

ARKANSAS HIGHWAYS

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*Open Letter to
Employees of AHD*



April 1, 1963

The wheels of fortune have turned again for the Olivers and we are going to another very interesting assignment, this time in the Far East.

I have accepted a position with the Public Administration Service, Chicago, Illinois, as Highway Advisor to the Government of Thailand under a contract of the U. S. Agency for International Development. Mrs. Oliver and I will leave in May for Bangkok, Thailand via Honolulu, Tokyo and Hong Kong.

It is, of course, with mixed emotions that we leave you good people of the Highway Department. Our years in the Department have been among the happiest of our lives and we will always cherish the many friendships we have here. On the other hand our previous foreign service in Iran kindled a desire to see more of the world and to know people of other nationalities. We are delighted with the prospect of two more years of such service coupled with a trip all the way around the globe.

We are happy to take this opportunity to extend to all of you and your families our best wishes. Goodbye, Good Luck, and May God Bless You.

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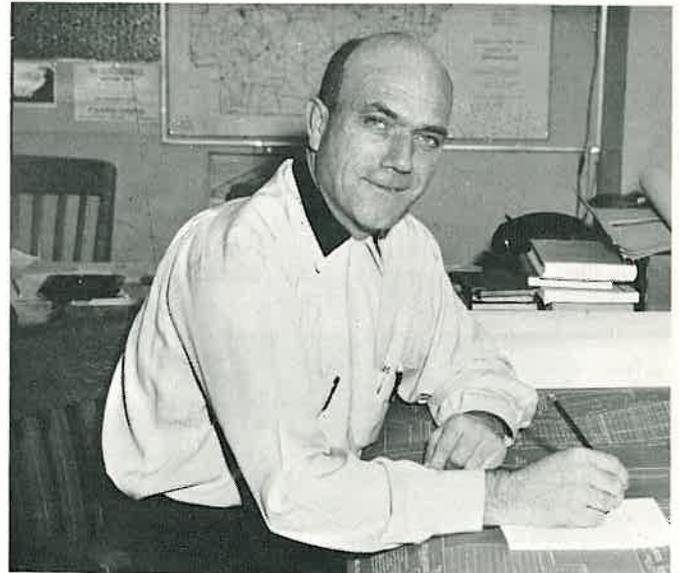
Harry M. Wright Retires After 35-Year Highway Career...

John Tallant Promoted to Engineer of County Roads



Harry Wright

Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers, the National Society of Professional Engineers, and the Hi-Noon Toastmasters Club. He is married and has a 14-year-old daughter, who attends Southwest Junior High School in Little Rock.



John Tallant

Harry M. Wright, County Roads engineer with 35 years' service in the Highway Department, retired April 15. He will be replaced by John Tallant, assistant construction engineer.

Harry's engineering career goes back to 1921 when he worked for the City of Little Rock as a draftsman. Before coming to the Department in 1927 he worked for various other engineering firms in Little Rock and Florida. During his long AHD career he has held such jobs as locating engineer, district construction engineer, resident engineer, instrumentman, and assistant construction engineer. He was promoted to engineer of County Roads in 1958.

Future plans for Harry include tending full time to some real estate property and other personal business.

In the words of Mr. Oliver, Harry "has done an outstanding job as head of the County Roads Division." We shall miss him.

Tallant has been with the Department for 14 years. A native of Arkansas (Montgomery County), he is 44 years old and most of his tenure has been in the Department has been in construction work.

John is a graduate civil engineer from the University of Arkansas. He is a veteran of World War II and a registered professional engineer. He belongs to the



Kay Tallant ladles a glass of punch for her dad, John Tallant, at a farewell party for John, March 29 in the Construction Office. Waiting their turn are: Bill Moore, E. E. Hurley, and C. A. Shumaker,

The Life and Times of an Engineer's Secretary

(With Apologies to a Wonderful Boss)
(And further apologies to a wonderful father
in case he sees this.)



by Janet McElduff
District 1

Heaven help the working girl, particularly if it falls her lot to work for a Civil Engineer – a breed peculiar in their own – a world of cluttered desks, pertinent information recorded on backs of mislaid envelopes, infallible memories as to angles and degrees, specs, engineering data, but completely unreliable as to names (even to close working associates), appointments, meal-times, or anything else that is relevant to the ordinary human being. The only thing worse than being a secretary to one is to be the daughter of one, and the only thing worse than that is to be both, and from here on out I speak from experience!!

My first memories go back to the summer days in the early 20's when I was allowed to accompany my father to spend the day on the "job," which meant nothing more to me than a wonderful day of playing in the dirt, sand, and gravel piles, and perhaps sharing in someone's lunch. The next thing I think about is how hard it was to spell "engineer" on my school enrollment card, and how disappointed I was to discover that my father was a civil engineer and *not* a railroad engineer. It was not peculiar to me that we always had a rain gauge in the yard, or that the back seat of the car was always full of transit, level, poles, and stakes. I didn't know that sewer systems was not a proper subject for meal-time discussion.

I grew up thinking the way you increased quantities for a recipe was to consult Daddy, who, in turn, got out the slide rule and talked about avoirdupois weight instead of cups and teaspoonfuls. Of course the chow-chow was generally completed and canned before he got through figuring, but neither was that unusual. One thing that threw me though, was to be the child with the unmathematical mind, and to have algebra and geometry explained to me through an engineer's eyes and mind – now that was an experience!

My friends may have been a little in awe when they saw the yard full of Daddy, a rodman, a chainman, and

much miscellaneous equipment, but I knew that it was SPRING, and the rose bed was being plotted and a new brick walk in the making. I knew Choctaw made culvert long before I discovered an Indian tribe by the same name.

My hand hesitates and quivers to this day before I can throw away a scrap of paper with what appears to be a little doodling on it; you know, it just might be quantities times something that equals heaven knows what, but DON'T throw it away. I've been reading CONSTRUCTION NEWS ever since I was about 15 and "kept" Daddy's office during the summer months of depression days, and it was about the same time that I mastered the spelling and centering of the word "Specification" after being mildly exposed to high school typing. I know that one doesn't just sit down and write out specs. My dad drafted, sweated, and swore a little and I typed it all up only to discover that it was all wrong, or something was left out. Then I had to start all over again. The final never came until days and reams of paper later and I always thought that it was finished. But, my date was kept waiting while my dad (bless his heart) and I proof read it once more.

I had to grow up, marry, have children, and see my husband off in company with my dad to attend the Professional Engineers meeting before I found out that there was just a little fun mixed in with all the work the engineers accomplished at the meetings.

So you see, there wasn't anything really peculiar about my childhood, especially when I grew up and eventually became the secretary of an engineer. I worked in insurance, abstract and lawyers' offices, but I came home when I walked into the district engineer's office here! Boy! What a mess! Woman's instinct couldn't wait to get this place straight and many years had passed since my early training. A shiver of apprehension, however, ran down my spine, giving warning of impending danger when I crumbled the first scrap of paper. I carefully smoothed it out again and put it where I found it. So the twig is bent.

I wish I had put all this on my application with AHD instead of trying to impress them with my years of office experience and lying about my grey hair. After all my bragging about my experience my mouth slipped one day and I mentioned something about the "maps," knowing full well they were plans. I thought I was going to have my stripes tom off any minute. It has taken me three years to learn to check a bridge piling report with the able assistance, impatience, and sarcasm of three AHD engineers, But I've got it all down now, and if they don't change hammers on me, I think I'll make it. That is, if the resident doesn't make any errors. Then, I'm always in doubt as to whether it is really him, me, or the dang calculator.

