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COVER PICTURE: An appropriate Easter scene shows a young couple before one of the twelve representations of Christ on the cross at quaint St. Elizabeth's Church at Eureka Springs.

PICTURE OF THE MONTH: Methods of highway construction have improved considerably in the last 25 years. The smaller pictures show how grading and excavating were done back in those days as compared with the modern ones of today.



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## HELENA BRIDGE ENGINEER



Mr. Newman is shown above with Acting Director R. B. Winfrey and Chief Engineer Ward Goodman.

S. N. Newman, resident engineer with AHD for 20 years, was appointed assistant construction engineer for the Helena Bridge by R. B. Winfrey, acting director, February 20.

Newman, who took over the job on March 1, will act as representative for the two states in charge of the bridge, by devoting full time to the huge project. He will report through C. A. Shumaker, engineer of construction, to Ward Goodman, chief engineer.

Newman, 61, was born at Helena and has worked with other residents of Phillips County for many years in promoting the bridge. He graduated from the University of Arkansas with a degree in civil engineering and is a member of Tau Beta Phi, honorary fraternity.

He has 38 years of engineering experience, all in Arkansas. He is a registered professional engineer, and is married to the former Miss Mina Ehman, also a native of Helena. They are members of the Bethel El Synagogue.

The contracts for the bridge and the appointment of Mr. Newman have been approved by the Bureau of Public Roads.



## AROUND THE BUILDING

The U. S. Corps of Engineers was asked by the Highway Department and St. Louis Southwestern Railroad, to initiate a bank protection program for two bridges which have had cave-in trouble at Garland City. On February 27, at an "on the spot" meeting, representatives from the three concerns involved in the problem, met to discuss further the necessary measures to be taken against the temporary ones already in existence by the department and the railroad. Chief Engineer Ward Goodman represented AHD.

Neill Bohlinger, on leave from the Department since the beginning of the Legislature, returns on March 13, to take up his duties as Administrative Assistant, Legal. Mr. Bohlinger has been acting as parliamentarian of the house.

E. L. Wales, engineer of Materials and Tests, made the opening address at the Highway Short Course at the University of Arkansas. John Harris, district construction engineer in Division 2, spoke on Sand Asphalt Stabilization.

Approximately 150 appraisers from Arkansas and bordering states attended the Arkansas Appraisal Condemnation Seminar February 19-20, at the Marion Hotel.

The Arkansas Highway Department, Bureau of Public Roads, and the U. S. Corps of Engineers co-operated in the meeting which was sponsored by two private appraisal firms, the Central Arkansas Chapter No. 108, Society of Residential Appraisers, and the Little Rock Chapter, American Society of Appraisers.

W. R. Thrasher, general counsel and chief of the Right of Way Division, spoke to the group citing legislation supporting the highway department's acquisition of right-of-way by condemnation action.

"Condemnation is the last resort for the highway department in the acquisition of land,

he stated, and "the acquisition of right-of-way for the interstate system will disrupt and dislocate many, but is the policy of the highway department to co-operate with owners and cause as little hardship as possible."

Although he did not indicate the total cost for property, Mr. Thrasher said that Right of Way last year spent about \$6.5 million for right-of-way in Arkansas.

Acting Director Winfrey was among those welcoming the group after registration. Other department personnel participating were Dowell Anders, "Noncompensable Damages in Eminent Domain Proceedings", and Fay M. Wallace, "Functions of the Appraisal Branch."

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Eldridge left February 28, for Austin, Texas, where they will make their home. We wish the Eldridges much good luck and happiness in the future.

Several of the men in the building gave a stag dinner for G. W. Stanford and V. E. Scott on March 4, at the Surf and Sirloin Club. The reason for the occasion was the presentation on the date of their 30 and 25-year, respectively, Service Pins and Certificates by the Highway Commission.

The affair, typical as stag dinners go, was enjoyed by all, with much gaiety highlighting the evening. Those attending were: Don Hayes, Harry Wright, Bill Shumaker, Art Johnson, Ed Orsini, F. L. Wagner, R. N. Keene, J. T. Beavers, J. J. Schamer, Fred T. Leebrick, and of course the honorees.

Gerald Sisk, acting engineer of Maintenance, attended a regional meeting of the Bureau of Public Roads held at Fort Worth, Texas on March 5-6.

After eating the bull, the lion felt so good he roared and roared. A hunter heard him and shot the lion.

Moral - When you are full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

Too many public speakers can take two minutes worth of ideas and run it into two hours of vocabulary.

# The Quietest Room in Town

by Bill Kiley-Staff Writer

(As condensed in the Reader's Digest from Los Angeles Mirror News. Copyright 1955 by Mirror Enterprises Co. Permission granted.)

They are ready for you. They expect you. You will never know about it, so I'll fill you in on the details.

The beginning for you will be when you stagger happily to your car. The beginning for them will be when the police radio announces the spot where you piled up your car.

You won't hear the sirens coming. The ambulance and police car will arrive together. They will check you over and pronounce you dead. A few curious people will stop their cars and walk back to gaze at your torn and dirty remains. Some of them will get sick.

The ambulance driver will roll out a leather-covered stretcher. The attendant will stuff your hands under your belt, then grab you under the arms. The driver will take your legs, and they will put you on the stretcher and cover you with sheet.

