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## MACK STURGIS NAMED NEW DIRECTOR OF AHD



At a special Commission Meeting January 13, Mack Sturgis, state purchasing agent since 1955, was appointed Director of Highways, which became effective January 16, 1965.

Ward Goodman, acting director and chief engineer since May 1, 1963, when F. R. Oliver resigned, will resume his fulltime duties as chief engineer.

The change was announced by Wayne Hampton, chairman of the Commission, at the press conference attended by high ranking officials.

The Commission expressed its appreciation for the good work done by Goodman in his capacity as acting director. Hampton said: "We have felt for some time that we were imposing too great a burden on Mr. Goodman by asking him to serve in the dual capacity of acting director and chief engineer. Also, the Commission feels that the talents of our top engineers such as Ward Goodman, Bill Moore, John Pendergrass, and others, can most effectively be used in the engineering field for which they are so adequately trained. For the past several months they have been using a great deal of their time in handling administrative details.

"We hope that we now face an accelerated road building program and we feel that we should reorganize our staff so that the engineering work and the preparation of plans for road construction can be expedited as much as possible.

"We believe that the interest of the state will be served by our placing the administrative duties of the Highway Department in the hands of a man who has proven himself to be an able executive. The Highway Department, of necessity, spends a vast sum of money each year and the experience that Mr. Sturgis has had as state purchasing agent will enable him to bring us valuable help in this field.

"The appointment of Mr. Sturgis does not indicate any change in the policies of the Commission and we anticipate no other changes in personnel.

All that any employee of the Department needs to do to protect his job is to do a full day's work for each day he is paid and to show the proper loyalty to the Department.

"Since Mr. Sturgis is the head of one of the principal departments of the state government, under the administration of Governor Faubus, we have discussed his selection with Governor Faubus and he has agreed to release Mr. Sturgis from his duties as state purchasing agent in order that the Highway Commission may have his services as director.

"The members of the Commission fully appreciate the fine services that the many able career employees are rendering to the Highway Department and believe that the employment of a topflight executive to handle the administrative duties of the Department will make even better use of the funds put in our hands for the construction and maintenance of highways. The members of the Highway Commission realize that the cooperation of the governor, the members of the legislature, and the people of Arkansas is necessary to the maintenance of an efficient Highway Department and we earnestly solicit this cooperation."

Mr. Goodman expressed his approval and appeared somewhat relieved over the announcement as he said that holding both jobs - as director and chief engineer - had become burdensome in the last few months.

Sturgis was born at Gumlog in Pope County. He attended Pope County schools to acquire his early education, and various night schools at various colleges and seminars for 3½ years. He also attended some courses in life insurance at SMU and the University of Illinois.

In May 1962, Sturgis transferred from the State Capitol job to the Highway Department as chief of the Right of Way Division. He served 4 and ½ months. When Governor Faubus was re-elected, he returned to the Capitol as purchasing agent. Highway Department records also note that he worked briefly for AHD back in 1943.

He entered the life insurance field in 1943 and became manager of an office in Russellville. He gave up the insurance field when he became purchasing agent. Prior to his work in insurance he supervised WPA work in seven counties in north-west Arkansas.

Sturgis is married to the former Miss Irene Jones of near Dover. They have two children, Mrs. Bobbie McAlister of Russellville, and James Harold Crossett, and 5 grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Sturgis reside at 1205 Look Street in Little Rock.

## CONTRACT TIME AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES



By John Tallant,  
County Program Engineer

### A Paper Given at The SASHO Meeting at New Orleans

"Time is an essential element of the contract and it is of the utmost importance that the work be pressed vigorously to completion." This statement or a similar assertion may be found in your general specifications in the section titled, "Prosecution and Progress." We have a few contractors who, by their delayed performance in completing their contracts, seem to consider this statement a platitude in a chapter of dull reading.

We would be amiss not to recognize the many contracting firms who diligently prosecute their work and are rarely, if ever, delinquent in contract time. These are the prudent who emphasize the need for adequate preparation and show admirable foresight in planning. They make the contractor-engineer relationship a pleasant association.

We are concerned here, however, with the few firms, both old and new, whose plan of operation seems to always fall short of their previous agreements and whose delayed performance is a constant headache to the engineer and a reflection on their own industry.

We have two types of contractors who do not complete their work as per schedule. One is the newcomer. Whether he is a small operator who has managed to show sufficient assets to qualify for a license or is a well financed individual, he will in all probability, on his first venture, present a problem in this connection because of his inexperience. We will have this fellow with us as long as we have the free enterprise system - and well we should. We should offer him every assistance in his immaturity but he should be made to realize early in the game that time is an essential element of the contract. The second type of major concern is the habitual offender. A hypothetical example is contractor "A." His qualifications are unlimited. He has a large work force and the ability to expand if needed. Perhaps he is the successful bidder on four or five major projects which are scheduled for completion within a given time limit. At the outset he realizes that he is somewhat over extended and will need to increase his forces if he is to meet the specified deadline. Within the framework of his contract he has agreed to provide adequate personnel and equip-

ment and his qualifications show that he is able to do so. He decides, however, that it will be more economical for him to squeeze through with his normal forces and run a calculated risk of overtime. He starts to manipulate his operation to this end and before we realize it all of his work is behind schedule. Our initial action is a stiff letter of protest, then we threaten him with the default provision of the specifications. We write his surety, etc.; all to no avail. He is wise in knowing that the Commission cannot cancel his contract because of a few days of overtime. His legal advisors are quick to tell him that this partial breach of the contract will not justify such drastic action as a cancellation. As a final result, in spite of our effort to the contrary, he exceeds the contract time limit on all projects. Of course, he is guilty as sin but when those liquidated damages are deducted from his estimate he storms the construction office and bellows like a wounded bull. Often times he does not stop at the construction office but carries his lamentations to the courts or claims commission where he cunningly and successfully presents his case by taking advantage of loopholes in the contract and improper documentation of the project records.

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Our familiarity with this unpleasant situation reminds us of the old cliché that familiarity often breeds contempt. Perhaps we should not condemn Mr. Contractor "A" for his actions. Instead, let us take another look at our own shortcomings and consider wherein we have failed.

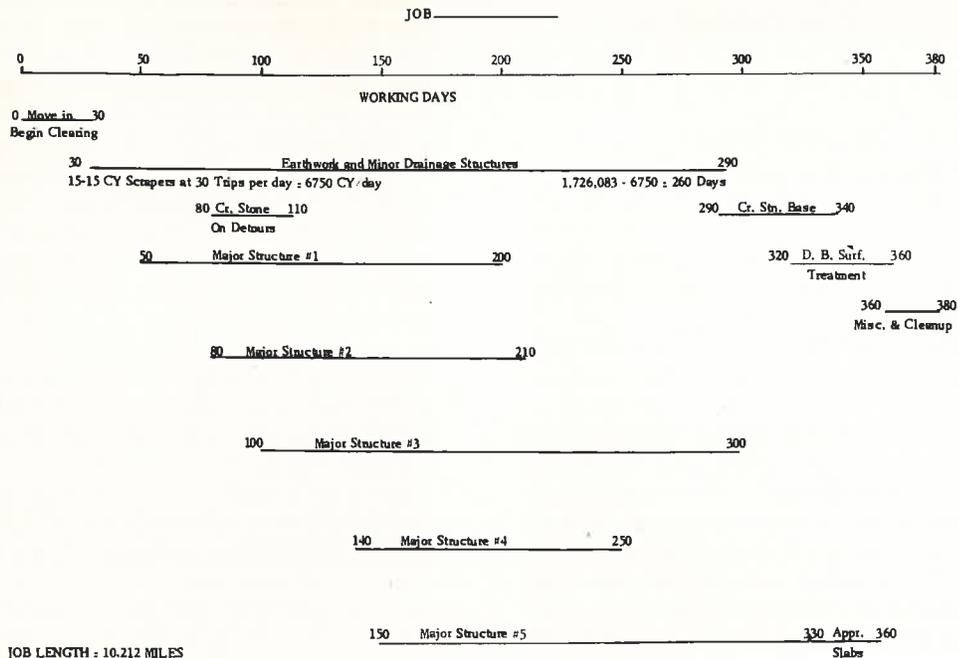
We have no new device which will eliminate this malfunction by automation but perhaps a general discussion of the machinery within the framework of our specifications will be helpful towards focusing the contractors' attention to the important concept that time is an essential element of the contract.