Then there is the matter of filing. There are just some things in an engineer's office that have no place to be filed. I ask the Boss what'll I do with this and he says "I don't know." Thus, we have a Don't Know File. You have no idea how competent it makes me look when the Boss says "get that er, ah, ah," and I know immediately

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Eighth Annual Short Course Held in March

The Eight Annual Highway Short Course was held at the University of Arkansas March 14-15. The course is sponsored by the University's College of Engineering, Department, in cooperation with the Highway Department and the University Division of General Extension.

The registration was presided over by Director Oliver and C. W. Yantis, University of Arkansas. The welcome address was given by Dr. David W. Mullins, president of the University.

Papers were given by two AHD engineers. Robbie Parker, research engineer in Planning and Research, presented "The Highway Department Research Program." Jack Wofford, Materials and Tests, presented "The Nuclear Density and Moisture Device." Others were: Dean Fred J. Benson, School of Engineering, Texas A&M, "Engineering Education and Highway Engineering"; Jack P. Shedd, Howard, Needles, Tammen, and Bergendoff, "Welded Highway Bridges"; D. A. Shumand, chief of the Design Section, "Critical Path Method of Scheduling"; and L. A. Maciula, "Use of Slurry Seal."

Other events during the course included the showing of Staff Photographer Johnnie Gray's Highway Department film, and the annual banquet in the Student Union, with F. C. Turner, assistant federal highway administrator and chief engineer, Bureau of Public Roads, as guest speaker.

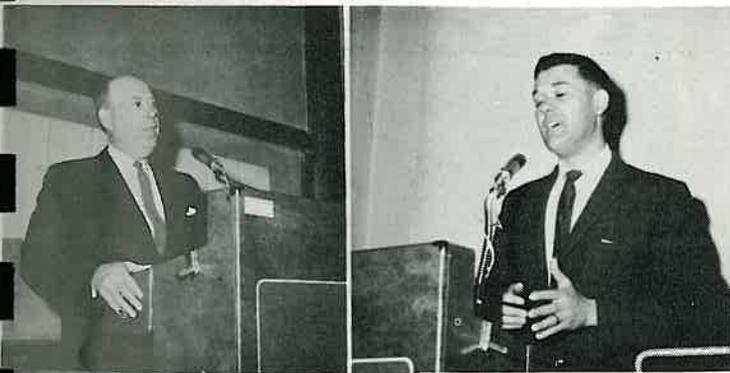
A program for wives who accompanied their husbands included a visit to the University Museum, a luncheon, and a bridge game.



Top Row: Director Oliver, and Fred J. Benson of Texas A&M. Bottom: left, Bob Bissett, V. E. Harvey, J. R. Henderson; right, Jack P. Shedd.



Mr. and Mrs. Ward Goodman at right



Above, left, Dr. David W. Mullins, president of the University and Robbie Parker. Left, Jack Wofford.



Left: C. Don Hayes, John Lawrence, Bill Huie, Brewster Shalmy, and Jim Lowder.

Right: Johnnie Beavers, Art Johnson, Jim Meredith, Dale Davison, Jewell Whitaker and Bill Moore.



FIVE RECEIVE AWARDS

Five men, with a total of 165 years' service in the Highway Department, received their longevity awards from the Highway Commission in ceremonies in the Commission Room March 20.

The men were: Lester A. McCain, bridge construction engineer, 35 years; Glenn Cotham, resident engineer in District 6, 35 years; Harry M. Wright, County Roads engineer, 35 years; Henry W. Schneider, Materials and Tests engineer, 30 years; and Fred L. Pulliam, senior roadway designer, 30 years.

Ward Goodman gave a brief profile on each recipient before making the presentations. A large audience of friends and co-workers were on hand to congratulate the men. Also in attendance were their wives.



Due to camera trouble, Johnnie Gray, photographer, was able to get pictures of only two recipients. Ward Goodman is shown at left with L. A. McCain; at right, Henry Schneider.

HIGHWAY DAMES MEET

The March meeting of the Arkansas Highway Dames was held at 11 a.m. March 28 in the Highway Commission Room of the Central Office Building.

Major Calvin Collier, recently retired from the U.S. Air Force, addressed the Dames on "The Origin and Background of International Communism." Major Collier is a lecturer versed in happenings on the American scene, both present and past. He has given his talks and lectures on communism for a number of years. He is the author of two books on the Civil War, with particular emphasis on Arkansas's part in the War. Major Collier is now head of the Public Relations Department of the Arkansas Childrens' Hospital.

Mrs. Baldy Vinson, president, conducted the business meeting. Mrs. C. A. Shumaker read the minutes, in the absence of Mrs. Don Martin, secretary. Mrs. Joe Schamer gave a report on the Assitance Project. Mrs. Stuart

Pattillo announced that the nominating committee is preparing a slate of officers for the coming year which will be submitted for voting at the April Meeting. A social hour followed. Over sandwiches and coffee everybody are getting better acquainted with each other.

April 25, the fourth Thursday of the month, is the date of the next meeting of the Highway Dames. The hour is 11:30 a.m. in the Commission Room. Johnnie Gray, Highway photographer, will show us his new movie. everybody come and enlarge this friendly circle. Bring your sandwich.

Mrs. Harry Wright (Grace)

The Highway Department had a "new" employee early in April but he wasn't on the payroll.

The "new" employee was Governor Faubus, who was on vacation at Huntsville. He had cautioned maintenance crew members in the area one day against cutting ornamental shrubs and small trees while clearing the right of way. He wanted the dogwood, redbud, sassafras, and sarvis trees protected, but the foreman of the crew said he might not know which ones they were. Mr. Faubus showed up himself in Huntsville the next day to accompany the pickup truck to the clearing area to identify the cherished trees. He was dressed for the occasion in khakis and a floppy hat and was armed with a double-bitted ax.

Lou Oberste, an employee of the Arkansas Publicity and Parks Department stated in a newspaper article that Mr. Faubus "stayed on the job all day and indicated that he may return the next day. The crew members told me they let him set the pace, even giving up their coffee break because he was there," Oberste said.

A lady motorists drove past, spotted the familiar face but refused to believe until she had driven by and returned to stop for the third time. "Is this who I think it is?" the woman inquired. "Are you really you?"

"Yes, it is I," Mr. Faubus replied with a grin.



When Doc Bonner retired in February, his friends in Bridge Design feted him and Mrs. Bonner with a dinner party at Hotel LaFayette. Looking on while Doc opens his card and gift are Mrs. Bonner, and Eddie Williams, senior bridge designer. (Another pic is on page 8.)

Engineer From Korea Studies

Arkansas Highway Operation

Arkansas was the first of three states on the itinerary of Mr. Kim, Byong Chan of Seoul, Korea, who is in our country studying methods of highway maintenance, and administration of highway departments for the government of Korea.

Mr. Kim, a graduate of Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan, with a civil engineering degree, is chief of highway maintenance for the Bureau of Public Works under the Ministry of Construction in Korea. He arrived in the United States February 1, coming to Arkansas shortly after to observe the Arkansas Department. He left April 15 for Boston, Mass., where he will remain for two months. After another two months in the third state, which is not yet known to him, he will return to his country.

