wife of Joe Schamer in Accounting, was appointed Chairman of the Office of Volunteers in the Pulaski County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Evelyn began her work as a Gray Lady at the Veteran's Hospital at Fort Roots in 1950, and served successively as Gray Lady Chairman and Veteran's Administration Hospital Representative. Our congratulations to Evelyn on her appointment to this key position and we know she will bring to her job a wealth of experience and ability.

The other honor went to Dorothy Orsini, wife of Ed Orsini, Auditor in the Right-of-Way Division. She was elected Corresponding Secretary of the National Association of Women Lawyers at a meeting in Los Angeles, the latter part of August. Dorothy was admitted to the Arkansas Bar Association September 19, 1938. Since 1954 she has served as assistant secretary of the Association, and has been very active in the legal activities of women lawyers.

The boy who afterward became General Wood was once told by his grammar teacher, "Leonard, I will give you a sentence, and I want you to change it into the imperative mood. Here is the sentence: "The horse draws the cart."

"Giddap," young Wood replied.

Remember that,...

You can Retire

At Age 60

with 20 years of creditable service

At Age 65

with 10 years of creditable service

At Any Age

with 35 years of creditable service. This is the maximum any member can accrue.

or with Disability

A member who has not less than 10 years of creditable service who becomes permanently disabled either through illness or injury after becoming a member may be retired on benefits that are computed in the same manner.

How to Compute your Retirement Benefits

Multiply the average of your best five years earnings* by $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Multiply that figure by the number of years creditable service you have. Divide that answer by 12. The result is your monthly benefit.

Example:

\$4200
<u>.01½</u>
63.00
<u>20 yrs.</u>
\$1,260.00 per year
\$ 105.00 per month

*Not to exceed \$7,500

(From Annual Report of the Board of Trustees,
Arkansas State Highway Employee's Retirement
System.)

Retirement Statement Delayed

Mr. Scott, chairman of the retirement board, reports that there will be a delay in mailing the annual retirement statement to the members of the retirement system. This delay is caused by a complete audit and verifying of all interest credits from the beginning of the system. The audit is being done in compliance with a recommendation of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, Division of Legislative Audit.

International Business Machines are being used in making the audit and computations, which will mean that in future years each member of the retirement system should receive his annual statement shortly after July 1. Because of the audit and recomputation of each individual account, there will be the possibility of minor differences in the amounts previously reported as having been credited to the accounts of members.

OOPS!

We have been spelling Personnel Division (we got it right that time) correctly for years, but for some unexplainable reason - maybe a mental block, it was spelled with two L's (count 'em) at the beginning of the division's party line news. Since we feel sure that quite a few comments would be made about it, especially since the magazine is in that division, we thought a fast apology was in order. So we goofed! So we're sorry. We know better.

A promise is kept

Back in 1928, G. W. Allen, resident engineer in District 5, crossed the Buffalo River on the current-powered ferry and made the remark to the operator, "I'm going to build a bridge here some day and put you out of business."

On September 21, the dedication ceremonies for the formal opening of the newly-built Buffalo River bridge, and an appreciation dinner, will be held - 30 years after Mr. Allen's avowal was made. The final inspection on the bridge and the approaches on State Highway 14, were made July 1, 1958.

Harry Wright was resident engineer on Highway 65 during that period, and he made the survey of the wild and unexplored country between Yellville and Marshall in 1927 or 1928. Bill Johnston, assistant engineer in Eugene Nelson's office, was locating engineer on the Marshall side of the ferry, and Kelly Young, no longer with the Department, was on the Yellville side. The ferry was run by the Dillard family for years and is still referred to by that name.

So the realization of a promise made long ago has finally come to pass for Mr. Allen, an engineer who had the discernment for the future needs of the people of Arkansas.

Did you hear about the two boll weevils who grew up together. One worked hard and got to be a Big Shot; and the other didn't and remained the lesser of two weevils.



Man of the Month

J. R. Henderson has a deep personal conviction that anything that is worth doing, is worth doing well. Which is exactly what he has been doing since he began his career with the Highway Department way back in June, 1927.

At that time he was a rodman in Surveys under the tutelage of George Fry, a hard, but genial, taskmaster. His career has progressed steadily since that time however, and on July 1, he became engineer of Statistics and Analyses. And with the exception of 16 months back in 1932 when the Department closed down due to lack of funds, he has been AHD ever since, and has served in many key capacities, including Federal Aid Engineer, and Director of Accounting. The latter post he held from July 1954 until September 1957, when he returned to one of his home bases, S & A.