The AASHO guide specifications recommends that the contractor be required to submit, for approval, a "Progress Schedule" before commencing work. A few states have this requirement in their general specifications but many do not. I submit that this provision, if properly administered, will serve an important function in keeping both the engineer and contractor cognizant of the fact that time is of the essence.

The chart shown is an example of the bar graph method employed in determining the contract time limit. Based on working days, the time required to complete each major item is shown in graph form with the estimated overlap in time of starting one item before completing another indicated in regular sequence.

For the sake of brevity we have summarized the chart, showing the total cubic yards of earthwork, the estimated number of hauling units and the estimated production per day. Each major structure should also have a more detailed breakdown listing the total quantities of major items and the personnel and equipment used.

SUMMARY OF  
WORK TIME ESTIMATES  
( INTERSTATE - GRADING & STRUCTURES )



The specifications of several states refer to these computations as being available in the engineer's office for the contractor's review. Why not make this a part of the contract documents? If not made a part of the contract, it should at least be included as information. The contractor would have the option of using these computations as his progress schedule or as a guide in preparing his own schedule using the same logic as shown with different time assigned for each item. It is realized that considerable flexibility will be necessary since the organization of each individual contractor will vary and the progress schedule must be suited to the particular needs of the successful bidder. Further, it should be recognized that supplemental schedules will be necessary as the work progresses. It would be an easy matter for the Highway Department to furnish the contractor standardize forms to be used in preparing the progress schedules.

This suggestion may appear to be an over simplification of the more complex "Critical Path Method," which has been employed by a number of states on a trial basis following a similar procedure as indicated above. It is not our intent to discuss the relative merits of "Critical Path." Various methods are employed in determining the contract time limit, each of which, if made available to the contractor, would be an important guide in preparing a schedule of progress. If such a schedule was made a requirement in the general specifications or special provisions, showing the time limit of each major item and the equipment or work force to be employed for each item, it would serve as a constant reminder to both the engineer and the contractor that "Time is an essential element of the contract."

If the contract is determined on a working day basis, a progress schedule would be of great importance to the resident engineer in his interpretation of the definition of a working day. This method of charging time, used predominately throughout the country, poses the complex problem of a definition which will adequately suffice for each and every given situation. More correctly stated: the problem is to define a non-working day. Many definitions have been framed for a working day or non-working day; some more comprehensive than others. For the most part the problem is in the reference to: acts of God; actions of the elements; acts or omissions of the governmental agency involved, which prohibits the contractor from employing 60 per cent (this percentage varies with different states) of his organization and equipment normally employed during the regular working hours to prosecute that phase of the work required at that time in the regular sequence of his operations.

This wording is usually followed by the phrase, "as determined by the engineer." In this era of justification by documentation, the phrase, "as determined by the engineer," has become overworked and somewhat obsolete. If we eliminated "as determined by the engineer," and included the phrase, "as determined by the approved progress schedule," we could better nail down this elusive part of the definition that has been a bone of contention each time a project goes into overtime.

A working day is not defined in the AASHTO guide specifications. They recommend, however, that a weekly report of time charges be submitted to the contractor for his review and approval. If there is disagreement, he shall have 10 days to file a

written protest, setting forth in which respect he differs from the engineer, otherwise the time charges shall be deemed accepted by the contractor as correct. This procedure, coupled with a comprehensive definition of a working day will, in our opinion, be a valuable aid in resolving points of controversy on a current basis.

Several states prefer the Calendar Day method for charging contract time. Some of the SASHO states employ this method exclusively while others use it on special projects that require a target completion date. The exclusive use of the Calendar Day method eliminates many of the problems that are prevalent when using the working day method. This method requires no definition other than what the name implies - a calendar day - therefore, the project engineer is not faced with the perplexing decision of charging a given day or not charging it. The specifications contain a provision for extending the time limit if there is adequate justification, and here again approval is given by higher echelon and the

project engineer is not forced to make this important decision alone. Perhaps another point in favor of this method is, the public has the right to know when a project is scheduled for completion. The Calendar Day method determines the completion date with a minimum amount of guesswork, whereas the working day method usually leaves this date undetermined.

On the other hand, the Calendar Day method presupposes the future weather conditions, plus all other unusual happenings; placing an element of risk on the contractor. Such risks will most assuredly be reflected in the bid and the state pays a premium for the supposition that conditions will conform to past averages. I am sure there are varied opinions as to which is the better method. Perhaps each method has a place, and consideration should be given to including both methods in the general specifications.

(Due to limited space, the section on "Liquidated Damages" of Mr. Tallant's paper was omitted with his permission.Ed.)

## HIGHWAY DAMES

Nineteen baskets containing meats, canned goods, fruits, toys, and books were distributed to families in Little Rock and several counties the week before Christmas by the Arkansas Highway Dames. To all those who contributed money and the above items help fill these baskets, the Highway Dames are most grateful.

Mrs. E. E. Hurley is chairman of the Project Committee which was responsible for the baskets. Working with her were committee members, Mrs. Ward Goodman, and Mrs. J. T. Pendergrass, and Mrs. Dale Davison, president of the Dames. The committee was helped in distributing the baskets by B. E. Woodyard.

The following people made contributions to the Dames' assistance fund as a means of wishing all Highway employees and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Their contributions were received after December 7 and were not in the December issue of ARKANSAS HIGHWAYS:

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Daggett  
 Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Woodyard  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Schamer  
 Walker C. Haigh  
 Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Elledge  
 Mr. and Mrs. Lew Greer  
 Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Bunch  
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Andrews  
 W. I. Rainwater, Jr.  
 Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Gray  
 Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Nute  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Pendergrass  
 Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Vopel  
 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Godwin  
 Mr. and Mrs. Jack Teasdale  
 Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Fry

Mr. and Mrs. Otha Hewitt  
 Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McClain  
 Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Winfrey  
 Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hamilton

The next meeting of the Dames will be at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, January 28, at the Loggia Room of Hotel Sam Peck. A program on needlecraft will be presented by Carol's Craft Yarn Shop. This is a change from the program originally scheduled for January.



Mrs. Ward Goodman, Mrs. Dale Davison, and Mrs. E. E. Hurley are shown with some of the food boxes and toys they distributed to needy families during the Christmas holidays.

# AN OZARK NEW YEAR

by: John Hicks  
Roadway Design

Today is the eve of a brand new year. As the old year, bewhiskered and bent, totters out, giving way to a bouncing new one in swaddling clothes, he, doubtless, casts many a wistful glance back to the "good old days." He brought some good days, as well as some bad ones, but as we view them in retrospect only the good comes to mind.

Tomorrow nature turns over a new leaf and starts the up-hill climb to spring of the year. Daylight hours add a few more minutes each day. Ice thaws along the spring branch in the noon-day sun to freeze again at sundown. Dead leaves swirl away to make way for swelling buds, witch hazel bushes along the creek are sprinkled with golden blossoms; on warm days an over zealous japonica bush shows a bit of red.

The mail carrier's old car wheezes up the hill under an overload of seed and mail order catalogues. The spit and whittle club deserts the old box stove in the feed store for the sunny side of the store at mid-day. New calendars and almanacs, replacing the dog-eared ones of last year, dangle from the "fire-board." A big cast iron pot of blackeyed peas and hog jaw simmers on the "hearth rock" to provide the million and one good things for New Year's dinner.