This is his first trip to the United States. Asked what he thought about our country, he said, "I think it's a very nice country, especially in highway systems. I believe they are the best all over the world." He referred to Little Rock as his "home town in the United States." He made many friends during his stay. We hope he returns.



Leon Trickey displays the 19-pound gobbler he killed at the Lost Creek bottoms in Grant County March 31. Leon is an inspector for Raymond Jones, resident engineer in District 6. Don Pilcher, engineering helper, also got some lead in this one but Trickey "downed" it.

Life of Secretary (cont'd)

that the "er, ah, ah" is bound to be in the D.K.F., and Glory Halleluja! It is!

Experience or no experience, it is my opinion that if I keep my back straight, an interested and intelligent countenance, and the despair from my voice, the Boss will think I know what he's talking about. When a new set of plans come in and the Boss is looking over same, and I hear an explosion, then it's time to run in, take a look, and say, "well, I don't know why they did it either." When all the time the only figure I can identify is the sheet number. I *think* I know which is the sheet number. I figure if I can say "yes sir" and "no sir" at a reasonable number of right places, and occasionally mutter something behind my hand, the Boss will think I know as much as he does...No! No! I take that back! I never saw an engineer yet who thought anyone knew as much as he does - and, on any subject. And that my friends, is the most peculiar trait of these professional men!

A final entry in the ledger might be that of a sense of humor - whether it be a dry, ludicrous, keen, or self-contained one. I don't believe I have ever met an engineer that didn't possess the ability to laugh, and I hope in the case of some of the above citations, to laugh at himself.

The manifestations of an engineer's mind and habits are something to behold, but I wouldn't trade my job as secretary to one, and my heritage as daughter of another, with ANYONE!



John Tallant, fourth from left, stands with friends and co-workers at the party given for him by the Construction Office on his promotion to Engineer of County Roads. Others are: J. C. Webb, W. E. Hicks, Fat Matthews, Glenn Cotham, Frank Neighbors, Mrs. Glenn Cotham, Mrs. L. A. McCain, Jim Lowder, Mr. McCain, Geraldine Kissire, Margaret Weathers, and Sam Smith.



AROUND THE DEPARTMENTS



ACCOUNTING DIVISION

Tyronza Hines

Carl and Aleene Morris are the very proud parents of a daughter, Marquette Joy, born March 16, weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

Johnnie Beavers attended the Highway Short Course at Fayetteville March 14 and 15.

Pat Koonce' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Racster of Evansville, Ind., arrived in Little Rock on March 22 to spend a few days with Pat and children. Pat has a fine looking 1958 green Chevrolet which she used to show the "folks" around the city.

Joe Schamer's daughter, Margaret, of Memphis, arrived in Little Rock on a recent Thursday for a short visit with her parents.

Jack Keilch and his wife, Pat, spent a week end in Dardanelle where they visited his mother and twin brother, Richard, of Houston, Tex.

Johnnie Beavers's son and daughter-in-law, Charlie and Kay, moved from Wichita Falls, Tex., to the sunny state of Florida. Charles is stationed at Ft. Walter Beach where he is a deputy finance officer with the U.S. Air Force.

It seems as though the measles are going around again. Irene Hawkins can vouch for that as she was off a couple of days trying to get rid of them.

Our sincere sympathies to Brenda Sutton on the loss of her grandmother, Mrs. Charlie Roberts of Hope, who died March 23.

BLYTHEVILLE CONST. OFFICE

Johnnie Alexander

It's been a good while since our office has appeared in the magazine but we're still alive and kicking...Since we last reported, Donnie Wright and wife have added an addition to their family - Donnie has not been with us as he resigned to accept other employment. We hated to see him go, but "money talks."

This reporter is going on leave of absence this month to await the stork. This will be our first and we're very happy and anxious. I'll also be anxious to return to work, if at all possible. Colvin George will be doing the office work while I'm gone and he asks everyone to bear with him for a while.

Bobby Lilly, Colvin, and Bill Hyde attended the annual engineers' banquet and meetings last month in Little Rock.

Colvin received his 5-year pin and certificate recently.

That's about all for this time. See you in a few months.

The group at right are part of the Bridge Designers at the dinner party at Hotel LaFayette, given for Doc Bonner on his retirement. From left are: L. P. Carlson, Mrs. Jim Matthews (Mini), Doc and Mrs. Bonner, and, seated at right table, Mrs. Harold Bastian.



BRIDGE DESIGN

Virginia Tackett

You know the old saw beginning "As the twig is bent..." Well, a couple of bridge designers with a natural leaning toward science, being engineers, each has a twig with a scientific bent. Mary Celia Matthews, daughter of Jim and Mini Matthews, took a second place ribbon in the Physics Division of Southwest Junior High School's Science Fair, with her Solar Still, a fabulous contraption for distilling fresh water from salty or polluted water. Jim brought the device to the office and her winning is certainly understandable.

Her fellow-scientist, j.g., in the winning ranks is Diann Hall, daughter of Flo and John Hall. Diann and several other students at Amboy Elementary School entered a comprehensive study of the peanut in the Wonder Bakery's Science Fair and they too won second place, not to mention \$50 cash. They were asked to appear on TV and Diann's proud father went down to the station to see the interview. We knew we had bright children, but now we have ribbons to prove it.

Dan Morgan is doing a fine job taking over Doc Bonner's slot in Bridge Design. Dan came to us from the Office Engineer's Office and we're mighty glad to have him.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Hazel McKim

Charles Thiron's son, having finished a tour of duty in Germany, is at home on a 30-day leave. He and Charles spent two days fishing on Lake Conway. He will report to Ft. Bragg at the end of his stay.

Norman Smith's father is ill again, suffering from a heart ailment. He has been advised to retire by his doctor. We join his many friends in wishing him a complete recovery.

Ralph Post, who lives out Highway 10, goes fishing nearly every day, trying to

catch all the fish in Lake Maumelle, but he doesn't.

Glen Gatley says he still feels the effect of his accident. His car fell on him March 23 while he was working on it.

It seems that the flu has subsided somewhat from our department. Dempsey Bradley and family were the last to report recovery from the illness.

A son of the Ralph Posts is at home convalescing after surgery in a Little Rock hospital and is doing fine.

CONSTRUCTION

Lucy Dishongh - H. B. Matthews

A Special Party for a Special Person, for a Special Occasion was held in our office Friday, March 29 at 3:30 p.m. John Tallant's promotion to engineer of County Roads was considered extraordinary, but there was a feeling of remorse at "giving him up" in the Construction Division. A beautiful layout of food, "goodies," punch, and coffee was enjoyed by all. Best of luck, John Tallant...We'll miss you very much. Among our many special guests was Ward Goodman, without whom a party is never complete.

H. B. (Fat) Matthews made a trip to Providence, R. I. via Terre Haute, Ind., and the Pennsylvania Turnpike through New York City to visit relatives in Boston, Mass. He returned bringing his daughter and grandson, Matt Murray, home for a visit here until his son-in-law completes a 6 months' tour of sea duty. They made the return trip through the foothills of the Great Smokey Mountains at Roanoke, Va., to Knoxville and Chattanooga, Tenn., all in 8 days!

Our very young Geraldine Kissire is a proud grandmother again...Son Robert and his wife Pat (Pat Venable) are parents of a son, who weighed in at 8 pounds, 11 ounces on April 1 at St. Anthony Hospital in Morrilton. His name, of course, is Robert L. Kissire, Jr. Congratulations to Gerry and the happy parents.

