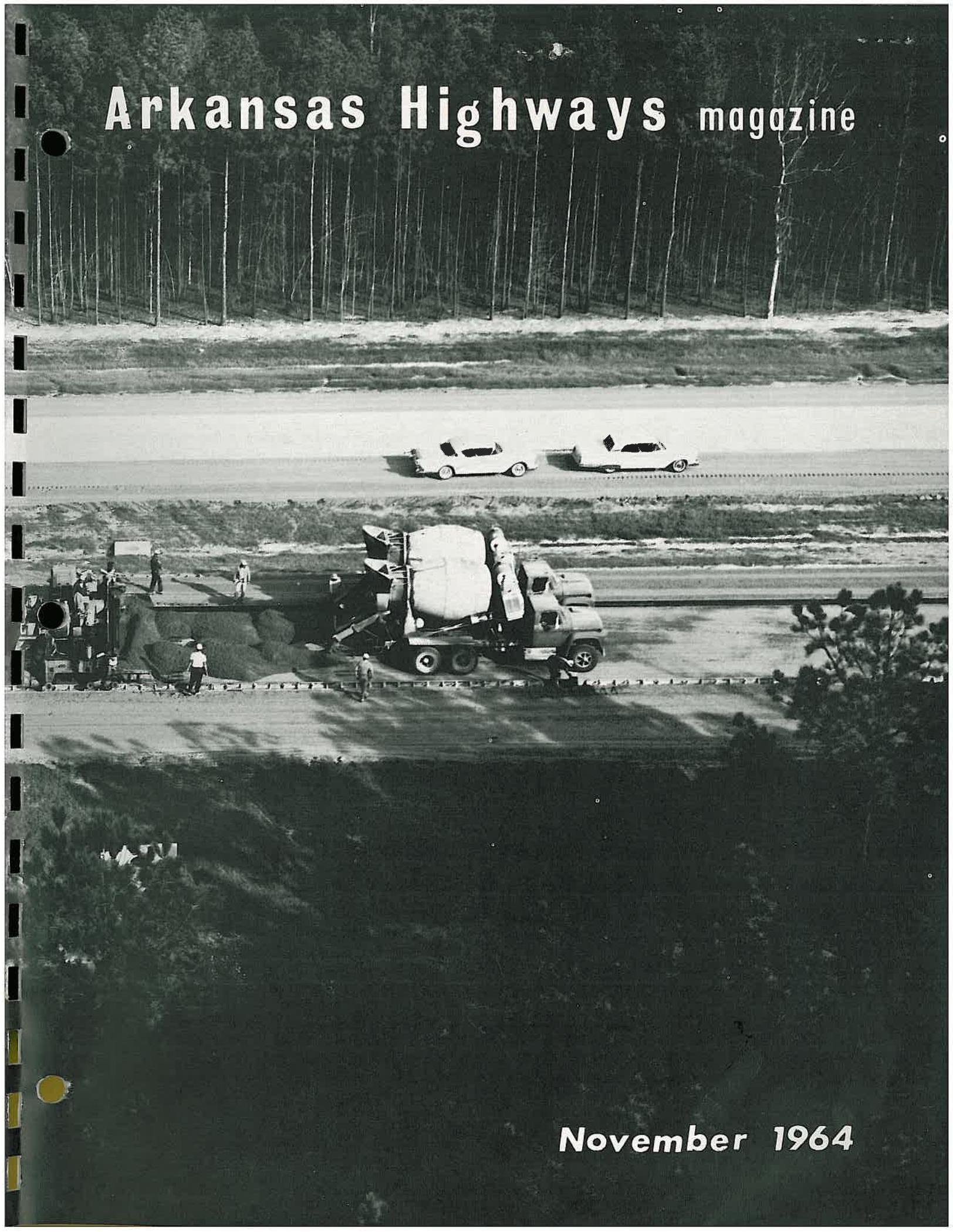


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A CONSTRUCTION BEEHIVE

by: Mary Day



An education from books is all well and good, but if you want to really find out how a job is done, go on a field trip and see for yourself. I strongly recommend a visit to a highway construction project if you despair at the seemingly unnoticeable progress being made on a section of road which you are anxious to travel.

One day recently I went out on the relocated section of Highway 65 toward Pine Bluff which is in the closing stages of construction. The activity going on there, in an effort to get the paving finished while warm dry weather prevails, was a real education from the distaff point of view.

The central point of activity was at the contractor's "mix" plant, which is set up on the construction site to facilitate rapid movement of trucks from the plant to where the concrete is dumped on the prepared roadbed.

There a bulldozer, riding atop a sandpile, which would be a joy to any youngster, constantly keeps the soil pushed forward to within reach of the yawning jaws of a power shovel. The bucket grabs a huge bite of sand and quickly drops the whole mouthful into a hopper, where it is pulled out again by conveyor to an egg-beater sort of apparatus called a "batcher."



On the other side of the batcher, a top loader (a tractor with a dipper on it, to you other ladies) scoops up a load of aggregate (rock) and dumps it into a hopper where it is also pulled out by conveyor to mix with the sand. A bulldozer, whose operator wheels it like a Volkswagen, is busily keeping the aggregate stockpile rounded up. Cement from an overhead tank and water are added to the sand and rock. (The large tank supplies water, the bullet-shaped one, cement.)

Every three minutes a mixer truck lumbers up under the batcher, is loaded with concrete and moves out to make room for another. Action is fast here and an onlooker could get run down by a speeding tractor, mixer truck, or bulk tank unit.



Central Batch Plant



Front end loader dumping aggregate into hopper



Water and cement tanks

At the paving site a few hundred yards down the road, the truck (sometimes two at once) unloads in minutes and starts another run.

On October 28, the contractor reached a goal the men had been striving for - a mile of pavement in one day. The crew laid 5,315 feet of concrete, 24' wide and 9" deep in 11 hours and 15 minutes. To lay concrete at that speed everything must click and the hauls not be too long. The contractor, Ben M. Hogan, Co., is the first in Arkansas to accomplish a mile of paving in one day.

A great deal of work must be done before paving can begin. A machine called a sub-grader cuts a path in the roadbed and establishes the width of the lane. Behind the sub-grader workmen lay sections of steel forms which must be carefully placed for correct position. Highway specifications require 24-foot wide lanes and 1/4" less is not acceptable. At the price of highway construction, you can bet the



Unloading to start another run

contractor doesn't want the width of the lane to be over the specified width, so setting forms is an exacting job.

Once the forms are in place and pinned down, a little machine balancing itself on the form by one wheel, tamps the stone under the form. Another grader fine-grades the subbase, automatically bringing it to a specified level. A roller weighing some 10 tons travels back and forth over the roadbed, compacting it. Joint dowels are put down at 45 foot intervals and concrete is dumped in front of a huge spreader which spreads and levels the concrete, containing it all within the forms. After the slab has hardened, it is sawed at the joints to allow for contraction of the concrete during the curing period or later during extreme cold (thus causing the bloop-bloop which you sometimes mistake for a flat tire.)