Up at the head of the creek, Uncle Tom and Aunt Em are counting the days until spring. Uncle Tom will be keeping his weather eye on the next twelve days for he believes they foretell the weather for the balance of the year. For several days he has pored over the almanac's signs so he will be ready to plant "taters" just as soon as the sign is right - come February. He is spending a heap of time, too, figuring out how to catch that slippery old blue cat as soon as the spring sun warms up old Birch Hole.

Aunt Em is watching the signs just as closely. Just as soon as the sign is right she wants to get her soap made and off of hand. She is beginning to think about "settin" hens and digging up beds for her sweetpeas and petunias. She has been at Uncle Tom for more than a week to get out and peel some new sassafras poles for her hen-roost; she is "pint blank" certain that chicken mites will take the place - come summer.

The neighbors are planning to get together down at the church house tonight to bid the old year farewell and give the new one a rousing reception. The youngins are doing their big planning for Old Christmas (Jan. 6). Grandpap has told them that at midnight on Old Christmas the cattle kneel and pray. So that night they are going to the barn and see for

themselves. It isn't that they don't take Grandpap's word for it; but they have just got to see it with their own eyes.

The "women folks" are bustling around "riddin' up" the house for the New Year. Granny always said if the house was clean on New Year's Day, it would be clean for the rest of the year. So they are not taking chances of having a dirty house. Cobwebs have been swept from every nook and cranny, every tiny smidgen of dirt and dust swept into the fireplace. All the doors and windows have been opened so the wind can blow their cares away. Granny, also, says it brings bad luck to carry anything out of the house on New Year's Day and they are making certain that there will be nothing to carry out. They have gathered up all the empty fruit jars and carried them to the cellar, cleaned out the stove and fireplace and carried the ashes to the ash-hopper. The younguns have been warned to mind their P's and Q's for if they aren't good tomorrow, they will be mean for the whole year.

New Year is a beginning again time; a time to clean out the fence corners of our souls, grown up in a tangle of brier patches. Let's weed out that old grudge we've been holding against our neighbor ever since his breachy old cow jumped over in the garden and literally cleaned out our cabbage patch. It's time to look in on the sick and the needy that we've been neglecting. Why not get out on the mountain to see old Grandpa Perkins who has been laid up with rheumatiz all winter.

At this season of good will, I would like to wish my readers a very happy and prosperous New Year. If you are a Democrat may you enjoy a big pot of blackeyed peas and hog jowl or if you are a Republican may your pot of turnips and hamhock be filled to overflowing.



## HENDERSON OPEN HOUSE

The Planning and Research family opened the holiday season as guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Russell Henderson, 18 Wingate Drive, at an open house from three to six on the Sunday afternoon before Christmas. Most of the eighty-six employees of the Planning and Research Division and their wives or husbands called during the afternoon. In the pleasant welcoming atmosphere of the Henderson home, most of the guests relaxed in visiting, renewing our acquaintance with the seldom seen families of our co-workers, and a hearty sampling of the delicious refreshments. The wives of the section heads: Mrs. Margaret Bartleson, Mrs. Mary Ruth Beckett, Mrs. Dorothy Cooper, Mrs. Darlene Gross, Mrs. Sunny Johnson, and Mrs. Charlene Looney presided over the refreshments.

It was a friendly and delightful introduction to the Christmas Week festivities.

## FINAL ESTIMATE HAS NEW QUARTERS

The Final Estimate Section is now located in new offices which were constructed in the downstairs room of the old Material and Test Lab. The need for more working area per man has existed for some time even when there were only five people in this section. Due to the heavy work-load which has come in to this section, it has been necessarily increased in numbers and today the personnel number 16. As this section gradually expanded, it was necessary to use the old Freeway Engineer office at 904 East Third. This was an inconvenient arrangement and prompted the building of the new offices. We are grateful to W. L. Moore, assistant chief engineer, and to all members of the Highway Commission who realized the situation and provided the facility for us. Also, credit is due Jim Francis, an engineer in the Maintenance Division, for his able assistance on the plans and specifications. Prior to November 20, 1964, the date on which the section moved in, there were approximately 46 sq. ft. working space per employee, and now there is approximately 85 sq. ft. per employee.

There are five well-lighted rooms which provide for each engineering technician and his squad, and one room for the staff engineer and typists. There are three engineering technicians: E. W. Rogers, Sr., E. A. Ashcraft, and Lewis C. Greer, who have a combined total of 49 years' service with the Highway Department and are specialists in their field. Each has two to three estimate technicians under his supervision and this constitutes a squad.

The advantages of the new offices are (1) having all squads in the same building; (2) all squads are near to the master file; (3) each squad has its own individual work-area where a much greater degree of concentration can be placed on the problems of the jobs being checked, and (4) the larger work-area also provided ample space for storage of plans, books, job files and papers, thereby allowing a neater work area and resulting in less confusion in desk area.

It is felt that the occupation of the new offices will expedite the work to the extent that the time spent on a job will eventually be greatly reduced without the loss of accuracy and thoroughness.

An invitation is extended to all Highway employees and people concerned with Final Estimates to visit the new offices. The first cup of coffee will be on the house!

- - H. H. Perkins

## BAD LUCK WHEN TRUCK RUNS AMOK

The quiet routine of work was broken the afternoon of December 16 when some astonished central office employees looked out the south windows overlooking the parking lot. What they saw caused more than a little consternation among the state employees who park their cars there and on the west side. A runaway truck, loaded

with two tons of donna fill had managed to elude its driver and began weaving drunkenly towards any or all cars intruding in its path. The more the errant truck gained momentum, the more cars it victimized. It would hit one and that one in turn slammed into its neighbor. The south lot was beginning to resemble an automobile salvage yard when the truck changed course and headed north toward the central office's west parking lot striking six more hapless autos before it finally came to rest against its last victim.

The damage resulting from the freak accident was extensive. And, expensive, as it was learned that the truck was not insured. Five of the unfortunate owners are AHD employees: Sibble Cox, Anne Minor, Raymond Lynch, Joe Griffin, and Jaunita Whiley.



Income as shown on  
line 9, page 1,  
Form 1040

ARKANSAS—3%<sup>3</sup>  
FAMILY SIZE

	Over				
	1	2	3-4	5	5
Under \$1,000	\$19	\$21	\$26	\$27	\$27
\$1,000-1,499	25	28	34	36	36
\$1,500-1,999	30	35	42	45	45
\$2,000-2,499	35	41	50	53	54
\$2,500-2,999	40	47	56	61	62
\$3,000-3,499	44	53	62	68	70
\$3,500-3,999	48	58	68	75	77
\$4,000-4,499	52	63	74	81	84
\$4,500-4,999	56	68	80	87	91
\$5,000-5,499	59	73	85	93	97
\$5,500-5,999	62	77	90	99	103
\$6,000-6,499	65	81	95	105	109
\$6,500-6,999	68	85	100	111	115
\$7,000-7,499	71	89	105	117	121
\$7,500-7,999	74	93	109	122	127
\$8,000-8,499	77	97	113	127	133
\$8,500-8,999	80	101	117	132	138
\$9,000-9,499	82	105	121	137	143
\$9,500-9,999	84	109	125	142	148
\$10,000-10,999	88	114	131	149	156
\$11,000-11,999	93	122	139	158	166
\$12,000-12,999	98	129	146	167	176
\$13,000-13,999	103	136	153	176	186
\$14,000-14,999	108	142	160	185	195
\$15,000-15,999	112	148	167	193	204
\$16,000-16,999	116	154	174	201	213
\$17,000-17,999	120	160	181	209	222
\$18,000-18,999	124	166	187	217	231
\$19,000-19,999	128	172	193	225	239
\$20,000 and over	132	177	199	233	247

This table shows deductible sales tax for various income brackets on 1964 tax returns established from guidelines approved by the Internal Revenue Service.

