

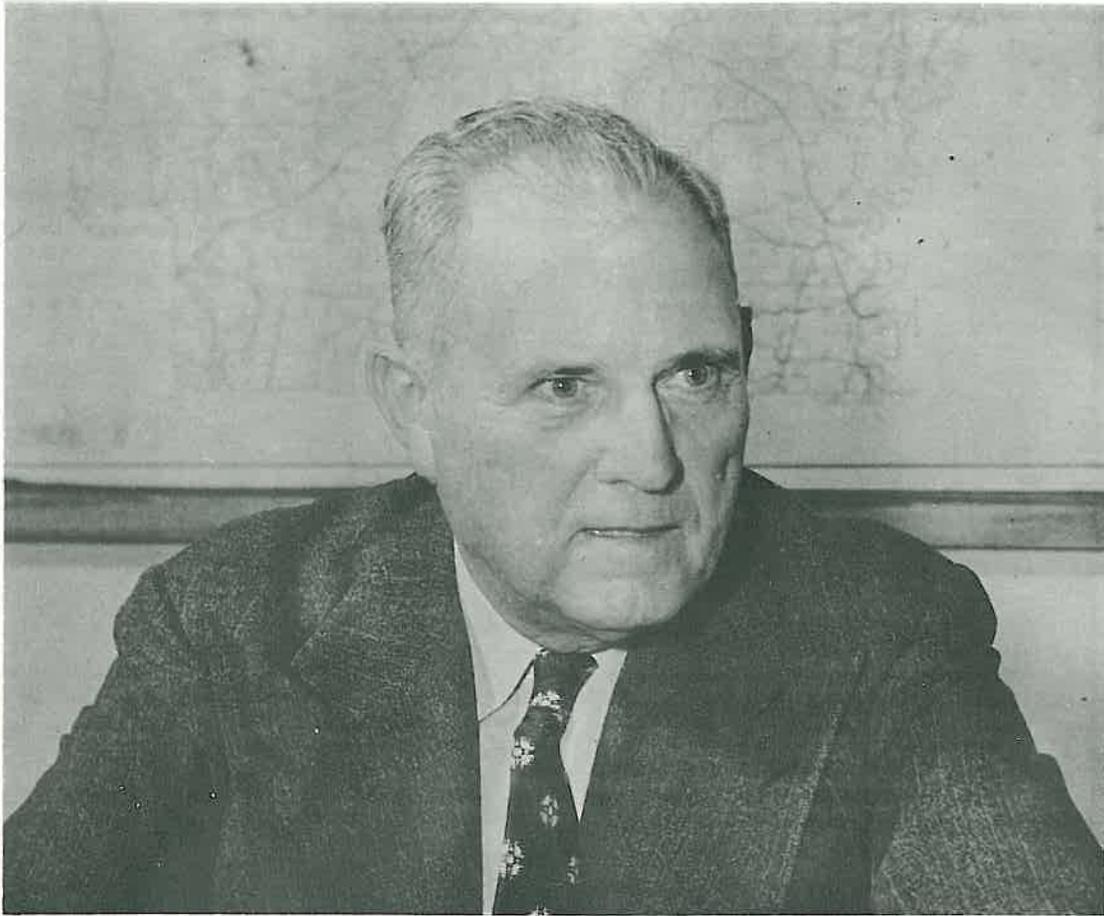
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# ARKANSAS HIGHWAYS

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## DEATH TAKES FORMER COMMISSIONER JIM CRAIN



J. H. (Jim) Crain, 73, of Wilson, a planter and three times a member of the Highway Commission, died July 23 at his home.

Born at Brandon, Miss., Mr. Crain relinquished his commission post in 1960 because of ill health and was replaced by his son, John E. Crain, Sr., of Wilson, who is now serving as Commission chairman.

Mr. Crain moved to Wilson in 1911. He was employed a year later as bookkeeper for the R. E. Lee Wilson Co., a cotton planting, ginning, and processing company. He later became a trustee of the Company and also operated a store at Crainville, near Wilson.

Few, if any, people made a greater contribution toward the development and improvement of the Arkansas State Highway System than Mr. Crain. His first appointment to the Commission was from January 24, 1941 to February 11, 1945, by former Governor Homer Adkins. He served as chairman during that tenure. In 1949 he was appointed by former Governor Sid McMath, and until September 1, 1952 he served as vice chairman. From

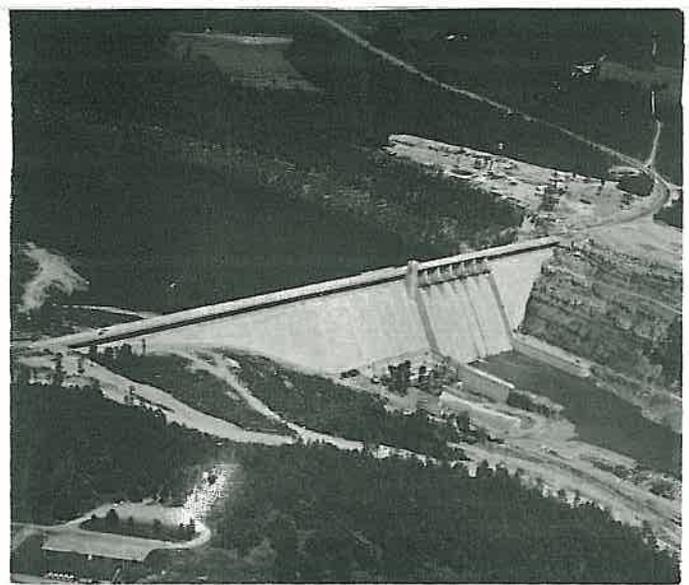
September 1, 1952 to January 13, 1953 he served as chairman. In 1955 he was appointed by Governor Faubus to fill the position vacated by Dan Portis.

Mr. Crain made the initial contact with Mr. Oliver, while he was with the Bureau of Public Roads in Iran, about the possibility of accepting the job as Highway director after the resignation of the late Herbert Eldridge.

When the Arkansas State Highway Audit Commission was set up to supervise the complete audit of the Department, Mr. Crain was appointed to serve as a member. The Commission was responsible for the initiation and adoption of the Mack-Blackwell Amendment. Others who served on the Commission R. H. Dickenhorst, W. S. Fox, Herbert L. Thomas, and V. L. Tindall.

Mr. Crain was a trustee of the Wilson Methodist Church and a member of the Wilson School Board.

Other survivors are his wife, Mrs. Alene Word Crain; a daughter, Mrs. W. J. Benton of Wilson; a brother, Berry Crain of Brandon; five sisters, eight grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.



The folks up at Heber Springs had a big day on Saturday August 4. It was the final day of the seventy-fifth annual Reunion of Soldiers of All Wars; the official dedication of the portion of State Highway 25 rerouted over the newly completed Greers Ferry Dam on the Little Red River, and an official welcome home for the 172nd Engineer Company of the National Guard, which was called to duty in October during the Berlin crisis.

About 200 persons were on hand for the dedication of the highway. Highway representatives were Commissioners Wayne Hampton and Truman Baker; Chief of Right of Way Mack Sturgis; Highway Photographer Johnnie Gray; and District 5 Engineer George Cavaness, in whose district the highway is located and who was responsible for the work on the highway.

Mr. Faubus congratulated the people on all three events. He said the opening of the Dam heralded a new era of prosperity for Heber Springs and warned the people of Cleburne County that they were "liable to lose the sleepy little town with time to visit. You're going to have to run to keep up."

Col. Charles D. Maynard, chief of the Little Rock District of the Army Engineers, said the Dam "will add to the wealth and means of Arkansas, and will protect the people of the White River Valley from the destructive power of floods." He called the Dam "a monument to the foresight of the people of this state."



