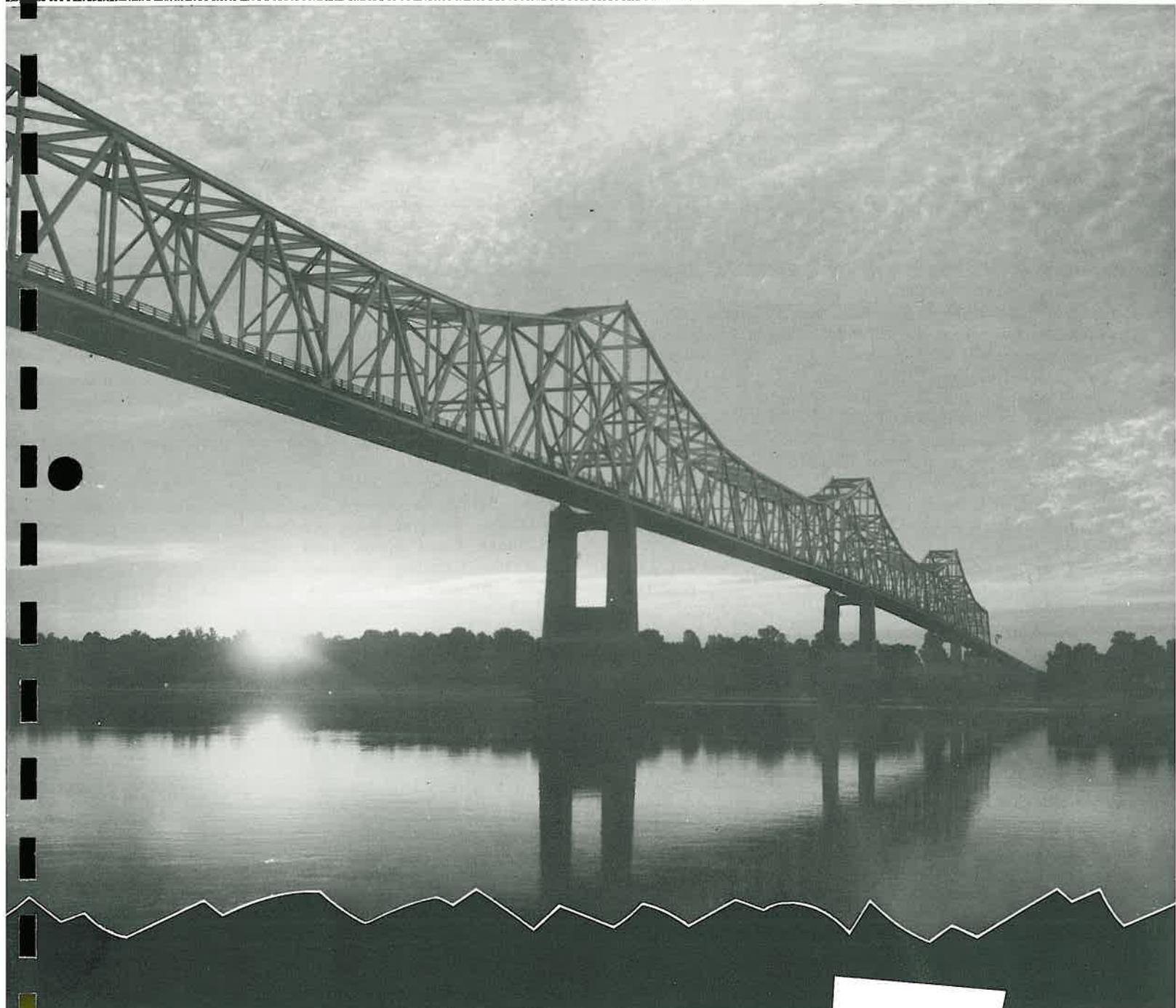


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# KEEP ARKANSAS NEAT



## Hello Litterbug, out there in Litter Land:

Been doing a little littering lately? Are you doing your part towards incurring the terrific amount of money it takes to clean up after you? Are you helping to perpetuate the great eyesore on our highways? If so, read on.

Who are you? Are you considered a good neighbor? Are you civic minded? Probably both. Perhaps you are an active member of the PTA or maybe a scoutmaster. Maybe you're just a happy-go-lucky person who doesn't think before throwing out that empty cigarette package or gum wrapper. How much litter did you throw out during your vacation this summer? Did you forget to clean up after you had your picnic lunch at the roadside park?

We all have been guilty of littering sometimes during our lives but now it's time to call a halt to this deplorable habit. It's been going on long enough. (London, England had signs prohibiting litter throwing as far back as 1612.)

It would be stupid to imagine that there are any advantages to littering or that anything can be gained by it. Unfortunately, the disadvantages are numerous, not the least of which are the high cost of removing it, the danger to human life caused by accidents, and its downright ugliness.

Whether you are aware of it or not, you share in the expense of cleaning these highways and parks. This money could be spent for better and more useful purposes. Tossing litter is like tossing dollar bills out the car window. The Arkansas Highway Department has erected about 800 "Don't be a Litterbug" signs throughout the state, each of which costs close to \$4. There are also numerous signs warning you that throwing trash on the highways is prohibited by law. But, despite the signs and posters, the Department spent \$34,790.76 during the first half of this year on litter clean-up. That figure will more than double by the end of the year. And, it's increasing each year. The Arkansas Department collected 1,592 loads of trash at an average cost of \$21.85 per load, an increase of \$1.69 per load over the same period last year. The time spent collecting litter amounted to an average of 15.1 hours per load. State trucks traveled 24,080 miles making the collection. Trash collection is an extra service rendered by the Department's maintenance section. When weather permits they spend their time sealing surface breaks in

pavements, mowing right of ways, and other actual maintenance. So, considering the collections as representing one-third of the amount that could be collected on a full time basis, you must admit that there's a awful lot of littering going on. Can you imagine how the highways would look if the Highway Department didn't collect that one-third?

The problem of the litterbug not only plagues Arkansas, but the United States and other nations as well. England urges her subjects to "Take your litter home. Keep Britain tidy." An estimated \$150 million will be spent this year on clean-up in the United States and the District of Columbia. This does not include cleaning city streets, state secondary roads, or county or township roads.

The littering habit often creates a two-fold or three-fold expense to you. You not only help pay for the clean-up through your hard-earned tax money, but you can be fined a hefty sum if caught. And, the KAB (Keep America Beautiful, Inc.) summarizes that in one year 800 Americans are killed and 75,000 seriously injured as a result of cars striking or swerving to avoid litter on highways.

The punishment for littering varies. However, most states levy a fine (in Arkansas the maximum is \$100). In some states, if you toss out, you may be tossed in - the clink, that is. In Missouri, the judge may order you to do a stretch - a mile. A litterbug has often had to personally pick up a mile of debris, as punishment for littering. Officers there report they have had no repeaters.

If you're driving through Kentucky, you'd better not throw out the addressed envelope from a letter you've received. Workmen there are instructed to keep all of those found to be used against the guilty ones.

Texas litterbug watchers found that people with air-conditioned automobiles litter less as they are reluctant to roll down their windows. Those without the cooling device usually have their windows down



during the warm weather and their temptation to throw out that banana peeling, apple core, or empty beer can is great, so out they go.

How many of you have looked forward to a Saturday when, after a hard week at the office, you can get out in your yard to clean up. You mow, rake, pick up scraps of paper and get it spic and span. You probably stand back and admire your tidy surroundings with a personal satisfaction. On Sunday, maybe you pile the kids and wife in the car for a spin or short trip. Nine times out of ten someone in that car will litter before you return home.