He was born August 18, 1904, in Murfreesboro, Arkansas, and was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Henderson. His early education was received in Brockton and his birth place. He attended State Teacher's College for three years, and took correspondences courses in engineering classes, and attended classes at Little Rock Junior College to further his education.

Cupid entered his life when he met Miss Ernestine Elizabeth Allman, from Pottsville, Arkansas, and they

were married June 14, 1931 in Hot Springs. Mrs. Henderson attended Ouachita College where she majored in English and Speech. They have one son, John, who is 15, who will be a Junior at Hall High this fall.

The Hendersons are very active in Pulaski Heights Methodist Church and Mr. Henderson's avocation and one most rewarding to him, is his youth work in the church. He started this volunteer service when he was 23 years old and since that time he has accomplished much to bring about a spiritual uplifting among the youths in this area. He has been certified by the Board of Education of the Methodist Church to teach various courses in youth work, and for the past five years has been Director of Youth Work for the Little Rock District of Methodist Churches. He has been instrumental in developing church camping programs for the young people in this area which involves some 40 churches and he is always in demand as a Sunday School teacher, both for the adult and youth classes. He is a member of the Official Board of his church, the Commission on Education; and has been tireless in his work with the Boy Scouts of America, as a troop committeeman, institutional representative, and district commissioner.

Mrs. Henderson does quite a bit of women's work in the church, and their son is active in the Boy Scouts where he has received his Eagle's Badge. Their home is always open to the young people who come and go at all hours of the day and night.

His employees and former employees consider him fairly reasonable and his assignments are accompanied by clear instructions. He never asks an employee to work any harder than he does and if necessary, will do any job no matter how menial, that is required. His is the type of mind not disturbed by interruptions but continues undeviatingly to the accomplishment of its goal. He always speaks well of his co-workers.

When he was working in the field he enjoyed getting out with his gun on bird hunting trips, but his work in the church has usurped any and all of his time outside his work.

In retrospect, his professional duties and the end results have been a definite asset to AHD. And the fruits of his work with the Youth Fellowship Programs have ripened into a richly deserved and profound personal reward for him.

HEARING BY THE CLOCK: How good is your hearing? It depends on the time of day. That's the surprising conclusion arrived at by experts of the American Hearing Aid Society, after conducting numerous tests. If you're like most people, they say, your hearing will be at its keenest around seven A. M., at its dullest at 1 P. M. After a meal, or following a good amount of heavy exercise, your hearing efficiency always declines. Light exercise, however, actually sharpens the sensitivity of your ears. (We know quite a few people who hear only when they want to. That's what you call "convenient" hearing.)

Less lives lost on toll roads

"Independence Day week end auto traffic resulted in more than 370 deaths on the highways; of these, only four were reported among 4,397,250 vehicles which rolled up 181,497,586 travel miles on 13 major toll roads. These figures, supplied by the American Bridge, Tunnel, and Turnpike Association, meant that the death rate on the toll roads was 2.2 per 100 million miles traveled as compared with the national average of 6.4."

-- AFBA Newsletter

[Ed. Note: See our series on Access Control. It wasn't the tolls that reduced the death rate by more than two-thirds, it was the planned access.]

How to read highway signs. . .

Seven trucks parked at a roadside restaurant: Bum food, terrible coffee, but a pretty waitress.

Car off the road with two flat tires: Fellow cancelled his auto club membership yesterday.

Car straddling two lanes: Driver's wife can't make up her mind.

Beautiful scenery unmarred by utility poles or billboards: You're on the wrong road.

A straight line is the shortest path between a nice, juicy mud puddle and a little boy with a new pair of shoes.



the partyline



MATERIALS AND TESTS

Julia Mae Steele - Reporter

Mrs. Raymond Lynch, wife of our Engineering Aide in Faulkner County, is recuperating at the Conway Hospital following a major operation at St. Vincent's Hospital in Little Rock. We wish her a very speedy recovery.

Lieutenant George Peavy of Kingsland, Texas, former employee in our division, visited us recently. He had his wife, Wanda, and little boy with him, and we were very glad to see them.