Assisting at the ribbon-cutting ceremonies are: Andrea Lee McCurry, "Miss Cleburne County," Governor Faubus, and Col. Charles D. Maynard, chief of the Little Rock District, Corps of Engineers.



Really getting with it at the picnic at Heber Springs held during the festivities are three Highway Department men: Mack Sturgis, chief, Right of Way; Bernard Bice, maintenance superintendent, District 5; and District 5 Engineer George Cavaness.

# "Doc" Bonner

## MAN OF AUGUST

Along with the many functions of engineering in the Highway Department, there are the inevitable non-design duties to be carried out and, as engineering technician, it's Aubrey Jackson Bonner's responsibility to see that those duties are executed in the Bridge Design Division.

Affectionately known as "Doc," he is ideally suited to his job because of his courteous manner, a thorough knowledge of his duties, and a ready willingness to cooperate. For many years he has been handling such things as making up payrolls, keeping cost records on all bridge jobs as well as compiling estimate and cost information on bridges; keeping index records on all bridges which give the type and cost of construction, plus taking care of plans, requisitions, and personnel cards on employees in Bridge Design.

Prior to his 27-year career in the Department he was a planter, a railroad claims adjuster, dabbled in the insurance business for a period, and worked in a mercantile store. His career with the railroads was fairly long - 17 years at Harrison and in Helena. In October 1935 he came to the Department and has worked continuously since.

One of his first jobs was with the mercantile firm which belonged to his uncle. He was 18 and worked after school and on Saturdays, and told his uncle a whopping lie one time even though he wasn't given to prevarication. The experience taught him a lesson. His uncle asked him if he could drive a car, so of course, being an 18-year-old, he said yes. What he didn't tell was that he could start and steer but not stop. Enroute to the station he was wondering how he was going to get it stopped when it occurred to him that he'd just turn off the motor. He walked the rest of the way to the station. On the return trip the car stalled, thus sparing him from having to admit to a fib.

One of nine children, he was born at Spring Creek, Ark., to the late Alvin William and Ada Robinson Bonner. Seven of the Bonner family are still living and are scattered from Marianna to Mexico City, Mex. The elder Bonner was a school teacher, was Lee County School examiner, a planter, and operated his own lime quarry at St. Joe.

Lacking transportation and good roads on which to reach public schools, his education was obtained primarily by private tutoring, although he did attend schools the first three grades and one year at Marianna High School. His education is equivalent to one year of college.

Doc was married in 1917 to the former Miss Carra Etta Miller. They had one son and one daughter. A. J. Bonner, Jr., works as public relations manager for an insurance firm in Atlanta, Ga., and is a bachelor. Their only daughter, a member of the women's branch of the Army Air Corps, was killed in 1944 at the age of 26,



when the plane in which she was traveling back to Philadelphia after a visit home, crashed at Memphis.

The Bonners belong to the First Christian Church in Little Rock, and Doc is a Mason. They live fairly quietly but do enjoy their friends dropping in. Hunting and fishing are his main hobbies although he likes to read and watch television. Mrs. Bonner enjoys gardening and crochet work. Her specialties are raising African violets and iris plants. Her iris garden is a big attraction and she has many species.

Several years ago he had a penchant for buying books and they were stacking up on him faster than he could read them. The time came when a halt had to be put to the practice. Myrtle Miles, former secretary in Bridge, locked him in a room once when a salesman came to the Department. Doc never knew about it until later, but he now sticks to magazines and reading highway material.

Another of his hobbies turned out to be quite profitable. Known to be a shrewd house trader, he started out in 1937 by buying a home on North Monroe. He decided to make a few changes and improvements and then he had an offer to buy. The house-trading began to snowball and before it was over, they had moved several times. Their present house on McMillan Trail has been home now for many years.

About a year ago Doc and Eddie Williams, a good friend and Bridge Design co-worker, started spending much of their lunch hour taking walks. It isn't unusual now for Highway Worker to see the pair strolling far from the building, soaking up nature. Eddie says that Doc can't tell a cottonwood tree from a sycamore, though he knows it's one or the other.

Many people wonder how Doc got his nickname. The story has varied in the telling but we got it straight from him. One day, wearing white shirt and trousers, he was on his lunch hour over by the Baptist Hospital. A colored man, standing on the corner, mistook him for a doctor. The man tipped his hat and said, "How are you, Doctor?" Doc came back with the story, John Dickinson, a draftsman, picked it up and it stuck. That was in 1937.

Doc Bonner is the target for much affectionate teasing but he enjoys it and can take it as much as anyone. His motto is "Don't Worry." He stands only 5 feet, 4½ inches but in the eyes of his co-workers and hordes of Highway friends, he stands very tall.

--Robbie Ingle

## Five Receive Service Awards

Five Highway Department employees, with a total of 145 years' service, received service awards in the Commission Room August 2, in recognition of their faithful and loyal service.

Two of the men, Forrest C. Bogart of Right of Way, and Ocean G. Diffie, District 6, received 35-year awards; the others, Dodson I. Leonard, Planning and Research;

Felbert L. Stovall, District 4; and Leonard L. Thomason, District 3, received 25-year awards. Chief Engineer and Deputy Director Ward Goodman gave a biographical sketch on each of the men before making the presentation, after which they were congratulated by Director Oliver and the Highway Commission. A large audience watched the proceedings.



Left to right, the recipients are: Forrest C. Bogart, Dodson Leonard, Felbert Stovall, Leonard L. Thomason, and Ocean G. Diffie.

## Arkansas Highway Dames Meet

The Meeting Room in the Arkansas Power and Light Building was the setting for the July meeting of the Arkansas Highway Dames.

An informal luncheon was served by hostesses Mrs. Marvin Bunch, Mrs. Bob Narrell, and Mrs. Frank Hutchison.

Following the luncheon, Mrs. Baldy Vinson, Jr., president, presided at a brief business meeting at which time recommendations and reports were heard from the executive board and committees.

The featured speaker, Floyd W. Parsons, superintendent of Little Rock Public Schools, was introduced by Mrs. Harry M. Wright, program chairman. Mr. Parsons' subject was, "The Greeks Had A Word For It." He chal-

lenged the thinking of his audience with truths, myths, humor, and the possibilities of changes in the field of basic education.

The August meeting is to be a potluck picnic Saturday, AUGUST 25, at 4 p.m., at Lake Nixon, with husbands as guests.

The Foods Committee reminds you members to please bring *two* covered dishes and your own tea if preferred to other drinks. Also, cutlery, plates, napkins, and cups. Coffee will be served by the hostesses and cold drinks will be available at a nearby concession stand. One more item is requested from each member, the reason for which will be revealed in due time. Please look around your home for a "white elephant" item, take it to the picnic, and give it to one of the hostesses.

Everyone is urged to attend.

## Umpire Citizens Dish Up Barbequed Chicken At Appreciation Picnic

Umpire and Nashville folks turned out July 17 to honor the Highway Department operation and particularly Commissioner Glenn Wallace of Nashville and Director Oliver.

Two paving projects on State Highway 4 leading into Umpire were the reason for the celebration held at the Umpire schoolhouse. Approximately 250 persons gathered from all points of the county and a few outside the county.

Mounds of barbequed chicken and side dishes were served. The food was provided by the Mountaineer, Nashville PCA, Nashville Distributing Company and the residents of Umpire.

Speaking before the crowd, Mr. Wallace said, "We are delighted to build roads into undeveloped country such as this, and the entire Highway Commission deserves the credit."