If you must toss it, toss it in a litterbag. If you don't have a regular litterbag, a large grocery sack serves the purpose just as well. Open it up and place it in the back on the floor, and toss away to your heart's content. If it fills up, there are containers placed along the highways for emptying and it won't take but a minute of your time. But DON'T empty it on the highways.

Let's don't dirty 'em, let's "purty" 'em.  
HEAR?



## WHAT BETTER HIGHWAYS MEAN TO MY COMMUNITY

by Jeanette Zemlicka

Anybody who has ever been isolated from civilization by the mud of rural America doesn't know what being an American is like until a highway makes him part of a town.

When my brother started school in 1943, we lived in black mud. The closest school was a two-teacher institution two miles from our house, and since there were no buses (even a jeep couldn't navigate that road in rainy weather), he had no choice but to go there. He "footed it" as people in my community say.

By the time he reached high school, the state had built a highway past our farm, and a bus took him to Schulenburg High School.

It was a drastic change. His grades fell sharply in competition with town students. He was shy and had a hard time making friends.

I was luckier. The highway enabled me to start school on an equal basis with the first graders from town. I was one of them because the highway had made my family a part of the town. Instead of being a "hick from the sticks," I was a suburbanite.

This could not have been true before the highway came, when isolated farm families went to town only on Saturday afternoons (weather permitting). They went feeling unwanted, unloved; a sort of necessary evil—necessary because they spent money, evil because they didn't belong.

But I was one of the lucky ones. The highway came out and took me to town. It took me into the heart of the town and into the hearts of the townfolk. Am I conceited in saying that? No, it's not conceit; it's a realization of what better highways mean to my community; it's a wish I have for every other community in Texas isolated by mud. The town was waiting for me; all I had to do was come. But it took a highway to bring me to town—a highway that neither the town nor my family nor my neighbors could afford to build. A highway that would bring me to town, not just on Saturdays, but every day, for twelve years.

My brother got out of the mud too late. College was out of the question because of his grades. I have the same heritage he has; the same loving, helpful, hopeful parents. Only the environment was different. He barely graduated. I am valedictorian of my class.

When I enter college next fall, I won't be leaving just a farm and a family. I will be saying goodbye to a town and a school and to teachers and friends who have been so important to my life that they have been my life. I was born of Czech heritage in rural America—barely American; because of a ten-minute bus ride, I grew up in urban America—all American. And the world is before me to choose my future, for I have had the opportunity to receive a good American education.

All because of a highway.

(Editor's note: The above article, a prize-winning essay, appeared in the July 1962 issue of "Texas Highways." The essay contest was sponsored by the Texas Good Roads Association for high school seniors.)

## Blanche Smith Retires



Blanche Smith is shown with gifts from her Highway Department friends. They were presented to her last month at two parties given in her honor before she left.

# **WINTER** Care

## **of State Cars Urged**

**By C. Don Hayes**



Lester R. Jester returned to the Highway Department as a traffic engineer from Purdue University where he spent the past year earning his master's degree in civil engineering. He graduated from the University of Arkansas in 1960 with a BA degree in civil engineering.

A native of Glenwood in Pike County, Jester was among the first group of University students to participate in an engineering trainee program co-sponsored by the University and the Highway Department, to give engineering students on-the-job orientation in highway work and to help them decide in which field they wanted to specialize. Under the training program, students spend some time in each phase of highway work. After Jester completed the required time in the Department's Planning and Research Division, he decided upon traffic engineering and elected to remain in the P&R Division, of which traffic engineering is a part, instead of going on to other phases of highway engineering. Before going to Purdue he was employed for a year and a half.

He attended Purdue on a graduate assistantship, which is a grant from the college awarded each year to five students selected from numerous applicants throughout the states. He was selected largely on the basis of his background with the Department. Purdue has one of the best engineering schools in the nation. Jester accredited his decision to become a traffic engineer and a career employee with AHD, to his participation in the training program. He is married and the father of an 8-year-old daughter.

Another engineering trainee, Jim Barnett, left the Department after completing his engineering training, to attend Texas A&M College, where he will work on his master's degree in civil engineering, with a major in traffic engineering. He will also attend on a graduate assistantship. A native of Valley Springs in Boone County, Barnett is also a graduate of the University and plans to return to the Department as a traffic engineer.

Director of Equipment C. Don Hayes has issued a circular to all employees using state vehicles, regarding the use of anti-freeze during the coming winter months.

Hayes urges care in checking the cooling system for leaks and necessary repairs so that anti-freeze will not be wasted when put into the vehicles. Also, all equipment assigned to divisions that is seasonable, and that will not be used through the winter months, should be brought in and stored at division headquarters and carefully drained so the equipment will not freeze while it is idle. In draining the equipment, every precaution should be taken so see that the drain cocks do not become clogged at the time of draining. Engine blocks and water pumps should be drained as all types of equipment will not drain thoroughly from the radiator drain cock.

Further, Hayes said after the seasonable equipment has been drained, there should be a tag tied to either the ignition switch or steering wheel marked, "COOLING SYSTEM HAS BEEN DRAINED," which will eliminate the possibility of someone starting the equipment and running it long enough to cause damage. When the seasonable equipment that has been drained during winter months is placed back in service, care should be taken to see that a rust inhibitor is added to the cooling system at the time it is refilled with water.

After anti-freeze is used in the vehicles, they should be tested at regular intervals through the winter months to make certain there has been no loss of anti-freeze due to evaporation or leaks.

Resident engineers and field parties who wish to be furnished anti-freeze, must make requests by letter to the district office in which they are assigned jobs, *sending a copy to the Equipment Office, Jacksonville*, furnishing the state number of the vehicle. Districts will be reimbursed for anti-freeze used in the Divisions of Construction, Materials and Tests, or other Department vehicles, upon transfer requests to the central warehouse at Jacksonville. After anti-freeze has been used in the vehicles, any additional that might be needed should be picked up from the nearest district shop or Jacksonville, whichever is closer, as anti-freeze is purchased under contract and cannot be purchased through retail service stations on courtesy cards.

Batteries should be removed from seasonable equipment that will be idle for a period during winter and used in other equipment using the same type, or placed on trickle charger so that they will not sulphate during the idle period.

The responsibility for carrying out the aforementioned safeguards to protect equipment shall be assumed by the person to whom the equipment is assigned, or the operator of the equipment, Mr. Hayes said.



### Henry C. Gray New Chief of Right of Way Division

Henry C. Gray was appointed chief of the Right of Way Division, effective September 16, to succeed Mack Sturgis, who resigned to return to his former position as state purchasing agent.

Gray is a native of North Little Rock. Before he attended the University of Wyoming, where he received a BS degree, he attended Little Rock Junior College (now Little Rock University) and Louisiana State University. He was employed by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission for two and one-half years. For the past 10 years he has been with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission as chief of lands.

He served in the U. S. Navy as radioman 3/c and was discharged in May 1946.

Other members of the Gray family are Mrs. Gray (Mary Beth); Mike, 10 years old; Jim, 8; and Kathy, 6. They reside at 325 Fern Street, Little Rock.

### DUMAS MAN HIRED AS ECONOMIST IN RIGHT OF WAY

Paul Mah, of Dumas, was recently employed as economist in the Administrative Section of the Right of Way Division.