Henry Schneider was in the hospital a few days since our last report. Glad to report that he is doing better.

Several of our boys attended the Contractor's Annual Picnic at Springhill in North Little Rock on August 21. All reported a good time with a lot of good food. One or two couldn't find the place and ended up by having a steak at Hank's so the story goes.

Joe Magness and wife, Bonnie, went to St. Louis over the week end of August 22, to see the Cards play and also to get beat.

ACCOUNTING DIVISION

Margaret Wallace - Reporter

Welcome to two new employees in our division, Pat Johnston and Eston "Tony" Yandell.

We are losing two employees. Jean Lanier and Jessie Lee Perry will be leaving us soon and we wish them all the very best of luck. Mrs. Perry is retiring on August 30. She was given a combined "going away, and birthday party" August 11, during the noon hour in the Commission Room and was given several gifts.

Congratulations to Evelyn Schamer, wife of Joe Schamer, who was elected Chairman of the Volunteer Workers.

We are glad to have Johnny Beavers back with us after being in the Veteran's Hospital for a week. Helen McCook is in the hospital at this writing and has been for some time due to an operation. The office isn't quite the same without "Cookie" running around with her cheerful hello and her arms loaded with work for everyone. Hope she can return to work soon.

Peggy Eldred will attend Little Rock University this fall to catch up on her commercial studies.

the partyline

ACCOUNTING DIVISION (con't.)

Jean Lanier vacationed in Monroe, Louisiana, August 18-22. She reported a very wonderful time.

"When it rains, it pours," and it could easily apply to the Leebricks, who have been "showered" with the company. They enjoyed visits from former neighbors; Mrs. Leebrick's brother and family; and her sister and family. All are from St. Louis.

Howard Johnson and family recently enjoyed a visit from his brother who resides in Zocapa, Guatemala.

Lola Buck took a delightful trip through Northern Arkansas the latter part of August.

Maxine Weaver really had a great time on her vacation in August. She took in Shreveport, New Orleans, and Florida, and says: "I want to go again!"

Irene Hawkins is glad to have her son, Carroll, back home after a vacation in San Antonio, Texas.

More vacations recently were: Olin "Randy" Randle, who spent a few days in Fort Smith, visiting with friends; Jimmy Watts, who didn't exactly vacation, but was in Camp Pendelton, California, for two weeks

on a Marine Reserve Training program. Your reporter visited with Mr. and Mrs. Clay in Monroe, Louisiana, and Mr. and Mrs. John Foust, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in August. Had a most enjoyable time.

The Accounting Division surprised your reporter with a potluck luncheon in honor of her marriage. A lovely Universal coffee maker was presented as a wedding gift. (We are very happy for you, Margaret. Ed.)

Our deep and sincere sympathies are extended to the family of Gus Powell, formerly of our division, who passed away August 15. Mr. Powell only retired June 30.

Inner Drive

Signs and lines don't matter. I
Recently discovered why
Traffic engineers can't win
No one likes the lame he's in.

Printers don't drink more
than other people
it just \$4ows uP more

in
print

STATISTICS AND ANALYSES

Mary Ann Crow - Reporter

The Henry C. Mercers became the parents of a baby girl on August 18, She is their fifth child and second daughter, and named Elizabeth Ann.

Dodson Leonard spent several days in the hospital at the end of July, when he had to undergo surgery on his mouth. He is fully recovered and back in the office now.

Pete Benetz had an unfortunate accident with his lawnmower several weeks ago and broke a toe. To queries of concern after his trips to the doctor, he answers simply, "He cut it off."

Clara Dean Stoddard finished her summer tenure at the Highway Department on August 22, and returned to the University of Arkansas for fall rush. For the occasion, Daisy Conley baked and decorated a "School Daze" cake for her and it was presented as a surprise during the afternoon coke break. We shall miss her, but we wish her a happy and successful year at the University.

During the latter part of the month, John Hume took his leave; and so did Bill Smith. The Smiths went to St. Louis for the ball game on the week end of August 23, with the Nathan Bingham.

The Russell Hendersons traveled through New Mexico and Arizona while on their vacation the first part of August. On August 18, soon after his return, Mr. Henderson celebrated his birthday by treating the division to cokes. Many more, Mr. Henderson.

Also during the first part of August, Doyle Watson took his vacation and went to Detroit to visit his brother.