Mr. Oliver, in reviewing the 12 miles of former county road taken into the state system under the Milum Bill, said that the Umpire road was delayed in 1960 after the legislature passed Act 161 requiring the Department to spend at least \$100,000 each two years in each county.

Neely Cassady of the Nashville hatchery served as master of ceremonies, with Fletcher Pinkerton of Umpire speaking for the north portion of the county. Editor Louis Graves represented the Nashville Chamber of Commerce.

Among others attending were: District 3 Engineer Jim Lowder, Hope; Johnnie Gray, photographer; Administrative Assistant Y. W. Whelchel; A. M. Clark, District 3 maintenance superintendent; Ted Maryman, District 3 assistant maintenance superintendent; J. W. Robinson, resident engineer at Nashville; Kermit Glasgow, area foreman; Brian Duncan, instrumentman, District 3; Helen Bissell, field clerk in District 3; and Mrs. Wallace.



Grouped around the mike at Umpire are Director Oliver, Mr. Crain, and Neely Cassady, master of ceremonies.



Queing up for chow are Mr. Oliver, Y. W. Whelchel, Mr. Crain, and Jim Lowder.



Johnnie Gray, photographer, and Louis Graves, editor of the Nashville News, aren't interested in anything here but the barbequed chicken.



A. M. Clark is doing all right here, too.

## Department Well Ahead on Secondary Paving

Director F. R. Oliver recently announced that the Department is well ahead of the legislature's demands in paving secondary roads, having contracted \$22,000,000 worth of secondary highway paving in the past 18 months.

The 1961 legislature passed a law, Act 150, requiring the Department to spend at least \$100,000 on paving secondary roads in each county during the 1961-63 biennium, which would come to \$7,500,000.

Mr. Oliver said the Department had contracted an additional \$2,800,000 for secondary road work not included in the requirements of the Act.

The Department has met its \$100,000 requirement in every county except Poinsett where another \$10,000 must be contracted, Mr. Oliver said.

Of the \$22,000,000 contracted, \$11,000,000 was federal funds for secondary roads. "This includes \$2,000,000 of federal funds that were available, but not used, by the counties and which, under federal regulations, then became available to the Highway Department for use on the federal-aid secondary system," Mr. Oliver said.

The counties have matched only \$550,000 of more than \$2,100,000 in federal money available to them in the 1962 fiscal year that ended June 30. The state got \$4,225,812 federal money for secondary roads last year and half was available to the counties if they could match it 50-50. The state is getting \$4,528,253 this year. The House passed a new highway bill that would give Arkansas \$4,847,000 for secondary roads next year.

The contracts awarded for secondary roads during the past 18 months cover 404.9 miles of roads and 3.13 miles of bridges, Mr. Oliver said. The state still has 1,894 miles of unpaved state secondary roads and 475 of them are programmed for paving.

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### FOUR PASS REGISTRATION EXAMS

Four men in the Department became registered professional engineers after passing the written examinations given last April. The men are: Tommy Talley, No. 1838; Albert H. Cockrill, No. 1844; Mack C. Peevy, No. 1848; and Charles E. Venable, No. 1853.

The next examinations will be given in the House of Representatives' Chamber in the State Capitol on October 19 and 20. All those who are not registered but qualify for the examination are urged to take advantage of this opportunity. Application blanks may be obtained from Allan Curry, secretary, State Board for Registered Professional Engineers, P. O. Box 1171, Park Hill Station, North Little Rock.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE IN THE OFFICE OF MR. CURRY BY SEPTEMBER 1.

### Law Bulletin Summarizes Bohlinger's Opinion

For the second time since he was appointed Associate Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court, Neill Bohlinger, former legal counsel for the Department, has had one of his opinions selected to be summarized in "Judicial Highlights." The bulletin, by all reporters in the National Reporter System, is published in advance sheets to serve to bring attention of the Bench and Bar throughout the entire country, cases of unusual and special interest.



Jim Francis of the Little Rock Maintenance Division, left, is making final inspection on the new Columbia county area building. Ray Rogers, area foreman, is at right.

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### Graduate Center Announces Fall Schedule for Certificate Courses

The University of Arkansas Graduate Center at 1200 McAlmont, has announced its Fall 1962 Certificate Course Schedule. The following courses will be offered: RAPID READING, 16 sessions, Mondays, 7-10 p.m.; BASIC PRINCIPLES OF REAL ESTATE, 16 sessions, Tuesdays, 7-10 p.m.; INTERIOR DECORATION AND DESIGN, 16 sessions, Tuesdays, 7-10 p.m.; NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY, 16 sessions, Thursdays, 7-10 p.m.; PHOTOGRAPHY FOR AMATEURS, 12 sessions, Tuesdays, 7-10 p.m.; MONEY MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENTS, 12 sessions, Tuesdays, 7-10 p.m.; MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY, 8 sessions, Tuesdays 7-10 p.m. There are no prerequisites or special requirements for CERTIFICATE courses; any adult or high school graduate may enroll.

Students should register for fall semester certificate courses not later than September 3. They may register by mail or in person at the Graduate Center office. More information may be obtained by calling or writing the Graduate Center. Certificates will be awarded to students who satisfactorily complete a course provided the student has not been absent from more than two sessions in classes which meet for 12 or more sessions, nor more than one session in classes which meet for fewer than 12 sessions.

# Obituaries

## SAM CARRIGAN

Sam Carrigan, 53, of Texarkana, was killed July 2 while working at a highway construction site on U.S. Highway 71, three miles south of Texarkana. Mr. Carrigan was behind an AHD panel truck, running a sample road test when a pickup truck hit the rear of the state truck, crushing Mr. Carrigan. He died instantly. He was employed in District 3.

A native of Washington, Ark., in Hempstead County, Mr. Carrigan had been employed over 11 years in the Highway Department. For three years during World War II, he served in the U.S. Army Engineering Corps. He resided in Texarkana.

## BUFORD C. JOHNSON

Buford C. Johnson, 54, of Hope, died July 1 in a Hope hospital. An employee in District 3, he worked out of the Hope district shop. He had been employed by the Department approximately 8 years. He was a native of Dennison, Tex. Our deepest sympathies are extended to the families of these two men.

## MARJORIE JOHNSON

The Highway Department was deeply saddened by the death of Marjorie G. Johnson, stenographer in District 6, on August 8 in Baptist Hospital. Marjorie had had surgery and it was believed the operation was successful but she never regained consciousness.

Born in Coolidge, Texas, Marjorie would have been 41 years old August 21. She attended schools at Coolidge and North Texas State Teachers College.

Marjorie had only been working in the Department a year but during that time her friendliness and fun-loving personality had won her many friends. She was considered a very good employee and she will be sadly missed.

Funeral services for Marjorie were held at McElroy Funeral Home at Coolidge August 10.

Our most sincere sympathies are extended to her husband, Albert O. Johnson and two daughters of 7100 Hillwood Road, Little Rock.



Marjorie Johnson



Ward Goodman is pinning a corsage on JoAnn Almond at the farewell party given for her August 6. JoAnn left for Denver, Colo., August 8.

Dorothy M. Orsini, executive director of the Arkansas Bar Center, and wife of Ed N. Orsini, auditor in the Highway Department, was elected president of the National Association of Women Lawyers at its annual convention August 4 at San Francisco. Prior to the election she was serving as first vice president. Mrs. Orsini has been with the Arkansas Bar Association since 1954. Her election as president follows years of work in the organization, in which she has been a delegate from Arkansas, a regional delegate representing 10 states, business manager of its Journal, corresponding secretary, treasurer, and second and vice president. She is past president of the Little Rock Association of Women Lawyers.



