

# Arkansas Highways

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# CHAUNCEY DENTON TO FILL POST ON COMMISSION



Chauncey L. Denton, Jr., of Denwood Plantation near Tyrnza in Poinsett County, has been appointed to fill the vacancy created on the Highway Commission by the death of his brother, Bill Joe Denton, on March 22. Denton has extensive land holdings and is a soybean-cotton farmer and ginner. He is a director of the Bank of Wilson and, like his late brother, an avid golfer. He is the fourth member of his family to serve on one 10-year term on the Commission. The term has seven months to run.

Denton was appointed by the Highway Commission at its May 27 meeting. Associate Supreme Court Justice Jim Johnson administered the oath of office to him during the Commission's business session. He is presently serving as a member of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, a federal agency.

He attended Arkansas State College at Jonesboro and graduated from the University of Missouri with a B.S. degree in business administration. He and Mrs. Denton have three sons, ages 24, 20, and 11.

Bill Joe Denton was appointed to the Commission after the death of his brother-in-law, John E. Crain of Wilson, who was chairman of the Commission at the time of his death in March, 1963. John E. Crain succeeded his father, Jim Crain, on the five-man board in August of 1960. Jim Crain was appointed to the Commission in January, 1955 and was forced to relinquish his duties as a member in June, 1960, due to ill health. Commission members are appointed by the Highway Commission or the governor for terms of 10 years.

In other action at the Commission Meeting, Truman Baker was elected to serve as vice chairman. The Commission had been without a vice chairman since Mr. Denton's death.



Mr. Denton being sworn in by Associate Justice Jim Johnson

## APPRECIATION DINNER FOR BAKER

Highway Commissioner Truman Baker was honored May 21 with an appreciation dinner at Newport. The new Highway film "Arkansas Highways - Lifelines of Progress" was shown by Johnnie Gray. Shown below are Mr. Baker, Sam Byce, a Newport attorney; Perrin Jones, owner and editor of the White County Citizen, and Kenneth Thaxton, president of the Newport Chamber of Commerce. In the bottom picture are District 5 Engineer George Cavaness, and Mrs. Lady Elizabeth Luker and Dr. T. E. Williams, both Newport.



## COMMISSION PRESENTS 30-YEAR AWARDS TO TWO

James Millard Smith, bridge superintendent in bridge maintenance and Joseph David Tice, job superintendent in District 2 each received service awards for 30 years May 27 by the Highway Commission.

Smith, better known as "Smitty," was born in southwest Tennessee at Savannah. He moved to Lake Village with his family early in life and attended schools there, graduating from high school in 1921. His first job was working in the family-owned sawmill where he was intrigued by the power developed in the steam engine. He began his career with AHD in May 1929 as a fireman for the steam engine, which was the principal power used by the Department at that time. In a short time he was operating the steam shovel, pile driver and other equipment. But it wasn't long before his name became synonymous with bridge maintenance and today he is one of our most qualified employees in directing repairs of any bridge in the state. His service in the department was interrupted twice; once due to economic conditions and again during World War II when he accepted a war service appointment. He served four years at Pearl Harbor in construction work. He returned in May 1947. Among the many titles he has had are equipment operator, mechanic, foreman, assistant bridge maintenance foreman, senior inspector, and his present position, to which he was promoted in 1962. Smith pursues his favorite hobbies of hunting and fishing when time and opportunity permit. He attends Graceland Baptist Church in Little Rock.



Acting Director Ward Goodman & "Smitty"

TICE began working on a bridge crew in April, 1934. Except for a brief interval during World War II, when he worked on construction jobs at the Pine Bluff Arsenal, his time with the Department has been continuous. Joe remembers well the life of a bridge crew in the early years when they lived in tents and prepared their own meals. There were no power tools to cut and lift the heavy structural timbers so everything was cut, lifted, and placed by hand utilizing every member of the crew on heavy objects. Joe began as a common laborer. It was not long before he began receiving promotions leading to bridge carpenter, bridge foreman, district bridge superintendent, and his present position. Most of his time has been spent in maintenance. Today he is called upon to supervise just about everything in the field of maintenance, particularly on bridges. Joe is married to the former Miss Margaret Heird of Rison. He has two sons, David and Mac, and seven grandchildren, all of Pine Bluff. His hobbies of hunting and fishing come natural for him as he has spent most of his life out of doors. He enjoys his favorite pastime of wood-working and cabinet making and we understand he has turned out some beautiful pieces.



Goodman and Tice

### GOODMAN AND JOHNSTON LISTED IN ENGINEERING "WHO'S WHO"

Acting Director of Highways Ward Goodman and Engineer of Roadway Design W. C. Johnston are among 45 Arkansans listed in "Who's Who in Engineering," a national listing published every five years. The publication contains 2113 pages of names together with a brief biographical sketch of each engineer.

To be eligible an engineer must have had at least 15 years of active practice. Ten years of the 15 must be in a responsible position.

John W. Courter, former District 6 engineer of Region 3 with the Bureau of Public Roads at Little Rock, and now a division engineer at Baltimore, Md., was also listed in the group.



Alice Joe, an engineer in Bridge Design Division and the only female engineer in the Highway Department, will represent Arkansas at the First International Conference of Women Engineers and Scientists to be held June 15-21 at New York.

Alice came to the Highway Department in February, 1950 the first time. After two and a half years she left to work for private firms in Little Rock and later in San Francisco. She returned to Arkansas and the Highway Department in 1958 and has been here since. She has a total of almost nine years in AHD.

A native of Altheimer, Alice graduated from the University of Arkansas with a degree in civil engineering, primarily a man's field. Her decision to become an engineer stems from her excellence in math. She said at first she was accepted because of her sex. "Then I had to fend for myself," she said.

Alice's parents came to the United States from China in 1900 and still reside in Altheimer.

Alice will take her son, Tunney, four, with her as she plans to take in the Fair while in the metropolis.

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The only other female employee in Bridge Design, Virginia Tackett, secretary to L. P. Carlson and also a smart gal, graduated June 9 from Arkansas Law School. Virginia will take the Arkansas Bar Examination in July. Knowing Virginia, We're sure she will pass it.