Mah, 30, graduated from Dumas High School in 1950. He received a degree of bachelor of science in business administration from Boston University in 1954, and a master of business administration at the University of Arkansas, where his field of study was marketing research. He was a member there of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, and since graduating, he has done post-graduate work in city planning. At Boston University, he was a member of Scarlet Key Activities Society; was listed in *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*; and was manager of the baseball, basketball, and football teams. He has also studied at the Universities of New Mexico and Hawaii.

He is a veteran of the U.S. Navy, in which he served in the Atlantic, Mediterranean, and Caribbean areas from August, 1954 until July 1956 when he was honorably discharged.



Paul Mah

Prior to coming to the Highway Department, he was planning administrator with the Little Rock Housing Authority. Also, he instructed for six months this year at Little Rock University. In Hawaii, he was on the staff of Hiram Fong in his successful campaign for U.S. Senator.

He is a provisional member of the American Institute of Planners, the Little Rock Junior Chamber of Commerce, Masonic Lodge, and the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials.

Mah is single and resides at 207 West Fourteenth Street, Little Rock.

### WILLIAM E. HAYES, NEW APPRAISER



Another new man in Right of Way is William E. Hayes, an appraiser in the Appraisal Section. Hayes is a native of Sterrit, Tex., but has lived in Arkansas for many years. He came to the Department from Hartman, Ark., where he was associated with an investment firm. Prior to that he was for 12 years vocational agricultural instructor in the Hartman High School. He has been affiliated with the Farm Service Administration.

He attended Arkansas Tech at Russellville for two years, going on to the University of Arkansas for his bachelor's and master's degrees in the science of agriculture.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayes have two children.

# Y. W. Whelchel ★ ★ ★



Young William Whelchel, the “middle” man for the Highway Department and John Q. Public, also administrative assistant to Director Oliver, and trouble shooter extraordinaire, is a “temporary” employee who has been with the Department since 1946.

And while he is not young in one sense of the word, he is far from being old. “Young” happens to be his first name. The “middle” man comes from his public relations work in the Department, and the “trouble shooter” tag stems from his ability and savor faire in dealing with people. He is probably one of the few people who can say “no” with such finesse that any party involved likes it.

His “temporary” status began when a man was needed for a while to work in the motor vehicle section. Due to Whelchel’s experience and training while serving in the Army, he was hired. However, his papers were misplaced somehow, and he ended up in Statistics and Analyses (now Planning and Research) with Fred Hering, former head of the division and now retired.

That his temporary status was changed to a permanent one is not hard to understand, for it is said that, among other things, he knows more about the state laws regarding motor vehicles than anyone. In fact, he could be considered a legal expert since he has made a study (and still does) not only of Arkansas’s laws, but other states as well. He stayed with Planning and Research until his transfer to the Director’s Office as staff assistant in July 1961. He was promoted to administrative assistant in June this year, quite a jump since his initial hiring.

Whelchel was born in Evansville, Ark., January 9, 1916, to Dolph and Lula Whelchel, both of whom are still living in Evansville. His father is a stock dealer. He has a brother, Kenneth, a carpenter at Evansville, and a sister, Mrs. Joe Fletcher, whose husband is manager of the Cookson Hills Game Refuge at Tahlequah, Okla.

His elementary and high school education was obtained at Evansville and Lincoln, Ark., and he attended Little Rock Junior College (now LRU) for two years. Since he has an insatiable thirst for learning he has also taken special courses at Louisiana State University; Northwestern University; and the University of Graduate Center.

At the age of 23, Whelchel became principal and teacher at Evansville High School, his first major job. He stayed for two years and then, because of a higher salary, he went up to Fayetteville and managed a small eating establishment, the Crystal Luncheonette, which

many of you may have patronized. World War II came along and he was called to serve. For three years he was in a mechanized cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron as staff sergeant in a tank unit. He saw action in France and Germany.

Mrs. Whelchel is the former Miss Jimmie Ruth Stanford, a native of Dover. She attended Arkansas Tech and was teaching in the Washington County schools when she and Whelchel met. They were married in Evansville October 21, 1940. They have two children: Jane Elizabeth, 16, a junior at Central High School, who is an honor student; and James Larry, 11, a sixth-grader at Pulaski Heights Junior High, who is a sports enthusiast.

The Whelchels are members of the Second Baptist Church where he is superintendent of the Young Married People’s Department. He is also a member of Hi-Noon Toastmasters Club, which has enabled him to become a polished speaker. He is often guest speaker at civic clubs and luncheon and dinner meetings. The entire Whelchel family participates in activities such as sports, hunting and fishing – Larry and his Dad often go together – and they enjoy traveling. Since the Whelchel clan appreciate our national heritage, they particularly like to see historical sites. Whelchel recently took up bowling with the Highway Department league.

Outwardly, he gives the appearance sometimes of being all seriousness. “T’aint so,” say his former co-workers in P&R, who said he enjoyed get-togethers with the gang at the office, and was always ready for one. They further said that he had all the confidence in the world in the people he worked with, believing that if a man is instructed right he will do the job right.

Of his many outstanding qualities, perhaps none exceeds his ability to get along with people. He’s never too busy to stop and chat, even if it’s for a moment. And, his manner of speaking and persuasive powers have helped settle amicably any problem he’s had to handle. He has a strong belief that everyone should have goals toward which to work. And, as old goals are reached, new ones should be set up in order to have a purpose for living and incentives for trying. And, he further believes that desirable goals can be reached by sincere effort and perseverance.

Whelchel had better slow down some. At the rate he’s been reaching them, he’s going to run out soon.

## CROSSWALKS PAINTED FOR LITTLE ROCK EMPLOYEES

For years, pedestrian employees leaving work at the Little Rock Central Office Buildings bravely scrambled around in all directions to cross the south intersection enroute to their parked cars. The traveling motorists in the vicinity were not only bewildered by all the disorganized scurrying about, but were often completely helpless to do anything but stop for the often defiant perambulators.

But all that has changed now (or should be) since crosswalks have been painted neatly on the pavement to the south and west of the building, to allow employees a safer journey. Painting the crosswalks was recommended by traffic engineers in the Traffic Engineering Section of Planning and Research, who made a study of the pedestrian-motor vehicle problem. The initial suggestion came through the Department's Employee Advisory Committee.

Mr. Oliver released an administrative circular which urged pedestrians to use the crosswalks "for your own protection and as an aid to the motorists." He admonished the motorists to "respect the right of pedestrians in the crosswalks and to exercise extreme caution in the entire area." Mr. Oliver further quoted a section of Arkansas Statutes which states: "Where traffic control signals are not in place or in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way, slowing down or stopping if need be to so yield, to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk."

So, it's obvious that the promenades were not painted just for a lark. It was done for the protection of the pedestrians.



Willodean (Willo) McFall of the Maintenance Division, posed in the top picture, to show how not to cross the south intersection at the rear of the Highway building. The correct way is shown below.

## ARKANSAS HIGHWAY DAMES MEET

On September 27, at 12 noon, the Arkansas Highway Dames entertained with a bingo luncheon in the attractive Meeting Room of the Arkansas Power and Light Building. Mrs. L. M. Elledge, Mrs. E. E. Hurley, and Mrs. Lem Tull were hostesses for the social hour, and Mrs. J. J. Schamer called at the bingo game.

Mrs. Baldy Vinson, president, conducted the business meeting. The chief order of business had to do with furthering plans for setting up a mutual assistance fund contributed to by members for the benefit of each other in case of sickness, accident, or any other misfortune.

