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EDITORIAL...

NATIONAL HIGHWAY WEEK IN ARKANSAS

THE BEST BARGAIN

THE HIGHWAY transportation business has become an \$80 billion part of our economy, which has grown because it has enabled man to move himself and his goods when and where he will, from door to door. He chooses his own timetables and routes, privileges which have made the automobile a part of nearly every American's daily life.

The average highway user pays for the privileges of owning and driving an automobile or truck, but most of what he pays goes into the vehicle, not the roads.

Rex M. Whitton, federal highway administrator, explains this point by using a typical example, an automobile that cost \$2,900 in 1961. This vehicle will travel perhaps 100,000 miles in its life of about 12 years. During that time it will burn 7,100 gallons of gasoline, wear out 20 tires, and have a good many repairs. Over \$10,000 will be spent on and for it during its life. The cost of the vehicle and its use for every 10 miles of travel figures out to:

Depreciation.....	29 cents
Repair and Maintenance.....	17 cents
Insurance.....	13 cents
Gasoline, excluding taxes....	14 cents

All the rest - oil, tires, accessories, parking, and tolls - adds up to 16 cents. So the total cost, excluding taxes, is 89 cents for those 10 miles of driving.

Gasoline taxes cost seven cents for the 10 miles; and the registration fee and other taxes, five cents. Thus out of a total cost of \$1.01 for 10 miles of travel, taxes account for 12 cents as compared with 89 cents for everything else.

Therefore, out of every dollar spent for the car, 89 cents is for the vehicle and 12 cents for the road. You can't shift from one to the other without upsetting the balance. Two cents less for the road would mean poorer roads. So vehicle costs would then be not two cents more, but perhaps five or 10 cents more.

Which all points up the fact that the American highway user is getting a remarkable bargain for the taxes he pays in building adequate and efficient highways. More explicitly, he is making an investment which pays good dividends.

PRESIDENT Kennedy proclaimed the week of May 26 through June 1 as *National Highway Week*. Governor Faubus, by proclamation, designated the period as *Highway Week in Arkansas*.

The purpose of National Highway Week is to call attention to the importance of an adequate highway transportation system to the health, welfare, and economy of the nation, the state, and the community. Programs are designed for the benefit of the news media, including the press, radio, and television.

The Highway Department and the Arkansas Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America had a luncheon meeting and bus tour of recent highway construction projects in the Greater Little Rock area Tuesday, May 28. Buses for the tour were furnished by the Arkansas Bus and Truck Association.

Taking part in the scheduled activities were Governor Faubus, members of the Highway Commission, Highway Department staff members, members of the Legislature, representatives of the contractors, highway user groups, city and county officials, and news media.

The participants assembled in the Highway Commission Room at 12 noon and immediately boarded busses to Coachman's Inn for luncheon. The tour covered major highway construction including the Greater Little Rock Freeway and sections of the Interstate routes in Pulaski County. Stops were made at selected locations such as the site of the partially completed Highway Department Headquarters on the Benton Highway, to permit interviews by the press and to take pictures.



LUNCHEON AND TOUR PART OF OBSERVANCE DURING HIGHWAY WEEK



Top picture: Television cameramen Gene Goss and Tom Johnson getting some shots of Governor Faubus at the luncheon at Coachman's Inn prior to the construction tour. Others are Representative Talbot Fields and Highway Commissioner Armil Taylor. At left: Little Rock City Manager Ancil Douthit, State Senator Olen Hendrix of Prescott, Highway Commissioner Truman Baker, Right of Way Chief Henry Gray, Administrative Assistant Y. W. Whelchel, and State Representative Marion Crank.



**AGC BANQUET ONE OF HIGHLIGHTS
DURING HIGHWAY WEEK**



Shown at the Arkansas Chapter of the Associated General Contractors' banquet in Hotel Marion are top picture: V. E. Harvey, division engineer of the Bureau of Public Roads; Acting Highway Director Ward Goodman; and Highway Commissioners Baker, Taylor, Wayne Hampton, and John W. Harsh. Bottom picture, left to right, Gilbert Forsgren, Bill Smith, Ben Hogan, Leo Kirby, and Jim Reynolds. The tour included the Levy Overpass where the picture at right was made by Johnnie Gray, staff photographer.



LETTERS

May 24, 1963

Mr. Ward Goodman, Acting Director
Arkansas State Highway Department
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Goodman:

On May 17, the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee reviewed the audit presented by the Staff concerning the Arkansas State Highway Department and the Committee noted only minor exceptions to your audit.

It is the purpose of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee to review the reports and assist the Boards and Agencies of the State, using State Funds and/or under State regulations. The Committee is interested in maintaining the best accounting principles, and if we can be of any assistance to you in that effect, we will be most happy to do so.

May we call your attention particularly to the good work of your own Internal Audit Staff on Page 7 of the audit report and ask that you use your best efforts to continue to maintain good accounting control, as we feel the work of this Committee

will not be fulfilled unless we assist you in keeping in the accounting and fiscal controls at a high level

Yours very truly,
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee
Q. Byrum Hurst
Chairman

May 29, 1963

Mr. Ward Goodman, Acting Director
Arkansas State Highway Dept.
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Goodman:

I think it should not go unrecorded when something consistently fine occurs.

This is to inform you that there is a unanimous opinion of all thirty employees in this office that the people employed by you are the nicest, most polite, co-operative, helpful people in any organization with which we come in contact.

Thank them all.
You may let others know how we feel.
We try to reciprocate.