Jane Elizabeth Whelchel, daughter of Y. W. Whelchel, administrative assistant, was featured as "Student of the Week" in the Sunday edition of the Arkansas Democrat May 31. Jane graduated from Central last month.

She has been interested in newspaper work and journalism since she was in junior high school. That interest resulted in her being page editor of Central's publication, "The Tiger," during her junior year, and editor-in-chief this year. Several weeks ago, "The Tiger" received All-American rating from the National Scholastic Press Association. Most of the credit for that accomplishment goes to Jane. Also, she and her co-editor received a letter of commendation from the Wall Street Journal on their article and photograph when President Kennedy visited Arkansas.

Journalism will be Jane's major when she enters Hendrix College at Conway this fall. She also has been selected as one of 20 freshmen students at Hendrix to take an honors course in concept and thought of western man.

A 3.8 grade average student during high school, Jane graduated cum laude. She is a member of the Cum Laude Society, the National Honor Society, the National Honor Society, Quill and Scroll (a journalistic club) and Southernnaires, a service club for girls. Jane was a delegate to Girls State last summer.

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Jane Pendergrass, daughter of Assistant Chief Engineer John T. Pendergrass and Mrs. Pendergrass, graduated May 31 from Hendrix College with bachelor of arts degree in biology. She has been a member of the Hendrix concert band and has also appeared in some dramatic productions. The Pendergrasses reside at 602 Miller Road in North Little Rock.



Birdie Wright, chief operator of the switchboard, and Governor Faubus hold the proclamation Faubus signed declaring the first week in June as "PBX Week in Arkansas." Birdie is president of the Arkansas PBX Club.



Dorothy Switzer, secretary to Y. W. Welchel, was appointed recording secretary of the Little Rock Chapter of the National Secretaries Association at a meeting in Hotel Marion June 1.

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### HIGHWAY DAMES

Our last meeting for this year was held at Pavilion No. 3 in Lakewood Thursday, May 28.

As usual, the weather was brisk for a picnic but the thirteen who sat down to lunch enjoyed only good food. After lunch, a brief business meeting was held and the following officers were installed: Marge Davison, president; Mary Virginia Smith, vice president; Nancy Neighbors, secretary; Mary Lambert, corresponding secretary; Adele Maddox, treasurer; Ann Vinson, parliamentarian; Eleanor Longfellow, historian.

The next meeting will be held in September.

--Mary Virginia Smith

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### WOMEN AT WORK

Some days you just can't win. At least that's what Boonville, New York, officials must have felt when they were soundly rebuffed by 17 mothers and daughters from the town.

It seems that the ladies had repeatedly pleaded with the town authorities to repair potholes along two and a half miles of Jackson Hill Road near Boonville. Their pleas fell on deaf ears, so they took affirmative action.

Armed with two tractors and a dozen shovels, the ladies filled in the holes and smoothed off the road themselves. Then they advertised their accomplishments, pointing out that they had done in two hours what the officials couldn't do in two years.

We suspect that the town officials are pondering what the ladies might be able to do during a whole evening just before elections. After all, they did organize a road gang during one brief coffee klatch.

--American Road Builder

## NEW HIGHWAY FILM IN GREAT DEMAND

The 1964 Highway Department film, "Arkansas Highways - Lifelines of Progress," has been in constant demand since its release in March. Over 3100 people have viewed the movie in 61 showings as of the end of May. Requests for the film have come from civic, professional, church, school, community and various other groups. Comments received by the Public Information Office have been very favorable.

In addition to the showings to various organizations, KNOE-TV in Monroe, La., and KSLA-TV in Shreveport have also shown it. Both stations have coverage in several Arkansas counties.

(Editor's note: The following letters commending the film were written to Commissioner Wayne Hampton and Director Ward Goodman.)

Dear Wayne:

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know how much the Kiwanis Club of Stuttgart enjoyed the film of the Arkansas Highway Department that our program chairman received from the Arkansas Highway Publicity Department.

To me, this film should be shown throughout the State of Arkansas as the coverage of this film would make all our people realize the tremendous amount of work that is being done by our highway department.

Once again, thank you and we would gladly recommend it to civic groups.

Sincerely yours,  
L. H. DeVun, President,  
Kiwanis Club of Stuttgart

Dear Ward:

The film which you presented on the Arkansas Highways at the Engineers Club of Memphis on May 18 was received with a great deal of very favorable comment.

Not only was the narration interesting, but the photography was outstanding, and was an unusually excellent film. In fact, I have never seen any of this type that could compare with it.

It seems to me that this film should receive wide distribution all over the country to help build up the image of Arkansas.

With very best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,  
E. F. Bepalow, Vice President  
& Chief Engineer  
Choctaw, Inc.

## BOYS STATES "HIGHWAY OFFICIALS" VISIT DEPARTMENT



Under the chairmanship of Sandy Samson of Monticello, second from left, the designated members of the Boys State delegates held an official Highway Commission meeting in the hearing room of the Highway Building on June 3.

Gary Dean Hook of Lake City, extreme left, was designated vice chairman. Commissioners John Charles Smith, Paris, and George Newtown, Fayetteville, are seated to the right of Chairman Samson.

Twelve other Boys Staters, who were serving as various division heads, also attended the Commission meeting. Y. W. Whelchel, administrative assistant and public information officer, explained the procedure for opening a meeting with signatures on a minute order. Since an increase in the gasoline tax has been mentioned as a possible avenue of increased highway revenue, Whelchel suggested that topic be discussed and action taken by the group for their official business.

The four commissioners, after discussion with Whelchel and the other delegates, voted unanimously to increase the gasoline tax one cent.

George Newtown was elected to go to Boys Nation.

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### SNAKE BITES AND FIRST AID

When a poisonous snake bites, there is usually immediate pain accompanied by a rapid and severe swelling, with the skin becoming a dark purple around the bite area. One or two small holes - usually two - caused by the fangs, may be noticeable in the skin. As poison reacts there is noticed a feeling of weakness, shortness of breath, faintness, rapid and weak pulse, nausea and vomiting, and often vision dimness and unconsciousness.