They will drive you to the coroner's office and there a deputy coroner will wheel you to a big scale. He will remove the sheet. You will be weighed and measured. He will make note of any scars or other marks. Then he will cover you again and take you to a small room with walls of white tile.

They have hoses in the room, to give you a bath. Traffic victims are always bloody. They will clean you up and embalm you. You couldn't get better care at a mortuary.

Next you will be moved to a long hall with many stretchers lined against its pale green walls. There are 41 crypts. If things are dull you will have a stretcher and a crypt all to yourself. But if it's like the Christmas holiday you may have company. They will leave you here in the quietest room in town.

In an hour or so they will come back and move you again. This time they will take away the sheet and cover you with a blanket. You will be placed behind a large glass window so someone can look at you. Your wife, husband, your parents...someone has to identify you. Don't worry, though; you won't be able to hear their cries.

Yes, they are waiting for you; the police, the ambulance crews, the coroners at the morgue, and the morticians. They are expecting you. Remember that tonight, or the next time you toss down that drink and climb behind the steering wheel.

(This grim but all too authentic article was published to shock or jolt holiday party-goers, however, fatalities on our highways are such that it should be a perennial reminder to all of us. Editor's note.)



A study by Maxwell N. Halsey, traffic and safety advisor for the Esso Foundation for Highway Traffic Control, revealed that nationally close to half (40.8%) of our future traffic will continue to travel on old non-Federal Aid roads.

Halsey says, "In effect, the Federal Aid program will improve only one-third of the miles of roadway and only 59.2 per cent of the total vehicle miles of travel. This leaves the states, counties, and cities with two-thirds of the roadway and 40.8 per cent of the miles of travel on which to try to make substantial improvement.

In short, the cost burden of face-lifting these 2.7 million miles of road to a good overall safety standard is a state and local burden quite apart from the Federal Aid program. It seems obvious that if they are not modernized the safety gains on the new roads could easily be offset by rising accident-injury-fatality rates on the old.

Applying this to Arkansas we fare rather well from the travel standpoint since it is estimated that only about 23.8 per cent (as compared to the nationwide 40.8 per cent) of the future travel in Arkansas will not be on the Federal Aid Systems. However, this 23.8 per cent of the travel will be spread over about three-fourths of the public road mileage (compared to two-thirds for the nation as a whole.)

The "Big Highway Program" does, and should, dominate the highway picture today but the other problem is still, and will continue to be, a very considerable one.



Vehicles slowing or stopping on the pavement are a major cause of accidents in Arkansas, so don't follow too closely or you may not be able to stop in time.

A recent toll revealed that 75% of the people think they are better than average drivers. What do you think about your driving ability?

## Man Of The Month



John S. Harris, Jr., district construction engineer at Pine Bluff, was an eighth grade student in Perry County when he got his first taste of road building. At that time his father, the late John S. Harris, Sr., was with the Highway Department, and took his young son along with him on his job during the summer months. He took him to a mule barn at Morrilton one day, where John was permitted to select his own team of horses - the largest animals they had, so it was told. John's taste for road work turned into a voracious appetite, for his conscientiousness and devotion to his work is something rarely seen in a man.

He was born June 2, 1909, at Perry, Arkansas where he attended grade school. He graduated from Morrilton High School with an excellent scholastic record. As if being valedictorian of his graduating class and making straight A's were not enough, he had the distinction of winning each year, out of the four he attended, a medal for being the outstanding math pupil, which was presented by a local bank. He went on to the University of Arkansas for three and one-half years studying engineering, and working at the Highway Department in the summer months. Because of this experience in engineering with the survey crews, he was called upon often by his professors at the university to assist the other engineering students on their field trips. These accomplishments give more than a hint as to his studious nature, even then.

His only sister, Mrs. Adele Fiedler, works in Surveys under Kent Brown, engineer of Surveys.

Her daughter Sandra, formerly worked in Survey before being transferred to Maintenance, which prompted Adele to make the remark that "poor Mr. Brown has had to put up with the entire Harris family, almost."

His mother, the late Addie Harris, was the gently-bred daughter of Colonel J. F. Sellers, a self-educated lawyer from Tennessee, who moved his family to Arkansas, where he became a self-styled politician - one of the "old school" variety. Colonel Sellers served in the Arkansas Legislature for many years. John's mother wanted him to become a banker but her aspirations for his future were in vain as he was determined to become an engineer. His father was for many years until his death in 1955, a colorful as well as prominent figure in Perry County. His eminence in the community stemmed from his prosperous holdings in farm land, the oil business in Oklahoma, and various other enterprises in which he dabbled. Some of these were cattle and cotton buying; he was a one-time president of a now defunct bank; he was in real estate, and helped to build the railroad through Perry. Mr. Harris had pinned his hopes on John taking over Harris Brake Lake, his long cherished dream, and operating it on a private basis. John would have no part of it however much he loved his native lands, so the lake was developed by the Game and Fish Commission in 1955 and is one of the largest and best of its kind in Arkansas.

Even as a younger man, fishing and hunting in those surroundings, John was quiet and serious. Yet he has a very delightful sense of humor and cracks wise in his own way. He apparently hasn't an enemy in the world; and is as honest as the day is long.