At the time this stern-looking young man was photographed, he was 9 years old. He is a "few" years older and the expression has changed to one not so serious. In fact, he's a great kidder, and has a responsible job in the Department. Know who he is?



Roger Gray

...A LETTER  
FROM A TRAVELER...

Hello Martha:

Greetings from the noted 'world traveler' and aiman! (I always like to start out with a joke.) I thought I'd better write and tell you a little bit about our fabulous trip.

On the morning of March 9, we left Moron Air Base bound for the airport in Seville. We boarded a DC-6 bound for Madrid, and after arriving there we went through customs and began our wait for the plane from New York which would take us to Rome, the first stop on our tour. The plane, a TWA 707 Super Jet, finally arrived and we were all pretty excited. We arrived in Rome at 2:25 p.m. after a wonderful flight, and then the fun began.

On the way into Rome our guide pointed out many interesting things including the ruins of an old Roman City. We crossed the world famous Tiber River and took some interesting pictures. After we checked into our hotel we cleaned up and went out for a real Italian pizza. The next day we left on a two-day excursion to Naples, Sorrento, the ruins of Pompei, and the Island of Capri. We had lunch at a Neopolitan cafe overlooking the Bay of Naples. The ruins of Pompei was the next stop. We arrived there via a beautiful four-lane highway, probably the nicest and most scenic in all Italy. The Ruins were very interesting. This, as you probably know, was the ancient city destroyed in the year 79 A.D. by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius. The population at that time was 25,000 and of course, they were all destroyed. The excavation of the Ruins has taken three generations to renew only one-fifth of the city. We visited the museum and saw many of the tools and pottery that were used by the people. After a tour of the Riviera we drove on to Sorrento. We stayed at a famous hotel overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. The Hotel Tromantana is known for the many famous poets, writers, kings and queens and other famous people who have visited there.



The Mediterranean Sea on the left and the New Appianway at right, between Rome and Naples.



The Colosseum of Rome, built about 3,000 years ago.

Early the next morning we went to the dock to await the arrival of the ship that would take us to the Isle of Capri, and which we reached after a 45-minute cruise. The island is 17 miles from the coast. One of the highlights of this tour was visiting the world-famous and beautiful "Blue Grotto." The entrance to this beautiful cave is only about three feet wide and access to it is by small boat only, not to mention having to lie completely down to enter and leave. When we left there we went to a beautiful hotel and had Italian spaghetti with some Capri wine. We took a drive around and our tour guide showed us some of the villas owned by American movie stars.

We left Capri by ship for Sorrento and our long night drive back to Rome. I might add that I think the highways in Italy are outstanding and almost comparable to any average state-side highway. They were also very scenic.

Back in Rome we toured the Vatican City. We enjoyed it but the day was bad, weather-wise. What we saw made up for it though. We saw the Sistene Chapel and Michaelangelo's famous paintings and many beautiful sculptures. We were not allowed to take our camera in, however, so we didn't get pictures.

We later drove around Rome, taking in the Coliseum, and the old Roman Forum. Very educational and interesting. Rome is one of the most beautiful cities in the world and worthy of all the praise heaped upon it. The famous fountains are gorgeous.

Our next country was Geneva, Switzerland. When we landed (a Viscount turbo jet) it was snowing and extremely cold. Our guide met us after we went through customs and we went on a short tour of the city and on to Hotel Bristol, where we stayed. We went sightseeing that night, and it is a beautiful city, and completely surrounded on all sides by the magnificent Swiss Alps. Some of the members of our party went on a tour of Mt. Blanc, the highest mountain in Europe, 15,500 feet. Some of us who didn't have the warm clothing necessary for the trip went on a tour of the different cities, through the famous Swiss vineyards, and sightseeing in general.

Incidentally, the highways in Switzerland are very good but do not compare with those in Arkansas.

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# AROUND THE DEPARTMENTS

## ACCOUNTING DIVISION

Blanche Smith

We welcome a new employee, Donna Smith, who will act as file clerk. Donna is both attractive and smart and we are glad to have her.

The "Koonce Kids" are again visiting their grandparents in Indiana, which is their usual summer jaunt. However, at this writing, only (?) three have made the trip. The fourth, Bob, will leave at the end of the Little League baseball season. Bob has made such a good record we have no doubt that he will eventually be a BIG league player.

Olin Randle's son David, who lives in Fayetteville, attended a two weeks' encampment of the National Guard at Camp Robinson. Wife Jean, and daughters Robin and Kim, visited with Randy while David was in camp.

The death of J. D. Bryant, supervisor of toll collectors at Helena on the Helena Bridge, occurred July 22, after a sudden heart attack. Mr. Bryant was employed in July 1961 at the time the bridge was opened to traffic. He was under the supervision of Accounting.

## BLYTHEVILLE CONSTRUCTION OFFICE

Johnnie Alexander

We welcome Johnny Priest and Billy Webb back with us after 6 months' active duty with Uncle Sam. They, along with Billy Hyde, Donnie Wright, and Jerry Wright, will be leaving August 3 for two weeks' summer camp at Ft. Sill, Okla. (That's about half our crew.)

Priest traded for a 1961 Chevrolet and Wright (Donnie) traded for a 1958 Chevy. Your reporter and husband bought a "fishing" car - a 1953 Chevy, in May, but so far it hasn't brought us much luck.

John and Annabell Mitchell are the proud parents of an 8 pound, 4 ounce son born July 13. He has been named Gregory Lee and he has a sister, Susan, 3½ years old.

Al and Anita Kilburn have a new daughter born May 15, named Tina. They have a little son, 2.

By the time this is printed, this reporter's husband Wayne, will be at home from the Army after a two-year hitch, and it's hard to tell who's happier, he or I. He was released July 26.

Eddie Perry and Bobby Lilly, reservists, will be going to camp as soon as the National Guard boys return this month.

Recent visitors to our office were L. T. McCullough of the Bureau of Public Roads; District 10 Engineer John F. Price; and Henry Dreher, engineer in Materials and Tests in Little Rock.

## BRIDGE DESIGN

Virginia Tackett

Letters coming in from Larry Carlson with the Highway Department in Alaska are enough to make sportsmen envious. First there was the salmon fishing, then the big brown bear he killed, and the later letters tell of fishing for grayling which is good sport to catch and very good eating as well. Pictures accompany all these letters, so we can't accuse him of exaggerating. At present he is project engineer of a bridge sufficiency study and is working in Mt. McKinley National Park at this stage of the study.



This gigantic king salmon, held by Larry Carlson, would fill a lot of cans! Larry caught the 53 pound monster at Juneau on May 4, with a 20 pound test line spinning outfit. It took him only 25 minutes to haul him in. (We wish we could have used the picture of Larry beside the huge, ferocious looking bear he killed but since we can't use colored shots, you will just have to take our word for it.)

Summer sports in this part of the country are not as exotic, but Bob Seay's experience with the tow rope while water skiing was as dangerous as tangling with a brown bear. He has a rather interesting rope burn from ear to ear which will probably serve to liven conversation up for some time to come.

Wayne Major spent a few days of his vacation water skiing at Hot Springs and the rest of the time swimming, sleeping late, eating, and enjoying life in general.

The most pleasant thing about Jim Matthews' 10 days off this month was a buffet supper for officers at Ft. Sill, Okla., where he was spending his annual two weeks' military duty. Jim says if you wanted to stay up till midnight every

night studying, they gave you every opportunity, and provided you with plenty of material.

Charles Venable accepted an offer to transfer to Surveys Division and tho' we hated to lose him, we realize it's a valuable and interesting experience. Since the Training Program schedule transferred Chuck Jones to Roadway Plans, we don't have a trainee in our office, but expect to be assigned another one in September.