First aid action should be started at once because it is impossible to remove the poison once it is absorbed. Keep the victim quiet and have him lie down. Tie a tight band around the limb just above the bite to stop the circulation of the poison. A handkerchief, belt, rope, shoestring, etc., may be used. It should be tight enough to prevent the flow blood (make the veins stand out) but not so tight it

constricts the arteries. If swelling makes the band too tight, loosen it. Crosscuts, shaped as an X, from 1/8 to 1/4 inch deep, in each fang mark, about 1/4 inch long, may be made at each fang mark and over the suspected deposit point. The cuts should be deep enough to produce bleeding, but care should be exercised so as not to cut into the larger blood vessels. Suction should be applied over each incision to draw out the poison. Mechanical suction devices are available and should be included in every first aid kit. Suction by the mouth is possible and effective. Snake poison is harmless in the mouth unless there are cuts or open sores. If it is impossible to get a doctor immediately, suction should be applied for at least an hour.

Keep the victim warm, quiet and his head lowered. Give plenty of water to drink and first aid for shock, if necessary. Treatment is to be continued until a physician is available. If the bite is on a part of the body where tourniquet application is impossible, make the cross incisions and apply suction just the same. And, contrary to the old joke about "snake bite medicine," alcoholic drinks **MUST** be avoided. Never give alcohol to a victim of a snake bite.

A harmless snake has no fangs so its bite leaves only a few surface scratches. There are no fang marks and no general reaction, swelling or discoloration. First aid for minor scratches and cuts is recommended.

--Bill Huie, Safety Director

### RETIREMENT CREDIT UNDER ACT 494 OF 1963

As explained in memorandums dated July 3, 1963 and August 5, 1963, Act 494 of the 1963 General Assembly provides that members of the Arkansas State Highway Employees Retirement System who became members on or before July 1, 1963, may receive prior service credit for service rendered to any public employer as defined in Act 177 of 1957, as amended.

Public Employer means:

1. Any agency of the State,
2. Any County in the State,
3. Any City or Municipality that participates in the State Employees Retirement System,
4. State supported Colleges and Industrial Schools.

The time for claiming credit under this law expires June 30, 1964. It is the desire of the Retirement Board that every individual employee of the Highway Department be made aware of the provisions of this law in order that he may claim any eligible credit before June 30.

J. T. Beavers  
Executive Secretary

## WHELCHEL ATTENDS HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION CONGRESS IN WASHINGTON

Administrative Assistant Y. W. Whelchel attended the Tenth Highway Transportation Congress at Hotel Mayflower in Washington, D.C. in May. The Congress was sponsored by the National Highway Users Conference (NHUC).

Whelchel was one of several from highway departments invited to attend the Congress. Specifically, he attended to participate in a discussion with the Joint Committee on Emergency Highway Planning. The United States has formulated plans for regulation of traffic in the event of a national emergency. President Kennedy, by executive order issued February 16, 1962, assigned the responsibility of keeping the highways open under emergency conditions to the Bureau of Public Roads.

Federal Highway Administrator Rex M. Whitton, in turn, asked each state highway department to develop a traffic regulation plan. He also enlisted the assistance of the National Highway Users Conference, which is made up of various highway user groups, such as (in Arkansas) the Farm Bureau, Arkansas Automobile Club, Arkansas Bus and Truck Association, Arkansas Oil Dealers Association, and the Rural Letter Carriers Association.

Whelchel said an interesting sidelight to the recent Washington meeting was a panel discussion on teenage driving problems in the United States. The NHUC approach to the problem is a direct appeal to the teenagers themselves to prove that they are capable and adult enough to drive safely.

## BPR BOWLERS FIRST IN TOURNAMENT



The Bureau of Public Roads bowling team in the Highway Department League took first place in a tournament recently. The General Services Division team placed second trophies. The two members on the BPR team above are Paul Stewart and Johnny Alexander. Other members on the winning team are

Jake Sanderlin, captain, Herbert Thompson, Vernon Harvey and L. T. McCullough.

Y. W. Whelchel, administrative assistant, is president of the League and also on the General Services team. Other team members are Roy Shelby, Jerry Conway, Dale Hoggard, from Data Processing Center, and Joel Bradley, Construction, and Herbert Hankins, of Blass Department Store.

The Appraisal Section of the Right of Way Division has a team in the Highway League. The members are Herbert Heffington, captain; and Kenneth McMurrugh, Levi Patton, Jerry Perrin, and Bob Hamilton. The second place trophies are on page 10.



Leon Johnson, member of Resident Engineer Pumphrey's crew in District 7, is preparing to run a density test on subgrade on a job in Camden. The picture shows a portable lab built by crew members. It carries all necessary equipment to run compaction, density, and base tests.

## A ROSE AMONG ALL THOSE THORNS

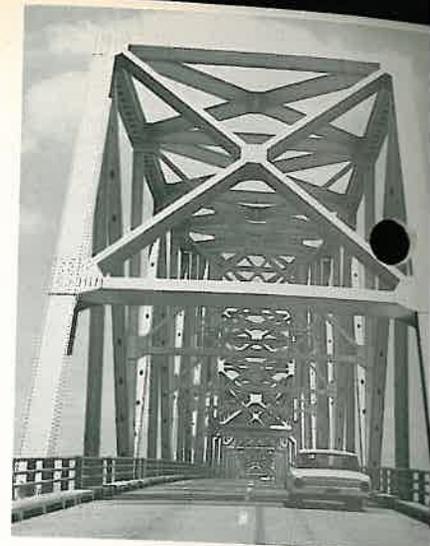
Noted columnist and satirist Hal Boyle is fond of beginning a particular section of his column with the phrase "Things I wouldn't know if I didn't open my mail." Among the things we wouldn't know if we didn't open our mail is a very nice compliment paid to the Highway Department by a northwest Arkansas citizen.

In a letter to the Public Information Office requesting some information, the writer made a statement which we are happy to quote: "You all in the Highway Department make people feel that we are welcome to come to you with our problems and this is appreciated. They even smile over the telephone."

It is refreshing to receive such a letter because a few kind words can dull the barbs of many criticisms.