George M. West transferred to the Construction Office, Final Estimates Section, from the North Terminal Interchange. Welcome, George.

COUNTY PROGRAM

Barbara Oldham

Changes are being made in the County Program. Harry M. Wright, division head, is retiring as of April 16, after 35 years' service. We shall miss him very much but wish him all good things in the future.

We are happy to welcome our new Boss, John Tallant, who was assistant construction engineer in Construction Division.

Gene M. Davis, an engineer's helper, left us March 3. We have a new employee: Mike Pearce, who came to us from the Little Rock Air Force Base. Mike is 20 years old, good looking but is planning to be married June 7.

DATA PROCESSING CENTER

Dale Hoggard

Everyone has been thoroughly enjoying the nice SPRING weather and feeling much better after bouts with the flu.

Elsie King is back to work and doing well, after being off several months due to injuries suffered in an automobile accident. Elsie has found an apartment in Little Rock so she won't have that ride from and to Benton every day. We're all glad to have her back.

Erma Jetton has been entertaining members of her family at their cabin on Lake Conway. Visitors included a sister from El Dorado, a brother from Alabama, and another one from Florida. They had good luck fishing.

Roy Shelby enjoyed a week end in Houston, Tex. He drove down March 23 and flew back March 25.

EQUIPMENT



Doris Healy

C. Don Hayes, our boss, attended the Highway Short Course at Fayetteville March 14-15.

Birthdays in March: Frank Boyett, Delbert Pearl, C. B. Brooks, Hursey Baker, Max Nailling, E. L. Yeager, J. E. Hardcastle, M. W. Skelton, and O. E. Wagner. Happy Birthday fellas, and many more.

Johnnie Gray, staff photographer, showed us his new 1963 Highway Department film on March 22. We all enjoyed it and certainly appreciate Johnnie taking the time to show it to us.

Max Nailling was presented a gift from the personnel of Jacksonville on his retirement March 27. Our best wishes go with Max.

Sincere sympathies are extended to Maurice Head on the death of his aunt; Jack Price on the death of his sister; and Frank Boyett on the death of his brother-in-law.

FREEWAY

Patsy Mayhan

Ralph Jones's residency has two new employees; Billy Wilkerson transferred from Mountain View, and A. C. Gibbons came from City Traffic Signalization.

One of Ralph's junior inspectors, Bill Finefield, plans to marry Jo Ann Wirtel in June. Bill graduated from Catholic High School and is attending Little Rock University. Jo Ann is a graduate of Mt. Saint Mary's and is employed by the John Matthews Co.

Ralph also has one on sick leave. Andy Duesse has an injured leg and has been off work for a few weeks.

Bill Price, assistant resident engineer on Markam Street Interchange, is transferring to Lem Tull's residency. Bill is an excellent employee and will surely be missed by all of us.

Don Cahoon has a new clerk, Sylvia Nusic. Sylvia replaced Kathy Sanders who resigned March 22.

Mrs. Bob Crafton and Mrs. Bruce Lively took an enjoyable tour of the ante-bellum homes and attended a pageant depicting scenes of the old south at Natchez, Miss. Their trip was marred by car trouble, coming and going.

This reporter and husband Clyde, took in a week end of relaxation by fishing and camping out at Lake Ouachita March 23.

MICROFILMING

Sarah Neel

Verna and Ivan Daes had as their guests for the week end of March 22, Verna's sister and husband, Ruth and Arno Christopher from Memphis. They all went to the races at Hot Springs on Saturday and had a big time...Verna won the daily double (a pretty good one), the second time that week for the Daes. Ivan, Verna's husband, won it the previous Wednesday and it was a whopping big one!

Mrs. Pearl Caldwell, from Shorewood Hills on Lake Catherine in Hot Springs, spent the week end of March 22 with this reporter.

MATERIALS AND TESTS

M. Jean Ellis

Employees in M&T honored the Boss, Henry W. Schneider, March 20 at a small coffee break. The reason for the special occasion was that Mr. Schneider received his 30-year service awards from the Highway Commission. Yours truly was given the honor of presenting him with a special certificate and pin from Materials and Tests employees. Mrs. Schneider was unable to attend our little get-together, but was in attendance at the special ceremonies in the Commission Room.

Those attending the Highway Short Course at Fayetteville March 14 and 15

were: Mr. Schneider, J. D. Magness, Jake Clements, Jr., H. A. Dreher, R. M. Newsom, and J. D. Baird. Jack Wofford, engineer assistant, appeared on the Friday morning program and presented a paper on "The Nuclear Density and Moisture Device."

Those observing birthdays in April are: Mr. Schneider, Fred Griffin, Will L. Banks, and Henry T. Hollensworth.

Charles Mauk and Bennie Martin are our present trainees this month. Welcome to M&T, gentlemen.

Iona Jones left March 14 to make her home in Searcy. Ed Rauch, who has been employed in M&T since 1958, has resigned due to ill health.

Newcomers Club: Mrs. Melvin DeLong (Margie) joined the slave market on March 18. Margie resides at No. 6 Meadowcliff Circle with husband, Captain Melvin DeLong (State Police), and daughter Pan, 16, who attends Central High School.

Elizabeth and Jack Wofford welcomed Catherine Anne on March 7 at St. Vincent's Hospital. She tipped the scales at 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

J. D. Magness, R. C. Turney, Ed Davis, and Ralph David went on a short fishing trip March 23 to Lake Chicot.

Dick and Elaine Pils took a short vacation this month.

PERSONNEL

M. A.

If the weather we've been having is an indication of things to come, it's going to be a long, hot summer. But a lot of folks are enjoying it and the activities that go along with it...



Ed Priest, who took over Hoyt Thomas's job, is getting pretty well acquainted with employees in the Highway Department now, and getting adjusted to his job.

Several of our people have been ill... Sible Cox returned to work after an operation and is getting along fine, although she did have to return to her doctor each

day for a week for treatment.

Sibble no sooner returned than Ruth Foll "came down" with a rather serious infection, resulting in high fever. But, after several days' rest and obeying her doctor's orders, she returned to work much better. She spent a week end recently with her parents in Mountain View.

Jackie Wallace topped Ruth and Sibble, though. Jackie was still favoring her right ankle, which she broke last December 24, but had begun to think it wouldn't be long before she could wear heels again. So, what happens? On March 20 she took a bad fall from her porch, sustaining a very severe compound fracture of her left foot and ankle. Jackie was in surgery three hours and suffered much pain. She is in a heavy cast and will be for several more weeks. Her doctor told her the break was one of the worst. We miss Jackie and do hope she won't be out too long. After she left the hospital she went to Heber Springs to stay with her sister.

This reporter has been over to the races a couple of times and believe it or not, had a little bit of luck.

Sibble Cox was a witness to the 5½ pound bass caught in her lake out on West Markham.

PLANNING AND RESEARCH

Bonnie Thomas

Kit Harwell of the Traffic Section resigned March 15 to accept another position in Pine Bluff. Best of Luck to Kit with his new job.

Spring fever has affected several persons in our division, inspiring week end trips, sessions of golf and tennis and of course nearly everyone is anxious to get out and sink their hook and line in the water...Billie Whiteside took a week end trip March 23 with a group of friends on a tour of southern Louisiana. Ruth Cantley spent the week end of March 23 in Shreveport, visiting her daughter and family. Lee Gibbons had a week of vacation and rest during March.

Several of our employees have been ill with flu and colds, but nearly everyone is back at work again.