In 1903 he married Louise Sevier, a Little Rock girl whose family had moved to Perry. Their only son, John A. Harris, passed away in October, 1957, at the age of 23, in Pine Bluff where they had moved two years previously when John was transferred there in his present position. He and Louise live quietly and unpretentiously with occasional get-togethers with their neighbors, their closest friends with the exception of John's co-workers. Their devotion to one another can be attested to the complete harmony in which they live, as they probably have never had a cross word. Louise, just as his mother did, inconspicuously "prods" John into doing anything which, to him would seem ostentatious, for he avoids being "in the spotlight" as much as possible. He did accept an invitation to lecture at the Short Course last month, but it is our guess that Louise had a hand in his decision.

Louise methodically collects antique dishes and their home has many shelves and cabinets literally filled with lovely old pieces. Some of these she inherited; others have been sent by friends in far-away places, or she has picked up in some of the many shops in which she browses. John's hobbies, fishing and hunting, have been neglected some since the move to Pine Bluff, but he still enjoys them when he has an opportunity. He is a mason, a member of both the Arkansas and American Societies of Civil Engineering, and they are members of the Methodist Church of Pine Bluff.

John has often stated that "I'll be with AHD the rest of my life unless they run me off." Somehow we feel he'll be around for a long time.

### NEW LOCATIONS FOR DIVISIONS

Activity a-plenty, mingled with some confusion, reigned the week of February 23-27, when Statistics and Analyses made the big move to the Fish and Game building.

The move, no small task, took some doing what with only one elevator in each building to convey the large drafting tables, desks, and what seemed like tons of boxes of maps and books, from the fourth floor to the main floor. And what was worse, the elevator in their new building is an automatic, which complicated things even more. But it is well worth it as their new quarters and indeed the entire building is quite nice and gives the "e-zoners" a chance to spread out. Each section has a space by itself.

There were a few grumblings at first, which is natural, since some didn't want to be isolated from their friends, and others didn't want to break away from old habits and the parking area. A trip over for a visit however, brought quite a few satisfactory remarks and most say they like it fine.

Our new neighbors are Maintenance Division, who has the east room; Jim Meredith of Purchasing, and his crew, who moved from the fourth floor to the Old Highway Building and are now back; Surveys Division; and Carl Hosack, Motor Pool supervisor, who has moved to the library.

Personnel Division welcomes our good friends to the fourth floor, but we must admit that the "peace and quiet" for about a week while the rooms were unoccupied due to repainting, ect., was a pleasant change.

There is a saying in far off Egypt that bad little girls become mummies.

Suicide: Despise of life.

## MORE ENGINEERS FOR AHD

In the last issue of the magazine we wrote about some of the new engineers that have begun their careers with the Highway Department. Since that time two more have been added to the list and we have the picture of J. I. Brannan which was omitted last month.

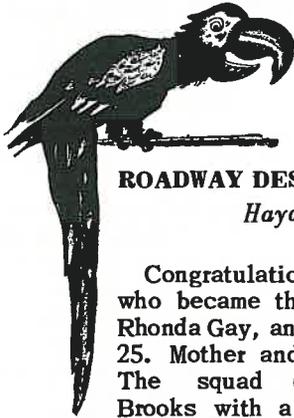
Orson Bruce Jewell, Lake Village, attended the University of Arkansas but still lacks six weeks of summer school in order to get his degree. Jewell is 23 and single. He worked for a year and three months with the Missouri Highway Commission last year doing survey and inspection work. He is with Construction Division at Lake Village.

Leonard Lamar Kerr whose home town is Dermott, resides now in Little Rock. He attended schools in Dermott, Arkansas A & A College, Monticello, and graduated from the University of Arkansas with a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering. Leonard has for the past nine months been with McDonnell Aircraft in St. Louis, doing structural design in the testing lab. Kerr is in Bridge Design.



New engineers are: above left, Orson Bruce Jewell; and Leonard Lamar Kerr. Below: J. I. Brannan.





# Through The Grapevine

## ROADWAY DESIGN

*Haydon, Potter, Lee, Hicks*

Congratulations to Brooks Nichols who became the daddy of twin girls, Rhonda Gay, and Wanda Kay, February 25. Mother and girls are doing fine. The squad (Pulliam's) presented Brooks with a double stroller which we hope he can use. The twins make three girls for the Nichols.

We are happy to welcome Paul Debusk back in our squad. He has been attending classes at the University of Arkansas.

Don Banks who has been with us since December 22, will return to Georgia Tech on March 30, where he will resume his studies in engineering.

Some of the men in Roadway Plans who attended the Highway Short Course at the University of Arkansas on February 26-27 were: John Adams, Pulliam's squad, who reported the trip very profitable; Charles Toland of Glenn Trammel's squad; Travis Orton and Frank Lemon.

Howard Webb and family drove to Memphis for the week end of February 28, to visit with his brother.

R. B. (Bud) Smith and Marvin Bunch attended the Highway Short Course at the University on February 25-27.

Bud and Ruth Smith visited with relatives in Memphis, Tennessee on the week end of March 7.

John and Peggy Hicks entertained Peggy's father, J. A. Bratton of Leslie, the week end of March 7.

## ACCOUNTING

*Margaret Wallace*

Wedding bells have been ringing again. Carolyn Moody was married to George Edd Hart February 8, at Beebe, Arkansas. They are now at home at 1505 West Third Street... Jim Watts and Carolyn Martin were married at Central Church of Christ on February 20. After a trip to Mississippi and New Orleans, they are residing at 108 South Oak. Congratulations to both couples and may they have many happy years

together.