Lest we forget, all of us are ambassadors of good will, or otherwise. Aside from being engineers, clerks, secretaries, accountants, maintenance personnel or whatever, we are also in the business of public relations. So always be sure that you put your best foot forward. You may be the only Highway Department employee which someone knows and their opinion of the entire Department may be influenced by you.

--Mary Day



## HELENA BRIDGE

The Helena Bridge, once only a dream to the residents in the Helena-West Helena-Mississippi area, has been open to the public since July 1961 and, so far, its construction has been justified by the financial success of the structure. During the three years' operation, the bridge has been paying its way through toll collections.

The mile-long bridge (three and one-half miles including approaches) links Helena with Coahoma County, Miss., and Mississippi with Arkansas State Highways 20 and 40.

Money to finance the construction came from the Arkansas Highway Department, the Mississippi Highway Department and the federal government, plus \$7 million, which was borrowed through the sale of bonds. Toll collections for the calendar years of 1962 and 1963 respectively were \$300,000 and \$392,500. Operating expenses during 1962 totaled \$51,900 and in 1963, \$62,800, excluding the interest on the bonds, which presently amounts to \$233,100. This figure will change after July 1. It is anticipated that the bonds will be retired in about 20 years.

A continuous shift is maintained to operate the bridge. This includes toll collecting (there are eight collectors), repairing, replacing bulbs, and all maintenance. The facility has a stationery generator of natural gas which is used in the event of power failure.



Toll collectors L. C. Morris, above, and Noel Cozart and Bill Morton, below.



Mowing the tall reed grass on the Mississippi side.



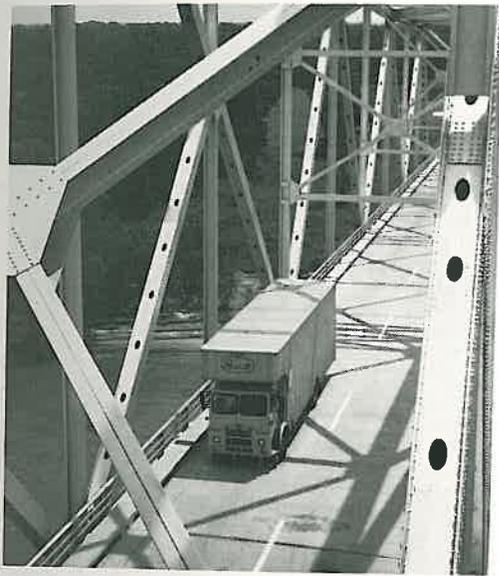
George Cloud, 1961



J. C. Ford of the Maintenance crew checking navigator lights



Samuel Howell going up to check on the bridge lights



Samuel Howell of the maintenance crew, is atop the highest pier to change a light bulb. Each of the bridge's huge lights has two 500-watt, 130 voltage bulbs. If one goes out, the other comes on automatically. The lights on the bridge come on automatically at 5 p.m. each day and go off at 6 a.m. In case of fog, the lights are turned on manually.



Johnnie Gray climbed atop the bridge to get this shot showing the Mississippi side.



Archie Jones, superintendent. H. L. Tomlinson is assistant superintendent, but we didn't get a picture of him.

# AROUND THE DEPARTMENT



## ACCOUNTING DIVISION

Tyronza Hines

We have a new file clerk: Mildred Harness, who replaced Tanya Lay. Mildred is married and has two married sons. Her home is in North Little Rock. Welcome, Mildred.

We had a potluck luncheon May 18 for Tanya who resigned to move to Warren, Ohio. As a going-away gift, we presented her with two charms for her bracelet. We miss Tanya and wish her lots of luck in Ohio.

A surprise bridal shower was given recently for Brenda Sutton who is marrying George West of the Final Estimate Section in Construction. The shower was given in the Commission Room during the lunch hour and Brenda received a shower of nice gifts.

Several of us have enjoyed vacations lately: Olin Randle had a week's vacation in Oklahoma City visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Campbell; Frank Phillips and Mrs. Phillips visited their son in Stockton, Calif.; and Tom Dixon and his family recently drove to Amarillo, Tex., for a few days to visit relatives.

Joy Marshall, her mother, sister, and nephew, visited relatives in Longview, Tex. the week end of May 23. While there, they went on a fishing trip and Joy says the fish were biting good.

Johnnie Beavers's son, Don, recently graduated from basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. Don is with the Army Reserve and is being transferred to Ft. Eustus, Va.

Johnnie and Mollie's other son, Charles, and his family visited in Little Rock during May. Johnnie and Mollie enjoyed their stay as they got to get better acquainted with their 8-month-old granddaughter, Kristi Kay.

Rose Clingan's husband, Don, will soon leave for Ft. Polk, La., for his two weeks' summer camp with the Reserve. This reporter's husband will about the time Don gets back, so Rose and I can sympathize together.

Joe Malone's daughters, Teresa and Linda, graduated May 29 from junior high and elementary respectively. To solve the problem of which graduation to attend (they took place at the same time), Joe attended one and her husband the other. Jo and Cecil have two other daughters, Cecilia and Brenda.

Pat Koonce's niece, Linda Winstead of Evansville, Ind., arrived in Little Rock the week end of May 30 for a short visit with Pat and the children. Pat showed her around Little Rock in her two-tone green Volkswagen bus which she bought recently.

Congratulations to James McCarthy's daughter, Margaret, and to Pat Koonce's son, Gerald. Margaret is attending Girls State and Gerald is attending Boys State - both during the month of June.

We were sorry Betsy Morrison had to spend a few days at Baptist Hospital but glad she's now back at work and doing well.

The Ron Meyers are parents of a daughter, Kelly Elizabeth, born May 25. Peggy Keedy Luzader's son was born June 1 and weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces. Both Peggy and Jimmy (Meyer) are former employees.



## BRIDGE DESIGN

Virginia Tackett

The whole Bridge Design Division is basking in the reflected glory of Alice Joe's being chosen by Governor Faubus to represent Arkansas at the First International Conference of Women Engineers and Scientists in New York the middle of June. Dr. Lillian M. Gilbreth, noted management consultant and engineer (best known to the layman as the author of "Cheaper by the dozen"), will be the keynote speaker, and the week is full of other interesting plans, including a trip to the World's Fair. We are sure Alice will do Arkansas and the Highway Department proud.