The money for this—the club's first project—will be raised in various ways. One will be the Christmas Card Exchange Plan. Members who so desire, will contribute the money generally used for sending greetings to each other to the assistance fund. The spirit of Christmas will not be lost, for a large Christmas card will be posted in the lobby of the Highway Building, with names attached of those who want to express greetings to each other in this particular way.

By giving memorials is another means of building up the Highway Dames' assistance fund. Here, in case of hospital illness or death, members who so desire to express sympathy to the individual, or to the family, may set up a little memorial to the person by depositing money in the assistance fund in lieu of flowers. Memorial cards, fittingly inscribed, will be made to donor and recipient.

The next meeting of the Highway Dames will be held October 25 at 12 o'clock noon, in the Hostess Room of the Wonder Bakery. "Potluck and Recipes," the title of the day's program, provides that each member bring a covered dish, demonstrating her best culinary accomplishment. Suggestions are for a meat dish, a salad, a vegetable, a dessert. The recipe with the name of the cook will be displayed with every dish so that the ladies can copy the recipes they wish. This meeting will be a break for the husbands who can look forward to surprises in the menu.

A vote of thanks is tendered the Arkansas Power and Light Company, who have so generously allowed us the use of the Meeting Room on several occasions. The room and the use of their facilities, has added substantially to the success of our meetings.

Mrs. Harry Wright

## NEWS BITS

Director F. R. Oliver, Chief Engineer Ward Goodman, Planning and Research Engineer J. R. Henderson, and Bill K. Cooper, assistant division head in Planning and Research, attended the Urban Transportation Planning Conference in Dallas, Tex. September 17.

Air travel enabled several of our men to attend two foremen's meetings held at opposite ends of the state on the same day. Messrs. Oliver, Goodman, R. B. Winfrey, and Jim Francis attended the meetings in District 10, Paragould, and District 3, at Texarkana October 3. Ed Ray piloted the plane.

Mr. Oliver, accompanied by Mrs. Oliver, will leave October 11 for Madrid, Spain, where he will attend and speak at the Fourth World Meeting of the International Road Federation, October 14-20. Mr. Oliver's subject will be "Cooperative Land Use and Transportation Planning for Small Cities." We hope to have more news coverage on this in the next issue.

An Appreciation Dinner for State Highway 219, Ozark to Low Gap, was held by the citizens of that vicinity for the Highway Commission and staff members at Ozark on October 12. Those who attended were: Mr. Goodman, Truman Baker, John E. Crain, Sr., and Armil Taylor.

On October 15, Mr. Goodman spoke at the International Convention of the Great River Road, held by the Mississippi River Parkway Commission in Greenville, Miss. Surveys Engineer Bert Rownd, who is the Highway Department's advisor on the Great River Road, accompanied Mr. Goodman.

### OLIVER TO REQUEST STATE PARK DRIVE

Among other business at the October 10 Highway Commission meeting Director Oliver will request that the Commission add to the Highway System 17.6 miles of a proposed new Skyline Drive across Rich Mountain through Queen Wilhelmina State Park to the Oklahoma border. The additional miles will put the state in line to use 100 per cent federal money that the Senate Public Works Committee added to the 1962 highway bill in September.

The bill amended must be repassed by the House but Mr. Oliver believes the chances are good that Skyline Drive would be passed. It would be 55 miles, ending on the west at Talihina, Okla.

There will be no lettings for highway construction contracts at the Commission meeting, Mr. Oliver announced. Several factors prompted this action, the primary one being that the contractors are loaded with work as the end of the construction season approaches.

Bypassing a letting would allow them to catch up on a backlog of work before winter sets in.

Bids on contracts at the last two Commission meetings were higher and fewer than usual. One project advertised for the last letting received no bids at all while others received only one. Mr. Oliver said, "We have thrown the work at them so fast that they are spread too thin," and that some construction jobs are now "months old and progress on them is practically nil." Approximately 77 per cent of this fiscal year's federal-aid apportionment for primary and secondary projects has already been committed. The year runs through June of 1963. Contracts awarded now probably could not be started until next spring. Arkansas was one of 11 states that used all federal-aid available during the last fiscal year.

Lettings will be resumed at the November 14 Commission meeting.

B. Vinson, president of the Mid-South Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers, has announced that the organization will hold its Fall meeting at the La-Fayette Hotel in Little Rock on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, October 25-27. The Mid-South Section is comprised of members from Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi and part of Missouri.

A diversified program will be presented by representatives of the aircraft, steel, aluminum, and electronic computer fields; the Corps of Engineers; the Bureau of Public Roads; and the University of Arkansas Graduate Institute of Technology.

An icebreaker party will open the meeting on Thursday evening and a banquet will be featured on Friday evening, Vinson stated.



Bernard Bice, left, District 5 maintenance superintendent, is presenting service awards and a special retiree award to A. L. Jones. (See news item in Department News," p. 13)



Maureen Rodgers, junior lab technician in Materials and Tests, was elected second vice president of the Twin City Toastmistress Club, a newly formed organization for Greater Little Rock. Julia M. Halliburton, secretary to H. W. Schneider, engineer of Materials and Tests, is the only other Highway Department employee who is a member.

The club meets the second and fourth Monday nights of each month at the First National Bank, and will be patterned pretty much as the men's toastmasters clubs. New officers will be elected every six months. Membership is limited to a maximum of 30, and a minimum of 16. As of this writing there are 26 members.

Anyone interested may get more information from Maureen or Julia.

Miss May Noble of Ames, Iowa, an employee of the Maintenance Department of the Iowa State Highway Department for 35 years, paid our Highway Department a visit on September 26. Miss Noble, accompanied by her sister, was vacationing in the South for the first time and one of their stops was Little Rock. She visited our Maintenance Department and seemed to be impressed with it and our radio system. She later visited with Director Oliver. We hope Miss Noble left with a good impression of us. It was nice having her and perhaps she can return someday. We hope so.



#### GUESS WHO?

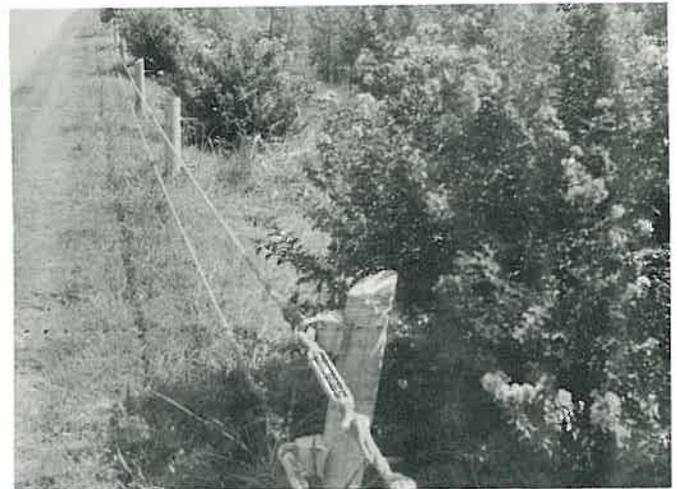
She has been working in the Central Offices of AHD since 1954, and this pic was made at the age of two.

Last month's subject was Jackie Wallace of Personnel.

COVER DESIGN by Planning and Research.



Perry Williams, engineering helper in the field office at Monticello, District 2, is shown taking density test of sub-grade material on Highway 142, south of Monticello.