Yours very truly,
Edward G. Smith & Associates

THREE GRADUATE ENGINEERS COMPLETE TRAINING PROGRAM



Holding their certificates are Claude Parton, Samuel S. Acheson, and Charles Mauk. Others are Highway Commissioners Baker, Hampton, Acting Director Goodman, Commissioner Taylor and Harsh.

Samuel S. Acheson, Charles F. Mauk, and Claude C. Parton received diplomas from the Highway Commission May 29 for having completed the Arkansas Highway Engineers' Program. The presentations were made in the Commission Room before relatives and co-workers.

The program, inaugurated in February 1960, is designed to familiarize young civil-engineering graduates with all phases of highway engineering. The trainees' studies include Roadway Design, Construction, Materials and Tests, Assistant Chief Engineer's Offices, Computer Center, Traffic Section Bureau of Public Roads, and all districts in the state.

Acheson is a native of Bismarck, N.D., but moved to Mountain Home with his parents and completed high school there. He attended Arkansas Tech at Russellville, later transferring to the University of Arkansas. After receiving his diploma in June 1962 he began his employment with the Highway Department and entered the program as a trainee in District 6. Roadway Design was chosen as his permanent assignment. Guests for the presentation were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Acheson and sister Grace of Mountain Home, and Miss Jo McLeod, his fiancée.

Mauk is a native of Omaha, Nebr. He received his education at Lilbourn, Mo., Southeast Missouri State College at Cape Girardeau, and later transferred to the University of Missouri at Columbus where he received his BSCE last August. He came

to the Highway Department in September. His wife is the former Miss Ruby Campbell of Plummerville and they have three children. Mauk has chosen District 8 Construction.

Parton is a native of Piggott, Ark., where he graduated from high school in 1953. After attending the College of the Ozarks for two years he entered the U.S. Air Force in which he served three and a half years. He resumed his studies at the University of Arkansas upon discharge, and received his BSCE last June. Immediately after, he came to the Department and entered the Training Program. Parton has chosen District 1 Construction at Forrest City in which to work. He is married to the former Miss Hope Elder also from Piggott and they have one daughter.

The Michigan State Highway Department reported recently that it has taken special steps to protect a sign that directs motorists to the community of Hell.

A new sign, which has the word "Hell" and an arrow, was installed at Pinchney, Mich., to replace a sign apparently stolen by a souvenir collector.

Highway Department officials said the bolts on the new sign were battered in and welded in an effort to make it "tamper-proof."

Highway officials said about a half-dozen other "Hell" signs on county roads in the area also have disappeared in recent months.

(We presume the highway to Hell is paved.)

Letter Commends District 3 Safety Practices

May 17, 1963

Mr. Ward Goodman
Acting Director of Highways
State Highway Department
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Goodman:

On May 16, 1963, our area engineer observed a State maintenance crew placing a cold-mix overlay on a section of U.S. 82 approximately three miles west of McKinney Bayou.

This operation was being handled in a workman-like manner, and particularly impressive was the extent and procedures being followed to provide safety to the traveling public during the operation.

The work area was well signed in advance of the actual work with obviously well instructed flagmen at each end controlling one-way traffic through this area.

As you are aware, safety practices are extremely important during maintenance operations. The crew involved in this area has obviously been well instructed and is following its instructions. The result is a well-handled maintenance operation with a minimum of danger to traffic using the highway.

We feel that commendations are in order for your district engineer, his maintenance supervisors, and the men on this particular crew for the excellent handling of this operation, and we urge them to keep up the good work.

Sincerely yours,
V. E. Harvey
Division Engineer
Bureau of Public Roads

By: G. W. Jordan, Acting



Some of the men responsible for the fine maintenance and safety are pictured here and on the next page. At top is District 3 Engineer J. E. Lowder; Middle, A. M. Clark, maintenance superintendent; and bottom Ted C. Maryman, assistant maintenance superintendent.



At left is Lee Helton, mower operator. The men at right are: first row: Arthur Philgreen, Holbert Jones, Ray Smith, Monroe Black, Andrew Shaffer, and Doc Greeson; second row: Harold Jones, J. C. Prather, Roy Ward; third row: Elvie Fedd, Carol Burnett, Lewis Jones, Howard Hazel, and Jim Ederington.



Reading left to right are: Iva McKenny, Ted Maryman, Edna Lewallen, A. M. Clark, Olive Jackson, Eugene Pendergraft, and Jim Lowder.



Left is Travis Smith, mower operator. Right is Miller County headquarters in District 3.



At left is R. F. (Doc) Greeson, foreman in Miller County. In the group picture are, front row, left to right: Harold Jones, J. C. Prather, Roy Ward, Lewis Jones, and Howard Hazel. Back row: Elvie Fedd, Arthur Philgreen, Carol Burnett, and Andrew Shaffer.

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY DAMES MAY MEETING

The Arkansas Highway Dames met May 23 at 11:30 a.m. at the pavilion at Lake No. 3 in Lakewood, North Little Rock.

A potluck luncheon was served picnic-style to the group. Mrs. Bob Maddox was in charge of arrangements for the picnic.

Following the luncheon, Mrs. Baldy Vinson, outgoing president, opened the business meeting and introduced the new officers who are: President, Mrs. H. H. Perkins; Vice President, Mrs. Baldy Vinson; Treasurer, Mrs. Robert Maddox; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Don Martin; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Don Reed; Parliamentarian, Mrs. Gip Robertson; Historian, Mrs. J. C. Longcoy. Mrs. Perkins assumed her new duties by taking charge and announcing her committees for the coming year.