Close on the heels of the spreader comes the mesh-setting machine which lays and vibrates (steel wire mesh) into the plastic concrete to reinforce the slab. The entire mesh-setting machine constantly vibrates during its operation and the operator must endure a teeth-rattling jiggle from the



Mixer truck

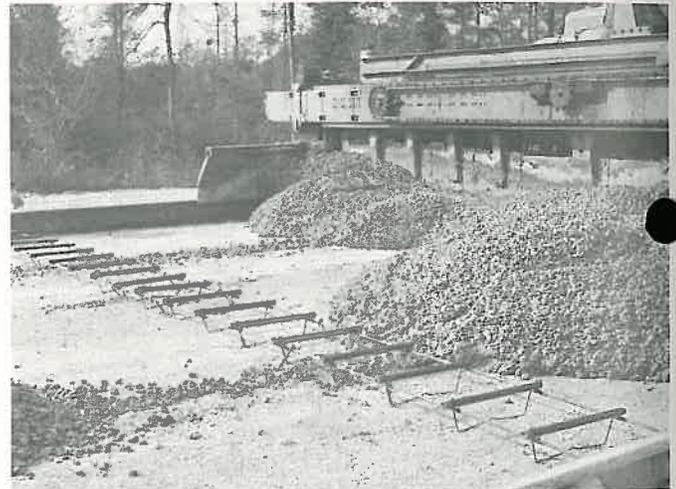
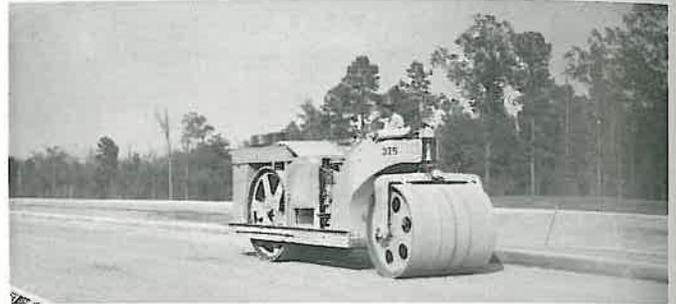


moment he gets on until he dismounts, sort of like riding a jack-hammer piggyback.

Behind the mesh-setting machine another machine floats and compacts the concrete, getting out air pockets and smoothing it. Hand finishers give the concrete its final facelift and it is left to set. The new section of highway is covered with burlap and sprayed with water to retain moisture. Evaporation of water from new concrete too rapidly weakens it. The next day forms are pulled away to be used again. The result of it all - a beautiful slab of white concrete almost as smooth as the kitchen floor.



Top picture shows a sub-grader machine establishing the width of the lane. In the middle pic, workmen are laying sections of steel forms. Bottom: Tamping the stone under the form.



In top pic another grader fine-grades the sub-base; second pic, a roller machine compacting the roadbed; third pic, a spreader spreads and levels the concrete, bottom pic, the machine at top floats and compacts the concrete.

BOGIE RETIRES



Ward Goodman and "Bogie."

The Right of Way Division and the Highway Department lost to retirement one of their most trusted and able men when Forrest C. Bogart retired after 37 years' service.

The retirement certificate was presented by the Highway Commission and Acting Director Ward Goodman in ceremonies in the Commission Room October 28.

"Bogie," as he is better known, has been commuting on week ends to his home in Forrest City from his work in Little Rock for many, many years. His home is only a few miles from his birthplace at Wheatley, in St. Francis County.

He graduated from Forrest City High School after which he studied engineering at Purdue University. Later he completed various courses from the University of Arkansas including Highway Law and Traffic Engineering.

One of Bogie's first jobs in the early twenties was a theater manager. After five years, however, he decided to seek employment in the Highway Department. Since engineering was more in line with his interest and education, he began as a draftsman in the design and survey division in 1927. His public relations ability was soon recognized and he was re-assigned to the Right of Way Division where his titles have included Highway engineer, Right of

Way engineer, real estate engineer, and division assistant, his title at the time of his retirement.

For 16 years Bogie was the only employee in the Right of Way Division to draw plans, sketch maps, write court orders, contact county judges, plus appraising and negotiating. Bogie's familiarity with the roads of Arkansas is amazing and he estimates traveling more than two million miles in his job for the Department.

His companion of 31 years, the former Miss Pauline Russon of Biscoe, Ark., has been a guiding influence in his life. They are very devoted to their two daughters, Mrs. Don Davis and Mrs. Donald Fancher. Although Mary Lynne and Paulette now live with their families in Greenwood, Miss., they were on hand for the momentous occasion, as well as Mrs. Bogart.

FORMER COMMISSIONER GLENN F. WALLACE DIES



Glenn F. Wallace, 71, former commissioner of the Highway Department, died in a hospital at Nashville, Ark., October 13 after suffering a heart attack. Mr. Wallace was appointed to the Commission by Governor Francis Cherry in 1952 and became the first member to serve a full 10-year term under the Mack-Blackwell Amendment. During his tenure he served as chairman of the Commission.

He was a native of Kansas, a cattle breeder, and vice president of the Arkansas Livestock Exposition and promoted the state's cattle industry.

He attended Kansas State College in Manhattan, and moved to Nashville 31 years ago. He was an agent for the Agricultural Extension Service in Sevier County and was District extension agent before becoming an agricultural agent for the Missouri Pacific Lines.

Survivors include his widow; a daughter, Mrs. H. A. Swanson of Texas, and a stepson, Robert Childs of Fayetteville.

Funeral services were in the Latimer Funeral Chapel at Nashville.



DEVICE SPEEDS UP SETTING PAVING STAKES

Jim Caviness, senior instrumentman with the construction crew working on the Pine Bluff highway relocation project, watched his men pound paving stakes into the ground many times and wondered if there wasn't an easier way. Around the first of October he mentioned the idea to District Engineer Mac Hurley. The two of them batted the situation around some more and decided to consult B. E. Woodyard, District 6 equipment superintendent. The subsequent result was attachment of an iron sleeve which Woodyard built to an old air compressor which was sitting idle. The sleeve fits down over the paving stake and drives it into the ground in a swift, simple operation. Mr. Hurley estimated that the attachment has speeded up setting paving stakes by as much as 35 to 50 per cent per day.

Using the air compressor to drive them, it is possible to set a mile of stakes per day, whereas previously the crew did well to set a half-mile. Use of the sleeve over the stake prevents the top of the wooden peg from "brooming," or splitting, out. It

also completely eliminated the step of starting the hold with an iron stake, removing it, and then setting the wooden one into the hold and driving it in.