## LETTERS

U. S. Department of Commerce  
Bureau of Public Roads  
Washington, D. C.

(To Ward Goodman, Acting Highway Director)  
Dear Mr. Goodman:

It is with a very real feeling of gratitude that I again express the appreciation of the Bureau of Public Roads for your wholehearted cooperation in our foreign technical assistance program. The success of this program could not have been possible without your support. Your valuable contribution and the contributions of your staff have done much to make our visitors from abroad feel welcome in the United States.

The welcome which you have so often extended and the willingness with which you and your staff shared technical knowledge have certainly done much to foster goodwill and develop a better understanding of the United States.

The troubled conditions which face us today make it essential that the benefits of our highway programs reach out to our friends from abroad. As we move through periods of relentless turmoil, we can expect to be faced with greater demands on our resources to help new nations in their struggle against poverty, hunger, and chaos. I hope that we can continue to rely on your cooperation.

Your response has been gratifying and I sincerely appreciate your participation in this very worthwhile endeavor.

Sincerely yours,  
Rex M. Whitton  
Federal Highway Administrator

(Last year the Highway Department was host to two groups of engineers from abroad. Twenty-eight of Brazil's top level highway officials made a two-day stop in Little Rock last July to observe engineering operations in the Department. Last September approximately 30 engineers from France visited Little Rock and the Department for two days as part of their itinerary to visit several other states. Mr. Whitton had reference to these two events.Ed.)

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Departamento De Estradas De Roadgem  
Natal - Rio Grande Do Norte

Dear Sirs:

As a member of the Brazilian Highway directors' study team, I take pleasure in sending this letter to you.

In my name and in the name of those who belong in this department I come to thank to all you the nice hospitality and the complete assistance which we enjoyed very much.

Our contract with the U.S. technicians has been to us a gratifying experience and by far of great importance.

Once again we will need your contribution. We would be very glad in receiving here, books, pamphlets, or any publications connected with projects construction paving and conservation of secondary roads; also publications on equipment maintenance and machinery.

To this road department it will be absolutely profitable any exchange of engineers who might wish to visit our country and know region.

It will certainly be of great pleasure for us in having a member of your department in our midst, providing for him (them) hospitality during his stay.

We feel very much indebted to yours.

Sincerely yours,  
Eng. Jose Maria Fabiano Veras

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### MRS. BIRDIE WRIGHT, SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR, SUCCUMBS



The Highway Department was saddened by the death of Birdie Cox Wright, 61, December 28 in Arkansas Baptist Hospital, after a three-month illness. Birdie was switchboard operator in the central office building for 14 years.

Birdie resided at 4117 West Tenth Street in Little Rock and was the widow of Gerald L. Wright. She was a member of the First Christian Church and the Whatsoever Sunday School Class. She was international treasurer of the PBX Club, a charter member of the Diamond Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association, and a past president of both the Greater Little Rock PBX and the PBX Clubs of Arkansas.

Survivors include three brothers, Otis Cox and Odis Cox, both of El Reno, Okla., and Henry Cox of Dallas, and a sister, Mrs. Lillie Henriksen of Anadarko, Okla., who stayed with Birdie at her home during her illness.

Funeral was held December 30 in Griffih-Leggett Chapel by W. H. Fowler. The body was sent to El Reno, Okla., for burial. Honorary pallbearers were employees of the Highway Department and members of the Greater Little Rock PBX Club.

# AROUND THE DEPARTMENT



## ACCOUNTING DIVISION

Vivian Kinder

Well, Mildred Harness is still somewhere up on Cloud 9, so she asked me to write a line or two for her. The reason for the excitement is her new granddaughter, 6 pounds, 9 ounces. We hear she has big brown eyes and lots of dark brown hair. We all sweated this one out. Both mother and daughter are fine and we think grandmother will land sometime in the next week or so.

Everyone in Accounting had a big Christmas. We had some who were out on vacation but we don't know if they were resting from too much Christmas or resting up for a big New Year. Randy was on leave and visited her son and also had company for Christmas. Jo Malone was at home with her family, and Pat Koonce visited her family in Evansville, Ill.

Johnnie Beavers and Mollie had their son Charles and his family up from Florida. The Beavers were especially happy to see their little granddaughter, Kristi . . . Tyronza Hines went to Warren to see her family, and Rose Clingan went to Camden.

Our news usually consists of what someone has done - the trips they made, etc. Perhaps you readers would like to find out a little about some of our employees, so let's give a little information on our newest employee Erma Ferguson. Erma helps Jo on insurance (and that's a job), and works with Carl Morris and Tom Dixon on the Helena Bridge. She works up various reports and forms for the districts and commission, but she said her hardest part is working on the reconciliations from each district.

I guess I'm next in line to the newest. I'm the girl that answers the phone with that sleepy sounding Good Morning at 2 p.m. I mail the paid copies, receive all the mail and distribute it throughout the office. I mail out all warrants to the vendors and also your payroll checks; I type (try to) permit releases for Lee Wagner, and in my spare time I help out in odd jobs for almost everyone. You might see me anywhere anytime.

We extend our sympathies to Lee Wagner and his family on the death of his father-in-law the last of December.



## BRIDGE DESIGN

Betty Claude

Christmas is a time to be with families and Bridge Design did just that. L. P. Carlson's daughter, son-in-law, and grand-

daughter from Slidell, La., visited with the Carlsons a few days. Mr. Carlson reports the granddaughter is progressing wonderfully well and getting cuter as the days go by. A number of others in our group were out of town for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bastian visited their grandnieces in Dallas and he said the little ones made their Christmas complete. Walker Haigh and Robert Seay went to Fayetteville; Frank Harrison was in Ft. Smith, and Alice Joe and son, Tunny, visited her parents in Altheimer. A Merry Christmas was enjoyed by all.

We're sorry to report this bit of news. Mrs. Esther Williams, wife of Eddie, broke a small bone in her foot a few weeks ago. Eddie reports she is still in her wheel chair but is progressing nicely. We hope she is out of the chair and walking again soon.

This reporter's son, Gary, a sophomore at the University of Arkansas, was at home for the holidays and also celebrated his twentieth birthday. My, how time flies!

This reporter did not make any resolutions last year, but I hope in 1965 I may be a nicer person to my family and the people with whom I work every day.



## COUNTY PROGRAM

Barbara Oldham

County Roads welcomes a new employee, Cecil Ray Cochran. Cecil came to work as a draftsman trainee December 21. He is married and has a boy a year and a half old, named Nathan. Cecil and his wife Barbara moved to Little Rock from Hot Springs. Glad to have Cecil and his family in Little Rock and hope to have them with us a long time.

Everyone seemed to have a very joyous holiday season but there were complaints of having eaten and slept too much - both typical holiday pastimes.

The Max Halls were honored by having three daughters, three sons-in-laws and seven grandchildren share their Christmas. Santa Claus visited the home of the Halls on Christmas Eve to give their grandchildren a happy Christmas. One daughter and husband remained over the New Year holidays to accompany Max and Mrs. Hall to the Cotton Bowl game in Dallas.

This reporter and husband Jim spent Christmas Eve with both families and on Christmas Day we made a trip to Quitman, Ark., to visit Jim's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Bivens.

Hunting season will soon be over and with it a lot of stories - but still no pictures.

The worst indigestion comes from having to eat your own words.



## DATA PROCESSING

Glyna Smith

Carolyn and Jimmy Reddin are the proud parents of a lovely baby girl, born December 17. The new arrival was named Kimberly Carol and will be called Kim. Mother and daughter are doing fine.

We had another new arrival but of a different kind, Jim Stringer bought a mist blue '65 Chevrolet Impala. Pretty, Jim.