Crepe myrtle bushes blooming along the river road at Camden. (See letter, p. 13)

#### LOOKING BACK

From time to time I take a trip...into the days of yore...reliving for a moment...the things that went before...I stroll the path of childhood...recalling episodes...Oh it is wonderful to go...over happy roads...although I try to linger...memory moves on...and I am walking once again into a future dawn...some say it is foolhardy...to delve into the past...and yet on such a sojourn...my old heart beats rather fast...for I believe the Master blest...mankind with memory...so he could recapture...the golden used-to-be...so I thrill in looking back...over the present's shoulder...through these venture I forget...that I am getting older. -- Ben Burroughs

Submitted by Jim Zinn

# AROUND THE DEPARTMENTS

## BRIDGE DESIGN

Virginia Tackett

Nothing really big has happened in Bridge Design lately, but it seems that everybody has something going.

Jake Knott is all set to be an observer in the National Fishing Derby at Hot Springs the week end of October 20. There'll be one like him with every boatload of contestants just to keep things honest.

Wayne Major is picking up on differential equations at night classes at LRU and he says they are very differential indeed. In order to be sure he doesn't overtax his capacities, he makes a point of going over to Hot Springs occasionally to relax.

Jeffery Beckel has a black eye. He says he ran into a door but his mother Sally says he got a little too gay in the bathtub and took a tumble.

The five Bridge Designers, John Sage, Fred Edge, Wayne Major, Robert Seay, Dale Loe, and one Roadway Designer, Brooks Robinson, who bowl for AHD, say they're doing only fair as far as scoring is concerned, but have an awful lot of fun.

Charles Maux, our trainee this month, has just come over from Planning and Research, and in the short time he has been here has become an old timer. A natural for Bridge Design.

Leonard Kerr has resigned and moved to Dallas, and the back room is not the same anymore. To make things grimmer, Eddie Williams was down in Florida for a week soaking up sun and lapping up orange juice, but he's back and things are look-up again. Leonard was in town for the Oklahoma State-Arkansas game and said things are going pretty well for him.

Jim Matthews's boy Jimmy, is playing football this year, and Jim is looking around for extra income so he can outfit him. Seems all these mouthpieces, football shoes, etc., don't come cheap.

## BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Hazel McKim

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. White spent the Labor Day week end with her sister, Mrs. Frank Cummings at McRae. While there, Mr. White went fishing with a silver hook and caught two big catfish.

During the noon hour, the men who work days have been playing horse shoes. Bud Turney became champion from the beginning and hasn't been beaten yet, but his co-workers are still trying.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Smith and daughter, Linda, enjoyed a trip to Henderson, Ark., recently and stopped at several places of interest along the way.

Mr. Gately has been fishing a lot this summer. One morning not long ago he went to Lake Conway and caught his limit before noon.

F. O. Brady is spending his vacation in Shreveport, with his daughter and family.

## COUNTY ROADS

Barbara Oldham

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Teasdale visited Arkansas's own Crater of Diamonds at Murfreesboro, and while they were not lucky enough to find a diamond, they had a very nice trip.

Harry Wright, engineer of County Roads, and Max Hall, have been making several out-of-town trips, working on projects.

Except for the noisy rhythm of the typewriter and various other machines, all is quiet in County Roads. Several of our group took in the Arkansas-Oklahoma State game last month.

## LEGAL

Betty Grimes

We love parties and have had two "really big" ones since last month's news was reported.

On August 31, a party was given in the library for Linda Colbert, "Billy Bob" Thrasher, Don Kelly, Tom Keys, and Bill Donham, who had celebrated birthdays during the month. It was also in honor of Les Evitts who was bidding us adieu. Les was presented with a copy of "Inlaws and Outlaws," by Parkinson, to add to his personal library, and with a box of assorted paper clips, rubber bands, cigar and cigarette butts to add atmosphere and the "lived in" touch to his new law office in Benton.

The September 27 celebration was for Clay Robinson, George Green, and Bill Moseley, in honor of their cutting another notch in their birthday stick during the month of September.

The latest addition to our Legal staff, Billy E. Pease, was no stranger to most of us, as he only moved across the parking lot from the Justice Building, to the AHD's Legal Building. Billy had served as law clerk to Associate Justice Sam Robinson for a period of a year and being the friendly, exuberant person that he is, soon became well acquainted with his "neighbors." Billy received his LLB from the University of Arkansas in 1961. (Girls, take heed: he is single and most amiable.)



Billy Pease

Clay Robinson was guest speaker for the September meeting of the Sebastian County Bar Association where he spoke on "The Acquisition of Right of Way for the Interstate System."

Dowell Anders, chief attorney, will appear on a panel of the Legal Affairs Committee at the Annual SASHO meeting in Louisville, Ky. October 31.

## EQUIPMENT OFFICE

Doris Healy

Director of Equipment C. Don Hayes and Mrs. Hayes celebrated their thirty-seventh wedding anniversary September 19. Congratulations on this happy event and we wish them many more.

Henry Kirchoff received his 15-year service awards from Mr. Hayes on September 7.

Carol Hilton, our "Yankee," became voting age on September 23. Also, this reporter, on September 17, became eligible to cast a ballot. Each received a necklace from fellow workers, which are very pretty and appreciated.

Arkansas Travelers of the Month: Delbert Pearl took a real nice trip to Texas and Old Mexico the week of August 27. Enroute to Corpus Christi, he stopped off to see the Alamo and Sunken Gardens in Brackenridge Park in San Antonio. While in Corpus he went swimming on Padre Island. Charles B. Brooks, Jr. went to Des Moines, Iowa to the Shrine Convention September 20.



"Hello, dere, Jerry D. Healy, Jr., here."



"You say you threw your spinach on the floor?"

Jerry, year-old son of Doris Healy, seems to be quite fascinated with his new discovery.

## MATERIALS AND TESTS

Julia M. Halliburton

Our summer employees left us to return to college, and we shall miss them. They were: Dave A. Orsini, Kerry L. Ozment, John M. Gillespie, Ansel L. Condray, John Hudman, Larry D. Langley, Paul R. Payne, John Gustavus, James Shelton, Allen D. Monroe, and William S. McCumber. They will attend the University of Arkansas, Tulsa Medical School, Little Rock University, and Ouachita.

Margaret Ann Smith left September 28 to join her husband, who is stationed in France.

Elizabeth Ann Langston, weighing 7 pounds, 1 ounce, made her arrival September 18 at St. Vincent's Hospital. Happy parents are Bill and Margaret Langston.

S. Acheson transferred to Roadway Design recently.

We have several new employees in our midst. They are: Norman E. Cobb, C. M. Keathley, Margaret Jean Ellis (from Stuttgart), Dale W. Honea, and J. L. Krug.

J. C. Crabtree and J. Stacks, who have completed their stay in the service, have reported back to work. Glad to have them with us again.

Birdie Wright and your reporter visited in Heber Springs recently, with my father. While there we toured the beautiful Eden Isle and Greer's Ferry Dam.

## MICROFILMING

Sarah Neel

Helen (Cookie) McCook, mail room supply clerk, was surprised with a party in the Commission Hearing Room last month, the occasion being the presentation of her 15-year service awards. Jim Meredith, chief of General Services Division, made the presentation.

This reporter's brother, Thompson A. Smith of Memphis, spent the week end of September 28 in Little Rock visiting his sisters.



"Cookie" receives her service awards from J. G. Meredith, Jr.

## PERSONNEL

M.A.