Though holding the sleeve on the stake again the vibration of an air hammer is no easy job, Jerry Hollowell (squatting in picture) grinned and said, "It's a heck of a lot easier than slinging that sledge."

The "blue tops" (which aren't blue on top at all) are set to establish the line and grade for the concrete slab to be poured later.



From left are Larry Cox, chairman; Charles Tully, engineering helper; Bill Terry, junior instrumentman, and Hollowell, engineering helper. All are District 6 employees. Caviness is in top left picture.

HIGHWAY DAMES

With the Christmas season approaching, and at the risk of being repetitious, we remind you again of the Arkansas Highway Dames' Assistance Fund.

Instead of sending Christmas cards within the Highway Department, some Highway Dames contribute to this fund the amount they would have spent on cards and stamps. We welcome such contributions from others in the Highway Department. The names of those who give to the fund will be placed on a Christmas card in the lobby of the Highway Central Office Building. Because of this fund, it has been possible to give substantial aid to several people. Checks may be sent to Mrs. Robert Mattox (Adele), treasurer of the Dames. Her address is No. 1 Ivy Drive, Little Rock.

Thirty-five members and guests attended the October meeting of the Dames at the Loggia Room of

Hotel Sam Peck. In the program on "Flower Arranging," Billy F. Collier of J. J. Hocott and Sons, Florists, displayed fall and Christmas arrangements, material for making the arrangements, and showed the group how to make a centerpiece for a Thanksgiving table.

During the business session, members decided that instead of exchanging gifts at their December meeting, they would like to share with someone else. Please remember to bring canned goods, or non-perishable food suitable for baskets to this meeting. There will be no meeting of the Highway Dames in November as the November and December meetings will be combined in one meeting at 11:30 a.m. December 3, at the Coachman's Inn. Ben Spector, a furrier of North Little Rock will present a program on furs.

--Ernestine Martin

HIGHWAY SAFETY IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

There are enough automobiles on the U.S. highways today to take the entire nation for a ride at one time. There are some 80 million rubber-tired motor vehicles of various types, driven by over 90 million licensed operators, covering 800 billion miles of travel on 3½ million miles of roadways every year. The state is set for what is building into the greatest highway safety campaign in all history.

Something must be done quickly to cut sharply into the annual rate of more than 42,000 fatalities and 1½ million road injuries every year. Never was the time more urgent for the motorist to consider seriously the warning: "Highway safety is everybody's business."

Sound legislation, law enforcement, stronger support from the courts, improved highways, more foolproof motorcars and, most of all, a responsible citizenry, are termed the major elements of highway safety. Yet, improving the motorcar and streamlining the highways are well worth while, but neither will ever be any safer than the human element behind the steering wheel.

While the drinking driver is recognized as a major traffic problem, law violations involving excessive speed are perhaps the most deadly and destructive traffic problem today. Of course, in many, many instances, the two go together. Driving must be considered a privilege and not an inherent right, and should be penalized as such if a driver endangers the lives and properties of others.

All in all, it would appear that a stronger program of public information and highway-user education should be carried out to allay the fears of the public. No great progress can be made in reducing the number of accidents until the public understands what must be done and why it must be done; and until individuals are willing to accept personal responsibility for their driving.

It cannot be emphasized too strongly that, as a driver, you have a personal responsibility to know and to obey the traffic laws and the rules of the road. By so doing, you will protect yourself from many highway hazards and at the same time make driving a safer and more pleasant experience for all other highway users.

Remember that a fraction of a second is all it takes to cause death or a lifetime of suffering; remember this particularly when you are in a hurry. Concentrate on the job of driving at all times when behind the wheel of a motor vehicle.

--Bill Huie
Safety Officer



This bridge was recently completed over the Little Missouri River on Highway 53, south of Gurdon. The bridge is 1110 ft. in length and located on a three degree curve. Norman Pumphrey was resident engineer. The location is in District 7, W. E. Hicks, District engineer.

SOMETHING NEW ADDED



C. Don Hayes, center, chief of the Equipment Division, peers skeptically at the man on the right to whom he has just been introduced. And skeptical he might well have been, for the man he is shaking hands with is none other than his good friend Johnnie Gray, staff photographer, but with something added: a hairpiece. Phil Hankins of North Little Rock, at left, a good friend of Johnnie's, helped arrange the "meeting" and introduced Johnnie to Don as "an old Army buddy." This horseplay took place when the men had lunch one day at Remada Inn at Jacksonville. Johnnie wore the toupee the rest of the day and went unrecognized for a short time by some of his AHD friends. One man who did recognize him said: "Johnnie, I didn't know you wore glasses."

ARKANSAS CAREER DAYS



Three years ago a group of Arkansas employers decided to inform young Arkansans about to graduate from college that there were job opportunities in Arkansas. Several businessmen formed "Arkansas Careers," a nonprofit organization with a specific purpose of encouraging talented young Arkansans to remain in their home state and to assist Arkansas employers to find other talented young Arkansans for job opportunities.

Again this year on October 27-28, the Department participated in this program held at the University of Arkansas in the Student Union Ballroom which had been set aside for Career Days. Dale Davison, Personnel officer, interviewed senior Civil Engineering students.

M. G. Gross, head of the Research Section for the Planning and Research Division, combined research activities with Career Days by providing detailed data on various projects with interested students.

The Department was happy to participate in Arkansas Career Days including the general discussion on October 27. N. F. Harmon, placement director for the University, discussed recruiting and methods with the more than forty firms represented at this occasion.

Only firms participating were allowed on campus. The daily faculty coffee provided the representatives an opportunity to discuss individual students with the various members of the faculty. "Goodwill" is the greatest measure of success for such a function. From the interest shown by the students and some faculty members, and as stated by Davison, "we feel many students and firms have a better understanding of the Department as a result of our participation with other employers in Arkansas."

LITTERING COMES HIGH

Reams and reams of paper have been used on articles deploring the litter on our streets and highways across the nation. Whether all this publicity has had any noticeable effect on the public is debatable since it has been estimated that it will cost over a hundred million (!) dollars to clean up the highway mess this year. And that money comes out of the tosser's pocket, too. You'd think they (the taxpayer) would rather see their hard earned dollars spent on something more tangible and worthwhile than the necessity to hire a nationwide chain of servants to follow up behind them to clean up their debris.

This year's highway litter, if laid end to end, would create the world's record traffic jam. In fact, it would bring all traffic to a dead stop on the preferred 3,000-mile route between New York and San Francisco, the Keep America Beautiful, Inc., the national anti-litter organization, reports. The rubbish that will be dumped on streets and highways in 1964 if concentrated would bury the transcontinental route a foot deep in discarded wrappers and cartons, paper cups, plates, tissues, cans, bottles, garbage and such assorted trash as old mattresses and automotive parts.