Annette Eldred, four-year-old sister of Peggy Eldred, who resides in Memphis, Tennessee, will be staying with Peggy for a few days.

Have any of you noticed our new streamlined mail room lately? It is really nice and neat... There have also been some changes made in Accounting. The Insurance group, Ann Porter, Virginia Jones, and Carolyn Hart have moved into room 213 now.

In honor of the two couples mentioned before, cake and coffee were served February 13, at which time they were presented with gifts. Carolyn was the recipient of an electric mixer, and Jim, who says he is a great lover of waffles, received a waffle iron.

## EQUIPMENT AND PROCUREMENT

*Avalee Padgett*

Mary M. Hill, our regular reporter, has been off due to an operation at St. Vincent's Hospital, for several weeks but is now convalescing at home. We wish her a speedy recovery.

C. Don Hayes, our boss, attended the Highway Short Course at the University of Arkansas February 25-27.

Martha Pearle attended the races in Hot Springs, Saturday, February 28, and reported "fisherman's luck."

Frank D. Caple attended the Ken Griffin Show in Cabot and later entertained the members of the show in his home where many feats of magic were performed.

Mrs. J. W. Hollingsworth had as her guests the week end of February 20, her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bently of Tulsa Oklahoma.

P. L. Harris is looking forward to a trip to San Francisco where he will pick up his son and family who have been in Japan for the past few years.

Our sincere sympathies to Bernie Cox on the loss of his father, Dewey Cox, who passed away on February 19, in Dyess, Arkansas.

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Sugar Daddy: Form of crystallized sap.

In these days of low-cut gowns, tight-fitting waists, shorter skirts and sheer stockings, it takes will power for a man to look a woman in the eye.

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## BRIDGE DESIGN

*Virginia Tackett*

Everyone in Bridge Design was sorry to see Glenn Buchanan, who has been with us for nearly five years, leave. He resigned March 1, to go into the engineering field for himself. We will miss Glenn as well as his wife Lois, and their two daughters Donna Kay and LaNell whom we have come to know so well. We hope that Glenn will come back for a visit once in a while, and we want him to know that he carries with him our best wishes for success in his new venture.

Although they are only moving a floor away, we also feel a little bereaved by the departure for the fourth floor of Maintenance and Surveys Divisions. However, we expect to see almost as much of them as we did before; it will just mean a few more steps to climb. The silver lining to the cloud, of course, is the fact that Bridge Design will be able to expand some with the acquisition of the space that was formerly occupied by our friends in Maintenance.

A welcome addition to our staff this month is Leonard Kerr, formerly with McDonnell Aircraft Corporation in St. Louis, and a graduate of the University of Arkansas' College of Engineering. Leonard is from Dermott, the son of Mrs. Thelma Kerr who lives there, and he is still a bachelor.

## RIGHT OF WAY

*Nancy Conrad*

Bill Demmer became the proud papa of a baby girl, Kimberly Jane or Kim, on February 26. Congratulations, Bill!

Fay Wallace is using crutches these days due to a sprained ankle he managed to get on March 1.

Bob Redmond was taken to Baptist Hospital following a stroke. We are glad to hear that he is improving and hope he will be back with us in a short time.

Les Evitts spent a very trying three days March 2, 3, and 4, taking the State Bar Examination. Good Luck, Les!

Bill Hoggard is leaving the Highway Department, having accepted a job with the new Arkansas Children's Colony at Conway. We regret seeing Bill leave, however we wish him luck and happiness in his new venture.

Mary Jo Spencer's husband Fred, had an operation on February 28. Although the doctor's diagnosis proved correct, had they waited a couple of weeks longer there would have been no need for an operation. Confused? (Yes! Ed.)

A. W. Hardy has been quite the busy man. On February 10, he spoke to the Student Body of the Engineering School at Arkansas Polytechnic School at Russellville. Then, on February 26 and 27, he attended the Highway Short Course at the University of Arkansas sponsored by the State Highway Department.

On February 19 and 20, the Appraisal Section attended the Arkansas Condemnation Appraisal Seminar at the Marion Hotel. W. R. Thrasher, Dowell Anders, and Fay Wallace were speakers.

In our Appraisal Section we have two new men, Herbert Heffington and Bob Hamilton. Heffington has been employed as office manager, and Mr. Hamilton as an appraiser. Heffington was born in 1934 at Newport, Arkansas, where he lived until he went to college at Arkansas State, Jonesboro. He was graduated in May of 1956, having a Bachelor of Science Degree with a major in Business Administration and a minor in Economics. Herbert has been married for three years. They have no children.

Driving is more hazardous when the road is under construction, so drive with caution when in a construction zone.



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## Right Of Way (cont.)

Hamilton is from Hampton, Iowa, where he attended elementary and senior high schools. He attended Little Rock Junior College and took correspondence courses from the University of South Dakota in mechanics and engineering. Bob is married and has one daughter. He was recently employed with the Re-assessment Coordination, and is a member of S.R.A. On March 5-7, he attended an Appraisal Seminar held at Houston, Texas.

Dowell Anders took military leave to Fort Hood, Texas on March 5, for a week end training course in Military Government.

Bill Donham and Bill Brady journeyed to Dallas to attend the Southwest Legal Institute March 5-7.

For the benefit of Gip and A. C., Carolyn Wilkerson's birthday is March 25, and she will be 21 years old. Happy Birthday, Carolyn!