We have a new girl among the Personnel staffers. She is a cute little bundle (and when we say little, we mean it literally) by the name of Donna Hames, from Harrison, Ark., who came to work September 17. Blonde and blue-eyed, Donna stands 4 feet, 10½ inches tall, in her stocking feet. Donna is temporarily at the desk of Shirley Bain, who is at home recuperating from a blood clot in her leg, and she took over Ruth Foll's desk while she spent a week (September 28-October 8) at her parents' home at Mountain View. She seems to be very pleasant and we are glad to have her with us. She was looking for an apartment so Ruth invited her to move in with her and share things, so they have become roommates.



Donna Hames

We're sorry that Robert Cox, Sibble's husband, is ill at Baptist Hospital. Robert had surgery and we understand he will be there a few weeks longer.

Jane Greenlee and husband, Gerald, returned from their trip in September to Atlantic City, N.J., and had a wonderful time. They were there during the week of the "Miss America" Pageant but had to leave before the final selection at Convention Hall on Saturday night.

Robbie Ingle took a week of her vacation September 17-24, and stayed at home painting the interior of their house and enjoying son, Randy.

Margie Davison, wife of Personnel Officer Dale Davison, was hospitalized in St. Vincent's for about 10 days last month, following surgery. Dale tells us she is doing pretty good but will have to "take it easy" for quite some time.

## PLANNING AND RESEARCH

Bonnie Thomas

Lester Jester is back in our Traffic Engineering Section. He spent the past year at Purdue University where he completed requirements for his master's degree.

New employees in P&R this month are Betty Ruth Manes and Ruby Fay Morrow.

Betty Ruth, a Little Rock girl, is working in Traffic Analysis Section. Ruby is working in the front office. She is from Sheridan but is living in Little Rock now.

Charles Mauk was our engineer in training for the month of September.

Edward Jeter has returned to the University of Arkansas to work on his master's degree. Walter Hereford has resigned to accept a job in Fort Worth, Tex. Good Luck to these two with their new ventures.

The stork has paid a visit to Glen Murtha and his wife Mallie. They have a new baby girl, Kelly Denise, born September 10.

Annette Hudspeth, wife of H. C. Hudspeth was in an automobile accident a couple of weeks ago. She has been under treatment at St. Anthony's Hospital in Morrilton. We hope she will have a speedy recovery.

Our Boss, J. R. Henderson presented Nathan Bingham with his 15-year service awards on Monday, September 24. Congratulation to "Bingham" on this achievement.

Mr. Henderson and Bill Cooper attended the Urban Transportation Planning Seminar, September 17 and 18 in Dallas, Tex. They flew down in the Department plane with Mr. Oliver and Mr. Goodman.

Bowling seems to have sparked quite a lot of interest the past few weeks and has given some of the men in the division a chance to have a "night out." Members of our bowling team are Mayo White, Nathan Bingham, Buddy Lewter, Ralph Pack, Bill Cypert, Bill Nelson, Lester Jester, and Glen Murtha. Occasionally the wives make up the cheering section.

Several of our employees are attending night classes at Little Rock University: Bill Cypert, Bill Smith, Mignon Besancon, Billie Whiteside, Mary Ann Dickson, and Charles Frazier.

## PROCUREMENT

Juniata Morgan

Amy Tedford, secretary in our office for the past three years, and Gail Mikoleit, who was only with us three months, both resigned this month to accept other positions. We will miss Amy and wish both girls a lot of luck and success on their new jobs.

On September 18, a going-away party for Amy was given in the home of Jim and Martha Meredith. Attending were the office personnel with their husbands and wives, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Don Hayes. We had a barrel of fun and the buffet dinner Martha served was simply delicious. Amy was presented a sterling silver silent butler. The Hayeses were surprised with a beautifully decorated cake and were toasted with champagne in honor of their thirty-seventh wedding anniversary. (P.S. "Mildred," an old friend of Mr. Hayes, was a surprise guest at the event.)

We welcome two new girls in our office, Peggy Parker and Gloria Sutton. Peggy is a single girl and hails from Camden. Gloria and husband, James, reside at 32 Pine Hill Terrace in Little Rock.

Kevin Wade, son of Lewis and Leta Wade, underwent surgery on his eye September 10, and was hospitalized two days. He is at home and doing fine.

Mrs. Mamie Caple, mother of Frank Caple, underwent surgery at Baptist Hospital September 18. Frank reports that she is at home and recuperating nicely.

We have been receiving some interesting picture post cards from Linda Schmidt, a former co-worker now living in Honolulu. Linda says the dances and dancers are quite exotic and she has promised to send the office a grass skirt.



Juniata Morgan, shown here, took Amy Tedford's place as secretary in Procurement. Juniata has been employed since November 1961.

## RIGHT OF WAY

### Ann Sniff

Our offices had a busy month (I hear). This reporter was off on vacation two weeks, taking in Indiana, Michigan, Canada, and Kentucky, where I spent a day with Doris Burtner, former Right of Way employee. Doris is with her lieutenant husband at Fort Knox. Come next April, the Burtners will be doing business with the diaper service. Got back to work, settled some, then my second son, David, went to St. Vincent's Hospital (our division has been well represented there, unfortunately) for a bout with pneumonia. He's all right now and I am back at the old stand.

Sorry we can't say as much for Glendol Jackson of the Engineering Section; George Howell's wife, Flo; Curtis Hutchins's wife, Mary Lou; Don Reed's wife Bernie; and Nancy Sipe's husband, Kenny. Hope their stay is no longer than ours and they will be out real soon and fit as fiddles again. Donna Reddin was off sick for a few days but has returned to work. A lot of things are happening as you will see.

Mack Sturgis returned to his former position as state purchasing agent. We

were sorry to see him go. We gave a coffee in his honor and presented him with a gift before he left. Mr. Goodman and Mr. Oliver were guests.

Our new Chief of Right of Way, Henry Gray, was introduced and made welcome September 16. Mr. Gray comes to us from the Game and Fish Commission.

Other new faces are Paul Mah, who is with the Administrative Section; Bill Hayes, new appraiser in the Appraisal Section, and Marilyn Atkinson. Marilyn lives in Benton and worked for the F.B.I. in Washington for two years.

Ken Brown and Bob Yada are back in the Engineering section, fresh from their Army stints. Welcome!!

Joe Ray and Evalena Squires (formerly in Appraisal) are proud to announce the arrival of a daughter, Shannon Leigh, on September 8, weighing in at 7 pounds, 15½ ounces. Congrats!

The newest Grandpater this month is Leroy Elledge. The parents are Leroy, Jr., and Janice Elledge of Corpus Christi, Tex. Ella Kay was born September 20 in Spann Hospital and weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces. This event warranted cigars and a big box of candy for the employees in the division.

Doloris and Bob Freppon have moved into their new hacienda at 5311 East Roosevelt in Rose Meadow.

Three of our employees celebrated birthdays the week of September 24-28. Charlotte Lee, September 24; Delores Gwin, September 25; and Jim French, September 27.

The Squirrel Safari didn't produce enough for a good stew. Better luck next time, Gip, Jackson, Woody, Herman, and Nathan.

In the cloud department, that red streak that comes speeding up the hill each morning is Art Emmerling's new sporty red Chrysler 300.

So you can see that we have had a time: eaten cake, candy, fought cigar smoke, cheered the sick, and of course, rooted for the HOGS, who we hope will continue to win.



Marilyn Atkinson, new girl in Right of Way.

## DISTRICT 1

### Janet McElduff

Our news this month is rather scant, hurried, and LATE and we just hope we make the issue. (You just did, Janet, Ed.)