Mr. Carlson returned a couple of weeks ago from a meeting of the Bridge Committee of The SASHO in New Orleans. He reports that the two-day meeting was very successful and productive. He stayed over the week end after the meeting for a visit with his daughter and son-in-law Catherine and Kenneth Rochester who live in Slidell. They all went fishing on Lake Ponchartrain and caught salt water catfish.

Speaking of catfish, as this is being written on the 28th of May, plans are well in hand for a Bridge Design Division catfish fry at Burns Park tomorrow evening. When we heard that the Construction Division was having a fish fry over on the north side, we just couldn't resist scheduling one too. If everything works out and both divisions manage to field a

complete team there will be a hotly contested softball game before the eating begins. We expect to have lots of fun.



## DATA PROCESSING

Anne Minor

We're sorry to be losing one of our girls. Jo Bennett will be married to Doan Newton, senior medical student, June 6 in Little Rock. After their marriage they will move to Minnesota where Doan will intern for a year.

We're proud of the second place trophies won by the Highway League, General Services Bowling Team. They also won the high team series trophy. Roy Shelby, captain, won the most improved bowler award. We had heard from Jerry Conway, Ray, and Dale Hoggard how good they were and now the trophies prove it.

Art Johnson and his family are enjoying a vacation with a trip to the World's Fair in New York.

Erma and Robert Jetton spent a week end in Tennessee visiting relatives.



## CONSTRUCTION

H. H. Perkins

The Spring Fish Fry of the Construction Division was held Friday, May 29 at Pavilion No. 1 at Burns Park in North Little Rock. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Shumaker his family, his associates and their families were hosts to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moore and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Tallant and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Huie. Chefs Frank Neighbors and Sam Smith are to be congratulated for their excellent cuisine.



Roy Shelby, center, and Dale Hoggard, right, employees in Data Processing Center, are shown with Joel Bradley and their bowling trophies.

Conversation was the chief entertainment as new members of the Final Estimate Section and their wives were introduced. It is hoped that the ability of the new men can match the beauty of their ladies.

The Construction Division had been challenged to a softball game by the Bridge Design Division, but there was no contest. Could it be that the Bridge Design recognized the superior athletic prowess during warm-up session?

**PLANNING AND RESEARCH**

Bonnie Thomas

Vacations and trips are the main topics of conversation around P&R these days.

Leroy Beckett spent a week fishing at Lake Chicot State Park in Lake Village. W. K. Bartleson and his family recently returned from a week in New Orleans viewing the sights.

Mary Jane Kniepkamp, with her mother and father, drove down to Dallas over the Memorial Day week end to see the sights and visit Six Flags Over Texas.

Mignon Besancon visited relatives in Austin, Tex., over the same week end and had a good time. One of her trips included a visit to the LBJ ranch.

We have some new employees in our vision. John Shay is working in the Mapping and Drafting Section. John lives in Little Rock and attends LRU part time... Ruby Crouse is working with us again. She and her husband have moved back to Little Rock from Conway where he has been going to school.

Bob Kessinger and his wife spent the week of April 27 in Washington, D.C. Bob attended the CHLOE Profilometer School sponsored by the Bureau of Public Roads.

P&R employees and their families had their annual outing and picnic the night of May 16 at Boyle Park. A good time was enjoyed and there were over a 100 pounds of fish cooked along with the other good things. All of the more than 100 persons who attended said it was one of the best we have ever had. Some of the fellows brought musical instruments and provided us with dinner and dancing music. A lot of hard work went into the planning and preparation but it was worth it and we're ready for another.



At top, J. R. Henderson "gets with it." Below, Stewart Pattilo and B. C. Lewis, two of the chefs.



The Charles Fraziers and son Mark



Third from left and across are Marcellus Gross and wife Darlene and daughter Dona. At right is John Hume.



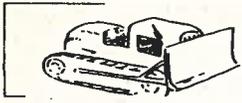
The men at the table are, from left clockwise, M. J. Hensley, Jim Barnett, Lester Jester, and Buddy Lewter.



The Bill Looneys and the Bill Coopers



More P&R employees and guests enjoying the outing



## EQUIPMENT

Sally Crook

Doris and Jerry Healy are sporting a beige Ford Galaxie 500. To break it in they took a week end trip to Bull Shoals where they went through the caverns and did some other sight seeing and fishing. Doris brought nice souvenirs to the girls in the office.

W. W. Yancey, stock room superintendent and his wife, Mary Sue, spent a week in Atlanta, Ga. visiting their son, T. E. Yancey and his family. They saw President Johnson arrive there on Monday. Yancey reports they had a nice vacation.

Ralph Henson's four-year-old son Mike fell at nursery school and broke his left arm. Ralph, our bookkeeper, says the cast hasn't slowed Mike down to any noticeable degree. By the time this is read his cast should be off.

Ed Ray's six-year-old David had a wreck on his bicycle and was unconscious for six hours. He sustained a cut on his left eye and was hospitalized for two days. Ed said David returned to school with a beautiful shiner.

Cummins Ratcliffe and family are moving into their new home. It is on Oak Hill Road just off the new Pine Bluff Highway. Cummins is understandably proud of the house as he did almost all of the work himself.

Service awards for May were presented by C. Don Hayes to Lem Kirkpatrick of the Procurement for Equipment Office with his 15-year pin. C. B. Brooks, Jr., shop superintendent, presented Robert Arnold, night watchman, with his five-year pin.



## PROCUREMENT

Lou Hardy

Warm weather has arrived and with it vacation time for some. Haywood (Heggie, as he is better known to most of us) Gray, Willene's son, was home for a week recently and came by the office for a short visit. Heggie is living in Atlanta, where he works for an insurance company as an underwriter. Doris Jean, their daughter, was also home to visit Bud and Willene for several days the last part of April. Doris Jean lives in Pennsylvania.

Maurice and Aubrey Carroll spent a week end at Bull Shoals on a houseboat doing nothing but fishing and eating.

Conley Meredith and Gary Claude are home for the summer from the University of Arkansas. Gary will be working for Minnesota Mining Company and Conley will work for his uncle in North Little Rock.