Our new attorney in Legal Section is Thomas B. Keys from Gurdon. He earned his Bachelor of Arts' Degree at Ouachita College in Arkadelphia, and attended the University of Arkansas School of Law. Before being employed by the Highway Department, he was in private law practice in Arkadelphia. After school is out, his wife Marilyn, and their three children plan to join him in Little Rock.

## STATISTICS AND ANALYSES

*Mary Ann Crow*

We wish to give special recognition this month, to Elmer Smith of our division, who will have served 30 years with the department on April 10, and was a state employee for eight years before coming to AHD. Mr. Smith knows of only one other person who has been a state employee longer than he has. He will retire in July.

Ruth Cantley went to Dallas on the week end of March 6, to visit her son Russell and his family.

We are all settled in our new home and are very happy with it. Our spacious new offices are on the third floor of the Game and Fish Building. Many of our staff have been given comfortable little double offices and the rest of us are in large, well-lit rooms with wide windows which give us the lovely visage of Capitol Hill and the big fish pond. We still don't have our telephones and new power lines connected but we

expect everything to be running smoothly in a few weeks. About the only complaint has been from Leroy Beckett who says he's been unable to catch any "keeping size" fish in the pond which is directly below the mens' room windows on the back of the building.

Our newest employee came to work right after we moved. He is Jimmy Williams, our messenger boy, who may be observed at almost any time striding across the mall between the Highway Department and our building. Jimmy formerly worked at First National Bank,

A long-missing face is back with us now. Janie Huff came back on March 2, after being absent over three months due to an injury received in an auto accident. Janie has her old job back as statistician again and is situated in the traffic section room. Welcome back, Janie.

Mrs. Leo L. Biggs has been hospitalized in Arkansas Baptist Hospital and underwent major surgery on March 3. We hope she is fully recovered soon.

Leroy Beckett got a new 1958 grey Chevrolet station wagon March 2, and is enjoying driving it. The day he traded in his car for it Katie Brasel traded in her car for the one he has been driving. Katie now holds Leroy responsible for all car trouble she encounters.

The Ed Johnsons have another baby girl, Mona Lee, who was born February 21. They have two other little girls and a boy. Congratulations to them.

## DATA PROCESSING CENTER

*Frances Jones*

Art Johnson was a busy fellow the last two weeks in February. To start things off, the local chapter of the National Machine Accountants Association held their annual Bosses' Dinner February 17, with Mr. Leebrick attending as Art's guest. The next day Art was off to Chattanooga for the National Director's Conference of the N.M.A.A. The objectives of the association are to develop a better understanding of the nature and functions of machine accounting; to establish sound general principles and to study and improve technical methods; to supply to its members information of the most up-to-date methods; and to cooperate with them in the advancement of the science of machine account and assist in solving their individual problems. The association also furthers among

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the executives, the public generally, and the members of the association, a better understanding of the vital role of machine accounting in modern business and its proper relationship to management. Art reports a successful meeting and enjoyed the trip very much. After returning to the office for a few days he was off to Fayetteville for the Fourth Annual Highway Short Course.

Friday, February 13, was a lucky day for the Roy Shelbys! They welcomed a new son, Douglas Edward, who weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces. Congratulations to the proud parents.

Happy to report that Gladys Plunkett is back at work after a bad fall, injuring her right foot.

Gayle Johnson, daughter of Art, had her tonsils and adenoids removed recently, and we are very happy to report that she is recovering satisfactorily.

## PERSONNEL

*Sue Barnes*

The beautiful weather we have been having (probably by the time this is printed we will have had snow, sleet, and various other kinds of weather) has turned thoughts toward the time for vacationing, which is not too far away. Jackie Wallace decided to take hers early this year so she left with friends for Miami, Florida on March 6. She will probably get a wonderful tan down there on the beach...Sibble Cox on the other hand, and her family, are planning a trip in the extreme opposite direction...Amsterdam, New York, on March 20, to visit son Robert, Jr., and family. It has been snowing there practically all winter. But Sib is more than willing to brave the weather in order to see "her kids."

Verna and Ivan Daes, with son Ricky, have been readying their cabin on Lake Hamilton for the coming season.

"Little" Al Thompson left us March 13, to await the arrival of the stork. We all miss her and wish her and hubby James, much happiness.

Boss Fred Tanner, was one of the many who attended the Highway Short Course at the University of Arkansas February 26-27, and said it was a good trip.

Billie Ruth and Bubba Hatcher have moved again...out in Kingwood. They had to get rid of their two Siamese cats however as rules forbade

them. They were allowed a parakeet, so they wasted no time in getting "Kelly."

Betty Ray is just about settled after moving to the west side of town. She is very happy about being so much nearer her job.

Jim Zinn received his 10-year Service Pin and Certificate of Merit in March. Our congratulations Jim, and we hope you stick around that many more.

Bill Hays has tried out his new boat about three times, and he is well pleased with the way it runs.

Some of Marty Adams' family were in town recently to visit her, Harry and Jimbo. Martha said they had a sort of "confused" get-together, as they usually do, but they all enjoyed it. Some of the visitors were her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Stanford, Jr., Memphis, and Mrs. Lou Sanders, St. Louis, and others which would take too much space to mention.

"Happy Birthday" to Verna Daes, whose birthday is March 29th.