The girls in P&R helped Marie "Rusty" Qualls celebrate her birthday this past month with cake and coffee, and a gift.

Our bowling team, which is fourth place in the league, has played several good games during the past few months in competition with other teams around the Department. Members of the team are Mayo White, Ralph Pack, Nathan Bingham, Bill Nelson, Bill Smith, Buddy Lewter, and Lester Jester.

Mr. Kim, our visiting highway engineer from Korea, spent a week in this office for the purpose of learning work involved with Planning and Research. We aren't sure whether Mr. Kim was able to pick up any practical help that he can take back to his native country for use, but we certainly learned many interesting things regarding life and times in Korea. Perhaps his most interesting experience here was when employees Chuck Jones and Bill



Five of the P&R bowlers are pictured above. Kneeling are Buddy Lewter and Lester Jester. Standing: Nathan Bingham, Bill Nelson, and Bill Smith. Not shown are Mayo White and Ralph Pack.

Nelson took him to Lake Maumelle to learn some of the mysteries of Arkansas fishing. The smile on his face and sparkle in his eye when he landed crappie was true indication that he is now a true Arkansas fisherman. (We understand he has pictures to prove it.)

The Highway Short Course at the University of Arkansas, which was held March 14 and 15, was attended by J. R. Henderson, Bill Cooper, Robbie Parker,

and Lester Jester. Robbie presented a paper, "Research in the Arkansas Highway Department."

The Spring Meeting of the Highway Research Board was held also at the University of Arkansas March 13. Those attending were Mr. Henderson, Bill Nelson, Robbie Parker, and Charles Jones.

We extend our sympathies to Carl Bracher, whose father died in March.

PROCUREMENT

Juniata Morgan

We welcome Louise Hardy to our office. She came to work March 11 replacing Peggy Parker who is resigning to take a three-month tour of Europe. Both Louise and husband Alton, have lived in North

Little Rock most of their lives. They have two small sons: Kent, 19 months, and Kevin, 3 months.

Bud and Willene Dorris tried their luck fishing at Maumelle March 23. They didn't catch any fish but had a lot of fun.

Jim Meredith attended the University of Arkansas Short Course March 13-15.

Maurice Pickens is trying to trade cars, but so far she hasn't found a good deal.

Lewis and Leta Wade have been looking at new houses every week end for the past two months. Leta hasn't found anything she likes and Lewis can't understand why it takes women so long to make up their minds.

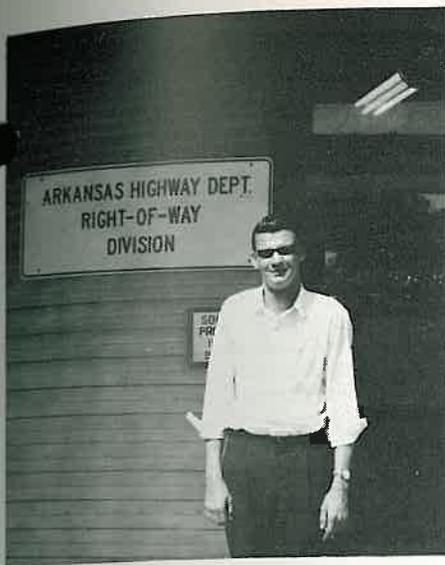
RIGHT OF WAY

Ann Sniff

Utilities' new employee is Douglas Thacker, draftsman trainee. He is a native of Little Rock and graduated from Central High in May 1961. Doug is 20, still single, and enjoys all outdoor sports. He previously worked with the Arkansas Development Corporation and Gerald J. McLendon and Associates. Welcome, Doug.



Louise



Douglas Thacker

Nancy Sipe, along with husband Kenny, spent a week in "Big D" - a combined business and pleasure trip (lots of pleasure and little business). Happy Birthday, Nancy, March 26. We won't say which.

We've lost Glendol Jackson again...He's out with the mumps. Hurry back, Jack.

Mrs. Don Martin is recovering after surgery in St. Vincent's Infirmary.

Henry Gray, Wilbur Luton, and Zack Ashburn, along with Dowell Anders, drove up to Fayetteville to attend the Eighth Annual Highway Short Course, March 14 and 15.

Marilyn Atchison of the Appraisal Section is now a proud 21, as of March 26.

Sharon Bledsoe is sporting a new car - a Chevy Impala.



Congratulations to Fred and Nina Williams on the arrival of Karen Ann, March 7 at Baptist Hospital. Steve's little sister weighed in at 8 pounds, 6½ ounces.

Luther Bearden retired February 28 after having been with the Department almost 28 years. We love holidays, but the one that came to us unexpectedly on February 22 upset our plans for Luther's farewell party. But, as usual, all details were worked out, and the date was changed to Friday, March 1. We were pleased that Mrs. Bearden (Tiny) joined us for this occasion. The Acquisition Section presented Luther a beautiful alligator attache case; the Right of Way Division gave him a gift certificate. Mr. Luton, chief of the Acquisition Section, presented Tiny with a lovely orchid corsage. Cake, coffee, and cokes were served. We have already missed Luther and his friendly personality.

Kill-Joy: Someone who goes through our division selling potato chips when we are counting calories.

J. C. and Anabelle Merritt are new grandparents. A little daughter was born to their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Veron Abbott of North Little Rock March 28 at Memorial Hospital. The little girl weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Mrs. Emma Adams, the mother of Wesley Adams, contract appraiser, and grandmother of Walker Watson, senior appraiser of our appraisal staff.

ROADWAY DESIGN



June Dillon

Delbert Vanlandingham's little son, had the mumps recently but is recovering nicely.

Representatives from this office to the Short Course in Fayetteville were Pat Thompson, Don Potter, Delbert, Paul Haydon, Duane Reel, and Paul DeBusk.

The handsome gentleman in the dark suit working in the back of our office on March 20 was Fred Pulliam, one of our squad bosses. He was awarded his 30-year service awards by the Highway Commission on that day. Mrs. Pulliam was at the presentation and later joined us for cake and coffee in the office. Congratulations, Fred.

Gracie Dunn gave John a parakeet for Easter and John is teaching it to talk.

Cameron Lowe moved in a new home across the street from his old one. His new address: 2325 N. McKinley. Cameron, what is this about having trouble moving a freezer across the street?

Travis Orton has been doing quite a bit of bowling lately. His score is very high but he said no record breaker.

Robert Thomas is the owner of a lot on Lake Hamilton but is having some difficulty getting the brush cleared off. Maybe he should have an old-fashioned log rolling or ground clearing.

Bud Smith just purchased a lot on Cranfield Road near Mountain Home for his new home on Lake Norfolk. He wanted to buy a boat but liked the one he saw so much he just bought two.

Chester Siesicki has been off several days due to the flu.

Ray Garner likes fishing pretty well, but what a burn he got the March 23 week end.

DISTRICT 1

Janet McElduff

News this month includes congratulations to Leroy Curtner of Wynne for 15 years' service in the Department, along with the same congrats to John Hale of Wynne, also, for 10 years.

C. M. Matthews, District 1 engineer, Bill Cline and Virg Shassere, both resident engineers, attended the Short Course at the University of Arkansas. Mr. Matthews enjoyed getting a glimpse of his daughter Charlotte, who is attending the University.

Mary Ann Harrell and husband Bob enjoyed a week end in Memphis recently, just resting and eating...Mildred and Hershall Stacy with son Bob spent the week end in Ft. Smith visiting family... And my family congregated in Helena for a week end with our father, enjoying barbequed chicken, Mexican cornbread, and each other's company.