This reporter had the pleasure of seeing an aunt and uncle who were here from

Coos Bay, Ore., for a couple weeks' vacation. A family reunion was held at Star City before they left.

Frank Caple attended the International Convention of Magicians in Ft. Smith May 16-17. Frank and Sylvia's daughter, Pam, was graduated from North Little Rock Senior High May 29. The Caples are driving a 1960 green Falcon - a second car.

Lewis Wade and family drove to Murfreesboro and hunted for diamonds and then spent the night on Mt. Magazine.

Jim Meredith was recently visited by an old Army buddy from New Bedford, Mass.

We had two birthdays this month: Bud Dorris on May 1, and Aubrey Carroll, May 31. One Anniversary - Lewis and Leta Wade on May 5. Their fourteenth.

Several of our employees had sickness in their families. We are glad to report that Willene's mother, Mrs. Rogers, is doing well after eye surgery last month and is still in Washington, D. C. with her son. Betty Claude's mother-in-law suffered a stroke and was hospitalized for a week but is now in a nursing home. Aubrey Carroll underwent surgery recently but is back at his job, now.



## TRAFFIC SERVICES

Sharon & Judy

Those wedding bells are ringing out for the old gang of ours in the sign shop. Huston Alford is getting married May 29 to Susan Tipton of DeValls Bluff. The wedding is scheduled for 8 p.m. at the DeValls Bluff Methodist Church. They will reside at McRae, the groom's home town.

We have received an invitation to the Jim Taylor and Wanda Murphy wedding June 13 at 8 p.m. at the United Church of Christ in Little Rock. Our congratulations to these couples.

Sharon Bryant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claudis Bryant, graduated from high school in Belleville and has taken a job with the Clark Automotive Supply Company in the Heights.

J. H. Day, one of our sign men, became ill on the job one Friday recently. The doctor sent him to the hospital and they found he had food poisoning. He was back at work on the following Tuesday, a little pale and weak but much improved.

J. H. Richards's wife spent nine days in the Rogers Hospital, Searcy. She's back at home doing well.

Quite a bit of illness in our group but some good news as well...Jim Mooningham and wife Pat are proud parents of a bouncing boy. He weighed in at 8 pounds, 1 ounce on April 29, too late to make the last issue. They have named him Stephen Leonard. Mr. and Mrs. Travis Little also received a bundle of joy in the form of an 8 pound, 6 ounce boy May 14, which they named John. Doris worked in the sign shop before resigning to await the blessed event. Congratulations to both sets of parents.

We welcome two new employees: Denver Joe Rice of Searcy and Wesley Vaughan of Kensett. Both are working in our center stripe crews.

A. L. Webb is sporting around in spanking new '64 Pontiac Bonneville. A snazzy white with blue interior.



Shirley Childress

The Right of Way Division held its annual fish fry May 22 at Burns Park. The weather was beautiful and the food delicious. Everyone had such a nice time they are looking forward to next year.

Doloris and Bobby Freppon didn't get to attend the fish fry as they were vacationing in Florida. We're sorry they missed such a nice affair.

Wayne Parish, a draftsman in the Engineering Section, resigned May 12 to join the Army. He is now at Fort Polk, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Wyatt became parents of an 8 pound, 5/8 ounce boy May 19. The baby's mother, Sharon Wyatt, was an employee in the Appraisal Section. Congratulations to Sharon and Chuck.

We have our share of sickness again this month. Dwight Little and F. C. Bogart were both out for a few days but are fine now. Dick Andry checked into St. Vincent's May 27 and underwent surgery the next day. Nancy Sipe underwent surgery in Baptist Hospital June 2. We wish them both a quick recovery and hope they will be back with us soon.

Nancy and Kenny Sipe have a new 1964, turquoise and white Karman Chia.

The Right of Way Division was well represented in the Youth Art Exhibit, sponsored by First Federal Savings. Margaret Martin, daughter of Don Martin, and Connie Sipe, daughter of Nancy, won Outstanding Entry awards.

## LAMENT OF A REPORTER

Ah 1 and-ah 2 and-ah 3 - 4 - 5  
Will give you a beat and you'll know you're alive

When you read the following with good intent

Then you'll know that its truly a real lament!

Have you ever tried to take the same ol' news

And present it to Marty with different hues?

Well it ain't an easy job, I'm here to let you know,

So maybe you can understand why I'm full of woe!

First you get her notice, then you search for notes

That you've taken down on paper, and any anecdote

That someone passed along about a month ago,  
Then you wonder where you put it in the overflow.

Your intents are good but there's other work to do  
And you soon begin to wonder who among the crew  
Will step in and help gather you up some news  
Without moanin' and groanin' and singin' the blues

About all that they are responsible for -  
That's something I simply strictly abhor!!  
And now for the news and where to get started  
For your notes and you have long since parted.

You know that somewhere was a babe to be  
But did it turn out to be a he or a she!  
And who was that that was makin' a trip?  
DANG! At this point I'd like to go and take a nip

Of something inspiring to this ol' brain  
So it wouldn't be a-gain and a-gain  
The same ol' thing that we send over there  
To be published and read and I do declare

If the deadline hasn't come and gone  
And no news is in and I'll be swan  
If the boss won't be on my neck for sho  
And I'll catch hell, but I'll let you know!!!

Janet McElduff



## DISTRICT



Janet McElduff

We have congratulations for D. H. Young, Louie Quinn, Edward Bolden, Paul Blankenship, Ernest Snelson, and Verlon Drennon for service awards last month. Also, happy smiles for Gene and Darleen Belknap who have a new little girl by the name of Lori Ann. Lori was born on the Belknaps' first anniversary and they are really proud parents!

We're glad to see Griffin English back at work after surgery in West Memphis. It's not quite the same without Grif coming every so often to give us a lift. And Jim Ferguson, also from West Memphis, is back working after quite a bout with a bug that laid him low.