## DIVISION 2 - Pine Bluff

*Ouida Grimes*

James David Tice, formerly of Pine Bluff, has been accepted as a member of Pi Tau Delta, international chiropractic scholastic honor society with headquarters in Davenport. Membership is limited to undergraduate students who have attained a 1.5, or A average scholastically throughout the course of study. Tice, the son of our Joe Tice, attended Watson Chapel High School before enrolling in the Palmer School of Chiropractics where he will complete his four year course this spring.

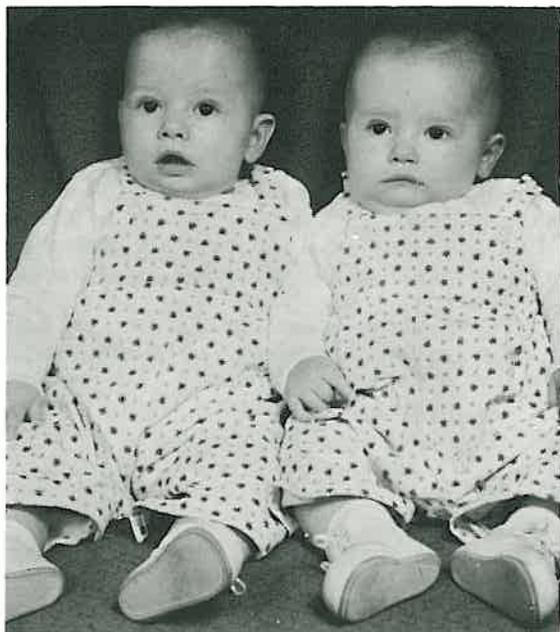
Charles Bland, permit man in our district office, is mighty proud of his twin nephews, Mark Allen and James Michael, six-months-old sons of Mr. and Mrs. James Green of Pine Bluff.

This reporter underwent a tonsillectomy March 5, at a Pine Bluff hospital. (Sure hope you're fine now, Ouida. -Ed.)

John D. Deal, an employee of the department since 1938, passed away February 27, while on the job. Mr. Deal was loved and appreciated by all who knew him. Our sincere sympathies are extended to his wife and son.

We like each issue of the magazine a little better than we did the one before and look forward to getting it.

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Mark Allen and James Michael, six-month-old twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. James Green.

## DIVISION 3 - Hope

*Olive Jackson*

Clovis and Nettie Lee Tittle are very proud of their son, Charles Ray, who is a student at Ouachita College, Arkadelphia. They are in receipt of a letter from Ralph A. Phelps, President of Ouachita College, advising that Charles Ray made all "A's" this past semester and was therefore listed on the President's Honor Roll. Mr. Phelps stated that only five in a total student body of over 900 made a perfect record as Charles Ray did.

Margie Clark, daughter of Ardell and Nellie Clark, has been chosen Sophomore Queen to reign over Sophomore Day at Harding College, Searcy, where she is a student. Margie, who has received many honors, is a member of the Tri Kappa Social Club, A Cappella, Band, and students National Education Association.

Victor Stone, an employee of this Division since June 1, 1954, has been transferred to the Camden Division as assistant stock clerk. We will all miss "Vic" very much and wish him the

best of luck in his new job.

Carolyn Carter, sophomore at the University of Arkansas, was home during mid-term holidays, visiting her parents Schley and Sybil Carter at Murfreesboro.

Lula and Loyd Haynie attended the graduation exercises of their son, Bobby Haynie, at the University of Arkansas on January 24. Bobby, who received his A. B. degree, is now employed by the Arkansas Power & Light Company in Little Rock.

This office had as recent visitors from the Little Rock office, Gerald Sisk, G. W. Stanford and Jake Clements.

We are happy to report that Claude O'Steen and John Burke, who have been in hospitals in Hope, have now returned to their homes. Also, George Woolsley, who has been in the hospital in Prescott, is now convalescing at his home.

Edna Lewallen had as her guests for the week end, her daughter, Carolyn Stephens and little son, Russel Edward of Dallas, Texas.

Congratulations to the following employees who received their Service Pins and Certificates of Merit during the months of January and February: Lee Huskey, 15 years; Arvin Clinton Ellis, Hiram Jefferson Hatfield, Newburn Raleigh Whitten, Thomas Harold Jones and Chester Alfred Plyler, 5-years.

We are happy to report that the 18-month-old son of Pierre Malardier, who has been critically ill in a hospital in Texarkana, is much improved. He has recently been moved to his home.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to the following employees in the loss of members of their families: Floyd Pharris, Sr. in the loss of his father, William A. Pharris of Arkadelphia, who passed away February 4; Leroy and Hiram Hatfield of Springhill, who passed away February 3; and Hosey Myrick in the loss of his mother, Mrs. Jeanette Myrick of Nashville, who passed away February 11.

## DISTRICT 5

*Shirley Morton*

Curtis Pangle and Jimmy Brannon, who were graduated with Bachelor's degree's in Civil Engineering from the University of Arkansas in January, started to work for A.H.D. on February 1. Curtis and Jimmy are employed with resident engineers at Harrison and Fayetteville, and we

# Through The Grapevine

welcome both of them to A.H.D.

Ray Crouse, Marion Downs, Curtis Pangle and Jimmy Brannon attended the Training School in Little Rock in February.

V. O. Selby has been battling the "flu bug", but is much improved and able to be back at work.

C. M. Matthews, W. H. Cook and J. E. Lowder attended the Highway Short Course at the University of Arkansas February 26 and 27.