There will be no meetings in the summer months of June and July. A family picnic will bring everyone together again in August. The exact date for this event will be announced later.

We are looking forward to another successful year for our Dames. We feel we have made progress in getting to know each other better and a second year should help us become even better acquainted.

Let's everyone attend the meetings.

—Mrs. M. S. Smith

GENERAL SERVICES DIVISION HAS PICNIC

BURNS PARK in North Little Rock reverberated with the sounds of music, laughter, and talk the night of May 16 when 50 employees of General Services Division and their spouses or dates met for a good 'ole' summertime "afterwork" outing. Before the night was over those attending were eager to start making plans for another one soon.

The idea to stage some parties among the employees began last spring when a survey was made to determine the interest for such events and the type they preferred - dinner-dance, fishfry, picnic, or what have you. The warm weather was conducive to the overwhelming majority choosing for our first shindig, an old-fashioned picnic. Except in this case it wasn't so old-fashioned. Nobody had to do anything but buy tickets, show up, and have fun.

A catering service provided gallons of barbecued chicken and all the good things that go along with it like coleslaw, baked beans, potato salad, relishes, coffee, cold drinks, apple pie, and a keg of beer to whip up some voracious appetites.

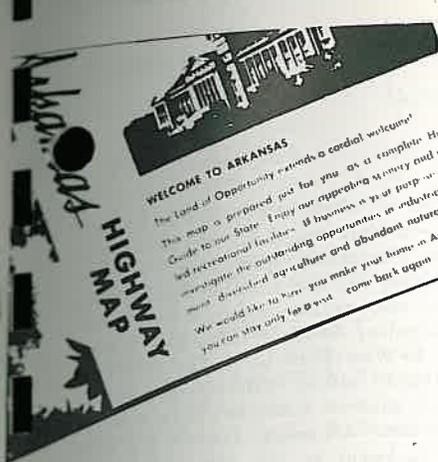
A committee was appointed to make arrangements for the party and what a terrific job it did. Headed by Art Johnson, the committee also was responsible for the entertainment which included record-playing, dancing, singing old songs to the accompaniment of Henry Vopel's ukelele playing, and just good conversation. Other committee members were Robbie Ingle, Verna Daes, Willene Dorris, Carolyn Reddin, John Ball, Henry Vopel, and Buddy Aley.

Jim Meredith, chief of General Services Division, spoke briefly, stating that occasional gatherings among employees helped boost morale and gave them an opportunity to know their co-workers and families better. He further stated that employees who worked together should be able to play together. He was right. We did get to know our co-workers better and we feel better about having had the opportunity to do so.

Door prizes were won by Mrs. Dale Davison (Margie), Mrs. John Ball (Margaret), Verna Daes of Microfilming, and Dale Hoggard of Data Processing Center.

At right Helen (Cookie) McCook is doing her own interpretation of the twist. Far right, Louise and Alton Hardy.





TO _____
*Hope your
 visit to our
 State is a
 pleasant one!
 W.D. Moore
 Ark. Highway Dept.*

Almost every Highway Department employee has the opportunity, at some time or another, to do a bit of good public relations work. It may be a friendly chat with a tourist giving directions to a lost traveler, or furnishing Arkansas literature to an out-of-state visitor.

One of the finest "contact" pieces for this purpose—and certainly an excellent conversation starter—is our own State Highway map. Generally, a tourist has a whole bundle of stuff ballyhooing all sorts of "must see" places. But few of them will equal or ever exceed the usefulness of our new highway map. It is authoritative, filled with useful road information, and one of the most beautifully printed maps ever published.

Make a practice of carrying several copies of the new map in your car. Then, the next time you park near an out-of-state car, drop a map on the front seat or slip one under the wiper arm. If possible, watch the driver when he returns; you'll note the reaction to your thoughtfulness is a good one. Tourists are usually pleased by any special attention given them.

The main point is, we, as state employees should be alert to every opportunity for helping out-of-state visitors. We can show we are pleased to have them with us, and that we are willing to provide needed assistance. In this manner we can accomplish something no amount of money can buy. The "official" tourist effort never quite approaches the "personal" contact we, as individuals, can provide. And tourists do remember how friendly folks are in ARKANSAS!

District 7 Engineer W. E. Hicks sent the picture, at right, of a new roadside park located 4 miles south of Gurdon on Highway 67, Clark County.

BOYS STATE VISITS AHD



Members of Boys State paid their annual visit to the Highway Department and got first hand information on its functions and methods of operation from Acting Director Ward Goodman. Above, he explains the organizational chart to the young men. In the bottom picture are three members of the Highway "Commission."



AROUND THE DEPARTMENTS



ACCOUNTING

Tyronza Hines

A new employee in Accounting is Jo Malone who will act as file clerk. We're glad to have her with us.

Aleene Boysen's daughter, Betty, returned home May 29 for the summer months after completing her freshman year at Henderson State Teacher's College in Arkadelphia.

Georgia Cottrell, Linda Tucker, and Floyd Pharris were in a two-car collision as they were going home from work one afternoon. All were passengers in the same car and were reported to be in fine shape except for Georgia who received a neck injury. However, she is doing well now as Tom Dixon quickly rushed to the scene and immediately began his first aid treatment. Thanks to Tom!

Lou Bradford's four-year-old son, Kent, had a tonsillectomy May 7 and is recovering nicely.

Olin Randle visited her son and his family in Fayetteville the week end of May 18. While there she attended the kindergarten graduation of her granddaughter, Kim, on Sunday.

Margaret and John Allen's son and family of Huntsville, Tex., visited with them over Memorial Day week end.