The "Nine to Five Gang" of S & A honored your reporter with a luncheon in the Magnolia Room of Hotel Sam Peck on Thursday, August 21. Places for ten guests were marked by miniature pink and white parasols. A lovely arrangement of summer flowers and fern formed the centerpiece and the dainty corsage which was presented to the honoree. A white dacron comforter covered with sprigs of pink roses was the gift which was presented by the group.

On August 30, at 5 P. M., your reporter and Reece Lewis Crow, Jr., were married in St. Paul Methodist church by the Reverend Charles W. Richards. A reception in the church parlors followed the ceremony. After a short wedding trip, the couple is at home at 102 Rosetta Street. Mr. Crow is beginning his junior year at the University of Arkansas School of Medicine. (Our very best to you and Lewis, Mary Ann. Ed.)

the partyline

PURCHASING

Betty Jon Shaw - Reporter

We are very glad to have Hilda Shirley back with us after having been off due to illness. Hilda enjoyed a week end visit with her mother, father, and two sisters, who live in Humphrey.

John and Sue Plegge visited with friends in Crossett on August 22-25. They drove down to Monroe, Louisiana for dinner at the Rendezvous Inn. They also toured the Crossett Paper Mill, while in Crossett. John is an avid golfer these days.

Willene "Widder" Gray enjoyed a week end fishing trip on White River recently with Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Nichols. She reported that the fish were biting too.

The Merediths (Jim, Martha, and Conley) have gotten the fishing bug, and have enjoyed some nice week ends trying their hand...not much fish, but a lot of fun. It isn't hard to tell who the real fisherman is. On a recent trip, son Conley caught 10; wife Martha, four; and "you know who" caught two.

The Shaws (Jon, Jim, and Toni) fish also, but they have spent a lot of time entertaining out-of-town guests recently, but we are looking forward to a weeks vacation real

soon. (It looks like with all this fishing that somebody would have a fish fry, wouldn't you?)

We extend our sincere sympathies to Martha Meredith in the loss of her father, Mr. C. C. Wood. Also to Billy Whiteside in the loss of her grandmother, Mrs. J. L. Whiteside.

Week Weeks

We seem to have a week set aside for everything, what with Appreciate Your Postman Week; Cut Down on Industrial Smoke Week; and Be Kind to Your Budgie Bird Week. Here are a few to add to the list.

One Weeks Extra Holiday With Pay Week - A sure winner, this one.

Keep Your Noisy Brats Out Of My Hair Week - Would be popular with neighbors of people owning self-expressive children.

Give Platitudes A Rest Week - Just think! A whole week without "You can say that again," "that's for sure," "you're not kidding," and "I'm working on my first million." Another overworked one is the oldie, "you're the greatest."

Let's Not Have Any TV Westerns Week - That'll give the old picture tube a rest - almost a complete rest in fact.

Let's Not Celebrate A Week of Any Kind Week - A radical departure, this one.

--David Savage

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BRIDGE DESIGN

Virginia Tackett - Reporter

Even though it's not easy to see where they can be squeezed into the space available, Bridge Design was happy to welcome three new engineers. Jim Hillis and Bob Cartwright reported on August 25, and Billy Joe Price on September 1.

Jim and Bob arrived just in time for the fish fry which was planned as a sort of farewell party for Keith Curtis, who is going to the University of Arkansas this fall, and Gerry Laster who is returning to Columbia University. Also attending the party were Larry Carlson, who will be going to the U of A, and Richard Tackett, Little Rock University. Guests from outside the department were Mr. and Mrs. Ward Goodman and son Bill, and ex-Bridge Designers, Bob and Adell Mattox.

There's been a lot of house-buying going on among our staff. Bill and Ruby Wilson have moved into their new home at 6903 West 34, and Reid and Sally Beckel have bought a house in Lakewood. Jim and Mini Matthews are negotiating a deal in Meadowcliff. Although few details are available, it is rumored that a real estate transaction of major proportions was engineered recently by Len Tull. Alice and Don Dong are settled in their new Park Hill home and

Alice at last had an opportunity to unpack and use some of the lovely wedding gifts they received.

Back from his two weeks military training at Camp Leroy Johnson near New Orleans, Curt Mahla says it's great to be back on the job, able to sleep late mornings. It seems the military has exaggerated ideas about the benefits to be derived from early rising. Especially when an Officer's social duties make it impossible to get to bed early.