Frank and Barbara Harrison and their daughter Jenni have been spending lots of week ends working on their cabin at Devils Fork on the Little Red River. Frank is getting so trim and muscular the rest of us are wondering if we shouldn't maybe build a cabin.

John Sage's engagement to Rebecca Ann Ridland of Hope, Ark. was announced recently. We met Rebecca at a Division dinner last fall and are all very pleased she is going to join the Bridge Design group on the distaff side in September.

## BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Hazel McKim

Ralph Post bought a new Volvo and says that it's so easy on gas he made two trips to Houston, Tex., while on his vacation.

Charles Thirion has been fishing twice while on his vacation but the rest of the time he spent at home under a shade tree with a book in one hand and a glass of tea in the other.

We have had two on the sick list recently. Leona Williams and Eroda Quiller both have been back in the hospital, but are at home now. We hope they will be back before long.

John Ball and his family spent most of his vacation in Ohio. He said they had a wonderful time and saw many pretty places and scenery along the way.

## COUNTY PROGRAM

Barbara Oldham

Our two bachelors (the only ones left here), Gene Davis and Gerald (Archie) Gassaway, took a trip to Hot Springs recently and had a blast. They will probably go again soon.

Note the new last name of your reporter, who was married July 24 to James B. Oldham. The marriage took place in South Highland Baptist Church and they are residing at 609 North Jackson, Little Rock. (Our congratulations to Babs and her bridegroom and we hope they will be very happy.Ed.)

Bubbles, Mumbles, Flyface, and the Spook. Sound like characters in a certain comic strip? Who are they? Only the ones in County Program know and we aren't telling.



Zelda Riggs, former secretary in County Roads before her retirement in June, is holding a gift she received at a going-away party, given for her by some of her co-workers, in the Commission Room.

## DATA PROCESSING CENTER

Elsie King

We welcome two new employees to our department: Jim McGraw and Frankie Keathley.

Roy Shelby and family spent their vacation recently in Dallas, Texas.

Two former employees visited us not long ago. Joyce Fryer from Phoenix, Ariz., and Laverne Henderson, who has moved back to Little Rock. It was good to see them.

Art Johnson and Gladys Plunkett each returned from vacations.

## EQUIPMENT DIVISION

Doris Healy

We congratulate Lee Ferguson on his recent marriage. Lee and Miss Grace Hopkins of Dennard, Ark., were married in the bride's home July 6.

Leon Sneed went to the Office of Civil Defense Staff School in Battle Creek, Mich., the week of July 15. He took a course in radiological monitoring for instructors and passed the exam.

Birthdays celebrated in July were: Patsy Navens, Parker Harden, C. A. Jones, and George Steward.

Frank Pitts is the proud owner of a new 1962 Chevrolet Impala in anniversary gold. It's real pretty.

Patsy Navens was presented a pair of pretty red and blue plaid Bermuda shorts by several of her fellow workers celebrating her birthday July 24.

Avalee Padgett and family attended a family reunion at Heber Springs on July 22. There were 42 persons present including all of Avalee's mother's brothers and sisters, who were all together for the first time in many years. Avalee has also had relatives visiting her from California and is expecting more.

Our "Arkansas Travelers" for the month of July included Frank Boyett, who journeyed into the Lone Star state of Texas, where everything grows bigger than any other place, and to prove his point Frank sent us a picture post card of a Texan punching cattle on a jack rabbit. Carl Hillis wandered into Missouri to visit his father and brother during a week of his vacation. They went fishing at Wapapella Lake and caught approximately 40 or 50 pounds of fish, then had a fish fry. W. W. Yancey has had quite a vacation, going to Biloxi and Gulfport, Miss., New Orleans, and Pensacola.

We extend our sincere sympathies to Maurice Head on the loss of his father, Mr. Thomas E. Head, who died July 2.

That's all for now. Equipment Division take note: Please report any news item to me.

## FREEWAY

Patsy Mayhan

Monte Deakins and his Mrs. are the very proud parents of a 9 pound, 7½ ounce red-headed boy, named Monte Craig.

H. H. Perkins is an expectant grandfather again, probably by the time this is printed, as the little one is due about August 1. The father is Charles F. Jones, engineering trainee "serving time" in Roadway Design.

Tommy McLaughlin has taken a leave of absence to attend a summer class in math at ASTC.

The following (with help from the bank) have purchased new cars: Jack Brashears, Bill Logan, John Shaw, George West, Dick Gillenwater, Jim Little, Jackie Carlisle. It appears prosperity has arrived.

Jackie Jackson has a new bride, the former Barbara Bailey of Carlisle. Joe Reese resigned to coach at the Russellville High School this fall. Joe was married July 29 to the former Karen Grandon.

Doc Ballard has been on sick leave, the result of an accident. Doc reached for a tool at the edge of his lawnmower, which he had left running, and somehow his fingers were caught and he suffered severe lacerations. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Carroll Winters, University of Arkansas engineering student who worked with H. Perkins last summer, reported for work July 16. He is a fine young man with a fine future ahead of him with the Department.

H. H. Perkins reports his Job 6596, the East Second to East Nineteenth project, is almost complete. He expects to ask for a final inspection about the last of August.

J. C. Hedrick had his son and their family visiting from Marshall, Tex. recently.

## MATERIALS AND TESTS

Julia Halliburton

One of our employees pledged his marriage vows this month in Grace Lutheran Church. Elaine Pratt became the bride of

Dick Pils, who works in our soils lab on August 11.

Thornton B. Rowe received his 20-year service awards the week of August 5.

Walter M. Hart resigned to accept another job...Good luck, Walter. Donald Liles, former employee who has been teaching in Kentucky, returned to M&T August 1. Welcome back, Don.

Vacationers included R. C. Turney and his family, who took off for a week. One place they went was to Houston to see the Cardinals play...Joe Magness and his family vacationed at one of the lakes around here. Joe is driving a new green 1962 Volkswagen...J. W. Chapman and his wife took a 10-day vacation August 13.

We extend our sincere sympathies to Maureen Rodgers, who works in our lab, on the death of her husband Walter, of a heart attack July 28. Funeral services were held in Ruebel Funeral Chapel August 1. Burial was at National Cemetery.

## MICROFILMING SECTION

Sarah Neel

Since there are only three employees in our section, we don't often have a lot to write about...We do have a few items this month, however.

Verna and Ivan Daes took off a few weeks ago, leaving their four boys with the housekeeper, supposedly to spend a week in Hot Springs on vacation. They arrived at the lake and spent one night at their cabin, began discussing visiting Ivan's sister in Oklahoma City, took off the next morning and before it was over, they had taken in a lot of Oklahoma territory, plus driving to Dallas, Ft. Worth, and Austin, where Verna visited the Highway Department to look over their microfilming section. The night in Dallas was quite a blast, Verna said, as they went "night lifin" some and took a 2 a.m. dip in the pool belonging to their friends in whose home they stayed.

Janet Kail will be married to Bill Sahlin, of the U.S. Air Force, at 7 p.m. September 1, in the Church of Christ at Sixth and Izard, with Reverend Cleon Lyles officiating. Janet's pretty excited now and making many preparations as she will have four attendants for the formal wedding. We're all happy for Janet.

Verna and Ivan had the company the first week in August. Her sister and husband, Ruth and Arno Christopher and their five children were here the week end of August 4 and had no sooner left to return to Chester, Ill., than Verna's long-time friend, Mrs. Tottie Chester and her two children arrived from Indiana for a few days.

This writer's granddaughter, Nancy Azpeitia, of Riverside, Calif., left the last of July for her home after being with me for over two months. Nancy stayed with me during my late husband's long illness and when my mother, Mrs. Thompson Smith, died July 7 after being ill several years.