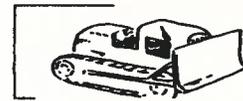
During the holidays, Nedra Barton and family enjoyed visiting with her parents at Liberal, Mo. She said she gained 5 pounds eating all those Christmas goodies.

Erma Jetton spent the Christmas week end at their cottage on Lake Conway. Several others in DPC spent Christmas with their parents and families.

Frankie Keathly, who is in college at State Teachers at Conway, came by to see us while she was out of school for the holidays.

We also enjoyed a visit from Roy Shelby's three fine children, Barbra Ann, Vickie Lynn, and Doug.

A most unfortunate thing happened to Anne Minor. Her car was one of those hit by the runaway truck that damaged so many cars on the parking lot.



## EQUIPMENT

Sally Crook

The Equipment Division held its Christmas Party Thursday, December 24. Gifts were exchanged and coffee and cakes were served. We were pleased to have as our guests Mrs. Thurman Payne, Johnnie Gray, Hal Moody and Earl Bowman.

We are always happy to see our former employees. Carol Hilton, who was a clerk in the Equipment Division, came by to visit us Monday, December 28. Carol and her husband, Charles, now live in Colchester, Ill. where they both attend college.

Lem Kirkpatrick is the proud owner of a new Chevelle Malibu. It is white with a blue interior. Lem and his wife enjoyed a visit from their daughter Kitty and her husband during the Christmas holidays. Kitty and James live in Houston, Tex.

Thurman Payne and his wife spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Killeen, Tex. visiting their son Carroll and his wife.

We wish a speedy recovery to Ray New, mechanic in Central Shop, who injured his back December 15. We hope he will be able to return to work soon.

Gossip is like malaria. It must have a carrier to get around.



## FINAL ESTIMATE

Perkins & Tidwell

The members of our section of Construction Division held their Christmas party in their new offices at 11 a.m. December 24. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Shumaker, M. S. Smith, Frank Neighbors, L. A. McCain, Margaret Weathers, Doyle Carson, Chuck Freeman, Frank Battisto, Elmer Smith, Bob Andrews, and many others of the Highway Department. Other special guests included the husbands, wives, and children of our section's members. There were Bill, and 5-month-old Will, husband and son of Jane Tidmore; Karen, the year and a half old daughter of Don Griffin; Sara, and year and a half old Jim, wife and son of Freeman Riley; Iris Greer, Wilma Perkins, Nancy and 14-week-old Randy, wife and son of Jerry Brannon; Shirley Herndon, wife of Mike Herndon; Sgt. and Lynda Wallace and their 5-month-old daughter Deborah (Debbie is the granddaughter of H. H. and Wilma Perkins); and Susie Field, friend of Joel Bradley. We missed the husbands of Charlene McClain and Lynda Harris, and the wives of Don Griffin, E. W. Rogers, E. A. Ashcraft, and Gary Lewis and hope they can attend the one next year. All members of this section were on hand, including Ronnie Smith, Bill Moore, and Charles McDonald.

We are indebted to Charlene, Jane, and Lynda for the decorations, making coffee, punch, and the "fixings." Also to Mrs. Riley for a delicious cake, and to Mrs. Greer for her homemade pralines. It was a nice party and we enjoyed meeting each other's families and having all our guests. It is felt that the true spirit of the holiday season prevailed.

Lynda Harris was employed in our section during December. She and her husband, Kimberly, live on Coors Drive in North Little Rock.

Several members did some traveling over the holidays; Dub Rogers and his family visited relatives in Mississippi; Freeman Riley and his family left Christmas Eve for Houston; Joel Bradley traveled to Amarillo and to the Cotton Bowl with friends.

Jane Tidmore's twin sister and her husband, Julie and Van Barrett, visited her over the holidays. They are both seniors at Ouachita College. Jane's husband Bill, a freshman at the University of Arkansas Medical School, did some hunting while out of school for the holidays, but failed to return with anything but a bad cold.

You can't tell how happy a man is by the amount of money he has. A man with 10 million dollars may be as happy as one with 11 million.



## MATERIALS AND TESTS

Julia Halliburton

Maurice Lilly made a trip to Dallas recently sightseeing. He had a nice time, he said.

M. Jean Ellis spent the Christmas holidays with her mother in Stuttgart . . . Several of our employees took part of their vacation to shop and be with their families during the holiday season.

This reporter and mother spent Christmas Day with sister, Mrs. Putt at Hazen.

The office had a brunch on Christmas Eve, which we all enjoyed. Coffee, punch, sandwiches, potato salad, baked beans, dips of all kinds, and cookies were served.

Dorothy Hart, wife of Henry Hart, is in the Medical Center where she has been a patient since Christmas Day. We hope she returns to good health soon.

Hope all of you have a Happy New Year.



## PERSONNEL

Dorothy Lehman

Better late than never they always say so here we go . . . With of all things, Thanksgiving news!

Each of us in our own way gives thanks and this year we shared our dinners and pleasure with family and friends. Jane Greenlee's family spent Thanksgiving with her mother, brother and sister's families in Waverly, Tenn. Juniata and Morris Morgan and the children celebrated the day with Juniata's sister, Freddie, and her family in their home.

Sibble Cox had her family all together in her home. Her mother and father, son Robert and his family joined in the festivities. Yours truly enjoyed the day with family and friends.

The Dale Davisons visited relatives in New Orleans over the holidays.

Only Mr. and Mrs. Davison attended the Christmas party at Tia-Wanna. We heard that a good time was had by all.

Jackie Wallace spent some time with her family in Heber Springs this holiday season.

The Christmas trees have shed, the mistletoe is down and we sorrow over the passing of Birdie Wright. With all the happy hours of Christmas behind us, now perhaps we can again resolve to follow closer in the footsteps of the one whose birthday we celebrated.

A good woman inspires a man; a brilliant woman interest him; a beautiful woman fascinates him; and a sympathetic woman gets him.



## PROCUREMENT

Lou Hardy

The General Services Division had their second annual Christmas party December 4 at Tia-Wanna. There were approximately 50 person on hand and from all accounts, a good time was had by all; in fact, a date and reservations have already been set for next year. After the party was over, Jim and Martha Meredith invited the remaining couples over for breakfast.

Procurement had its share of parties and family gatherings during the holidays. Bud and Willene Dorris, Frank and Sylvia Caple, Jim, Martha, and Conley Meredith attended an Open House given by Vema and Ivan Daes December 18.

Willene and Bud were thrilled having most of their family together. Bud's daughter, Doris Jean, was unable to make it home but will be home later on. Willene's son, Roger Carrol, who is stationed at Wyoming, was here and her other son, Heggie, was here from Texas. Mrs. Rogers, Willene's mother, came up from Star City, also. Heggie celebrated his twenty-seventh birthday December 24, and as we understand it, for each of his birthdays he has received a fresh coconut cake, and this one was no exception.

Lewis Wade and son, Kevin, made trip to Hamilton, Ala. December 20-22 to visit with his brother. The family then spent Christmas Day in Morrilton with other relatives.

Doris Haskett spent Christmas with her children and enjoyed watching her grandson, Richie, opening Santa gifts. Doris invited the office over to her house for lunch one day after Christmas and since Jim Meredith and Frank Caple were taking a day off at the time and Willene was sick, the rest of the crew did our best to make their absence unknown by eating all we could possibly hold. Doris's daughter Linda, had everything all ready when we arrived and the food was simply delicious.

Jim and Martha Meredith thoroughly enjoyed having Conley home for the holidays. Jim took off one day to shop with Conley. Conley will be playing in the University Band at the Cotton Bowl and Jim and Martha will be rooting in the stands.

Frank Caple is off at this writing, but we understand that "Old Saint Nick" was good to the Caple family. I know Sylvia, Pam, and Debbie are thrilled with the new furniture and especially Debbie with her new bedroom suite.