EQUIPMENT AND PROCUREMENT

Mary M. Hill - Reporter

Buddy D. Davis, mechanic in Heavy Equipment Shop, was in Fort Polk on military leave from August 2, through August 17.

We are happy to welcome the following new employees in the Equipment and Procurement, Central Shop sections: C. E. Hillman, Lee V. Hoffman, W. R. New, and M. L. Nailling.

Kay Bonnell and husband, Joel, are just back from a two weeks vacation spent in Sioux Narrows, Ontario, where they did a lot of fishing. Kay says it was a wonderful trip.

P. L. Harris returned to work after having been off several weeks due to illness. He was overcome by carbon monoxide gas while working.

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Others on vacation or just returned from vacations are: L. E. Harper, who did some fishing at Lake Ouachita the latter part of July; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hardcastle, who were in Atlanta, Georgia, and North Carolina. H. F. Helton and his family were in Texas vacationing; Henry B. Kirchoff was on vacation for a week and just spent the time resting at home. W. W. Yancey is taking the week of August 18, and with Mrs. Yancy, will spend part of the time in Prescott visiting relatives. Mrs. C. D. Holmes is also taking the week of August 18, and is in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

We are all very proud of Mr. Hayes' new office which has been enlarged and the walls done in walnut paneling and that, with the new walnut desk and chairs, makes a very attractive office in which to work.

W. D. McQuerry had the misfortune to injure his finger to such an extent that it was necessary to amputate. We are very sorry about it and hope it is healing quickly.

Most of the Department heads attended the twelfth annual picnic of the Associated General Contractors of America, which was held Thursday, August 21, at Springhill Farms in North Little Rock. It was a stag affair and from all the comment, it was enjoyed by everyone.

DATA PROCESSING CENTER

Frances Jones - Reporter

LaVerne Henderson's daughter, Carol Lee, had a short stay in the hospital recently. Glad to say that she is well and is spending some-time with her grandmother in Rosebud.

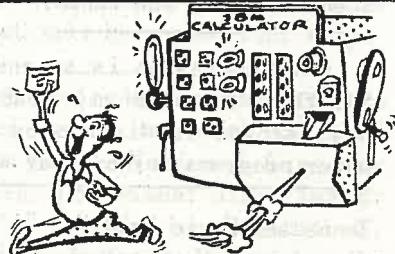
Erma Jetton's son, Lane, was home from Lackland Air Force Base in Florida for a few days.

Mr. Spillman, retired vault custodian, came by and paid us a visit recently, and told us about his trip to Michigan to see his son. Glad to see him again.

Nadene Trantham is back helping us out for a couple of weeks and we are all glad to have her with us.

Gladys Plunkett is on vacation with her family at their cottage on Lake Hamilton.

Grover Smith is back from a nice week of vacation. He spent some of the time with his mother in Camden.



"It's going to be a BOY!"

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ROADWAY PLANS

Hicks, Dunn, Lee - Reporters

Congratulations to R. B. (Bud) Smith who received his 30-year Service Pin and Certificate of Merit at the last session of the Commission on August 13.

Frank and Betty Hutchison spent their vacation fishing on Saline River recently.

Marvin and Thelma Bunch are now vacationing on Lake Hamilton.

Duane Reel spent two weeks on an enforced vacation with the National Guard at North Fort Polk, Louisiana. He reports two weeks of "very hot weather."

The welcome mat is out for Bob Murray who recently joined Bud Smith's squad. Glad to have you back with us, Bob.

John Dunn recently graduated from Arthur Murray's School of Dance. He specialized in the tango.

Pat Huddleston is attending the SASHO at Birmingham, Alabama, to participate in discussion on computer programs for highway work.

Tennessee Ernie said it: "A youthful figure is something you get when you ask a woman her age."

We were glad to have Billy Pickens with us during the summer. He is going to attend the University of Arkansas. Good luck, Billy.

The Glenn Trammels departed for California August 15, to give his new car a "short" road test. While there they will be the guests of his brother in Los Angeles. Glenn sent a postcard showing the Los Angeles Freeway System, and said, "even with this system, and it's really something, it takes too long to go any place. I'll take good old Arkansas any day."