There hasn't been an opportunity to tell you about the nice fish fry Lewis Carter, Woodruff County foreman, and his crew put on at the area headquarters recently. The "girls" in the office were so pleased to get an invitation and I think we all did justice to the delicious food Lewis and his men served. In fact, we're almost ready for another one! Needless to say,

one of the prime pleasures in life these six women in the office have is eating. We are more than delighted with our new boss, Jim Tucker, maintenance superintendent, but his greatest charm lies in his mother-in-law's cooking and her generous nature. Mrs. Bertha Eaton's cream puffs are out of this world and she has found a most appreciative group in this office.

For fear of overlooking someone we offer our congratulations district-wide to all the 1964 graduates and honor students who belong to the Highway family.

Another district-wide announcement concerns news for the magazine. I'm here, and you all are all out there, but if anyone, just anyone, would jot down a bit of news and have it in here by the 24th of each month, I believe we could have a good bit of news each month. Come on, fellers, help me!



Vernon Ellis, area foreman at Hazen (top), and Lamar Coyle, mower operator, are shown with the beautiful "Blazing Red" rosebush growing along the fence at the Hazen maintenance headquarters.

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There's a revolutionary new vanishing cream deodorant. You put it on and the odor remains, but you disappear and no one knows where the smell is coming from.



## DISTRICT



Leslie Long

That time of year has fast approached - everyone has fishing fever!! There are no tall fish stories to tell or that any big ones got away, but some of our fellows have been tempting them...at least trying to tempt them.

Due to some recent changes in our office personnel, we welcome back Floyd Walker, our very congenial and efficient fuel clerk. Floyd's favorite pastime is fishing, and he is very adept in the field of "cooking."

Service pins were awarded to Virgil Green and Robert Holderfield for 10 years, and to Archie Hutto for 5 years.

We are pleased to know that Glen Jacks and B. E. Hart, Jr. have recuperated and are back at work.

A meeting of the District 2 staff personnel was conducted at the District Office on May 6. The meeting was attended by all resident engineers, job superintendents and area foremen. Our special guests were Bill Huie and Frank O'Donnell, who presented us with the showing of the film, "Arkansas Highway Department - 1964." This is truly a great film. The meeting adjourned at noon and lunch was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Peacock of Monticello announce the engagement of their daughter, Nealie Bea, to Thomas C. Leggett, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Leggett of Barkada. Nealie Bea, a graduate of Monticello High School, is a junior at Arkansas A&M College. Mr. Leggett is employed with the Soil Conservation Service. The marriage will be solemnized July 17 in Wilmar Baptist Church.

Sara (Cricket) Johnson will graduate May 19 from Monticello High School with high honors. She is a six-point student. On Honors Day she was awarded an academic scholarship, a voice scholarship, and a grant in aid for the capella choir at Arkansas A&M. She was also offered an academic scholarship from Ouachita Baptist College. Sara received a certificate of merit for outstanding accomplishment in "Who's Who Among Student Leaders in High Schools of America" and a medal for being an outstanding student in the field of English. She was also chosen as Senior Maid in the "Billies" high school annual. Sara is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Johnson.



## DISTRICT



Olive Jackson

This office had a brief visit from Y. W. Whelchel and Fred Herring May 15. They were here to attend the Rotary Club with District 3 Engineer Jim Lowder, who had charge of the program. Mr. Whelchel showed

the new film, "Lifelines of Progress" to the Rotarians.

Service award recipients in May were: Ivan Henry Black and Jay Roberts, 15 years; Mack Clyde Hicks, 10 years; and Elijah Mike Floyd, 5 years.

The following employees retired: Roy Bullard, April 28, 10 years' service; Roy Coward, May 31, 23 years; Luther Dingler, May 31, 22 years' service.

Ruel E. Staggs of DeQueen, son of Area Foreman Ruel Staggs and Mrs. Staggs, left for the Marines May 27 and will be stationed in San Diego, Calif. Jimmie Boyette, employee in Lafayette County, left for the service May 19.

R. W. Wylie, Sevier County, who has been in the Veteran's Hospital in Little Rock, is now back at work.

New employees: Frank O'Dell, Sevier County; George Edward Reed, Little River County, and Earl Gibson Wright, Howard County.

Mack Hicks and W. C. Crane attended the class of instructions on maintenance of Massey Ferguson Tractors in Little Rock April 30. They reported this was a beneficial meeting.

Carl Mitchell of Nevada County resigned April 30 to accept employment with the Welfare Department in Prescott.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to the family of C. B. O'Steen who died April 29. Mr. O'Steen was a retired AHD em-Also, to Dick McElroy in the death of his brother, Cecil C. McElroy who died April 25, and to Jodie Waddle, area foreman of Nevada County, in the death of his mother, Mrs. Martha Waddle May 20.



## DISTRICT



Netha Brown

Johnson County Area Foreman Denver Houston and Mrs. Houston have been in Decorah, Iowa to attend the graduation of their granddaughter, Carol Sue Engbreston.

George O. Martin, Jr. received his bachelor of arts degree from Arkansas Tech in Russellville Sunday, May 24. Congratulations, George.

James Blalock has a 1963 Red Chevrolet Impala. He should get the attention, now.

Virgil Eggleston, Buel Lawrence, and Noel Hickey have received their 15-year service awards. John D. Roberts and James LeRay Eakin received their 10-year awards.

David Moore's crew enjoyed an outing at Nimrod May 9. The food, consisting of fish, hush puppies, french fries, and salad was prepared by Cleveland "Peck" Moore. The evening was spent skiing and boat riding.

James "Buddy" Paine recently won a trophy for bowling on the championship team at Pat's Lanes in Russellville. He bowls on the Porter's Esso team.

Joe Helton is recuperating from a heart attack at his home in Hattiesville. Also, W. L. "Tom" Owen is getting along nicely his home in Perryville after surgery.



## DISTRICT



Braswell & Morton

May service award recipient was Daniel Lee Grant for 20 years.

Marion and Norma Downs spent the Mother's Day week end at Greenfield visiting his parents, the Reverend and Mrs. Curtis Downs.

Roy Garrison, Springdale, announces the marriage of his daughter, Shirley, to Bennie Davis. The wedding was performed in the Methodist parsonage at Leslie. After a wedding trip the happy couple will be at home in Leslie where Bennie is a member of the Leslie school faculty.