This reporter spent Christmas Eve with Alton's family and Christmas Day my family came over for Christmas dinner. Alton and his brother, Larry, had a big time playing with the children's toys especially the train. Well, after all Christmas is for kids!!!

Janie Yancey spent Christmas at home with her mother, father, sister and brother.

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**PLANNING AND RESEARCH**

Bonnie Thomas

Mary Ann Dickson became Mary Ann Schuh at an evening service at Trinity Episcopal Church on December 11. It's too late to back out now, Mary Ann!

This year, we had a number of Christmas festivities.

First, the women of the Division joined together for a luncheon at the Holiday Inn, at which gifts were exchanged. (Some of the men were threatening to don dresses and join us.)

Then, the J. R. Hendersons held a Sunday Open House, which was very well-attended, for our employees and their husbands, wives, or dates.

On Christmas Eve, all the P&R group made it an "occasion" by having a buffet luncheon in the Mapping Section office. A gift was presented to Mr. Henderson, with B. K. Cooper doing the honors. The refreshments were excellent, and the committee is to be congratulated. We really had a good time.

Many of us spent the Big Day with relatives; Jane and Karl Huff were at Fayetteville; Jay Hensley and family at Dallas; Marcie Gross and family at Texarkana. Jim Barnett flew up to Camel, to see his sister. Ruth Cantley's children, grandchildren, and all the rest of her family came here for a visit, which made her very happy. Ruth deserved it. She spent one of her days off decorating Christmas trees, with fellow Soroptomist Club members, for cancer patients. Mayo White's son, daughter-in-law, and "first grandson" came from Kentucky.

"Blue" had already received his present, a dog house.

And in all, it was one of our most enjoyable Christmases.

Three of our engineers passed their examinations recently to become registered professional engineers: M. G. Gross, M. J. Hensley, and J. D. Barnett. We're proud of them.

Jim Carvell, Jr., who is spending this year studying for his master's degree, dropped in to see us while he was home for the holidays. He says he's studying.

Billie Whiteside was in the receiving line at a reception of the Sword and Shield Honor Society to introduce new members to the LRU faculty.

M. L. Beckett spent a week at St. Louis, attending to business in connection with maps.

We had several lucky holders of Cotton Bowl tickets. Those planning to attend: B. K. Cooper, Lee Gibbons, Bill Headrick, Jay Hensley, Bill Cypert. We don't know how Cypert does it -- He always seems to have success in everything like this.

The owner of a new Pontiac is Gary Foughty.

Bob Kessinger's little boy has been quite sick, and we wish him a speedy recovery.



P&R employees are enjoying their office party in the top two pictures. At bottom, J. R. Henderson, engineer of P&R, looks pleased over his gift from his employees. Leroy Beckett is at right; standing in the doorway looking on are J. E. Johnson and John Hume.



## RIGHT OF WAY

Shirley Childress

The month of December was a happy month for everyone in Right-of-Way. We held our annual Christmas party at Tiawanna December 18 and it was a huge success. Our office party was held December 23; we exchanged gifts and had a lot of good things to eat.

This was really a happy month for Herman Schmidt because he and Marilyn welcomed a new baby daughter to the Schmidt household. She was born December 26 at Arkansas Baptist Hospital, weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces, and is named Stacy Leigh. Stacy has an older sister, Sherri, age 4.

Another person that is all smiles is our new bride Linda Schueren, formerly Linda Karber. Linda and Tom Schueren were married December 18 in the home of Earle Wiley, another Right-of-Way employee. Tom's home is in Detroit, Mich. but he is now stationed at the Little Rock Air Force Base.

Employees that took off a few extra days for Christmas and spent it at home are too numerous to mention, but there were a few that visited relatives in other states. They are Mr. and Mrs. Elledge, Mr. and Mrs. Van Patten and family, and Mr. and Mrs. John Culpepper and family all visited in Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Luton visited relatives in Memphis; Mr. and Mrs. Little in Missouri, and Marilyn and Ronald Padgett visited Ronald's family in South Carolina.

Wayne Parrish, a former employee in the engineering section, dropped by to see us December 29. Wayne is in the Army now and was home for Christmas. He is stationed at Fort Riley, Kan. now but will be going to Germany sometime during 1965.

belts were let out a notch or two . . . Oh well, diet next year!

From all we hear, Santa dropped by to see everyone and was nice to everyone, especially the kiddies. Hope he was good to all of you readers. We wish it could have been a white holiday since it seems more like Christmas with snow.

We have a couple of new employees with us now. Jon Roe of North Little Rock started working on a center stripe crew but is in the shop, now. Danny Linn of Damascus, is with our center stripe gang. Welcome to the fold, fellows.

Bruce Hill is sporting around in a blue '65 Chevelle Malibu. That is, he sports it whenever his wife isn't! After all, we gals like to drive a new car, too.

Our gang has been accident prone and quite a few have been sick. James Day was scheduled for some surgery on his hand. Everything was set - right down to a room at the hospital. Well, a week before he was to go in, he broke the thumb on that very hand. Luckily, the doctor was able to go ahead with the plans. So he is recuperating from two things at once . . . Chester Roberts took a week's vacation and on his second day off had to enter the hospital due to illness. It was two weeks before he was able to return to work. On his first day back at work he was helping unload some delineator post; several got out of control and he ended up with a couple of badly bruised fingers. Now then, Ezra McAlister was going about his usual work erecting signs when one slipped and caught his thumb, shattering off a corner of the bone. Marshall "Smitty" Smith gave his elbow a good bump on the corner of the table causing him a lot of discomfort. Hey fellows, give us a break from filling out those accident reports!

excuse for lots of hugging and kissing. Course our good friends, Helen and Jeff Lindley, started our Yuletide Season off with a bang by having all the girls in office out to their home for a wonderful pre-Christmas dinner. There is just nothing like going out on Summersweet Road to the Lindleys for dinner - turkey, dressing, vegetables, salads, homemade rolls, homemade mayonnaise, homemade jellies, their own butter, their own whipping cream on top of homemade pecan pie - BOY! I could start in all over again. CHRISTMAS WAS WONDERFUL!

Five-year awards last month went to Bill Mulhollen, Alfred Crumley, Frank Nicholson, Willie Brown, and Dick Ethridge; 15-year awards to Owen Ray Evans, Jess Gaynor, and Troy Lambert. Congratulations to you all.

This is just a quickie to tell you all about our Christmas. Wish you all a HAPPY NEW YEAR, and how about coming to see us?



## DISTRICT

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Leslie Long

A meeting of the superintendents and foremen in District 2 was held in the district office December 2. We think it was a good meeting and hope all benefited from it. A cold plate luncheon was served noon.

November 19, 1964 marked an important occasion for Joseph David Tice, job superintendent in District 2. The employees presented him with a retirement gift as a remembrance of the many years of association as fellow workers and wished him the best of everything in the years ahead. On Christmas Eve, Joe was presented his 31-year service awards and a gift from fellow employees.

Service awards were presented to "Red" Goin for 10 years and to Clobert Thompson, 5 years.

The typical American Christmas combines many customs and traditions - the tree, Santa Claus, lights, mistletoe, gift-giving, caroling and card sending. We, in District 2, began our Christmas holiday with an "Open House" affair at the district office for all employees and families wishing to attend. A festive tree and party favors for the children provided a warm Christmas spirit for the seasonal party.

L. K. Howell, resident engineer, and his crew, instead of participating in the exchange of gifts, chose to make the Salvation Army the recipient of their Christmas project this year.

NEVER did we believe our pen pal, Quida (Grimes) Cruse, former secretary in District 2, would forget us on Christmas. Wha' happened?

Gaddy reports no casualties for District 2 over the holidays except one very grave one, "over eating."