Our sick list has been so long that it is impossible to list names. However, we did take a count and out of the maintenance crews in the first half of March we had 43 on sick leave sometime during that period, with an additional eight on annual leave who were flu-stricken but had no sick leave.

Our best wishes to Virg Shassere's wife in West Memphis for a speedy recovery after serious surgery.

Happy news from Bill Cline's crew. Gene Belknap and Darleen Grimmitt have announced their engagement. Both are residents of Wynne, and will have a June wedding.

Andy Jetton, also of Cline's group, is quite proud of his new 1963 Galaxie and he was terribly impressed with the picture of Kay Tallant in last month's magazine, as we all were.

Our sincere sympathies are extended to Charles Mitchell and his wife in the recent loss of their infant son.

COME SEE US, AND WE AIN'T KIDDIN'.

DISTRICT 2

Ouida Grimes

Wilton L. Wright is the payroll clerk in District 2, and there are several men depending on him twice a month for a check. He transferred from a construction resident engineer's office to maintenance. Will attended three colleges: Missionary Baptist College, Sheridan; Rockhurst College, Kansas City; and Arkansas State Teachers, Conway; and one business college, Draughon's of Little Rock. He is married and he and Mrs. Wright have two children, Wilton, who is a lieutenant in the U.S. Army, and Carol, who is a student in Pine Bluff High School. The Wrights and Carol live in a new brick house in Pine Bluff with lots of space around it. Will makes good use of that space by raising some of the most beautiful flowers in the city. He even sneaks a few vegetables in among the flowers. Another hobby of Will's is

fishing. It makes no difference how cold it gets, if the notion strikes him and he can find anyone to go with him, off they go. He attends the First Baptist Church.

On February 26 and 27 the flag pole at the district headquarters got a new coat of white paint. This hair-raising job was performed by our bridge crew with Aubry Murphy going to the top of the pole in a seat that was pulled up the pole by the flag rope. The pole, 56 feet high, was made for a sailboat mast on the West Coast, and brought to Arkansas on two flat cars. Its first use was at Rohwer, Arkansas and when the camp there was abandoned it was brought to Pine Bluff and the Highway Department. When Aubry was perched near the top of the pole applying the second coat of paint, the wind was blowing in gusts up to 25 miles per hour. The Pine Bluff paper had a reporter take pictures.

Maurice Phillips of McGehee and Betty Jane Hudgens of Yazoo, Miss., were married recently. Maurice came to the Department last December.

The following employees received service awards in March: Edgar J. Rabb, 10 years; Guy M. Crook, Floyd M. Walker, 10 years; and Alfred B. Jones, 5 years.

We were glad to have Dewey Dew back after a short illness. We send get well wishes to Robert Rinehart, Vicki Woodfield, Randy and Ricky Rawls who have been in the Jefferson Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson of Monticello are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Deanna, to William McClellan of McGehee. Deanna and William are students at A&M College in Monticello. They are making wedding plans for June 1. Deanna is in her second year at college. She recently entered a shorthand contest in Little Rock and won first place.



Deanna Wilson, fiancée of William McClellan.

Another engagement has been announced. The Robert Jarboes of Lake Village announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Sarah, to John Brownlee of Eudora. They are making plans for a June wedding. Sarah is a student at Ouachita.



Sarah Jarboe, betrothed to John Brownlee.

DISTRICT 3

Olive Jackson

Those attending the Highway Short Course, sponsored by the University of Arkansas and the Highway Department, in Fayetteville March 14 and 15 were: District 3 Engineer J. E. Lowder; Assistant Maintenance Superintendent Ted Maryman; and Resident Engineers R. V. Wilkison, Ben Hogan, and Coy Campbell.

Installation was completed on 15 additional mobile radios in District 3 in February.

Employees receiving service awards in March were: Oscar H. Marcum, 20 years; Lee W. Helton and Perry Russell, 10 years; Jim H. Ederington, Francis D. McGraw, and Hubert G. Miller, 5 years.

Frank O'Donnell and Clarence Page of Little Rock were here March 26 conducting a safety program and instructing the operation of radios recently installed. Employees attending were resident engineers, area foremen and job superintendents.

Jim Lowder attended the Highway Construction Conference in Little Rock March 28-March 1.

Bruce and Betty Woodley of Murfreesboro are proud parents of a little girl, Beverly June, who arrived January 22. Also, Raymond and Barbara Calhoon of Hope are parents of a baby son, Jerry Dale, who arrived February 27. This is the first child for each couple.

District 3 employees have really been hit by the flu bug in the past month as evidenced by sick leave slips.

DISTRICT 4

B. J. G.

Our best wishes to Arthur (Pete) Lewis who retired March 31 after 18½ years of service with the Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Keller announced the birth of a son February 7; the baby has been given the name of William Junius. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Clayton.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Oliver, who have not lost a daughter, but have gained a son-in-law. Curtis is foreman in Scott County.

J. C. Fair of Montgomery County, has received his 15-year service awards.

New employees in District 4 are Joe Seamons, Ft. Smith, and Owen Stricklin, Polk County. Welcome, fellas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hamilton, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Benson both have new additions to their families. Each couple has a boy.

Bess Rowland has undergone surgery at Turner Memorial Hospital at Ozark, but when this issue is distributed we feel sure that it will find Bess back at her desk.

Our sympathies to J. C. Wingfield, Logan County foreman, and Mrs. Wingfield, on the death of Mrs. Wingfield's father March 19.

DISTRICT 5



Carl Dav

Those receiving service awards in March were as follows: Robert C. Conley, 15 years; George C. Jones, Deaver D. Roberson, Robert L. Moser, 10 years; and Roy J. Jesson and Virgil E. Stephens, 5 years.

Several employees have been sick recently. Ludie Massey and L. D. Hopper, shop employees, were off for a few days. Jim Carter, mechanic, is off at this writing, with flu.

Sally McMillan, assistant stock clerk, made a week end trip to Murfreesboro, Tenn. She had a nice visit with her daughter and family. When she returned to work, her comment was that it was interesting to note the difference in highway road signs. She sure appreciates the way our Arkansas highways are clearly understood.

We extend our sympathies to Lawson Johnson upon the death of his mother.

Thought for the day: "Sometimes it takes a lot of scratching around to get out of a situation you were just itching to get into."

DISTRICT 6

Bob Valentine

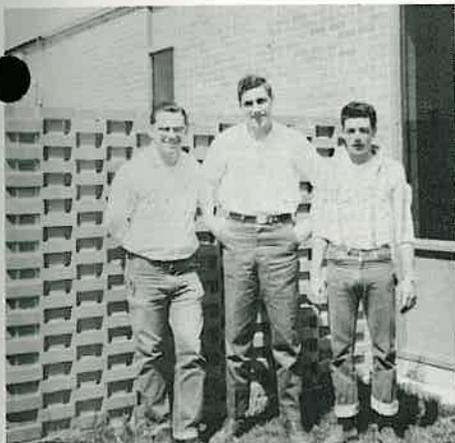
I'm sure we have all, at one time another, heard a "whopping" big fish story, but the one Lou Briens told the other day takes the cake...Lou, hubby and daughter Debbie, took an excursion that led to the lake a couple of week ends

back, and with the usual amount of hand movements, described the ones that got away, etc. But when she told me that the only thing she caught was a tick, well, that was something else. Whoever heard of a tick swallowing a worm?