Did you hear about the bad tempered civil engineer who always built crossroads?

## PERSONNEL OFFICE

M. A.

The "dog days" have arrived in a big way, although it seems they've been with us for months and months. Most of us in Personnel are ready for some cooler weather.

Jane Greenlee and her family had as guests the week end of July 28, Mr. and Mrs. Walker Brown and children from Pine Bluff.

Ruth Foll spent a couple of week ends in July with parents and sister in Mountain View...Jackie Wallace went up to Heber Springs for a week end with her grandmother...and Paul Wroten visited his mother in Perryville the week end of July 28.

We were all very sorry to lose Jimmie Higgins as assistant Personnel officer. Jimmie left us July 20 to join an architectural firm and we sure miss him. On the Friday he left we all went to lunch at Lido Inn and presented him with a gift. We wish Jim much good luck on his new job.



Birdie

It would be very easy to dislike Birdie (Robin) Wright, our PBX operator, if we weren't so darned fond of her. But, let's face it, the fabulous trips she takes each year are enough to turn anyone green with envy. Of course we're just kidding because most of the trips are connected with the Greater Little Rock PBX Club in which she takes such a great interest and any trip or honors coming her way are deserving. Two years ago it was Hawaii; last year it was Canada, and this year it was Portland, Ore. Birdie and four members of the PBX club took off July 14 for the International Convention of PBX Clubs at Portland, and returned July 27. The trip was filled with many memorable events, but the main one was

her being elected as International Treasurer of the organization! That's really something and we couldn't be prouder of Birdie. She polled 71 out of 96 votes. On the lighter side, a clambake was held for them, cocktail parties, luncheons, plus a "bierstube," which means beer party. Birdie said it was hilarious and pictures were made, but, worse luck, the roll of films was lost. They took a side trip to the World's Fair at Seattle, where they went up the 'needle' and took in many other attractions while there.

The Office force took time out August 2 to have delicious cake and coffee to celebrate the birthdays of Dale Davison, Personnel officer, and Robbie Ingle, vari-typist. We got them each a small gift.

Mrs. John F. Stanford, Jr., and daughter Rinda, of Fairhope, Ala.; and the Kenneth Markles and son Stevie, of Lincoln, Neb., were visitors of Martha and Harry Adams and other relatives the middle of August.

Hoyt Thomas and wife Linda, are looking for a new little visitor to their house any minute now, so by the time the next issue comes out he will have already passed out cigars, maybe.

## RIGHT OF WAY

Ann Sniff

Seems as though each issue we progress from Dill to "dillies," our dilly being Donna Reddin, a former beauty queen who was named Miss Hampton and Forestry Queen in the same year, 1961. We welcome Donna but regret losing our real Dill. Sue left us for the University Arkansas and her sophomore year there. See ya' next summer, Sue.

We will also miss Carl Fowler who left the Utility Section August 1.

We have two proud 'paters' in our division. Woody Laird of the Utility Section became a grandpapa when his daughter, Barbara Lynn Mahoney (Mrs. Edward J.), gave birth to a daughter at St. Vincent's Infirmary July 21. The little one weighed in at 7 pounds, 11½ ounces. I have never seen two grandparents "bust a button" any more than Lena and Woody. The daughter of J. C. Merritt (Appraisal Section), Janelle, became the bride of Vernon R. Abbott on July 14 in the Park View Baptist Church in North Little Rock.

Five of our personnel received 5-year lapel pins and certificates of merit last month. They were: Arthur Emmerling, Bill Bradley, Herbert Hooten, Nancy Sipe, and Glendol Jackson. We celebrated with an appropriate yellow and black frosted "state" cake, and coffee.

Fred Williams and Paul Broyles of the Engineering Section, have gone on military leave for two weeks; Fred with the National Guard to Ft. Polk, La., and Paul to Camp Wolters, Tex., with the Army.

Carl Keehn is in the Veteran's Hospital as of this writing...we hope his stay there is short.

Gip Robertson is the new chief of the Pre-Audit Section.



Donna Reddin, new girl in Right of Way



Gip Robertson

## ROADWAY DESIGN

June Dillon

Joe Hicks went out West on his vacation. He visited the Grand Canyon and the Painted Desert and saw wild west shows. But, he wouldn't trade Arkansas for all the desert.

Cameron and Martha Lowe, along with their two daughters and Marlin Powell of Planning and Research, went camping in the Buffalo River State Park July 6-8.

John and Peggy Hicks spent a week (July 8-14) in the Ozarks. On July 8 they attended the funeral of Peggy's aunt, Mrs. Maude Cotton at Leslie. The rest of the week was spent visiting relatives in Leslie, Harrison, Lead Hill, and Bentonville. On the return trip they made a side trip 20 miles back in the mountains southwest of Leslie to interview a teenage "old fiddler," Paulette Reves, who recently won first place in a fiddler's contest at the Leslie Homecoming and on whom John is writing a feature story for the Arkansas Democrat.

We understand Ray Garner is a real estate magnate and recently increased his land holdings in Perry County near Lake Nimrod.

Chester Siesicki visited relatives in Connecticut and they gave him a birthday

party with a huge cake and 16 candles, which Chester couldn't explain. After spending some time in Connecticut, Chester, his mother and sister drove to Vermont and Massachusetts.

Paul DeBusk and wife Kelley, arrived in Denver July 7 and visited the Denver Zoo where a bear escaped and chased them into the bird house. Hope the Denver bird houses are bigger than Arkansas ones. From Denver they went to Colorado Springs saw all the attractions there. They also visited Central City, an old mining town with authentic nineteenth saloons.

R. B. (Bud) Smith is missed very much by his squad and the office. Bud had major surgery July 4 and has been off recuperating since.

Ray Maxey's brother was home on leave from the Air Force in Alaska and Ray was off during the week of July 16 to fish and swim with him. Ray said they never catch any fish but it's fun just going.

## DISTRICT 1

Janet McElduff

Two of our district's favorite working mates were awarded their 15-year service awards this month. V. H. Shassere, resident engineer in West Memphis, took time out to come over to the district office and pick up his awards and to contend with a lot of good-natured kidding. Virg is a hard working young man and we are all proud of the good job he's doing on the complicated system of roads being constructed in Crittenden County. He didn't have any diamonds in his pin but he does have a beautiful new office, having moved from the West Memphis weight station to the area headquarters building on Interstate 55.

Our other honored co-worker is Mildred Stacy, our district bookkeeper. Now bookkeepers are reputedly, according to Charles Dickens, staid, crabby, cross old bachelors, but you can see by the accompanying photo that our Mildred is anything but that. For those of you who have so often heard her voice over the telephone with "This is Mildred - Wynne," you now



Mildred Stacy

have an actual picture of the equally pleasant voice. From the farthest road-worker out in the district up to the boss, everyone knows Mildred and Mildred knows them. She is the hub of the office, not only in efficiency, but in personality and sincere interest for each and every one of her fellow workers. In honor of her 15-year service awards, and to honestly show her how much we thought of her, we let her buy all the cokes that afternoon!

Bobby Blaylock, mechanic, and Tack Marcum, have added a baby boy and girl respectively, to the Highway Department family. The babies were born on July 9 in Wynne, and needless to say there were two expanded chests around the shop the next day. Congratulations to you both!

On our sick list we've had Erby Melton and Pat Russell. Pat is back at work and Erby was in for a few minutes the other day with hopes of being back soon. Over in West Memphis at the resident engineer's office, Julie Cockrill, field clerk, had surgery July 25 and from her recent reports, is doing well. Mary Lynn Busby has taken over her duties as Julie expects to be off some time. Welcome to our clan, Mary Lynn, and hurry and get well, Julia.