BRIDGE DESIGN DIVISION

Virginia Tackett

It's the season when we keep a hopeful eye on new lawns and Little League Baseball players to see what develops. John Hall's Jim, playing for the first time in the Teeny League, is outfielder for the Cal-Dak team and they opened the season with a win, 10-1. Jim Matthews' Jim, playing first base with Associated Grocers in the Pony League hasn't had a game yet. They're still playing practice games, but are hoping for a successful season. Jim Matthews is coaching a Little League team, Indoor Comfort, and reports that his league too is still in the practice-game stage, watching for developments. As to new lawns, it develops that Frank Battisto is no grass farmer. He spread top soil a couple of weeks before the May 25 down-pour, and spread fertilizer only a few hours before the deluge. He has an extremely fertile street and gutters.

L. P. Carlson, our Bridge Design engineer, returned from the Birmingham, Alabama Regional Bridge Committee Meeting of the SASHO which was held May 15-17, to report that for such an extremely crowded agenda, a surprising percentage

of the work scheduled was completed. In the next issue we will expect a report from him on his upcoming trip to Juneau, Alaska to visit son Larry, who is in the Bridge Division of Alaska Highway Department. They have planned to take advantage of every aspect of Alaska's superb hunting and fishing and sight-seeing opportunities.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Hazel McKim

F. O. Brady is back in Baptist Hospital after a recurrence of heart trouble. We hope he will soon be back on the job.

A. J. White retired May 1. Employees in Buildings and Grounds gave him a party and presented him with a rod and reel... Also, on May 13, the night workers enjoyed a potluck dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Meredith were hosts.

Ann Lyn Pence, Joe Hohnback's niece, will graduate from Mount St. Mary's Academy May 30. She lives with the Hohnback s and is almost like a daughter to them. Her ambition is to be a good secretary.

Judy Davis is back at work. She spent most of her vacation just doing nothing at home, however, she did attend a homecoming at Union Hill and had a great time meeting old friends.

Elsie McKim's grandson was attacked by a rabid wildcat and is having to take the Pasteur treatment.

We have two new men in our group: T. O. Shirley and Don Pitts.

CONSTRUCTION

Lucy Dishongh & H. H. Perkins

Ronnie Smith is back from his "vacation" in New Orleans at the expense of Uncle Sam (U.S. Navy). Ronnie attended a school for Administrative Rates. Also, his enlistment expired the first week and they told him the only way they could pay him for the time he had spent in N.O. was to re-enlist for another four years...so he did!

Charlene McClain and husband, B. F., and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Broussard from Benton spent Sunday at Blakley Mt. Dam and Spillway Lake. Had a lovely catfish dinner and wonderful time was had by all.

Wilma and Hurley Perkins, accompanied by Wilma's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Koehler, vacationed to the East Coast. The Perkins visited their daughter and husband, Lynda and Sonny Wallace in Laurel, Md., and the Koehlers went on to

visit two of their other daughters and families—in Palmyra, N.J., and in Bangor, Me. The Perkinses spent most of their time visiting all the sites in Washington, D.C. and surrounding countryside, including Annapolis, Atlantic City, and a one-day trip to New York City. The surroundings, historic sites, buildings and industries were nice to visit, but it is nicer to return home. Arkansas doesn't have to take a backseat to any state where the Perkinses visited when it comes to roads! The return trip was made through the Smokies and they arrived home May 16.

Eugene Ashcraft was recently elected president of the North Little Rock Civitan Club to serve the 1963-64 fiscal year. The Club is an international civic club composed primarily of business and professional men and contributes mostly to the advancement of retarded children. Several other functions are carried on in community developments such as construction of park facilities, hospital improvements, scholarships, and numerous special civic improvements. The club receives most of its funds from the sale of bumper tags displayed each year bearing the city's name and slogan in the colors of the state auto license tags and Christmas fruit cake sale with other special interest fund drives.

This reporter and husband Dish took a week's vacation May 12 which was perfectly delightful. We went to Lake Village to fish in Lake Chicot and we did just that. We were up each morning at 4 a.m. to try our luck. We were joined on our fishing excursion by Josh Suitt, an inspector in District 2 Construction and his wife Jo, who are residents of Lake Village. Dish and Josh caught quite a few nice ones but I had to return to Little Rock and Lake Maumelle before I caught anything.

DATA PROCESSING CENTER

Dale Hoggard

The Data Processing Center has a new look...We have moved the 1401 computer into the small room previously occupied by the keypunch section. They now share the large room with our other equipment.

Elsie King resigned May 15. She plans to do some traveling and maybe make her home elsewhere. We miss her.

Jerry Conway was off several days with bronchial pneumonia but has returned. We hope Jerry continues to feel well.

Data Processing was well represented at the General Services picnic at Bur Park May 16. We had a great time and hope there will be more social gatherings.

Roy Shelby and this reporter took a week's vacation May 26—June 2.

EQUIPMENT

Doris Healy

We welcome Charles Westlake, who is a new employee in Central Shops.

J. L. Barnes was recently promoted to shop foreman.

James E. Hardcastle is sporting around very pretty 1963 Ford Galaxy 500, champagne color.

Birthdays in May were: C. C. Cox, W. K. Heard, Carl J. Hillis, James Johnson, Clyde Thomas, and W. W. Yancey.

C. A. Jones was presented his 10-year service awards by C. B. Brooks, Jr., last month.

We're all glad to have Joe Stinson back with us after being off several weeks.