Lou Brians

Did you hear about the drunk that was appearing before one of the investigating committees and asked his counsel if he could drink the fifth instead of pleading it?



These three District 6 employees are: Bob Valentine, reporter (and originator of the joke printed above); Frank McKay, stock clerk; and Bobbie Battie, mechanic.

Georgia Russenberger's "little" brother, Charles Miller, is visiting the Russenbergers from his home in St. Louis. We were glad to hear that he is recuperating nicely from his recent heart attack and that he'll be able to return to work this month.

Mrs. Glenn Appleby is at home from the hospital recovering from a back ailment.

What with this pretty weather we've been having District 6 would like to take an opportunity to wish all of our fellow Highway Department employees a Happy Easter Egg.

We were all very sorry to hear of the death of Edith Greene's brother, Dutch,

March 16. Mr. Greene died of a heart attack at his home in Supulpa, Okla.

We extend our sympathies to W. T. Jeter, maintenance superintendent, on the death of his father March 28 after a long illness at his home in Norman, Arkansas.

DISTRICT 7

Burnham and Campbell

March service awards recipients were: Charles T. Anderson, 15 years; Robert Davis, William D. Livingston, Thomas H. Thompson, 10 years; and Ordal Lewis, John R. Mulligan, and Alvin T. White, 5 years. Congratulations, fellas!

Attending the Highway Short Course in Fayetteville March 14 and 15 from District 7 were: District 7 Engineer W. E. Hicks, G. E. Nunnally, A. W. Hardy, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Webb, N. D. Pumphrey, and C. E. Naugle.

Mrs. Hicks accompanied her husband to Fayetteville and visited their daughter Judy, a student at the University. Their other daughter, Virginia, drove over from Tulsa and the family enjoyed a pleasant week end.

Our district was well represented at the Engineers' Banquet in Little Rock March 1, by: J. C. Webb, Charles Rampley, Dave Rowland, Carl McMahan, T. E. Mitchell, and Larry Hollis, all of Camden, and Leroy Brazzel, Bill Morgan, and Bruce Wilkes, of Fordyce.

DISTRICT 8

Brown and Rogers

Spring fever burst through in an outing for David Moore's crew at Nimrod Lake March 23. Fresh fried fish was the tastemonger.

Belated birthday wishes to Bill Blackwell on March 17. Belated congratulations to his beagle, too. She gave birth to 8 pups several weeks ago. That's a lot of beagle babies at one time.

District 8 was well represented at recent meetings in Little Rock and Fayetteville.

David Moore has a new assistant resident engineer, Don Mitchell. Don was transferred to us from Leslie and we're glad to have him with us.

James Brown, employed previously with District 8 maintenance, is now working as an engineer's helper with construction. Newcomers to the Department this month are James Blalock, James Howell, and Paul Miller, engineer's helpers; Judy Phillips, and Leonard Arrington, field clerks; Jake Smith, senior inspector; and Mary Elizabeth White, secretary to District Engineer John Lawrence.

Bobby Nelson is planning a trip down the aisle about June. Mary Phillips from Pottsville will then become Mrs. B. J. Nelson. Congratulations to the couple and we just want to say we didn't realize how right we were when we predicted Bobby's loss of bachelorhood in our



Beverly Ann Morgan, field clerk in District 7, is behind the desk of Norman D. Pumphrey, resident engineer; at bottom, Robert E. Myers, levelman at Fordyce, is caught by surprise while working on cross-sections.

February column. That new car did the trick, all right.

Mary Eakin, wife of James Eakin, is recovering from a recent illness which resulted in a week's stay at St. Mary's Hospital. We're glad Mrs. Eakin is better now.

Engineering students at Arkansas Polytechnic College had David Moore and Lawrence Fletcher as speakers at one of their class sessions recently. This same class was given a tour of the two interstate jobs on which David is resident engineer.

William Huie, safety director for the Department, held a series of meetings in our district the week of March 18. While here, he was doing some "dry land" fishing and caught a fish hook in his hand. He was admitted to the emergency ward of our local hospital for treatment.

We extend our sympathies to the T. D. Caseys on the death of her aunt, and to Ralph Goodson and family on the death of his mother-in-law.

DISTRICT 9

Hulsey and Morton

Jeff Davis and Marion Downs are the proud owners of two of the best looking automobiles on the road. Jeff is sporting a 1963 black LaSabre Buick, and Marion looks pretty sharp behind the wheel of his white and buckskin trim Dodge. Happy motoring, fellas!

Speaking of new things, Tillman Fancher and J. L. Dickey are looking forward to moving into their new homes within the next few days. When are the housewarmings, boys?

C. C. Studdard is the new area foreman in Baxter County, replacing R. A. Milum who went to Henderson Ferry as supervisor. Good luck, Check, and R. A. on your new assignments.

If you happened to tune in the Little Rock Today show on Channel 4 Friday, March 8, you saw Jeff Davis making his television debut in an interview as Worthy Grand Patron of the Order of Eastern Star of Arkansas. We thought Jeff looked quite distinguished on TV but he was told by several he looked much better "in person."

Bill Moore and Jewell Whitaker attended the Highway Short Course in Fayetteville March 14 and 15.

Curtis Gardner's parents were in from Chicago for a week's visit and decided they liked the Ozarks so well they bought a small farm near Berryville and will move there soon.

Dempsey M. "Bud" Tomlinson spent two weeks on military leave in Rhode Island. Bud's little daughter, Janice, broke her collarbone recently but we are happy to report she's on the mend.

Don Mitchell has transferred from the Leskie residency to District 8. Good luck, Don.

Jack Holby and Pete Redman caught the flu bug and were confined to their homes for several days. Sil Mathis and Bill Gray have also been on the sick list.

Alton Farley had major surgery and was away from his office for several days. Jim Godfrey had an emergency appendectomy and Raymond Holland was off work several weeks after having major surgery. They are all back at work and looking quite "fit."

That good looking redhead in Gary Godfrey's office, Edwina Hathcoat, is wearing a sparkler on third finger, left hand.

We were so delighted to have Mr. Warren Stanford visit us March 22, we celebrated with a little party in his honor. Bill Hawkins's wife, Mae, baked a delish cake for the occasion, which was served with coffee. It was good to see Warren again and we hope he will come back again soon.

Other visitors we've had were Charlie and Hazel Matthews, Gerald Sisk, Jake Clements, Jim Meredith, Jim Francis, C. A. Shumaker, and John Tallant, who stopped by the district office enroute to Fayetteville. Also, Ronald Keene and John Massey visited us recently.

We believe Bill Moore must be the owner of a bird dog, that is, if reports

from his neighbors are true, there is something quite large and loud in his backyard that is creating quite a disturbance! Bill says he has the finest bird dog in the state; a male, lemon and white setter, who answers to the name of "Freckles." (See picture.)

Now that the quail season is over and most of the "bird talk" is dying down, we're looking forward to the whopping big "fish talk" from some of the sportsmen around the office.



At top, Bill Moore, District 9 engineer, is pictured with son Steve, and "Freckles." At bottom is son Kim with "Freckles."

ROBERT LEE BORLAND

Robert Lee Borland, 55, a truck driver in District 9, died March 12 following a heart attack. Mr. Borland had been employed 14 years in the Highway Department.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Neva Borland and five sons. Funeral services were held March 16 at Harrison.