Griffin English, Crittenden County foreman, is once more talking BIG FISH FRY, and all of us in the district are anticipating an invite! Shelby Patrick, area foreman in Phillips County, is also due to show off his new area headquarters at Barton soon with a celebration. Jerry Jayroe treated us to a delicious fish fry the early part of the summer at his headquarters in Forrest City but everyone has been so busy since the first of June that we haven't even had time to talk about having another one.

Bill Vickers, who was transferred to District 10 the first of June, was in the office recently. He and his family are very happy in Paragould and Bill seems to be enjoying his new work. We wish him luck!

Our heartfelt and sincere sympathies go to Howard Pittman and his family in the loss of their son and brother on July 29. Little Steven Pittman, 7 years old, was unavoidably struck by a passing car on Highway 1, north of Wynne, and died a few hours later. Charles Pittman, his uncle, is also an employee in the Department.

We were sorry to learn that J. D. Bryant, chief toll collector at Helena, died suddenly July 21. Mr. Bryant had earned a reputation for the courteous way he handled his job and he will be missed.

## DISTRICT 2

Ouida Grimes

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Vick visited their four grandchildren in Midwest City, Okla., and friends in Lawrence, Kan., recently. One of their little granddaughters returned to Star City with them for a visit and returned by train.

The following employees received service awards this month: James E. Cockrell, 15 years; George E. Meeks, and Roosevelt Williams, 10 years.

Selma Chavis, her son Phil, and her mother, made a short trip to Corpus Christi, Tex. recently to visit her other son, Van Dyke, Jr., and his family. She brought her daughter-in-law and four grandsons home with her for a month's visit.

Mike Shalmy, son of the Brewster Shalmys, has been nominated for "Air Force Man of the Month." We think that is a great honor and we're hoping he is elected.

The W. L. Wrights had as their guests recently, their son and his wife, Lt. and Mrs. Wilton Wright.

We welcome Leslie Long (Mrs.) as a new employee in our district office. She is replacing Floyd Walker, fuel clerk, who resigned.

## DISTRICT 3

Olive Jackson

On July 12 the people in North Howard County had a chicken barbeque and celebration of the "bid letting" for construction of Highway 4 into Umpire. This event was attended by Director and Mrs. Oliver, Johnnie Gray, staff photographer, and from the Hope District Office, J. E. Lowder, district engineer; A. M. Clark, Maintenance superintendent; and Ted Maryman, assistant maintenance super.

Clyde Tullis, one of our mechanics, is recuperating at his home after a stay in the Shreveport Veteran's Hospital.

This office had recent visits from three of our employees who have been on active duty at Camp LeRoy Johnson in New Orleans for the past year. Houston Kitchens, Pierre Malardier, and Donald Embry are looking forward to returning to their jobs this month. We all welcome them back.

Linus Gregory Bolds received his 10-year service awards last month. Those who will receive their awards this month are John Jones, 15 years, and Samuel Dundee, 5 years.

Sam and Dorothea Faye Huckabee, accompanied by their two daughters, Linda and Mary Lou, spent the week end of July 13-15 in Dallas. While there they visited "Six Flags Over Texas." Also, girls enjoyed swimming in the pool of the Holiday Terrace Motel where they stayed.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Hal Baker in the loss of his wife, Wilma, who passed away July 1. Also to Clarence Crain, in the loss of his father, Mr. Will Crain of Prescott, who passed away July 23.

## DISTRICT 5

Carl Davis

Service awards were given recently to Earl Whitten Anderson for 20 years; Carl M. Hames, 15 years; and Robert H. Anderson, 10 years.

Visitors in the shop last month were Ralph Wyatt, resident engineer, Gene Pectol, Runt Moser, retired station operator; and "Tater" Tomlinson.

A. L. Jones is on the sick list but we hope he will be up and about soon... Bert Mathis, area foreman from Salem, is in

the Harrison Hospital...Bob Simmons injured his finger when he slipped on a rolling stone.

Ray Faulkenberry, who has not been able to work for several weeks, is expected to be back at work by the time this is printed.

Fate Denniston spent three days in the North Arkansas Clinic last month but he returned to work July 23.

Bill Springs, who received broken bones in both feet, will not be able to work for several months.

A. J. Courtney received an injury to his hand while working with the bridge crew.

Mary Haney, former secretary to George Cavaness, is working again while Deloris Rust, present secretary, is recuperating from surgery. We have enjoyed having her with us again. Deloris is to return August 1.

Chester King is the proud father of an 8 pound, 6 ounce baby girl, named Brenda Lee.



This bridge in District 7 was rebuilt on a section of road recently taken into the system from Ouachita to Sparkman in Dallas County. To "rejuvenate" the old timber structure, it was widened, a new hand-rail installed, and a concrete floor was constructed. The work was done by the maintenance crew under Hal Woodson, bridge foreman in the Camden district.

## DISTRICT 7

Sula Burnham

A. W. Hardy, Jr. has replaced B. L. Ryan as resident engineer at El Dorado.

Chief Engineer Ward Goodman spoke at the Warren Rotary Club luncheon July 17. Mr. Goodman was accompanied by Director Oliver and Ed Ray.

Hugh Anderson received his 20-year service awards recently, and Clyde Coston received his 5-year awards.

Final inspections were made in July of a section of Highway 167 from Calion to the junction with Highway 7, and from Ouachita River to the Old Union Church on Highway 15.

## DISTRICT 10

Isabelle Psalmonds

A. H. Cockrill, Jr., resident engineer at Walnut Ridge, and Tommy Talley, engineering assistant at Paragould, passed the State Board Examination for Registered Professional Engineers. We tried to get a picture of them for the magazine but they are a little camera shy. Maybe we can sneak up on them and get one for next time. We're proud of you, boys, and congratulations.

The welcome mat is out for Janette Slayton (Mrs.), who is the new field clerk at Walnut Ridge. We hope she will be happy in her work.

Several of the men at Joiner and Blytheville are on military leave or will be in the next few days. Johnny Parish of Joiner

took a vacation recently and went to Illinois...he said it was fun.

Glenda Wheeler, field clerk at the Joiner office, reports that Mrs. J. F. Price, wife of our district engineer, visited their office last week and they enjoyed her visit immensely.

This reporter talked to Johnnie Alexander, field clerk at Blytheville, and she made the telephone wires sing there was so much joy in her voice. The reason: her husband home from military service and he's home to stay.

Several construction projects have been completed this month and have had final inspection by the district engineer.

This reporter enjoyed having her mother and father from Stuttgart spend 10 days with her and husband.

## A Letter From a Traveler...

(Continued from page 9)

I could write a long time and not finish telling you about everything. Needless to say however, that all good things must end. It was hard to get back into the swing of things again. But I feel very fortunate in being able to make the trip in the first place. It was great!

Sincerely,  
Roger C. Gray

(Editor's note: There was much more to this interesting letter but due to limited space it was necessary to condense it. Roger, a former employee in AHD, is the son of Willene Gray, Procurement Office.)



This big friendly grin belongs to Frank Scroggins, our chief elevator operator in the Central Offices (and chief supplier of pay date). Frank has been employed since April 1954 in the Buildings and Grounds Section and is one of our favorite employees.

## FRONT COVER

Director F. R. Oliver and Freeway Engineer Bob Crafton are discussing the progress being made on construction of the Interstate System. They were under the new third bridge at the end of Markham Street.

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## Letters...