KAB based its graphic picture of the national "litter harvest" on an estimate from the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads, that up to 20 million cubic yards of litter will be dumped this year on the nation's streets and highways.

Even at a cost of over a hundred million dollars the clean up is not permanent. The only real solution is education, according to Allen H. Seed, Jr., executive vice president of KAB.

"We can all give a hand," he said. "Put a litter-bag in your own automobile and use it. When the bag is full, empty it in a trash receptacle along the way, or take it back home with you and get rid of it there. It may seem like a very little thing to do. But, it's the 'little things' that make up our highway litter jam. If each person will just dispose of his own litter properly, there would be no highway litter problem."

We hope all you readers will take this "LITTER" ally.

COMMISSION MEETINGS

Acting Director Ward Goodman announced the Commission Meetings and Letting dates for the first half of the Calendar Year beginning January 1, 1965 as follows: February 3, March 10, April 14, May 19, and June 23. He asked that all work schedules in your respective offices are conformed to these dates.

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT



BRIDGE DESIGN

Betty Claude

Congratulations are in order for L. P. Carlson. His daughter, Mrs. Catherine Rochester of Slidell, La., made him a very proud grandfather October 11. We think some week end our proud grandfather will make the trip to Slidell to begin his duties as grandfather - that of spoiling the little one.

A number of our people had wanderlust the past few weeks. Anne and Baldy Vinson made a trip through the east. They visited Williamsburg, Va., for the second time; an old historical city they enjoy visiting again and again. From Virginia they went to New York where they were fortunate to hear Norman Vincent Peale. Last but not least, they took in the World's Fair.

Dale Loe and Bob Seay made a trip down the west coast of Florida to Miami, Key West, back through Fort Lauderdale and Cypress Gardens. Dale reports they went deep sea fishing and caught two King Mackerel, both about 37 inches long, which Bob verifies. Dale and Bob were lucky to have made the trip between hurricanes Cleo and Dora.

Esther and Eddie Williams spent their vacation in Florida, also. They visited Pensacola eating a variety of seafood, sight-seeing, and swimming in the surf, but didn't venture out on the surf board. They went to Branson, Mo. one week end for the Ozark Fall Festival. We now have an authority on the art of hooking rugs, making sorghum, blacksmithing, etc.

Hazel and Harold Bastian had two very welcome guests for a week. Two grandnieces, Marcia and Melanie Davison, ages 4 and 5, from Dallas. Marcia and Melanie are frequent visitors and are always welcome at the Bastian home.

Dale Loe and Dan Morgan were presented with their 5-year service awards and pins on October 21. Coffee and cookies were served to celebrate the occasion.

I'm sure everyone knows Virginia Tackett is no longer in Bridge Design, having transferred to Legal Division and this reporter is the lucky one taking her place, or maybe I should say, trying to. I am very pleased to be here and hope I can fulfill my responsibilities just half as well as Virginia did. Everyone wishes her the best of luck in her new position. This is my first experience as a reporter, but as the old saying goes, "There's a first time for everything." Perhaps in time I can cultivate a nose for news.



DATA PROCESSING

Glyna Smith

Data Processing takes pleasure in welcoming two new employees, Linda Kellar and Pauline Morman. Linda came to us from Morrilton and is single now, but plans to change that November 20. Pauline, a native of York, England, is married and has two sons, Danny and Steven. Her husband, Aubrey, is stationed at LRAFB. Glad to have you with us, girls.

Billie Ratliff is sporting a new '65 Ford Fairlane. Happy motoring, Billie.

Several from Data Processing have enjoyed their vacations lately. Art Johnson and his family went to the New York World's Fair and had a fabulous time... Frances Richardson and her son, Larry, toured Florida and returned with beautiful tans... Erma Jetton spent a few days at their cottage at Lake Conway. While Anne Minor was on vacation, she had an enjoyable visit with her brother who has been in Germany for four years.

Carolyn Reddin left us October 30 to await the stork. DPC presented Carolyn with a gift and we all had coffee and cake. Good luck for a safe arrival and we're looking for a big boy.



EQUIPMENT

Sally Crook

Charlie Cox received his 10-year service awards October 23 from C. Don Hayes and C. B. Brooks, Jr. Congratulations, Charlie.

Bonnie and Bob Hill spent the first week of October in Indianola, Iowa and Des Moines, visiting relatives and friends.

Sally and Larry Hibbs celebrated their first wedding anniversary October 12.

This reporter and husband, Eddie, spent the week of October 11-15 in New York visiting the Fair and sightseeing. Eddie won the all-expense paid trip through Humble Oil and Refining Company in a contest covering Esso Station operators all over the country. We enjoyed it but Little Rock was a welcome sight upon our return.

W. M. Laman is driving a tan 1962 Buick LaSabre with all power and air. It's really pretty.



ACCOUNTING DIVISION

Mildred Harness

The Accounting Division personnel is still having "Happy Birthdays." Floyd Pharris had one October 8 and he was given birthday cards and a cake which he shared with us... Aleene Boysen's birthday was October 20, and she received cards from all over the building. At noon she was guest for a potluck in the Office Engineer's office. Nobody counted stories that day.

Johnnie Beavers celebrated October 29 and we all hope he has many, many more.

Lee Wagner has been a very busy man. Over one week end he moved. On that Sunday, his sister and brother-in-law from Iowa drove down for a visit, and Lee came to work on Monday with a cold. Before the day was over he had lost his voice completely.

Betsy Morrison is back at work after a week in the hospital. Glad to have you back, Betsy.

Olin Randle is on vacation as of this writing. Olin recently "came into" some extra cash (\$50) won on a football card, so the money will enable her to live it up, which is what she said she would do.

Georgia Cottrell took a couple of days off and we hope she enjoyed them.

Carl Morris' pretty wife and daughter paid the office a visit recently. Carl strutted around like a tom turkey and we don't blame him as he has a nice family.

Pat Koonce's son Gerald was chosen to become a member of the National Honor Society at Hall High. Pat is walking around on cloud nine. Congratulations to you, Gerald, and you too, Mom Pat.

Hope everyone has been enjoying this nice fall weather. We're all "rootin'" for "them" hogs.

Margaret McCarthy, daughter of James McCarthy, chief of our Accounting Division, is another National Honor Society. She attends St. Mary's Academy. Congratulations also to Mr. McCarthy and to Margaret.

We extend sympathies to Carl Colvert on the death of his grandfather, who was 91 years old.



MATERIALS AND TESTS

Julia Halliburton

It's been some time since we had any news but we're still here in our new headquarters which we like very much.

Many of our personnel have vacationed; several have traded cars and one or two have added to their families, but now for more current happenings.