Donnie Cox, son of Bernie Cox, assistant director of Procurement, received the Athletic Award for his outstanding work in football, basketball, and track. It is an annual award sponsored by the Jacksonville News. He also set a district record of 12.7 in pole vaulting. We extend our congratulations to Donnie on these achievements.

By the time this is being read this reporter will be on leave waiting for the arrival of the stork. I'll miss everyone.

MICROFILMING

Sarah Neel

This writer drove over to Shorewood Hills on Lake Catherine recently to spend a week end with good friend Mrs. E. R. Caldwell. It was my first driving venture on a trip of that length but I made it there and back without any trouble.

Verna and Ivan Daes and kids spend many week ends at their cabin on Lake Hamilton. Recently though, Verna enjoyed a week end there more than any. She was playing around on the dock and fishing in a lazy manner - not really caring if she caught anything or not - but all of a sudden she accidentally caught a bass 18 inches long, weighing four pounds! She said it was a whopper and the biggest fish she ever caught.

Verna's sister and family, the Amo Christophers of Memphis, spent the week end of May 24 with the Daes.

PERSONNEL

M.A.

Once more it's our sad duty to report that two more of our people resigned. Ruth Foll, who has been with the Department for over three years, resigned effective June 1, to take another position. Ruth was secretary to Dale Davison, Personnel officer. Betty Ann Westerman, who has only been with us a few months, resigned her job effective the same date. We sure will miss both of them. By way of saying

goodbye we gave a little party on May 3. and presented them each with a small gift. Good luck to them.

Jackie Wallace's second cast on her ankle was replaced May 24 by the third and last one (we hope) which enables her to walk without crutches, Jackie, however, takes no chances and still takes one along with her "in case."

Jane Greenlee and family motored away to Waverly, Tenn., May 29 for an extended week end with their relatives. They returned the following Sunday.

Dale Davison's little boy "graduated" from Kindergarden May 24. Dale and Margie attended the ceremonies...This reporter's little (6'4") boy, Jim, graduated from North Little Rock High School the night of May 24.

Sibble Cox's little grandson, Mike, had an operation last month but is doing fine.

Robbie and Herston Ingle are planning on a week's vacation early in June. They've made no plans for a trip...just going to stay home and work around the house.

Hoyt Thomas paid us a visit last month... We were glad to see our former co-worker.

PLANNING AND RESEARCH

Bonnie Thomas

Carl Bratcher, one of the traffic field men, received his 10-year service awards last month.

Ruby Morrow is wearing a beautiful diamond on her left hand. It's hard to tell which out shines the other - the sparkle from the ring. Ruby and Billy Ray Crouse plan to be married June 15 in Sheridan.

Bobby McGowan is a new employee in P&R. Bob is a Little Rock native, is single and attended Little Rock University. We're glad to have him with us.

Stuart and Eleanor Pattillo spent the week of May 12 visiting and sightseeing in New Orleans. They had an interesting trip.

Several of our fellows have taken week end fishing trips but so far we have only heard fish stories with no pictures to prove them.

Bill Moore's son, Ricky, who is a student at the University of Arkansas, has won several weight lifting contests recently in Fayetteville and various other contests. Bill is extremely proud of him.

Two of our employees' sons graduated from Mablevale High School in May; Mayo White's son, Jerry, and Claude Roberson's son Claude, Jr. Both of them plan to attend college this fall.

Don Mount and his wife Fae left June 1 for a two-week trip to New York to visit their daughter and her family. Don has been enlivening our coffee breaks with interesting letters from his son in India.

The art, the faculty, the habit of road-building makes in a nation those stable qualities which tell for permanent greatness. -Theodore Roosevelt



Ruby Morrow

PROCUREMENT

Juniata Morgan

It seems that the new car fever is really going around in our office. Bud and Willene Dorris have a new Ford station wagon, and the Frank Caples have a new Dodge. Alton and Louise Hardy are now a two-car family as they recently bought a 1953 Chrysler.

Maurice Pickens, a member of our office staff, and Mrs. Claude Caple, mother of Frank, both underwent surgery at Baptist Hospital May 16. By a strange coincidence they occupied the same room during their stay. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

Conley Meredith, son of Jim and Martha Meredith, graduated from North Little Rock High School May 24. We congratulate Conley and wish him much luck.

This reporter took a week of annual leave the first part of May to accompany husband Morris on his senior trip. Morris will graduate from the University of Arkansas School of Pharmacy June 9 and all students are required to tour various drug laboratories before graduation. We traveled by train to Indianapolis, Ind., where we toured Eli Lilly Laboratories. We then flew to New York City where we toured Lederle Laboratories and E. R. Squibb and Sons. We spent a lot of time learning how pills and vaccines are made but still had quite a bit of time for sight seeing. We had a wonderful time.

RIGHT OF WAY

Henri D. Pote

The annual Right of Way fish fry was held at Burns Park on May 3. Weather was beautiful, quite different from last year when most of us got more or less soaked.

Delicious food, pleasing music, and the usual good fellowship made it a time to remember.

Vacation time has been getting under way...some traveling far and wide, some staying close by. Sue and Jimmy Boyett journeyed to Arizona...Deloris and Bob Freppon all the way to California. C. A. Snyder spent his time working around home. Curtis Hutchins, W. D. Luton, W. D. Little, and Charlotte Lee were others who enjoyed time away from the office.

Our regular columnist, Ann Sniff, is leaving us to spend more time with her growing-up children. Have an enjoyable time, Ann, and come back to see us whenever you can. We'll miss your good humor and infectious laugh. Nancy Sipe has promised to help your new columnist collect the news, so please let one of us know of happenings to include each month.