G. C. "Check" and Doris Studdard have a new 1964 dark blue Tempest 8. They motored to Blytheville over a week end to visit their daughter, Mary Lou, who teaches in the Blytheville schools.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to: Vernie Berry, Bert Boatright, Jr., John Box, G. W. Dickey, R. F. Donahou, J. R. Guss, Jr., Wallace Harrison, Garland Keeter, Harley Thomason, Dave Thornberry, and M. V. Walden.

One of our former employees, Leo Burlsworth, is a member of the Ozark Opry at Osage Beach, Mo. in the Lake of the Ozarks area. Mr. Mace, the owner of the Opry, states that Leo can play anything with strings on it and was pleased to have him join his crew. We are proud of Leo and wish him lots of success. The proud papa, of course, is John Burlsworth. John and Paul Byrom drove up to Osage Beach one Saturday evening to attend the show and reported the house was full and a good time was had by all.

Get well wishes are sent to V. O. Selby and G. A. Bowling who had surgery recently at Fayetteville. We hope they will be back on the job soon.

Gary Godfrey and C. R. Bailey have en-

joyed a week away from their jobs. They were both on annual leave the last week in May and were full of vim and vigor when they reported back to work.

Our sincerest sympathies are extended to the family of Troy Cowdrey (retired) who died in May. Also, to Marion Downs in the recent death of his cousin.



## DISTRICT



Isabelle Psalmonds

Bill Huie and Frank O'Donnell conducted a district-wide safety meeting at the area headquarters building in Paragould May 14, at which time they showed the new highway film. After the meeting, they brought the film to the district office and showed it to those in the office and showed it to those in the office shop. We appreciate being able to see the film and we enjoyed it.

Those who received service awards in May were Joseph C. Pillow and William C. Laughlin, 10 years, and Steward Farley and Homer Sides, 5 years.

Wylie F. Lindsey, inspector at Lepanto, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Corps of Engineers. He is assigned to the 875th Combat Engineer Battalion, Arkansas National Guard, Jonesboro.

Tony Glenn Hopper weighed in at 7 pounds, 8 ounces at 9:35 a.m. May 23 at Osceola. He is the third son of Area Foreman Charles Hopper and Mrs. Hopper. Congratulations on the little bundle of joy.

E. L. "Noody" Wales, Fort Myer, Fla., former engineer of Materials and Tests, stopped by the district office for a few minutes May 26. It was good to see him again.

Welcome to Chauncey Denton, new member of the Highway Commission. We are looking forward to working with Mr. Denton.



This fine looking group are high school students who helped a P&R traffic engineer do a "turning movement" in Harrison recently. P&R said they appreciated the boys' fine spirit of cooperation.

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Dear Mr. Lawrence:

I want to express my appreciation to your office for the help given me in enlarging my driveway on Highway #60 at my home.

Mr. Lasley and his crew did an excellent job in installing the additional lengths of tile that I furnished and the result is of great benefit to me.

Thanks again for your cooperation and special thanks to Mr. Lasley and his crew. Incidentally, it is my impression that your forces down here in this area are doing a very fine job in every respect.

Yours very truly,  
M. M. Satterfield

## COMMISSION MEETINGS

The following meeting and letting dates have been set by the Highway Commission for the next six-month period beginning July 1, 1964:

July 22  
August 19  
September 23  
October 28  
December 2

Please see that all work schedules in your respective offices are conformed to these dates.

Ward Goodman  
Director of Highways (Acting)

THIS'LL  
KILL YA



An absent-minded professor at UCLA came across a woman in his bedroom. "Madam," he said, surprised, "what are you doing here in my bed?" Said the lady, equally surprised, "I like this bed. I like this room. I like this house. I like this neighborhood and besides, I am your wife."

A golfer was having a bad day on the links. Finally on the 13th hole, he flubbed a 2-foot putt. That did it. He picked up the ball and threw it as far as he could, broke two clubs, and sat down on the grass, a picture of total frustration.

"I've got to give it up! I've got to give it up!" he said to his caddy.

"Golf?" asked his caddy.

"No," answered the golfer, "the ministry."

The sheriff for a small town was also a veterinarian. Late one night, the telephone rang, and his wife got up to answer it. "Is your husband there?" asked an agitated voice.

"Do you inquire my husband's service as a sheriff or as a veterinarian?"

"Both," was the reply. "We can't get our dog's mouth open and there's a burglar in it!"

"Senator, your speech was superfluous, simply superfluous," a woman admirer said.

"I'm glad you liked it," he said, tongue in cheek. "I hope to have it published posthumously."

"Wonderful! Just wonderful," she replied enthusiastically. "I hope it will be soon."

The village blacksmith hired an apprentice and began his instructions to the lad. "When I take this horseshoe out of the fire, I'll lay it on the anvil and when I nod my head you hit it with a hammer." The apprentice did as he was told. Now he's the village blacksmith.

A mosquito is just like a child - when it stops making a noise you know he's getting into something.

"Hey, man," asked the beatnik of his friend, "do you know Lincoln's Gettysburg Address?"

"No," was the reply, "I didn't even know he had moved."

"Call up your husband and tell him you will be late and go out with me," the patron told the pretty manicurist in the barbershop.

"You tell him," she said sweetly, "he's shaving you."

A Midwestern college, putting emphasis on education rather than sports, has ruled that no athlete will be awarded a letter unless he can tell at a glance which letter it is.

"How did you get that black eye?"

"I was protecting a little boy."

"That's noble; who was he?"

"Me."

Uncle Homer scraped fenders with a beautiful blonde. That's what he got for going where he was looking.

First Mother: "How did that naughty little boy of yours get hurt?"

Second Mother: "That good little boy of yours hit him in the head with a rock."

Cowboy: (To dude) "Here partner, you're putting your saddle on backwards."

Dude: "How do you know which way I'm going?"

Doctor: "Tell your wife not to worry about that slight deafness as it is simply an indication of advancing years."

Husband: "You tell her!"



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# **Vacation In Arkansas!**

**COVER:** A new section, recently paved, of State Highway 44 in the St. Francis National Forest, south of Marianna. The entire section is in the process of being paved to Bear Creek recreational area. In the background is a microwave tower for long distance calling.