Congratulations to Cleo Boyd Copeland and William Franklin Perryman, Henderson Ferry employees, who received 15 year Service Pins and Certificates of Merit.

## DIVISION 5

*A. L. Moser*

Asa Duncan, equipment checker at Jacksonville Shops, paid us a visit February 24.

Employees in our division who have been ill during the month of February were: Lee Tharp, O. H. Stanbrough, Jr., Carl Hames, Wes Casey, J. C. Thompson, V. C. Nast, and Ernest Cuzzort. Steve West who suffered a heart attack about three months ago was able to return to work in February.

Bernard Bice, division maintenance superintendent, attended the Highway Short Course at the University of Arkansas February 26-27.

Our sincere sympathies are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Huff who lost their son, Gary, February 19. Gary was 20 years old and the Huff's only child. Our sympathies also go to Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Taylor. Mrs. Taylor's mother, Mrs. Louise Collum, passed away on February 22.

## DIVISION 7 - Camden

*Sula Burnham*

Service pins and Certificates of Merit were recently received by the following employees in Division 7: George Carl Orsburn and William Frederik Duncan, 10 years; and John Garland Launius, Earl Miller, and Lois Burton, 5 years.

Walter Hicks, T. H. Thompson, A. G. Rives, J. C. Webb and C. L. Baucum attended the Highway Short Course at Fayetteville last month. They all said they enjoyed it - especially the banquet.

Congratulations to Blossom Hicks on her

wedding anniversary - the number of years unknown, but they have certainly agreed with her.

Will try to have some good fish stories in the next issue - the weather is getting right.

## DIVISION 9 - Harrison

*Edris Hulsey*

We celebrated Bill Hawkins' birthday on February 23 with coffee and doughnuts.

Asa Duncan was a visitor to our division this month. Also, Fred Tanner, Webb Turner, John Crouse, Harry Wright, C. Don Hayes and others visited a few minutes as they were going to or coming from the Highway Short Course at the University. Several of the fellows called on J. C. Perkins, Sr., retired district engineer, who resides in Harrison.

Ertie Lawrence and crew have just completed the renovation of the "Long Shed" - poured a concrete floor and enlarged the building. A big improvement resulting in extra storage space. Curtis Gardner is really working to get everything re-stored in the building. It really looks neat, fellows.

Another improvement was the installation of a new tile floor in the offices. Paul Byrom and Dwight Cantrell did a very professional job - Nice Work, Boys.

Your reporter enjoyed a week end visit from her brother, Luke Hulsey and his new bride, Christy, from Houston, Texas.

"Boss man", J. C. Perkins Jr. and family, enjoyed very much having his brother Hurley and family, for a visit over the weekend.

Get Well wishes are extended to Bentley Wade's wife, who had the misfortune of falling on the stairs of the local theatre, suffering a skull fracture.

*L. L. SANDERS*

Our sincere sympathies are extended to John H. Sanders, Division 6 maintenance superintendent, and his family, whose father L. L. Sanders, passed away February 20, in a Conway hospital. Mr. Sanders was 84, and a resident of Conway.

## MATERIALS AND TESTS

*Julia Mae Halliburton*

Frances and Ervin Roller are the owners of a new red and white Ambassador Nash. Congratulations!

E. L. Wales, H. A. Dreher, H. W. Schneider, R. M. Newsom, Joe Magness and Roy Rosin spent a few days in Fayetteville attending the Highway Short Course.

Pauline Griffin of Sheridan, wife of Fred Griffin, was in Davis Hospital at Pine Bluff for a minor operation. She is improving at her home.

George Allen's three children are all down with chicken pox.

Fred Clark has been on the ailing list; and Georgette Turney, wife of R. C. Turney is also ill at St. Vincent's Hospital.

Birthdays Greetings to Fred Clark, J. L. Owens, G. W. Roark, Frances Roller, and J. L. Taylor.

(Sorry we didn't receive this in time to put in the proper place. Ed.)

### "THIS AND THAT"

The day is not far off when motorists will be able to drive from coast to coast without meeting a traffic light. However, when this comes about it will only symbolize a revolution in motoring which has been in the making for the past decade and is already a reality, declares a statement issued by the United States Rubber Company.

Today's motorist drives a car that is more than twice as powerful as its 1948 counterpart. He can drive all day on high-speed highways that are free of red lights. Everything connected with motoring has been re-engineered except the motorist.

Traffic accident statistics are proof that he has not yet "re-engineered" himself into an understanding and appreciation of today's motoring conditions and the new factors of driving safety.

It's easy to be friendly...and it pays off in a big way. In this busy world of ours we're apt to overlook those things that make for friendship... in the plant, in the office, or in moments of leisure when we're just relaxing.

There are no hard and fast rules for being friendly. It can be shown in the nod of the head while at lunch...in a smile to a co-worker while coming to work...in a bit of advice by a veteran employee to a newcomer.

Generally speaking, being friendly is a frame of mind. Sometimes it may take a special effort to attain that frame of mind, but it's worth it. There are few things in this world that are more satisfying than good human relations, and that's what we build with good fellowship.

A phony friendliness, the kind marked by a smile on the face but not in the eyes will fool no one - but, act friendly and before you know it you will feel friendly.

The dislike we sometimes feel for certain people without knowing exactly why we have it can often be removed by a friendly gesture and a better knowledge of the person we think we do not like.