We were happy to see Virgil Green at our party. He has been in the hospital and



## DISTRICT

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Janet McElduff

We just want to report that District 1 had a wing-ding Christmas party . . . a pretty table loaded with ham, turkey, smoked turkey, potato salad, baked beans, cranberry relish, pickles, olives, and a whole table full of the most delicious homemade cakes you ever saw. I tell you, this bunch over here can eat! We had a running battle over who had baked the best cake but when I passed the erroneous statement that the filling in mine was spiked, it really began to sell. There was plenty of delicious food and good hearty appetites to handle the situation, but when Oliver Holland came down the line with a HUGE box top for his plate, he almost got sent to the end of the line. Mrs. C. M. Matthews, Mrs. J. H. Tucker and her mother, Mrs. Bertha Eaton, Mrs. C. E. Davis, and Mrs. Ralph Vickers came to eat with us and we had fun afterwards taking impromptu pictures. (Why didn't you send some, Jan?) Leland Harris, retired from AHD, joined us and gave us an



## TRAFFIC SERVICES

Sharon & Judy

Everyone is beginning to calm down after the excitement of the holiday season. We had a lovely tree at the shop and we wanted to show it off, but not many people dropped by. Our dinner was a success and a lot of fun was had in exchanging gifts. Mrs. Webb baked our hams for the dinner; Doris made potato salad and fruit cake; Carol fixed the baked beans, salad, and also some fruit cake. Mrs. Campbell sent over some celery stuffed with a yummy pecan filling. We had all the other "goodies" too. Just a start on the calories we all consumed during the holidays. Seems to us a few

is now recuperating. We've received word that Maxie Bagwells' daughter had an appendectomy and that Joe Savage's mother hospitalized with a broken hip. We send our good wishes and hope for a complete and quick recovery.

Brewster Shalmy and wife Sunny, are becoming worldly travelers. They spent Thanksgiving in St. Louis with son Mike and wife Becky. They had a glorious trip and dined out at "Al's" and the famous "Gas Lite." They will motor to Dallas wife friends to the Cotton Bowl.

Selma Chavis and husband Van Dyke, are also planning on attending the GAME. They have planned an air-borne excursion with friends.

We extend our sympathies to Walter Griffin on the recent death of his mother.

We sign off with the thought in mind that one more year has passed and may everyone enjoy a Prosperous and Happy NEW ONE!



Will Wright shows off his little year-old granddaughter, Margaret Chadwick Wright. Margaret has a new sister, Carole Alice, born November 12.



Selma Chavis is the grandmother of these four youngsters who live in Little Rock.



Leslie Long is shown with her darling little 2-year-old granddaughter, Holly Ann Higgins.

**DISTRICT 3**

Edna Lewallen

On December 18, a meeting and Christmas get-together of employees was held at our district headquarters. Ted Maryman, who was master of ceremonies for the meeting, introduced J. E. Lowder, District 3 engineer, who gave the invocation. This was followed by a luncheon of baked ham, potato salad, relishes of all kinds, delicious cakes, and coffee. The 215 construction and maintenance employees who were present, sat around six long tables which were prettily decorated by Olive Jackson, with a small silver tree, red candles, holly, and other greenery. After the luncheon, the new Highway film was shown and enjoyed by everyone. Lucky recipients of door prizes were Virgil Surber, Arthur Pilgreen, Larry Nolte, Kellie Pilgreen, and Paul Roberts. The luncheon was concluded with the singing of Christmas carols, led by Gene Pendergraft. Iva McKinnie was responsible for the food and general arrangements. This confluence of construction and maintenance employees culminated a successful year for District 3. All the guests left filled with a feeling of Christmas spirit and a great deal of good food.

Brooks and Betty Sue Lee of Springhill are proud parents of a daughter, born December 21. The little one is named Karen Denice.

Receiving service awards in December were Kermit W. Glasgow, and Otha Ira Black, 15 years; William Reaves Friday, 10 years, and Lonnie J. Parson, 5 years.

J. E. Lowder and Kermit Glasgow attended the Cotton Bowl in Dallas.

Mack Hicks and wife Dovie, visited her sisters in Brownwood, Tex. recently.

Gene Pendergraft and family visited his brother, R. C. Pendergraft and his family in Portales, N. M. during the holidays.

**DISTRICT 4**

The Informers

At this time of year there is and has been a lot of vacations taken; some people have been sick and others have been working and having parties. We hope that all enjoyed their vacations, the sick are well or getting well, and that the party goes didn't party too much.

Congratulations are in order to Mr. and Mrs. John B. Rogers (Emily) on their new addition of a daughter-in-law to the family. James Frazier, youngest son of John and Emily, was married to Norlyn Gaye only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John V. Bracey of Little Rock, in the Christ Episcopal Church of Little Rock December 26. Frazier and Gaye had a beautiful wedding that was well attended. Everyone is happy about the marriage and wish the couple much happiness. Emily is looking forward to her vacation so she can visit with her daughter and young grandson from California. They came from San Francisco for the holidays and the wedding and will return January 8.

Service awards went to Fay Biggs for 5 years; Helen Butler, 10 years, and W. W. Tull, 15 years.

We hope that all bird hunters have done as well as Bob Gray, Gerald Dunn, and Bud Durbin. They all reported getting their limit. Good hunting, men.

Curtis Oliver and wife spent Thanksgiving in Rosenberg, Tex. deer hunting with friends.

Visitors have been Frank Neighbors, John Lawrence, Mr. Grantham, and Bamey McCright.

**DISTRICT 6**

Bob Valentine

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Gales on the arrival of their first child, a son, born in November. V. C. is a member of Vernon Ellis' Prairie County crew.

We in District 6 hope that everyone had a merry holiday, at least as merry as most of us did. For example, Messrs. Nute and Appleby of North Little Rock feted their crews with a big Christmas dinner.

It was declared by all that attended that the four turkeys served were more than enough to go around.

We had our usual Christmas feast. Serving the district office force were Georgia Russenberger, Billie Jones, and Lou Brians, along with Don McDaniel.

Service awards were presented to J. D. Hamilton for 15 years; R. O. Bryant, 10 years, and R. F. Canady, J. M. Burchfield, W. C. Dillon, Jr., and P. P. McKelroy, 5 years.

Many of our employees either entertained guests over the holidays or took trips. Most of them reported their biggest Christmas ever.

Billie Jones and family moved into their new home in Lakewood during the holidays.



Standing at the food line is Glenn Appleby, at right, and I. H. Nute, to his right.



Some more of the District 6 party goers. Nute is serving some of the delicious food.



DISTRICT



Burnham & Campbell

We are proud to announce that two of our employees received their service awards in December. Jube Edward Gilbert received 15-year awards and Hugh Elgin Humphries, 10 years.

All employees enjoyed the Christmas and New Years holidays - some making visits and others having visitors, some just being at home with family, but all with the Christmas Spirit and a time for reviewing memories and making new ones.

HAPPY NEW YEAR from all the employees in District 7!



DISTRICT



Netha Brown

The stork and Santa Claus were real busy in District 8 during December. Lawrence and Pat Fletcher of Conway became the parents of a baby girl December 16 at Conway Memorial Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds, and was 20 inches long. The young lady has an older sister and brother.

This reporter became a grandmother for the second time December 26 at St. Mary's Hospital in Russellville. James and Marie Brown were blessed with a son, James Ronald, Jr., weighing 8 pounds, 11 ounces. This is their first child, James, Sr. is a former employee of AHD.

Three employees from Perry County were injured in an accident December 14. The dump truck they were in overturned several times while going down an incline just north of Hollis (near Nimrod Dam). Milton Ussery was treated at the Morrilton hospital and transferred to Baptist Hospital in Little Rock. R. L. Robertson and Alfred Gordon were treated and released to their homes to recuperate. The truck was demolished. We hope they are fully recovered soon.

The annual district holiday party was postponed until next summer. Nevertheless, everyone had a Merry Christmas with their families. Some of the employees traveled out of state, others had their children and grandchildren home for the festive occasion.