We have had several resignations and several new employees. James Evans has returned from his tour of the armed services. Neil R. Cline resigned to go in partnership with his brother in Oklahoma City, and Dick Pils, who used to work with the M&T has returned and is now taking over Cline's duties. We miss Neil and wish him much good luck. Dick Pils and his wife drove to Austin, Tex., to see the Texas game.

Several have been on the "puny" list but none was very serious. Henry Hart's wife is in the Baptist Hospital. We wish her a quick recovery.

One of the employees is a new grandfather. Smokey Woods's son Gary and his wife Kay have a first born son born at St. Vincents. The little one weighed 9 pounds, 9 ounces.

Most of us have passed another milestone since the last report but we will not go into that.

We'll write more next time.



PERSONNEL

Dorothy Lehman

We are happy for and yet a little envious of Juniata Morgan. She and her family are enjoying their new home at 23 Rosewood Drive in Brookwood.

Sibble Cox took part of her vacation in October. We knew Sibble liked to fish, but have you ever heard of a fishing party! She attended a luncheon and fishing party in Lonoke and thoroughly enjoyed a relaxing vacation.

On October 27 and 28 Dale Davison attended "Arkansas Career Days" at the University of Arkansas. As you probably know, "Arkansas Career Days" was instituted by a group of Arkansas businessmen who desire to promote the employment of Arkansas youth as they complete their higher education. Through "Career Days," industries of the state are realizing the

employment potential of Arkansas students and a greater diversity of jobs are being offered these students by the job interviewers.

Perhaps you have noticed the thank-you note from Birdie Wright on the first floor bulletin board. Birdie is surely missed in the Department and we hope she will be able to come back to us very soon.



PLANNING AND RESEARCH

Bonnie Thomas

A proud new papa in our Division is M. J. Hensley. Wilma and M. J. have a baby girl born October 26. Her name is Rebecca Lynn. Congratulations to the new parents!

Mary Ann Dickson, one of our girls in the drafting section, is wearing a pretty "sparkler." Mary Ann is engaged to be married December 11, to Ronnie Schuh. Congratulations to Ronnie and "Tiger."



"Tiger" Dickson

Katy Brasel and her family have moved into a new home in Mabelvale.

Gary Whittington, a former employee in P&R, is working with us again. Gary and his family moved to Alabama two and a half years ago but are back in Arkansas to stay. We're glad to have him back as our computer programmer.

Jane and Karl Huff are spending the first week of November in Denver, Colo., visiting their son, Bill, and his wife and 6-month old granddaughter.

Jim Carvell and his wife enjoyed a week end in Texas watching the Razorbacks play Texas A&M, and visiting with their son, Jim, and his wife.

We have all enjoyed our drive back a forth to P&R the past few days. The trees have turned into their beautiful autumn colors and it's a beautiful drive along the highway.



RIGHT OF WAY

Shirley Childress

The biggest news in Right of Way this month, and I do mean big, is the arrival of Doloris Freppon's baby. Doloris, a former employee in the pre-audit section, gave birth October 24 to a 12 pound baby boy! He is named Anthony Robert. Congratulations, Bob and Doloris, on a fine job.

On October 28, after "Bogie" received his retirement certificate, the Right of Way Division gave him a party and presented him with an attache case which contained some Bogart necessities: a jar of peppers, a package of Fritos, and a box of soda with a spoon. Cake, coffee, cokes, and nuts were served. Guests other than the employees were Mrs. Bogart, the Bogart's two daughters and two grand daughters, Mrs. Bogart's brother and sister-in-law, and a nephew.

Dwight Little and Glendol Jackson have both moved into new homes during the month of October. Dwight's home is in Jacksonville and Glendol's is in Benton.

We welcome two new employees. Earle Wiley is a new draftsman in the engineering section and Albert Lowrance is a draftsman in the utilities section. Earl is married and lives in Little Rock; Albert is single and lives in North Little Rock.

We extend sympathies to the family of Herbert Hooten in the loss of his father-in-law, Mr. Floyd Wallace of Quitman, and to Zack Mashburn and family in the loss of his mother, Mrs. Mollie Simmons Mashburn of Little Rock.



ROADWAY DESIGN

Virginia Deckard

Congratulations to Gary and Billye Sipes on the arrival of twins - a boy and a girl. Both mother and babes are reported doing fine. Ronal Kane weighed in at pounds, 4 ounces, and Ronda La weighed 5 pounds, 4 ounces. They were born October 25.

John Hicks took a 5-day vacation recently. He and wife Peggy spent part of

the time visiting friends and relatives in Leslie, then their son Robert came home for a visit with them the week end of October 24. Robert attends Ouachita College in Arkadelphia.

We miss James Gee, engineer-in-training, who completed his training with us and went to Materials and Tests.

Sam Acheson took a few days of his vacation and attended one of the World Series games in St. Louis. I think Sam brought the Cardinals bad luck that day as they lost. He enjoyed the trip anyway.

Marvin Bunch and family drove up to Fayetteville the week end of October 17. His daughter plans to enroll at the University next year. That was the week end Arkansas defeated the Texas Longhorns at Austin and Marvin said the town went wild that night.

Wayne Sutton's brother, Lloyd, visited with us one day recently. Lloyd was home on leave from the Navy. Lloyd was second runner up for the title of "Mr. Arkansas" in 1960 and is planning to try for the title again in 1966. ATTENTION, GIRLS: He's still single.

Richard Butler went deer hunting with a bow and arrow and bagged a fine buck on the first shot. Bill Duncan also went deer hunting but wasn't so lucky. Several of the guys have been squirrel hunting, too.. Some successful and some not. Richard isn't quite so lucky when it comes to speeding tickets, so we hear.



Richard Butler

W. C. Johnston took a few days of his vacation a couple of weeks ago and, with Mrs. Johnston, went to Marshall and their other home to have their kitchen remodeled. Mrs. Johnston stayed on for a while to see that their "dream kitchen" is completed the way she wants it.

We extend our sympathies to G. E. "Babe" Williams and family in the loss of his sister, Mrs. Milford Bradley, who died suddenly on October 26 in St. Louis.



TRAFFIC SERVICES

Sharon & Judy

Our department is the same as most of the others when hunting season opens. Our men all take off in hopes of bringing home some of the game. Many stay right here in Arkansas but some get out into other states.

J. A. Squires was lucky enough to get to go to Colorado for a week of hunting. His hunting party camped in the Upcampgre National Forest in the San Juan Mountains. They bagged 10 deer and we have a picture with some of that bounty visible. (see pic below)

C. W. Roberts made three trips to Cypress Bottoms and brought down 21 squirrels.

J. Scott Jones took the last week of October off to participate in the Northeast Arkansas Fox and Wolf Hunters Association Annual Field Trails. Scott is one of the directors of this organization. He planned to enter seven Walker hounds, some of which belong to his brothers, in this event held at Cave City.