Hank's Dog House was the scene of a get-together with delicious eats, occasioned by Ann's soon departure. Ann, as guest of honor, was feted by Henry Gray, Gip Robertson, A. C. Ledbetter, Retha Griffin, Herbert Hooten, Charles Scott, Nancy Sipe, and Carolyn Halbert. Ann said it was such a taste of old times she was tempted to stay after all, but didn't know if the rest of us would stand for that by this time. Another going-away luncheon was attended by a number of friends. Then, on May 31, the entire Right of Way Division attended a farewell party for Ann who received a sturdy golf-cart, and for Charles Walther, who is transferring to the Office Engineer's force. Charles received a jolly knick-knack dresser valet. Punch and cake were delicious.



Ruth C. Pote, 13-year-old daughter of Henri and Cora Pote, and an eighth grader at Bryant School, was honored with a first prize for her article, "Life in our Ozarks," which was entered in the Junior High Division of the Annual Scholastic Awards Contest sponsored by the Scheaffer Pen Company and conducted by Scholastic Magazines, Inc., of New York City. Entries were received this year from 49 states and from American-sponsored schools in 12 other countries. Ruth received a \$35 cash award, a Scheaffer Pen, and a Certifi-

cate of Merit. Her parents are really a proud, happy pair, and the 7 younger children shared the excitement, too.

Marilyn Atchison is sporting a solid red Ford Galaxie. Some nice car!

Jim French, Delores Gwinn, and Neil Gibbs went fishing on Lake Conway and caught 62 bream...just about all their icebox could hold. Delores, have you learned to keep your fishing license with you instead of leaving it in the car?

George Lewis' niece, Fonda Baker, of Bradford, was one of four finalists in the beauty contest of the Annual Ozark Poultry Festival who will compete for the Arkansas Poultry Princess crown in Little Rock June 14-15, during the Arkansas Poultry Festival. George really has good-looking relatives. Fonda is presently secretary to State Purchasing Agent Mack Sturgis.

DISTRICT 1

Janet McElduff

When news of Gene Belknap's engagement was announced in our April issue we foretold of a June wedding but someone pulled a fast one and Gene and Darlene Grimmit were married April 21 and are now old married folks. We have another engagement to announce too, that of Wayne Doss and Linda Kemp, both of Wynne, Linda is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Kemp and tentative plans are for an 8 p.m. wedding at the Church of Christ. Congratulations to both the newly-weds and to the 'to be' weds!

Service awards this month go to Howard Pittman for 10 years; and Loman Baldwin, N. R. Deaton, U. P. Harmon, C. C. Taylor, and B. M. Cline for 5 years.

Andy English is bursting his buttons over a new grandbaby and with a very good reason. After 5 grandsons the English clan produced a granddaughter and none are happier than Granddaddy and Grandmother English. Also in the vest-popping division this month is Roy Chambers. He, too, is a new grandfather.

Come see us!



New Bride Mrs. James Belknap



Linda Kemp, bride elect of Wayne Doss

DISTRICT 2

Ouida Grimes

Mr. and Mrs. Brewster M. Shalmy and John Thomas have returned from their trip to Rome, N.Y. where they attended son Mike's wedding to Miss Becky Wentworth of Rome. They had a marvelous trip and saw a lot of interesting things, including a big snow May 1. Mike is in the Air Force stationed in Rome and Becky works for an airlines company in Rome.

The following employees received service awards for May: Clifton Coats, Joe R. Doss, and Sylvester V. Rambo, 10 years; Arthur McDaniel and Huey E. Murphy, 5 years.

We are glad to have Joe Hays back with us again. He left about a year ago to work for the Texas Highway Department, but says he is back to stay.

The Jefferson County crew, bridge crew, and resident engineer's crew have moved into the new area headquarters building on Highway 81 south of Pine Bluff. Highway 81 south is well known for Highway Department Area Headquarters. Jefferson County, Lincoln, and Drew County and the asphalt plant are all located on 81.

Charles Russell (Do-Si-Do) Gaddy made a week end trip recently to Shreveport, La., to a square dance.

Correction: In the last issue of the magazine we stated that Edward Nissblat (Sarge) was an army sergeant but he was a chief warrant officer.

"Paper, garbage, broken glass,
Scattered here upon the grass
Make a fellow scratch his dome
And wonder what you do at home!"



Four years ago District 2 had a big barbecue supper at the area headquarters building in Monticello. Some of the employees were reliving the good meal and good fellowship and ran across this picture. The two men wearing the aprons are Willard P. Johnson and Lester M. Rabb. (Why don't ya'll have another one and invite us...hummm?—Ed.)

DISTRICT 3

Olive Jackson

We are happy to have the following new employees join us: James Sterling Willis and Roosevelt D. Foster, Lafayette County; Henry Lee Ashbrook, Howard County; Raymond E. Smith, Miller County; Aubrey Sanders, Sevier County; Mack Foster, Little River County; and Clifton H. Almond, Nevada County.

District Engineer J. E. Lowder attended a meeting of Professional Engineers in Little Rock May 10.

Lena and Ted Maryman returned May 11 after a wonderful week's vacation in New York visiting Ted's sister, Mrs. I. W. Scroggins and husband. They flew up May 6.

Schley Carter killed a 21-pound wild turkey on the second day of the last turkey season. This was a real thrill for Schley and was his first one.

Lige Daniel Scott received his 10-year service awards last month.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Lewis of Orlando, Fla., dropped by the office for a brief visit. Lewis was formerly our assistant maintenance superintendent until his retirement. We always enjoy seeing them when they are in this vicinity.