Why pay money to lie on a psychiatrist's couch? These questions will enable you to determine whether you are a man or a mouse - while you are lying on your own davenport.

1. When you come home from a hard day's work and tell your wife you're hungry enough to eat a horse, does she give you your choice of TV dinners? Or does she tell you to eat the horse meat she bought for the dog?

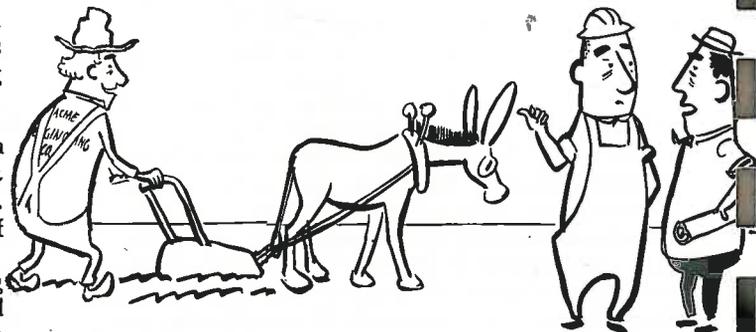
2. When you want to watch the fights on TV while she prefers to tune-in a western, do you both watch the western? Or do you catch the fights on a neighbor's set?

3. When your wife wants you to help her paint the kitchen on Saturday afternoon when you had planned to go bowling, do you help her paint the kitchen? Or does she go bowling while you paint?

4. If you want to go to the ocean for your vacation and your wife prefers the mountains, do you vacation in the mountains? Or does she tell you to go jump in the ocean?

When you have answered all the questions in the man-or-mouse quiz, go in the kitchen and make yourself a cheese sandwich.

*-Harold Coffin*



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"He submitted the lowest bid and got the job."



# THIS'LL KILL 'YA

by Jimmy Zinn

Two westerner producers were discussing their daily problems when a "Gunslinger" character painfully limped by on crutches.

Asked the one: "Say, what gives with that hombre?"

Other: "Oh him, - fast on the trigger, slow on the draw."

Grandma, like any other weak-willed human, had cheated on her diet - she had eaten something which had upset her so severely she was carried off to the hospital. The only bed available was in the maternity ward.

Her small granddaughter, standing outside the door, as friends passed, was asked; "What are you doing here Carolyn?" "I'm visiting my grandmother", was the reply. "Your grandmother....here?"

"Oh yes," little Carolyn said, "You see, Grandma's been cheating again."

Husband answering the telephone: "I don't know. Call the weather bureau."

Pretty young wife: "Who was that?"

Husband: "Some sailor, I guess. Wanted to know if the coast was clear."

A seasick couple lay stretched out in deck chairs somewhere between life and death. Meanwhile, their young son became more rowdy by the minute. Finally, the mother mustered voice enough to say: "John, I wish you would speak to Willie."

The father, unable to lift his head, said feebly, "Hello, Willie."

Doctor: "Is your cold any better?"

Patient: "Naw."

Doctor: "Did you drink the orange juice after the hot bath?"

Patient: "Naw, I couldn't even get all the bath water down."

The drunk was sitting at the bar adjacent to a man and his wife suddenly came forth with a most resounding burp.

"How dare you, sir. What do you mean burping before my wife?"

With that the drunk eased unsteadily from the bar stool and, making a sweeping bow, said: "A thousand pardons, my dear people. I did not know it was the madam's turn.

Then there was the man who stepped up to the bar very optimistically, and two hours later went away very misty optically.

Policeman (to a man staggering home at 3 a.m.): "Where are you going at this time of night?"

Man: "To a lecture."

A number of years ago, Mr. Brown took his wife to the races.

Just as the horses were lining up at the barrier, Mrs. Smith grasped her husband nervously by the arm, and asked if he had a safety pin, at the same time clutching frantically at something near her knees. Just about then someone nearby shouted, "They're off!" Mrs. Smith fainted.

A young businessman who was a deacon in his local church, was in New York on business. He was to purchase a new sign to be hung in front of the church. Before he left home, he copied the motto and the dimensions. When he arrived in New York, he discovered that he had left the paper at home.

He wired his wife: "Send motto and dimensions."

An hour later the reply came in, and when the girl, who had just come on duty, read the telegram, she fainted.

The message read: "Unto Us a Child Is Born, 6 feet long and 2 feet wide."

The family had overslept, and Mrs. Smith woke with a start to the clanking of cans down the street. She remembered that the garbage had not been put out, and raced down to the front door, struggling into a robe, with her hair in curlers, and looking rather sleepy-eyed. "Yoo hoo," she called. "Am I too late for the garbage?"

"No," shouted the collector. "Jump right in."

A little 3-year-old boy cried bitterly as a large friendly dog bounded up to him, licking his hands and face. "What is it?" asked his mother. "Did he bite you?"

"No," was the reply, "but he tasted me!"

A fire engine was racing down the street, its siren shrieking, when a drunk came staggering out of a doorway. For three blocks he chased the engine shouting, "Stop, stop!" Finally, out of breath, he dropped to the pavement and shook his fist. "All right for you...you can keep your no good peanuts."

A teacher in Brooklyn said, "Joey, give me a sentence using the word "bewitches."

After deep thought, Joey replied "Youse go on ahead, I'll bewitches in a minute."

They're Off!!