W. H. Loyd, signs, was presented his 5-year pin in September by the two girls in the sign shop. Huston Alford, of center stripes, wasn't so lucky in October. He received his 5-year pin from H. M. Core.

We have welcomed several new employees since our last reporting. Valrus Gates of Jacksonville has joined our office staff in the sign shop. Billy Kirkpatrick of North Little Rock and Joe Herrin of Searcy have gone to work on our center stripe crews. Jon Roe of North Little Rock is now employed in the sign shop.



J. A. Squire

Our office had a little visitor by the name of Steve Mooningham during October. Mom and Pop, Pat and Jim Mooningham, came along to see that Steve didn't tell any tales on how they made him laugh for the photographer during a recent sitting. The things babies go through to please Mom and Dad.

Many of you who are taking a driving trip up through the hills to see some of the beautiful fall foliage, why not bring some of it back with you? Here is a neat way to bring some of that color into your home. Gather some of the prettiest leaves, cut two pieces of wax paper the same size and place the leaves between the paper. Run a medium iron over this. These panels can be hung on the wall or in a window to catch the sunlight. Quite pretty.



DISTRICT



Janet McElduff

Well, danged if it ain't! Please forgive not hearing from us, but somehow the last few months have come and gone and while plenty has been happening, no one has had the time to put it down on paper. When you start getting dirty looks every time the magazine comes out and there is no news from District 1, and when your fellow workers start making ugly remarks about falling down on your job, then it's sho' time to do something, so here goes for the past several months.

LESTER McCAIN VISITED THIS OFFICE.

We've lullabyed all over the place with new babies, new grandbabies, and the like. Red Smith, equipment supervisor of this

District, is sporting, and we do mean sporting, a new baby granddaughter. His daughter Paula is living at home while her husband is overseas and Red is having all the fun of the new baby. Her name is Kimberley Renee. Bill Martin of the Wynne Residency, is also proud of a new baby daughter, April Suzanne Martin. This young lady has two big brothers so you know they are all happy with a baby girl.

Tom Vesser Woods's wife, who recently underwent serious surgery, is recovering nicely, we are glad to report. Mamie Davis, (that's Skinny's Mamie), has been in and out of the hospital for some several weeks now, but we hope is well on the road to recovery.

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Vacations have come and gone and the folks around here have traveled far and wide. Mary Ann Harrell followed husband Bob to a couple of golf tournaments while Tippy Wilkins has fished all summer and fall. One thing about Tippy, all you have to do is find her a fishing hole and give her a pole and she's happy as a coon. Dick Ethridge went home for a couple of visits, home being Glenwood, and she always makes it sound so nice with a big ol' house, a mama and the river, with lots of kin-folks and good food. Doesn't that sound pleasant? Mildred Stacy took a little jaunt up into Tennessee and another to Oklahoma recently, and Jim Tucker attended a big family reunion up in the hills of Arkansas. Jim Brannan took his family to Washington and spent a busy week sightseeing, and Gail Burnett, his field clerk, took off for Houston for a visit. Course we are used to Jess Gaynor having wonderful trips, but were all a little envious when he got to go to a couple of the World Series games. The most fantastic vacation trip of all was that of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Thomas. They had a three-week marvelous trip all out through the West, drove 6,369 miles, went through 12 states, from Wynne to California, to Wyoming, Oregon, Idaho, and finally back to Wynne. They have had so much fun sharing their trip with their friends and I just wish I could tell of all the wonderful things they did. The thing that they were most amazed over was the snow storm they encountered in Wyoming on August 19th. We are enclosing a picture of Leroy, the snow and friend. One nice thing Mrs. Thomas had to say was that with all the beautiful scenery they saw, the deer, buffalo, elk, the Western motif in so many of the motels and hotels, they still loved Arkansas and its beautiful scenery, and thought so many times how blessed we are in this State with the mountains, streams, and wonderful shade trees. Makes you right proud of our home state.

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The most exciting thing I did all summer was to get my 81-year-young Dad married off! We all went to Dallas over the weekend of July 4, renewed acquaintances with the bride's family, had a lovely wedding and a ball! If you don't think the tables were turned, this is what happened. All of the bride's "children" (with children and grandchildren of their



During his wonderful trip out West, Leroy Thomas tried to make friends with....



This bear. He looks a little reluctant to make friends with anyone.

own) and all of us, the groom's "children," couldn't wait for the bride and groom to depart so we could really swing into a whing-ding, you know, something that the old folks wouldn't enjoy? Well, at 11:30 P.M. all of the "children" were exhausted and begging the bride and groom to leave so we could all fall in bed. Boy, I could write a book on that week-end!

LESTER McCAIN VISITED THIS OFFICE.

We have some local talent from our Highway personnel that we're right proud of. Every Saturday night here in Wynne in a renovated barn the Crowley Ridge Jubilee holds forth with good ol' country

music that fairly makes the walls resound. Among the star performers are Lomas and Thomas Rooks, twin brothers, both Highway employees. They play guitars with the "Country Cousins," a group composed of two guitars, a mandolin and a bass fiddle. Lomas and Thomas both have been instrumental in promoting this Saturday night function, and are past masters with a swinging guitar, a happy smile and a tapping foot!

Alfred Crumley reports that his daughter Stella is to be married October 30 to Johnny Barnett of Forrest City. He further relates that this is sad news. I say Alfred, isn't she old enough? Sure, she's old enough. I say Alfred, don't you like the boy. Well, whatza matter? Just hate to give her up, that's all. Well, bless his heart, don't we all?

In closing I have two things to say. First, Les, is this all right? And second, Mona Gross, district secretary of District 4, deserved that week off to rest. I KNOW what the life of a district secretary is like!



DISTRICT



Leslie Long

Drew County foremen left the latch string out at Monticello headquarters the evening of October 8 and District 2 employees and their families enjoyed a wonderful barbecue with the wild abandon of a sailor on shore leave. The buffet tables were spread with barbecue, potato salad, baked beans, slaw, salads, pickles and potato chips, cold drinks and coffee, and the most luscious homemade pastries. Special guests attending the barbecue were Bill Huie and Frank O'Donnell, who entertained the group with the showing of the Highway Department film. Ed Orsini was also a special guest. We have the most friendly group of people in Monticello as you will find anywhere and they gave us an unforgettable evening.

We have scads of skilled hunters in our group that the smart squirrel will not play hide and seek with. Some are still "fish fascinated" like a couple of our crew that tromped up and down the river bank one week end looking for their favorite spot, only to find it guarded by a "Brahma." And, of course, many of us are enjoying one of America's favorite sports - Razorback football. Fans are doing their share of attending games, having listening parties and rooting for the pigs. "Peanut" Woodfield and his wife were spectators at the first game in Razorback Stadium and Peanut went so far as to get their picture in the Gazette.