DISTRICT 10

Isabelle Psalmonds

If we had a talent like Janet McEldon in District 1, we wouldn't have to draw a blank like we did last month when we had no news. But, this reporter doesn't have a rhyme in her, so we just apologize for not getting in any news last month.

Let us correct a statement that was made in the February issue. Lester Wycoff assures us that anyone who knows Kathy and Carrie, his two three-year-old granddaughters, would not say that Gregory Allen was his first grandchild - just his first grandson. We agree with him. Kathy and Carrie are livewires and adorable. (Who goofed, Isabelle, me or you?-Ed.)

Cynthia Suzanne Cockrill, first daughter and second child of Resident Engineer A. H. Cockrill, Walnut Ridge, weighed in at 7 pounds, 1 ounce on February 22. Haden sure appreciated that day off. Congratulations!

Johnnie Alexander, field clerk at Blytheville, is on a six months' leave of absence. You know what that means.

Alfred White, truck driver, is a mighty proud grandfather. His daughter in St. Louis had twin boys recently.

Clifford Saylor, heavy truck driver, is seriously ill in a Memphis hospital. Best wishes to Clifford and we hope he gets well quickly. We miss him.

Glenda Wheeler, field clerk at Joiner, resigned to take other employment. We welcome Bertha Wood back to the office. Bertha was in the office before but resigned in 1961 to move to Little Rock. Now she is back and we look forward to working with her.

This reporter is so excited these days. The Psalmonds at long last began building a new home just out of Paragould. Most afternoons after I leave the office I run out to the house to see how many boards were put up that day. No doubt it will be several months before we move in but it is exciting to be building and looking forward to moving.

Service awards in March went to James C. Smith, 15 years; L. C. Hester, 10 years; and Bert O. Miller, 5 years.

Our sympathies are extended to Bill Vickers, assistant maintenance superintendent, whose father died February 27, as the result of a heart attack.



LEXICONS

Time: What some people waste, others use and the rest spend.

The Twist: A wild waist show.

Woman's Purse: Pocket full of miracles.

Hot Dog: A hamburger all dressed up tight.

K. P.: Keep peeling.

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COVER PICTURE: Photo of the Twin Bridges on Interstate Route 40 over Big Piney Creek in Johnson county. The piers are approximately 80 feet above the bed of Piney Creek. They are unusually high because of construction of the Dardanelle Dam. By July 1964 water will begin to back up under these piers as the Dam begins to fill up. These twin structures are a part of Job 8461, a six mile grading project that was awarded in August 1962 to S. E. Evans Construction Company at a cost of \$2,156,910.

JUST FED UP

There aren't as many people actually working as you may have thought. At least according to the survey by the "Man-Power Board." The population of the country was 160 million when the survey was made but there are 98 million over 65 years of age, leaving 62 million to do the work.

Then there are 30 million who are employed by the government and that leaves 32 million to do the work. Nineteen million are in the armed forces, leaving 13 million to do the work...Deduct 12,800,000 the number of state and city officers and that leaves 200,000 to do the work...But 62,000 of these are bums according to the unemployment office and will not work, leaving 12,000 to do the work.

It may interest you to know that there are 11,998 people in jail, so that leaves exactly two people to the work, you and me, brother, and I am due a vacation.

Professor (addressing medical students): "The muscle of the patient's leg has contracted until it is much shorter than the other. Therefore, he limps. Now what would you do in such circumstances?"
Student: "I'd limp, too."

It seems there was this preacher who wasn't feeling well, and the doctor in that Missouri town prescribed a nip of whisky for him before he shaved each morning.

A few days later a friend saw the minister's son on the street and asked how his dad was doing. "Much better", the boy said, "but mother thinks he's crazy. He shaves eight or ten times a day."

One never minds when a woman looks poured into a dress, provided too much hasn't settled to the bottom.

On a bus, two college students on route to rush week at the University of Nebraska were discussing what seemed to them to be the astonishing fact that human bodies are 92 percent water.

At that moment, an extremely shapely young lady boarded the bus. Conversation ended for a moment as the boys took her in. Then one remarked: "Boy, she sure did a lot with her eight percent!"

The purpose of a vacation is to get away from it all, and the trouble is that it's all still there when you get back.

HOW TO TELL A WEED FROM A FLOWER: Pull it up. If it comes back again - it's a weed.

Wife to hubby: "Wish you had the spunk the government has. They don't let a little debt keep them from spending."

Little Susie was sitting on her grandfather's lap, and after looking at him intently for a time she asked:
"Grandpa, were you in the Ark?"
"Certainly not, my dear," he said.
"Then why weren't you drowned?"

Middle age is when you don't care where you go, just so you're home by 9:00 p.m. Also when you want to see how long your car will last instead of how fast it will go.

Little Mary's father had denied her a pleasure that she had confidently expected. That night, when she said her prayers she concluded with this petition:

"And please don't give my papa any more children. He don't know how to treat the ones he's got now."

Two Cub Scouts, whose younger brother had fallen into the lake, rushed home to mother with tears in their eyes. "We're trying to give him artificial respiration." one of them sobbed, "but he keeps getting up and walking away!"

The psychiatrist was testing the mentality of his patient. "Do you ever hear voices without being able to tell who is speaking, or where the voices come from?"

"Yes, sir," the patient replied.
"And when does this occur?" questioned the doctor.
"When I answer the telephone."

Playing a water hole at a local golf club, an avid golfer, the guest of a club member, promptly drove the ball into the pond. Then he asked his host to supply him with another as he had no spares. The guest unerringly drove the new ball into the pond, too, and did the same with a third, fourth, and fifth.

"Joe," the host finally protested, "those are my brand new \$1.25 golf balls you're losing."

"Look here, Al," replied the dunker, "if you can't afford this game, you shouldn't be playing it."

SHORT COURSE



Some of the participants of the Short Course at Fayetteville are, top row, left: John Lawrence and Bill Huie at the registration desk; middle, Dowell Anders, Henry Gray, Art Johnson, Johnnie Beavers, Dale Davison; third picture shows Jack Teasdale and Max Hall at right; J. T. Pendergrass, across, third from left, Henry Schneider and Russell Newsom. Bottom row: Bob Bissett, third from left, sitting at the speaker's table; middle: Gene Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. John Price and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hurley, and W. E. Hicks, right: third pic: C. A. Shumaker, John Tallant, left, and Sam Smith, second at right.

ARKANSAS HAS LARGEST FARKLEBERRY TREE

Did you know that Arkansas has the largest Farkleberry (*Vaccinium Arboreum*) tree in the United States? It's true.

This information was supplied by Mr. Kendall Laughlin of Chicago, in a letter to State Maintenance Engineer R. B. Winfrey. Mr. Laughlin stated that the tree is larger than the tree shown in the last published list by the American Forestry Association, Washington, D. C. It is located on the east edge of the right-of-way of Arkansas Highway No. 8, about 325 feet south of its junction with U.S. Highway 70 in Glenwood. The former champ was located on a lower slope of Burnham Mountain, about a quarter of a mile southwest of the new champion until several years ago when the shortleaf pine was cut off the mountain.

The tree is 5 inches in diameter, has a circumference of 1 foot, 3 inches, a height of 20 feet, and a spread of 14 feet and leans toward the west.

Mr. Laughlin advised Mr. Winfrey to caution road supervisors against molesting the tree. Mr. Winfrey has had markers placed adjacent to the tree for protection.

Bob Mattox, bridge maintenance engineer, took the picture of the Farkleberry tree.