The nicest thing that has happened lately in our district was the fish fry put on by the Crittenden County forces, supervised by their Foreman, Griffin English, and ably assisted by Mrs. English. The occasion was September 28 and the place was the Wonder City Cafe in West Memphis, at 7:30 p.m. Most of the Crittenden County crew was in attendance, along with the girls in the office in Wynne, and our Bosses, C. M. Matthews and James Hamilton. V. H. Shassere, resident engineer, who shares the Area Headquarters Building in West Memphis with Griffin, was also a guest. The party was wonderful, and showed lots of planning and work. One of the most enjoyable aspects were the table decorations. Highways were built of aluminum foil strips, complete in every detail down to the overpasses, "blow-ups," barricades, all manner of traffic signs, cleverly made with toothpicks, clay bases and construction paper, and traffic was thick and heavy with toy vehicles of every description. A good time was had by all and a hearty thanks to Griffin.

Among those who are due service awards in October are: Edward J. Hardin, Jess Melton, Douglas Reynolds, and Bobbie Wright. They have been with the Department for 10 years. Charles Allen, John Ashby, and Ernest Blackburn will receive their 5-year awards.

E. S. Speaks, who works in Monroe County, is the proud father of twin daughters! We do not know any of the details but we're all happy for Mr. and Mrs. Speaks on this feat!

Tragedy has struck several members of our District 1 family and our heartfelt sympathies go out to each home. A. E. Morgan's 17-year-old son, Sidney, was killed in an automobile accident in Parkin late in September, and the J. D. Hudsons lost their 3-month-old baby September 29. Both of these men work in Crittenden County. W. B. Simpson, foreman in Monroe County, lost his mother, who resided in Brinkley.

That's all for now, and in the words of one of our favorite bosses, "you all come see us!"

## DISTRICT 2

### Ouida Grimes

"Roscoe Do-Si-Do" Gaddy spent the Labor Day week end square dancing up on Petit Jean Mountain. Several square dance clubs got together for a convention, as they do every year. "Roscoe" always has a good time.

The following received service awards in September: Howard D. Green, 15 years; Curtis Eugene Woodfield, 10 years; and Roy Lee Johnson, 5 years.

We are happy to have Woodrow Wilson back on the job after his surgery. Also, Woodrow is due for congratulations on his recent promotion to assistant maintenance superintendent. Lester Rabb was promoted job superintendent, replacing Woodrow. Arthur McDaniel received a broken arm in a motor scooter accident September 15. We hope Arthur mends quickly. And, get-well wishes are extended to Mrs. John Merle Hollis, who has been seriously ill.

We had a foremen's meeting in the district office September 26. We served a barbecue luncheon and honored Garland R. Vick, who retired October 1. He was with the Department 12 years as county foreman in Lincoln County. He is known in Lincoln County as "Mr. Highway." Mr. Vick was presented several gifts from all the employees and John Harris, District 3 engineer, presented him with a special award given to all retiring employees who have worked for the Department as long as 10 years. Special guests for the occasion were Mrs. Vick, Mr. and Mrs. N.M. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Morgan, W. H. Cook, Roy O'Briant, and R. C. Warren.



John Harris, right is presenting Vick with a special award on his retirement.



Vick is holding his gifts which were presented to him by all the employees. Presentation of the gifts were made by Brewster Shalmy, right.

This item is for "Believe it or Not." Pete Peterson with our bridge crew, sat down to eat his lunch recently. When the lunch hour was over Pete got up, bent down to pick up his tools, and discovered, to his surprise (and, we imagine, his horror) that he had been sitting on a small velvet backed rattlesnake. Pete had smothered the snake before it had a chance to strike. Pete's motto now is "Always look before sitting."

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Lester, Roth, E. J., and Will Rabb on the loss of their father and brother, Tom Rabb, who died recently at Monticello.

## DISTRICT 3

### Olive Jackson

Those from this office who attended the Arkansas-Oklahoma football game in Little Rock September 22 were: Ethel and Jim Lowder, Nellie and Ardell Clark, and Gene Pendergraft.

Service awards were presented in September to Otis B. Brown, 10 years; and Howard C. Young, 5 years.

Kermit Glasgow, our Howard County foreman who has been in Baptist Hospital in Little Rock, is recuperating at his home. Kermit suffered a severe lick on the head September 14 while directing traffic following an accident.

Sue and Jack Bolls of Little Rock are the proud parents of a little girl, Janice, who arrived September 7. Ardell and Nellie Clark are grandparents.

The office personnel celebrated the birthday of Edna Lewallen, payroll clerk, on September 7, with a beautifully decorated cake and coffee. We all enjoyed it immensely.

Welcome to the following new employees: Thomas Bruce Woodley of Pike County; William Tom Pickett, Little River County; Hesterly Purtle, Jr., Nevada County; and David Wayne Burke, Hempstead County.



This sweet little girl is Penny Laurie Waddle, 10-month-old daughter of Jodie and Maye Waddle of Prescott. Jodie is District 3 area foreman in Nevada County.

## DISTRICT 4

Our previous bookkeeper, Shirley Armstrong, has left our ranks to obtain her "Mrs." degree. B. J. Gibson, Sr., has been promoted to bookkeeper from clerk, and we have a new stock clerk, Cleo Smith. He previously lived in Danville, Ark., and is known by many of the AHD employees around that area. He was employed by an automobile agency and comes to us with a good background in parts experience.



Willie Hulan, right mower operator in Nevada County, District 3, is quite a fisherman. He helped catch this handsome string of catfish on Red River.

Cleo and his wife have moved to Ft. Smith and we are glad to have them. They have two sons, both of whom are away from home, one married and the other in school. We think that Cleo will be an asset to our district and we welcome him.

Our Assistant Stock Clerk Helen A. Butler is a GRANDMOTHER! Brigitte Denise Nicely made her appearance September 27 at 5:15 p.m. Her mother, Haven, is doing fine. "Little Britches," as the baby is affectionately called by her other grandparents, is Helen's first grandchild. Congratulations, Helen, we didn't think you would make it.

J. W. (Bill) Michael received his 15-year service awards last month. Congrats, Bill, and we hope to have you around 15 or 20 more.

Harold (Buster) Parker came through a tonsillectomy with flying colors. Buster is the son of R. N. Parker, our maintenance superintendent. He (Buster) was hospitalized for one and one-half days and then went wolfe hunting with his Dad four days later. Tough little fellow, huh?

Calvin Peevy has been promoted to resident engineer. He has been with the Department for several years and now makes his home in Van Buren. He is married and has two fine sons. Congratulations, Calvin.

(Again, we don't know who reported this news. Your signature will help us a lot, not only to give you a by-line but when we send deadline reminders. Ed.)

## DISTRICT 5

### Carl Davis

A. L. (Dugin) Jones received his service awards from Bernard Bice, district maintenance superintendent. At the same time, Dugin retired to the ranks of those fortunate few who can sleep late in the mornings and stay up for the late movies at night. We miss him but wish him the

best of everything.

George Cavaness, engineer of District 5, was given a birthday party September 28. To celebrate we had refreshments and coffee. We hear that the coffee was better than that he prepared for the squirrel hunters. He didn't tell us but a little squirrel said it killed the grass if it were poured out.



George Cavaness, District 5 engineer, and September 28 birthday boy, having a "cuppa" at a party in his honor to celebrate the event.

Congratulations to Ludie Massey on his new granddaughter, who weighed 9 pounds on arrival.

Chester King underwent surgery in the North Arkansas Clinic, but is at home recuperating.