Ed Orsini has been sweating his brow here in District 2 for several weeks. Wish we could be of more assistance to him. Ronald Keene has been visiting us also during much of this same period. We had a neighborly visit from James McCarthy and

Johnnie Beavers. 'Tis indeed a pleasure to have them.

Joe G. Watkins and Deral Hilliard received their 5-year service awards in October.



Love me, love my puppy. "Mama Mandy" Bassett and her 8-week-old son, Clancy. Clancy resides at 1715 North Bush in Pine Bluff with the Sarge Nissblatts and he couldn't have found a more welcome home.

Ralph Haas is busy moving his wife to Mammoth Springs and making plans for his retirement in the near future.

We're sympathetic with Mrs. Woodrow Wilson and Joe Tice, who are "repeats" at the hospital. We wish them a quick recovery.



DISTRICT



Olive Jackson

Sam and Dorthy Fay Huckabee spent the week end of October 23 in Ft. Smith visiting with her sister and family. They were joined by their son, Jim Caudle, who is a senior agriculture major at the University of Arkansas. Jim has been chosen to go with a group to the American Agronomist Association meeting in Denver, Colo., November 15-19. A 1962 graduate of Hope High, he attended Southern State College and is a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. This past summer he worked with Dr. R. E. Talbert at the University in Herbicide Research and Evaluation.

Betty Guidos and family of Atlanta, Ga. are visiting her parents, the Clovis Tittles. They will leave in a few days for a three-year stay in Japan with the Army.

Louis Zelonis was hospitalized in Shreveport for several weeks but is able to be back at work.

A. M. Clark, our maintenance superintendent, is quite busy after work hours and on week ends entertaining his two grandsons, Clark and John Bennett Wood who has recently moved to Hope.

New employees in District 3 are the following: Billy Jack Foster, Benjamin Waller, Jr., Larrie Dean Collier, and Herman L. Gosvenor. Gosvenor is employed as a mechanic and worked for the Department in the Camden district several years ago.

Olive, our district bookkeeper, took a week's vacation. She invited the girls in the office over for lunch one day, entertained at bridge, and just enjoyed being a lady of leisure.

Clessie Benson and Mrs. Gladys Melton, both of DeQueen, were married October 11, in Ft. Smith. Benson is employed in Sevier County.

Floyd Pharris, Sr., our equipment superintendent, is back at work after taking leave to paint on his house, but instead he reported he spent most of the time in the house nursing a cold which was a good excuse to be able to watch the World Series.



Mr. Fix-It-Up-Lowder, slipped and fell at home recently, breaking his arm. We don't believe he is as proud of that broken arm as the picture indicates.



DISTRICT



The Informers

From the number of annual leave slips being processed these days, one gets the feeling the deer season is coming soon - Good Luck to the MIGHTY HUNTERS and may they all get their BUCK.

Bill Gibson, district bookkeeper, and his wife Mary, have recently become ad-

dicted to archery. Now Bill is looking for some bailed hay to set up a target at home. He says he'd like to become skilled enough to go deer hunting with bow and arrow next year.

Emily Rogers, payroll clerk, and husband John, drove up to Fayetteville October 25 to see the fall foliage and to see their son who is a senior at the University. She reports the trees were still quite beautiful. Some of the views were truly breathtaking. We understand the trees down Waldron and Pencil Bluff way have been outfitted in lovely fall colors, too.

J. P. Clayton, District 4 engineer, and Mrs. Clayton, attended the dedication of the Dam at Ozark in Franklin County October 16. Mrs. Clayton said there was quite a turnout for it. She was impressed with the way such a large number of people were served so quickly at noon. Plenty of good food and a good program, too.

R. N. Parker, district maintenance superintendent, took a few days off in October and took his hounds to the field trails in Kansas.

Fred McLaughlin, district equipment superintendent, is driving a 1963 black Comet with white interior - sounds sharp.

We've had several visitors this month. Among them was Asa Duncan, retired. Everytime Asa comes out, seems like he's just back from one trip and getting ready to leave on another. He really enjoys the retired life. Guess you could call him an "Arkansas Traveler" and "Goodwill Ambassador." He takes state maps on all his trips and gives them away, inviting people from other states to come to Arkansas.

Loyde Dukes of the district shop is in the Veteran's Hospital at Fayetteville at this writing. He had surgery but we hope he will be back on the job by the time the magazine is out.

Some of the office staff were able to attend the dedication of the "Bellepoint Historic Site" here in Ft. Smith October 27. Mrs. Lady Bird Johnson, our First Lady, was the main attraction - and a very attractive attraction, too.

On Friday afternoon, October 9, the office personnel surprised Mona Gross, district secretary, with cake to go with her coffee in honor of her birthday. (The first time we ever caught her speechless.)

Congratulations to Bud Durbin and wife on acquiring a new home. They are moving into a three bed-room home with plenty of room for his dogs to run on some acreage.

Congratulations, also to the following on receiving their service awards: Vell Tucker, Montgomery County, 15 years; Fay Mabry, Logan County, 10 years; Don D. Wilkinson, Construction, 5 years.



Start your day with a compliment for someone and see how much difference it makes in you.



Brilliant people talk about ideas
Ordinary people talk about things
Small people talk about other people



DISTRICT



Bob Valentine

We're glad to see Glenn Appleby, sealing superintendent, back in stride. Glenn spent several days in the hospital for arthritic treatments. He's still suffering some pain and has to take hot baths but really looks like he'll be in top shape before too long.

Willard "Shopy" Shoptaw retired the first part of November after a long relationship with District 6 and Les Baker's bridge crew. Shoptaw was a do-it-yourself type that will be missed by all, but promises that he'll pay frequent visits to the office during his leisure time.

Service awards have recently been awarded to W. C. Dillon, Jr., and John Bert Williams for 10 years' service, and L. F. Cole and Paul Griffith, 5 years.

In construction, W. T. Enrick and J. A. Williams were presented with 5 and 15 year pins respectively.

Another of our employees, C. B. Rasico of Milburn Holiman's Sheridan forces, is back at work after a serious kidney operation. Rasico has been to visit us at District 6 and is looking healthier than ever.

We were sorry to lose Bobby Battie from I. H. Nute's crew. Bobby resigned to take another job.

R. A. McNeese is a new employee at the District 6 shops. Welcome, R. A.



DISTRICT



Isabelle Psalmonds

Service awards for this month went to Bob Chiles, Sr., instrumentman at Osceola, 15 years; James Carley, mower operator, Walnut Ridge, 10 years; and Alvis P. Peterson, patrol operator in Blytheville, 5 years.

John H. Sanders, maintenance superintendent is back in the office after having been away for a week for surgery. We're glad he's getting along fine and able to be back with us.

Two recent fish fries, one at Jonesboro and one at Osceola, were well attended and the food and fellowship was first rate.