Nolen and Lovenia Clark and son Rickey, vacationed in Florida over the April 26 week end, visiting another son David Clark, who is stationed at Eglin Air Force Base.

J. M. Purtle is in the Veteran's Hospital in Little Rock as of this writing and Schley Carter is in St. Joseph's Hospital in Hot Springs. We wish them a speedy recovery.

DISTRICT 5

Carl Davis

Service awards were presented last month to William Andrew W. Casey, Clemons Eugene Pectol, and William Orville Schales, all for 10 years.

Several employees in District 5 have enjoyed vacation trips this month. Jack Clayton, patrol operator in Fulton County, spent his vacation in Florida...Tom Love, foreman in IZard County, spent several days in Chicago...Sally McMillin went to Hamburg, Ark., visiting with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Dobbins and new granddaughter, Judith Ann. Richard Vickers made a trip to Mexico on his vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wright of Searcy are parents of a baby girl born May 17.

Bob Simmons retired in May and is now living in Texas.

W. H. Hightower left to accept another job.

Our sympathies are extended to L. D. Hopper, shop foreman, and his family in the death of his niece.



Kathy Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Cook, recently won the Junior Miss Contest at Batesville.

DISTRICT 6

Bob Valentine

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Carter of Humnoke, a member of Woody Hardins' crew in Lonoke County, became the proud parents of an 8 pound, boy April 29. Along with the newly established role of parenthood another honor was bestowed upon the Carters. The event marked the arrival of the first baby to be born in England Hos-

pital. Gifts were presented to the Carters by the hospital staff, the hospital auxiliary, and the England Home Demonstration Club.

New men in District 6 are E. W. Byars, L. C. Farrish, H. Weatherly, L. W. Perry, and Don McDaniel.

Jerry Russenberger, daughter of Georgia Russenberger, was graduated from Mablevale High School last month. Miss Russenberger was selected as a cheerleader for the annual High School All-Star football game this coming August.



Sandra 8, and Calinda 6, cherished possessions of the G. D. Bratchers.



Edwin Broadway, 6-year-old son of Charles Broadway, south Pulaski County foreman, is demonstrating new safety vests and helmets.

DISTRICT 7

Burnham and Campbell

Service awards were presented this month to Bun Lawrence Heldebrand for 15 years; Theodore R. Wilson, Sr., 10 years; and Edward E. Lindsey, Billy Howard Morgan, and Lloyd Dale Scott, 5 years.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hicks had as their guests her brother, Clayton Russell of Washington, D.C. They are presently looking forward to visits from their daughters, Virginia of Tulsa and Judy, a Uni-

versity of Arkansas student. Both girls will be at home a short period around the first of June.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Baucum are the proud grandparents of little Miss Angela Kaye Fawcett, born to Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Fawcett of Little Rock, April 22.

We are sorry that Earl Miller has resigned. Earl had been with the Department in Bradley County for six years.

The H. B. Woodsons and children, Steve and Melinda, spent a pleasant week end in Vicksburg and Natchez, Miss., recently.

Anne Nunnally, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Nunnally, will arrive in San Francisco June 11 from Tokyo, Japan where she has been teaching the past year. While in Japan she did extensive traveling to Manila, Singapore, Bangkok, Thailand; Saigon, Vietnam; Hong Kong, Okinawa, and the northern most island of Japan. She will spend three days in Honolulu enroute home. After seeing all the wonderful sights we're sure she is looking forward to her mother's good cooking; in fact, she has ordered fresh turnip greens and all the milk the refrigerator will hold.

Susan Burnham and Marsha Campbell, daughters of your reporters, accompanied the band to Corpus Christi, Tex., and reported a very wonderful time. But they were glad to get back to Camden High and finish up their exams.

DISTRICT 8

Netha Brown

Wedding bells rang for Robert R. King and Gayola Kelly on Sunday, May 19, at the Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon. Robert works for maintenance in Faulkner County. They plan to make their home in Mt. Vernon. Our best wishes to the newlyweds.

C. L. Boyd, fuel clerk in District 8, has joined the club of foreign car owners. He and Lina just got delivery on a turquoise Volkswagen. That brings the total to three "bugs" parked at the district office each day. Looks like we might have an epidemic started. I have a fever for one myself.

Our Yell County Foreman, Decil Gilmore, has the measles.

DISTRICT 9

Hulsey and Morton

Walter McDonald suffered a heart attack while on a week end visit to Claremore, Okla., and will be confined to a hospital there for several weeks. Our best wishes are sent to Walter for a complete and quick recovery.

C. C. "Check" Studdard has returned to his home in Mountain Home after several weeks spent in St. John's Hospital, Springfield, Mo., following surgery on his back. We hope "Check" will be back on the job soon.



The resident engineers and their assistants met with John Lawrence in the District 8 office May 24. Reading from left they are: James, Mitchell, Roberts, Blackwell, Eakin, Moore, Ward, Looney, Harrison, Little, Smith, Fletcher, McConnell, Lovelady, Shaddox, Hesselbein, Ferguson, Baggett, Casey, and Lawrence.

Leo Hudson, Henry Hollensworth, and W. L. Trehitt are on the sick list.

Wallace Harrison had a frightening experience one evening when he was bitten on the ankle by a copperhead snake while walking through the weeds in Newton County. He drove to Jasper for medical attention and suffered no ill effects from the bite. We haven't been able to find out happened to the snake!