RIGHT OF WAY

Carolyn Wilkerson - Reporter

New employees since the last issue are: Evelena Holmes, Woody Laird, Emma Jo Fulton, Nancy Conrad, and Glendall Jackson. We are glad to have them with us.

Those enjoying vacations at this time are Rose Bivens, Ed Orsini, George Howell, Luther Bearden, Bill Bradley, and Mary Holiman.

Les Evitts is feeling mighty low these days. His "daughter," Ruby is in the hospital. We hope it will not be long until she is back home and feeling fine again. (Ruby is actually Les's toy terrier pooch, but you'd never know it to hear him talk about her.)

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PERSONNELL

Hazel Hicks - Reporter

We are sorry to lose Frank Lewis, elevator operator; who retired on August 21. Several of the girls in the office took him to lunch on his birthday which coincided with his retirement date, and presented him with a gift. He will be missed by all of us.

Verna Daes is the newest addition to the Personnel Office. Verna began on August 11, and will be doing the microfilming work. Verna and her husband and little boy have been in Little Rock about three years, moving from Kentucky. Welcome to the clan, Verna.

Sarah Neel is on vacation at this writing and she and Walter motored to Memphis to spend a few days with their son and family. Sibble Cox is also taking a few days vacation at this time. Don't know her plans, but hope she is enjoying herself.

Jackie Wallace motored to Rockaway Beach in August for a few days with friends. Had a wonderful time and plans to go back soon.

Our boss, Fred Tanner, spent a couple of days in North Arkansas in August on business. He visited some of the district offices and went to the University at Fayetteville.

Jimmy Zinn is a bachelor these days as Grace, (his better half) went to Fairmont, West Virginia, to be with her sister, Mrs. Dick Raikes, during the illness of Mr. Raikes, who is hospitalized.

When Marty Adams's sister, Fran Goldberg, Washington, D. C., was here, your reporter had them and a few others over for a cook-out with charcoal steaks and the trimmings. We had fun and the guests thought Fran a doll. Marty misses her and nieces, Sandy and Leslie. She entertained quite a bit for them. Mr. Goldberg is with the Bureau of Public Roads in Washington.

DISTRICT 3

Division 3 Olive Jackson - Reporter

Nell Pender, wife of Ernest Pender, with their son, Percy and his wife, Janie, and their daughter, of Marshall, Texas, left New York by plane August 6, for a three week tour in Europe. They will take in the World's Fair in Brussels, London, England, Amsterdam, and Paris. We know that will be a wonderful trip.

The following employees have just returned from a two week military leave with the National Guard at Fort Polk, Louisiana: Jimmy Dexter Bush, Cecil McCorkle, Franklin S. Paige, Arvin E. Jones, Pierre Jacques Malardier, and James Randall Lewis.

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We are very glad to welcome Clifton Loyd Sharp, who is a new employee. Clifton will be employed with the Bridge Crew.

George Edward and Mary Ann Adams are the very proud parents of a 7 pound son, George Embrey, who arrived August 14. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Leroy Hatfield who received his 10-year Service Pin and Certificate of Merit. Also to the following who received 5-year awards: James M. Stark, William Ramage Aylett, Woodrow Brown, Elmer Madison Clark, Oscar C. Mitchell, and Melvin Wylie.

Sam and Dorothy Fay Huckabee report they saw Sputnik when it went over Hope on the night of August 5. It went over about 8:25 and was seen only for about one minute.

Lester and Hester Purtle had a very nice visit with their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Imus at Brinkley, over the week end of August 2.

Leonice and Dexter Bailey and two children, Janice and W. D., have returned from a weeks vacation in the Ozarks. They also went to the fabulous Roaring River, which is near Seligman, Missouri.

Jack Austin and Patsy Ruth Simon of Dierks, were married at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Autry J. Simon, on July 25, by Mr. Billingsley of Dierks at 8: P. M. After a wedding trip through the Ozarks, the couple will reside at Daisy, Arkansas.

George and Carrie Cox have returned from a nice visit to Tuscon, Arizona, where they visited with George's daughter.

We are happy to report that the following employees who have recently been hospitalized, are now back on their jobs: Clovis G. Tittle, Hiram Hatfield, and Edgar Andrews.

Carlene and Faye Allen Parker made a recent visit to Carlene's parents, Carlisle and Maude Crews. Faye Allen is being transferred to Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Waldo Wylie in the loss of his wife, Ruth, who passed away July 25, in a hospital in Booneville, after a long illness.