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Dear Sirs:

In these rush times of space flights, rockets, and tension, it is a rare thing for any of us to take time to do any of the little things we would really like to do for our fellowmen; things to make his day or life easier, or to note even the beauty around us. We take the attitude that the show must go on, and indeed it does.

But it is a comfort to know that nice things do still happen; good manners and courtesy are still exercised, and I now get to the point of this letter of thanks and appreciation to your department.

My closest neighbors lost a dear nephew and his funeral was on May 23. The funeral procession had to pass along a road between Sheridan and Benton where a highway sealing crew, several in number, worked. Upon their return from the rites, I think the outstanding thing that had given them a sweet feeling that the world cared about their sorrow, was the lovely action taken by that day. They laid down their work tools, stood with their hats off and placed respectively in hand, their faces reflecting sympathy, until all the cars had passed. Not a person missed the gesture and many remarks were made about it. Those workmen managed to convey a message greater than flowers or words sometimes do.

On behalf of my neighbors, the Dennis Cranfords, and others in the family, and myself as a friend, I wish to congratulate you for having in your employ a group of good mannered fellows. Naturally, for your purpose, they must also possess other attributes, and I am sure they do.

With kind wishes to you and staff, I am,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ona Lucus  
212 E. Sixteenth St.  
Little Rock, Ark.

# THIS'LL KILL YA



Client: "How can I get this message to every married woman?"  
Publicity man: "Very simple. We just address letters to every married man and mark them all 'Personal'."

Waiter: "Lady, your husband just slid under the table."  
Lady: "That wasn't my husband - that's him coming in the door."

"Who will drive this car away for \$50?" read a sign in a used car sales room.

Pondering the situation from the outside for a few minutes, a man walked in saying, "I'll take a chance. Where's the money?"

Caught for speeding through the village, the tourist was carried before the justice of the peace and fined \$20. He pulled four \$10 bills from his pocket and threw them on the decrepit rolltop desk.

"Wait a minute!" said the JP. "I said \$20 and you've given me \$40."

"I know," said the departing tourist. "keep it. I aim to get out of this town just as fast as I came in."

The modern husband comes home from work and greets his wife with, "Hiya, honey, what's thawing?"

And then there's the falsie salesman who's known by all the away-out girls as the "fuller bust man."

The Frenchman was having trouble with the English language. So he looked up his friend and asked what a polar bear was. His friend explained that a polar bear lives in the Arctic and eats fish. "Leaves in the Arctic and eats feesh?" the Frenchman exclaimed, "Then I weel not accept." "You will not accept what?" his friend asked. "I was asked to be a polar bear at a funeral," the Frenchman said, "I weel not accept."

A perturbed young lady at a Pennsylvania voting place was voting for the first time for President. "I can't decide who's the best man for the job," she confided to a fellow worker. "I like them both so much."

Outside the voting place a bit later, she appeared greatly relieved. "I just couldn't make up my mind," she told her friend, "So I wrote 'Good luck to both of you' across my ballot."

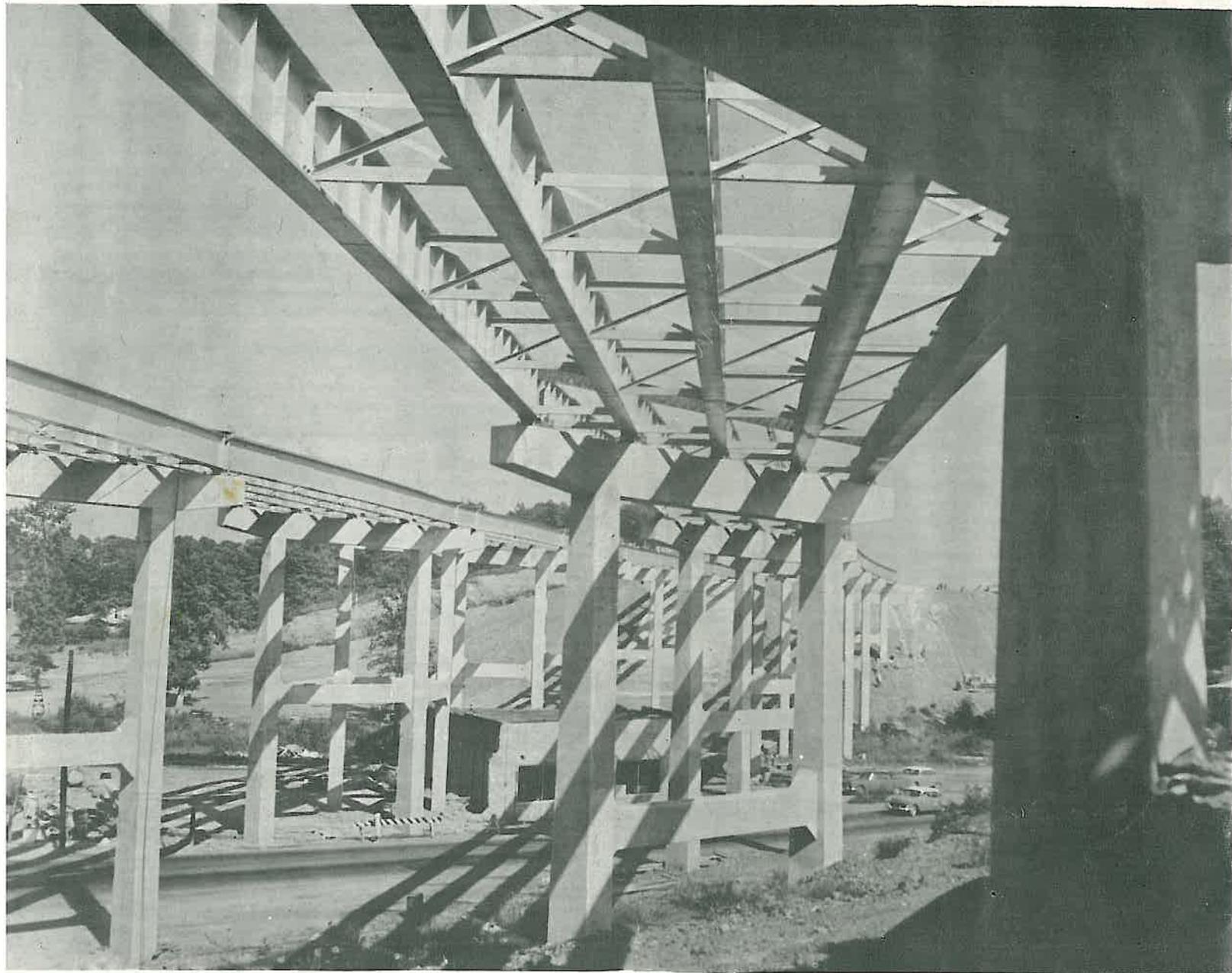
Pretty Girl: May I try on that two piece suit in the window?  
Store Manager: Go right ahead. It might help business.

At Las Vegas, Nev., they tell the story of the teenagers who were stopped by two hefty motorcycle policemen for speeding. One cop sauntered up to the hot-rodder's jalopy, pulled out his arrest book and a pencil. At this point, the young driver leaned out of the driver's side of the car and said: "I'll have a hamburger and malt." We never did learn the outcome but the teenagers probably won't get out for a while.

In some sections of Africa, when the expression, "Gobble de Gook," is used, they mean it literally.

A Times Square bawdy house caught fire. It took the firemen two hours to put the fire out, and it took four hours to put the firemen out.

Son: Hey Dad, I'm home from college.  
Dad: What in the world did you do this time?  
Son: Graduated!



**From street level to the top of the deck, this overpass, now under construction, is 60 feet tall and part of the Interstate System at Levy. The overpass crosses several city streets and Highway 65. Lem Tull is resident engineer on this construction site.**