Edwina Hathcoat was married on May 25 to Johnny Fleshman in the First Methodist Church in Harrison. Congratulations and Best Wishes to the happy couple.

Jeff and Bea Davis have moved into their new home in southwest Harrison and invite their many friends to drop in anytime.

Ira Dodson, area foreman in Newton County, is working very hard clearing the new location on Highway 74 for his area headquarters.

We're still waiting for some good fish stories from John Burlsworth, backed up by a few pictures...please!

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moore motored to Hot Springs for an enjoyable week end and visited with the John Lawrences in Russellville on the return trip. Jo Nell and the boys, Kim and Steve, recently spent a few days in Shreveport visiting her mother and other relatives.

Marion Downs took a flying trip to Amarillo, Tex., to attend the graduation of his nephew from high school. He was accompanied by his parents, the Reverend and Mrs. Curtis Downs of Harrisburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Crouse with children Chuck and Lois motored to Kansas City in their new Oldsmobile for a week's visit with Peggy's parents.

We understand Bud Tomlinson has become quite accomplished on the ukelele is making plans for a concert in the near future!

W. H. (Slim) Porter is grandpa again-- his daughter and son-in-law, Mary Helen and John Bill Wheeler have adopted a son, Tad Bryant. The Wheelers, who reside in Baytown, Tex., also have a 12-year-old daughter, Karen.

J. M. Tate, Marion County area foreman attached the following note to a request for leave for Huey P. Long: "To my supervisor: When Mr. Long requested two days vacation he anticipated the birth of only one daughter or son but due to the fact that twin daughters have been born, and the possibility of another, he respectfully requests the remainder of the week to recuperate."

DISTRICT 10

Isabelle Psalmonds

Service awards this month went to James C. Cob, Burl Dorton, and B. Steele Baker, 15 years; Billy D. Camp, James Edwards, Rex Hall, and Henry Zollner, 5 years.

Welcome to Patricia Selvidge who is replacing Janette Slayton in the Walnut Ridge office. Janette decided she would stay at home after her baby arrives.

The stork is a busy bird in District 10- Bruce Dean Dozier, new son of J. D. Dozier, engineers' helper at Lepanto, and Mrs. Dozier, signed in May 19 at 8 pounds, 8 ounces. Congratulations!

Fuel Clerk Junior and Mrs. Wycoff announce the birth of their first son, Keith Martin. Keith was born at Community Hospital in Paragould on May 10 and weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces. Junior says he is some boy but is still mixed up as he sleeps days and stays awake nights.

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DISTRICT 10 - Continued

Kathy is very happy over her little baby brother.

We have several on the sick list this month: Cecil Eubanks, who is hospitalized at Jonesboro; Babe Pillow, who has been in the hospital but is convalescing at home; Emma Jean Cole payroll clerk, had surgery. We will be glad when all these people are back in their places...we miss them.

Wandalene Mitchell, a former employee, is pitching in and helping out in the office while Emma Jean is out.



Carolyn Vance

The old adage, "beautiful but dumb" is certainly not true of Carolyn Vance, daughter of Joe Vance, job superintendent at Paragould. You can see by her picture that she is beautiful and the fact that she is valedictorian of the Senior Class of Paragould High School proves she isn't so dumb. Carolyn heads a list of eight seniors who have maintained grade averages of 5.0 or better throughout their high school years. She has attended Paragould schools since the second grade, moving here from Marked Tree. She is a distributive education student and has worked steadily since her freshman year. Carolyn plans to enter Arkansas State College this summer and will probably major in math. Needless to say Joe is very proud of his fine daughter.

THIS'LL KILL YA

"You say you want a job in this office? Well, what can you do?"
"Nothing."

"I'm sorry, but you should have applied earlier. All those high-salaried positions were taken long ago."

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It took millions of years to carve this great abyss," explained the Grand Canyon guide.

Asked the city visitor: "Government job?"

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Office Manager (sarcastically--aware of baseball season opener), "I notice there were 40,000 people present the afternoon your grandmother was buried."

Office boy: "Could be -- grandma always was popular."

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A rural young man wrote to his uncle in the city to inquire about moving there.

"Can I live a Christian life in the city on \$15 a week?" he wrote in the letter.

To this his uncle replies, "That's the only thing you can do."

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SHE: Will you love me when I'm old and wrinkled and gray?

HE: I'll not only love you, I'll write to you wherever you are.

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Some are surprised to learn that the movie, "The Longest Day," concerns an episode in World War II, rather than the day before payday.

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"Aren't you ashamed of bringing home such a poultry check?"

"You mean paltry check."

"I mean poultry; it's chicken feed."

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The bank robber shoved a note across to the teller which read: "Put the money in a bag, sucker, and don't make a move."

The teller pushed back another note "Straighten your tie, stupid. They're taking your picture."

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Doctor: "There is no doubt that you are poisoned."

Patient: "What sort of poisoning?"

Doctor: "The inquest will show that."

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A fellow stopping overnight in a little western town, dropped into the hotel bar and, after a couple of drinks, started kibitzing a poker game that was in progress. He suddenly gasped as he caught one player dealing himself cards from the bottom of the deck.

"Did you see that?" he demanded of a local kibitzer beside him. "He deliberately gave himself four aces!"

The native gave him a tolerant smile, "Well," he shrugged, "it's his deal."

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"Do you smoke?" he asked. "No."

"Do you drink?" "No."

"Do you neck?" "No."

"Well, what can you possibly do for fun?"

"I tell lies."

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A boat being towed on a trailer had the name "Instant Fun," and underneath, these words: "Just add water."

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