Stanley Fulbright's son, Darrell, also underwent surgery but is doing fine. Joe Reynolds is a new employee in the shop.

Our sincere sympathies are extended to Forest Hale, Glen Stroud, and W. C. Barker, each of whose mother died on September 5, September 3, and August 28, respectively.

### DISTRICT 10

#### Isabelle Psalmönds

News seems to be rather scarce this month...guess we've all been too busy to make any.

This reporter and her husband took a week's vacation and spent a few days in northwest Arkansas and made a day's trip down to Murfreesboro. We had a good trip even if it did rain and we didn't find any diamonds.

We're all glad that Mrs. Ladd, wife of N. B. Ladd, job superintendent, is able to be out of the hospital and is at home after surgery.

Visitors are always welcome in District 10. Some of those who visited in the district office last month were: C. A.

Shumaker, Sam Smith, Bo Cruse, and Bob Mattox.

Bill Vickers, assistant maintenance superintendent, reports that squirrel hunting is pretty good so far this year.

Raymond Davis, mower operator, received his 5-year service awards.



At last we got that picture of Tommy Talley and Haden Cockrill who passed recently the State Board Examination for Registered Professional Engineers. Two fine fellows...handsome, too. Don't you think?

## Letters - - We get Letters

(To Director F. R. Oliver)

Dear Sir:

We wanted to tell you how much we appreciate the kindness shown us by some of your men. We were stranded with car trouble on Highway 8 between Warren and New Edinburg on August 28. A car with four Highway Department men stopped to see if they could assist us. They found our trouble and corrected it. They would not accept any remuneration for all their trouble.

Unfortunately, we did not get their names, but perhaps you will be able to determine who they were. This occurred about 6:15 p.m. and the men were traveling from Monticello to Fordyce. We thought you would like to have this information so that it might be of record should they be up for a promotion in the future.

Yours very truly,  
John E. Livingston, Pastor  
Church of the Open Door

Last month I received the above letter. Realizing that I have felt it advisable to circulate memorandums twice during the past 12 months cautioning against personnel

misconduct, I am happy to share with you this instance when the Department was so favorably represented.

May I remind you that each employee, regardless of his job classification, is always a representative of the Department. Whether good or bad is up to the individual. Any kindness or courtesy which you can extend is certainly to your credit as a Department employee, as well as an individual.

F. R. Oliver  
Director of Highways

(Editor's note: Through correspondence with District 7 Engineer W. E. Hicks, Mr. Oliver learned that the good Samaritans, all in District 7, were: Norman Pumphrey, resident engineer; C. E. Naugle, instrumentman; Curtis Garner, engineer's helper; and J. R. Stell, engineer's helper who has since resigned.

(To W. E. Hicks, District 7 engineer, Camden)

Dear Mr. Hicks:

The Camden Garden Club wishes to express appreciation for the care given to the crepe myrtle trees along the river road between Camden and the "Y." People driving along the highway have noticed the improvement in the trees and thought they added color and beauty.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Melba Dooley  
Camden, Arkansas

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## Letters...continued

(To State Maintenance Engineer R. B. Winfrey)

Dear Mr. Winfrey:

On August 3 I wrote you regarding the conditions of the traffic lines on U. S. 62 from Eureka Springs west. This matter has been taken care of and I wish to thank you very much. One feels much safer driving, especially around these hills, with the traffic lines in good shape.

I wish at this time to compliment your department for the excellent manner in which the U. S. 62 in this area is kept up. Despite the fact that the fishermen and others continue to throw beer cans along the road, your crew up here keep it in excellent shape. They do a good job.

Yours truly,  
A. J. H. Carnegie  
Eureka Springs, Arkansas

(To R. O. Jarboe, Chicot County foreman)

Dear Sir:

My wife and I want to thank you and other members of your State Highway organization for the very fine way you have been keeping the highways in Chicot County. There are so many litterbugs and other folks that seem to want to destroy and cause a great expense in the upkeep of roads and shoulders, instead of trying to help keep it in good repair. Again, many, many thanks.

James G. Coston  
Eudora, Arkansas

# THIS'LL KILL YA



Visitor: "What's the name of this university?"  
Student: "Sorry, I'm just a football player here."

Father: "I'm busy. Be short."  
Son: "I will. I am."

Johnny's parents were very worried. He liked to draw, but all his drawings were black. No color. Finally, in desperation, they took him to a child psychiatrist, who was intrigued.

"Tell me," the psychiatrist asked Johnny, "Don't you know that the world is a beautiful, colorful place? Why are all your drawings black?"

"Because," said Johnny, "I've only got a black crayon."

"Well," asked the landlady, showing a prospective lodger to the best room, "what do you think of it as a whole?"

"Oh, I suppose it's all right as holes go," was the reply, "but it was a bedroom I wanted."

The medical officer was testing the water supply.

"What precautions do you take against infection?" he asked the sergeant replied.

"We boil it first, sir," the sergeant replied.

"Good!"

"Then we filter it."

"Excellent!"

"And then," said the sergeant, "just for safety's sake, we drink beer."

Two boys were walking down a street together. One boy was eating an apple.

The one with no apple said wistfully: "If I had an apple, I would give it to you."

Replied the boy with the apple: "Well, what are you kicking about—I got it, ain't I?"

Maid: "The furniture installment man is here again, ma'am."  
Madam (resignedly): "Tell him to take a chair."

"Betty, darling," said the embarrassed young ex-sailor, "before we get married there's something I must get off my chest."

"Of course, dearest," said the girl sympathetically. "What is it?"  
The young lover tore open his shirt, exposing a large, magnificently tattooed declaration: "I love Alice."

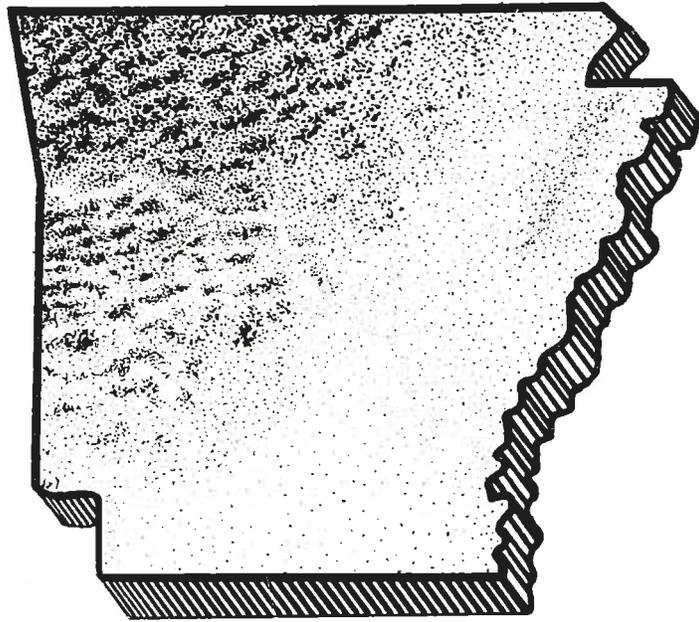
The bum asked for 20 cents for a cup of coffee.

"But coffee only costs a dime."

"Yeah, but I've got a date."

The personnel manager handed an applicant a card with five words on it—man, woman, eggs, carpet, sex. "Which one of these words does not belong?" he asked.

"Sex," said the applicant. "You can beat a man, beat a woman, beat eggs, beat a carpet, but you can't beat sex."



".....land of pleasant driving."