Mr. Sanders is popping the buttons off his shirt since his son at Little Rock called and told him he is "Grandpa." Richard and his wife are adopting a baby boy and are happy as can be. Congratulations to the Sanders.

Our sympathies go to George Brady,

motor patrol operator in Lawrence County, whose mother died October 26.



DISTRICT



Netha Brown

Jerry and Nancy Lou Canerday announce the birth of a son October 28. Jerry Brent has a sister, Rhonda, who is 3 years old.

Joe and Gertie Helton have joined the ranks of proud grandparents. Debra Ann, daughter of Cheryl Ann and Howard Chism, made her debut at Morrilton October 23.

Netha and Loren Brown enjoyed a vacation recently in San Antonio, Tex.

We're happy to have Lawanda Barker Cochran back in our office. She worked for the Department a few months this past summer and has come back to replace Mary Howell while she is home awaiting the arrival of a wee one.



DISTRICT



Burnham & Campbell

Employees of Norman D. Pumphrey, resident engineer of Camden, enjoyed a barbecue the evening of October 23, given by R. N. Reynolds and Sons, and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Webb at the area headquarters. Special guests included wives of the employees, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Nunnally and Anne, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Campbell and maintenance division office personnel. We were especially glad to have Edgar Winters, inspector, who has been on sick leave since July, and Mary Nell Carlson, field clerk, who is on maternity leave.

George Woodrow McCarty, engineering helper for A. W. Hardy in El Dorado, was married to Debbie Ann Gadd of Camden October 7 in St. Mark Methodist Church.

October service awards were presented to Neldon A. Adams, 15 years; Ervin Harry Hamilton and James Morgan, 10 years; Edison Lester Booth, 5 years.



WHAT TO BE THANKFUL FOR

Louis Bromfield

Oh, Lord, I thank you for the privilege and gift of living in a world filled with beauty and excitement and variety.

I thank you for the gift of loving and being loved, for the friendliness and understanding and beauty of the animals on the farm and in the forest and marshes, for the green of the trees, the sound of a waterfall, the darting beauty of the trout in the brook.

I thank you for the delights of music and children, of other men's thoughts and conversation and their books to read by the fireside or in bed with the rain falling on the roof or the snow blowing past outside the window.

I thank you for the beauties of the four seasons, and of the churches and the houses built by fellow men that stand throughout the centuries as monuments to man's aspirations and sense of beauty.

I thank you for the powers of mind which find in the universe an endless and inexhaustible source of interest and fascination, for the understanding of so many elements which make life precious.

I thank you for all the senses you have bestowed upon me and for the delights which they bring me. I thank you for my body itself, which is so wonderful and delightful a mechanism.

I thank you for the smile on the face of a woman, for the touch of a friend's hand, for the laughter of a child, the wagging tail of a dog and the touch of his cold nose against my face.

I thank you for all these things and many more, and above all I thank you for people with all their goodness and understanding which so far outweigh their vices, their envy, their deceptions.

Thank you, God, for life itself, without which the universe would have no meaning.

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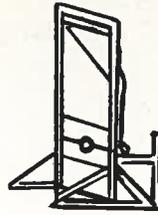
THE MARK OF A MAN

A sensible man does not brag...

You shall not tell me that your commercial house, your partners, or yourself are of importance; you shall not tell me that you have learned to know men; you shall make me feel that; your saying so unsays it. You shall not enumerate your brilliant acquaintances, nor tell me by their titles what books you you have read. I am to infer that you keep good company by your better information and manners, and to infer your reading from the wealth and accuracy of your conversation ...The mark of the man of the world is absence of pretension. He does not make a speech, he takes a low business tone, avoids all brag, is nobody, dresses plainly, promises not at all, performs much, speaks in monosyllables, hugs his fact. He calls his employment by its lowest name, and so takes from evil tongues their sharpest weapon...Men take each other's measure when they meet for the first time - and every time they meet... Men do not convince by their argument, but by their personality.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

COVER PICTURE: This construction scene is from the South Bypass to the connecting roads which lead to Highway 65 and Pine Bluff and Highway 167 toward Sheridan. On October 28, when the picture was made, construction workers had, for the first time in Arkansas, paved more than a mile (5,315 ft.) in a day. The work was done in 11 hours. Sixteen miles, plus the ramps, on this project were paved in 27 days. This segment is not a part of the interstate but is built to Interstate standards. The pavement is slab. Ben M. Hogan Construction Company is the contractor. The resident engineer is J. C. Perkins. R. Max Williams, a former AHD employee, is paving superintendent. (See story on page 2)



this'll kill ya!

"How did you spend this hot week end?"
"Fishing through the ice."
"Fishing through the ice? For what?"
"Olives."

A grocer, noticing one of his customers was carrying a couple of items in his hands, offered him a pushcart.

The customer waved it aside, "Don't need it. I've only got \$5 to spend."

Voice on the telephone: "This is Harry. I won't be able to come to work today. My wife has broken a leg."

Employer: "What has that got to do with your coming to work?"
Voice: "It was my leg she broke."

Dancing school ad: Not only do we guarantee to cure you of being a wallflower, but we will also remove the pot.

"You say she traces her ancestry back to the Boston Tea Party?"
"Yes, I think her great-grandmother was the last bag they threw overboard."

"Old Jones is one of the most tactful men I have ever known." George told his friend. "When he fired me he called me in and said: 'George, I don't know how we're going to get along without you, but starting Monday we're going to try.'"

A lady went into a bank and announced that she would like to open a joint bank account. "With whom?" she was asked.
"With someone who has some money." the lady replied.

Boss: "You've already had time off, Ferguson, to see your wife off on a journey, for your mother-in-law's funeral, for your little girl's measles, and your little boy's christening. What is it now?"
Ferguson: "I'm going to get married, sir."

The dilapidated old car wheezed up to the toll gate.
"Seventy cents," said the attendant.
"Sold," answered the driver wearily.

The little old lady was saying her final good-byes to the minister, who was leaving the parish. "I'm sorry you're going," she said. "I never knew what sin was until you came here."

After watching a drunk try to unlock the door to his house without success, a policeman went over and asked if he might handle the key for him.

"No thanksh," the inebriated chap answered. "I got a pretty good hold on thish key. You try and grab the housh."

Judge: "Madam, you are charged with creeping into your husband's bedroom and shooting him with a bow and arrow. Will you now tell the jury your reason for such an act?"

"Of course, your honor. I didn't want to wake the children!"

A man from Mars descended on New York and came face to face with a piano in a music store window. "Okay, you," he snarled, "Wipe that nasty grin off your face!"

The precocious little boy faced his mother and asked: "Didn't you tell me that the stork brought me and I weighed 8 pounds?"

"Why, yes, dear," his mother replied.

"Well, for your information," Junior confidently announced, "the stork hasn't the wing-spread to carry an 8-pound load."



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