Congratulations to Lawrence Fletcher and T. D. Casey. They recently became registered professional engineers.

The most disappointed people in the world are those who get what is coming to them.



DISTRICT



Isabelle Psalmonds

Those receiving pins and certificates for November were Arthur Pickett and James Tritch, both 10 years' service, and Abner B. Alexander, 5 years.

Guy Spears, inspector at the Lepanto office, and his wife Josie are the parents of a girl born Thursday, December 10. Her name is Sara Kim and she weighed in at 4½ pounds. Baby Sara will be in the hospital in an incubator for a few more days.

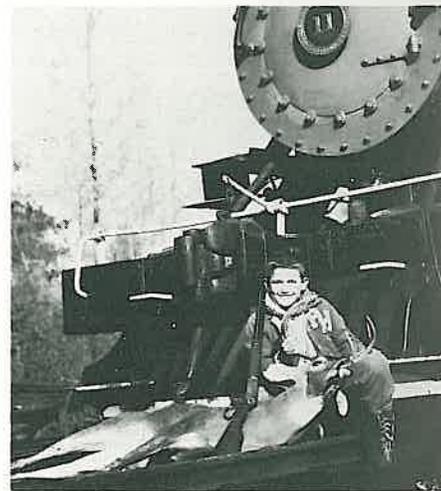
Kenneth Brenda Puckett are the parents of a boy, Kenneth Allen, born October 24. He weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces. Brenda is clerk at the Lepanto office and is at present on leave. Congratulations to both couples!

We welcome Darrell Holder and his family to District 10. Darrell comes to us from District 1 and is assistant maintenance superintendent. Both he and Mrs. Holder are natives of Walnut Ridge.

John Price, District 10 engineer, has been proudly showing an 11-point buck he bagged on his last hunt. He has been doing pretty good on those early morning duck hunts, too.

One of our visitors last month was Jim Long, former fuel clerk in District 10. It was good to visit with him for a few minutes.

Our sympathies to Virgil Taylor, whose father was killed in an automobile accident on December 12, and to Jim Garrett, resident engineer at Lepanto, whose father died of a heart attack December 10.



Harold Gray, 15, youngest son of Johnnie Gray, staff photographer, is pictured with his 8-point, 200 pound buck, killed with his brand new 30-30 rifle which he was using for the first time. John and Harold hunted along the tracks of Reader RR, only 23 miles long, and the only one in the U.S. which carries passengers and freight.

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KENNEDY HIGHWAY ENDS YEAR  
WITHOUT FATALITY

Maryland's John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway passed its one-year mark December 15, 1964, as probably the safest road in the nation.

Officials noted there has not been a single fatality on the \$74,000,000 highway since it opened, despite its use by 6,016,815 vehicles over the 42 miles between Baltimore and the Delaware line.

"This is an astounding record considering the heavy traffic load the highway is experiencing," said John B. Funk, chairman-director of the State Roads Commission.

He praised those who designed, built, operate, maintain, and patrol the road.

Aside from the no-fatality record, the State has recorded only 63 accidents involving personal injury on the Kennedy highway.

Mr. Funk attributed this picture of safety to many factors. The first of these, he said, was the highway design.

"The median strip is built so that it is virtually impossible for a vehicle to cross into the opposite lane," he explained.

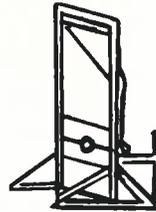
"Acceleration and deceleration lanes are of sufficient length to provide for safe merging and the alignment is such that a new vista constantly is presented to the driver, reducing the possibility of tumpike hypnosis."

Traffic along the road is running above all expectations, according to Thomas N. Key, administrator of the expressway.

He said 14,998 passenger cars and 2,147 trucks travel the highway on a daily average.

In traffic tolls, the Kennedy highway has taken in \$7,558,962 in its first year, well above the original \$5,947,507 estimates.

... Baltimore Md. Sun



this'll kill  
ya!

"Well," snarled the tough old sergeant to the private, "I suppose after you get discharged from the Army you'll just be waiting for me to die so you can come and spit on my grave."

"Not me, sarge," the GI assured him, "Once I get out of this army, I ain't never going to stand in line again!"

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The wife had been put on the budget plan. At the end of each month she and her husband would go over the accounts together. Every once in a while he would find an item, "L. O. K., \$3," and a little further on, "L. O. K., \$6."

Finally he said, "My dear, what is this - - - 'L. O. K.'?"

"Lord Only Knows," she replied.

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Man and woman seated in cocktail lounge:

"Waiter, I want a good, stiff drink for a pickup."

Waiter: "Yes, sir, and what will you have for yourself?"

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A college freshman was being severely criticized by his professor.

"Your last paper was very difficult to read," said the professor.

"Your work should be so written that even the most ignorant will be able to understand it."

"Yes, sir," said the student. "What part didn't you get?"

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"Two," shouted the pint-sized umpire.

"Two what?" snarled the big catcher.

"Yeah, two what?" echoed the equally large batter.

"Too close to tell," mumbled the umpire.

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Real estate agent: "Well, what do you think of our little city?"

Prospect: "I'll be frank with you. It's the first cemetery I ever saw with lights."

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The mother of a pretty young girl was asked by her daughter, "What do you give a man who has everything?"

Replied mother, "Encouragement, dear, encouragement."

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Two drunks built a tremendous bonfire beside the Washington Monument in the nation's capital. Another drunk wobbled by, stopped, stared at the fire and the monument for a long moment, then said: "You'll never get it off the ground."

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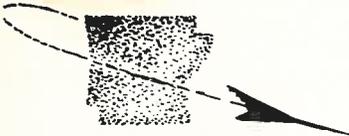
"What's my trouble, Doc?" asked the patient.

"I'm not sure exactly what's wrong with you," replied the doctor but if you were a building you'd be condemned."

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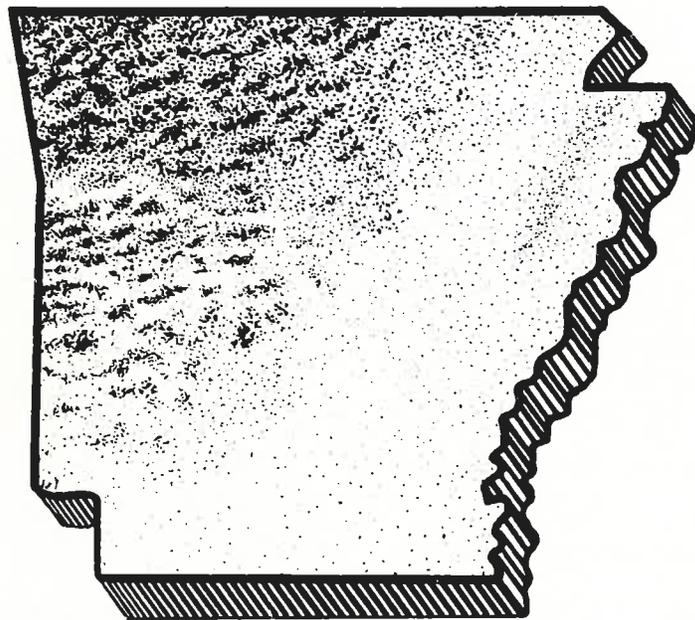
We just heard of a fellow who got 87 shaves from a single razor blade. He's nine years old.

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COVER PICTURE: This new bridge crosses the Little Missouri River and is located about 8.3 miles south of Gurdon on Highway 53. The structure is 1110.17 feet in length and is built on a 3° - 00' curve and replaces a 221' through steel truss. The flood plane was considerably above the roadway of the old existing bridge. The new bridge roadway is approximately 5 feet above high water elevation. The total amount of the contract was \$333,626,01. The contract was awarded in August 1963 and completed on November 4, 1964. It covers about .700 mile approaches on both ends of the structure.