The main difference between children, is that little girls tarnished by exposure to air seem to enjoy immersion in soap and water, and come out looking brand new. Boys, not very washable, shrink in self-esteem if placed in water.



This'll Kill Ya

by Jimmy Zinn

A young farm boy was making application for a position in the department. After filling out all the main items of the application form, he came to a space for "remarks." He chewed his pencil very thoughtfully for awhile then spelled out: "It's a real purty dav."

Son: "But Dad, George Washington's father didn't spank him for chopping down the cherry tree."

Father: "I know, but his father wasn't in the tree when he chopped it down."

One of the home town lads wanted a job as a newspaper reporter. After the interview, the editor told him he would be hired if he could write a good headline for the following situation: "A young couple got a preacher out of bed at 3 a. m. and asked him to marry them. How would you title that?" asked the editor.

"Oh, that's easy," answered the youth. "I'd just head it "Parson Ties Knot in His Shirttail."

The short-spoken Air Force veteran with scars on his face and a limp in his leg was asked by a friend how it happened.

"Dogfight - Korea," mumbled the pilot.

"Russian MIG?" asked the friend.

"No," mumbled the airman, "girl's bulldog. Her father sicked him on me."

A census-taker called at the home of a hillbilly family. "Your pappy home?" he asked of the young girl at the door.

"My pappy," answered the girl, "he's in the jailhouse."

"Your mammy home?"

"Oh, mammy's in the crazyhouse in Cincinnati."

"Got a sister?"

"Sister's in the reformatory; but I got a big brother at Harvard."

"That's nice, a brother in Harvard. What's he studying?"

"He ain't studyin' nothin'. They's studyin' him."

Doctor: "Your husband must have rest and quiet. Here's a sleeping powder."

Wife: "When do I give it to him?"

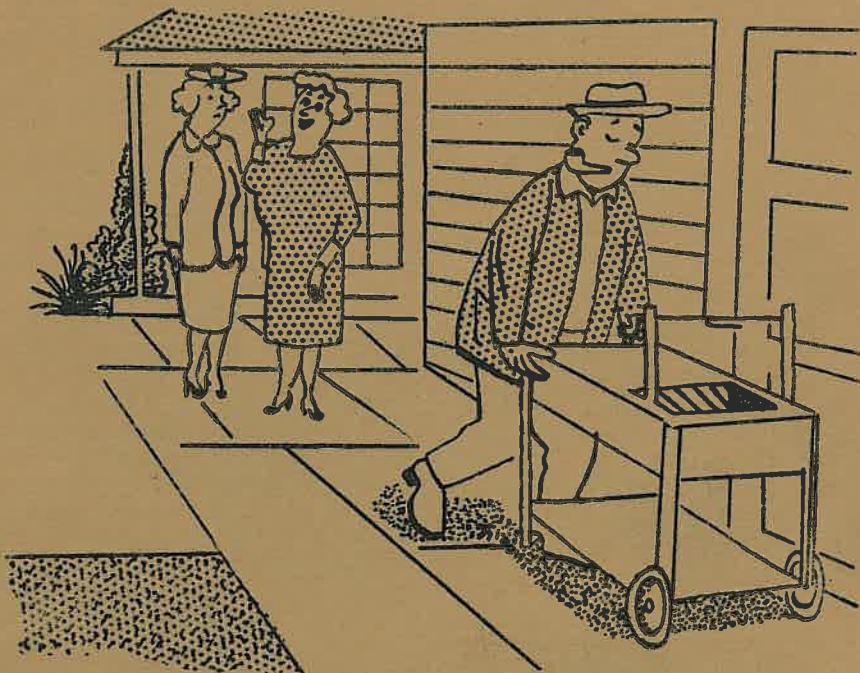
Doctor: "Don't give it to him. Take it yourself."

The witness was obviously a rustic, and quite new to the ways of a courtroom. So the judge directed him: "Speak to the jury, sir - the men sitting behind you on the benches."

The witness turned, bowed clumsily, and said, "Mornin, gentlemen."

She had pencil and paper ready as the information operator said, "The number is Capital 2-3013."

There was a pause at the other end of the wire, then came the woman's questioning voice, "How do you make a capital 2?"



"Thank goodness, we can put it away for another year. I don't think I could stand another burned hamburger."