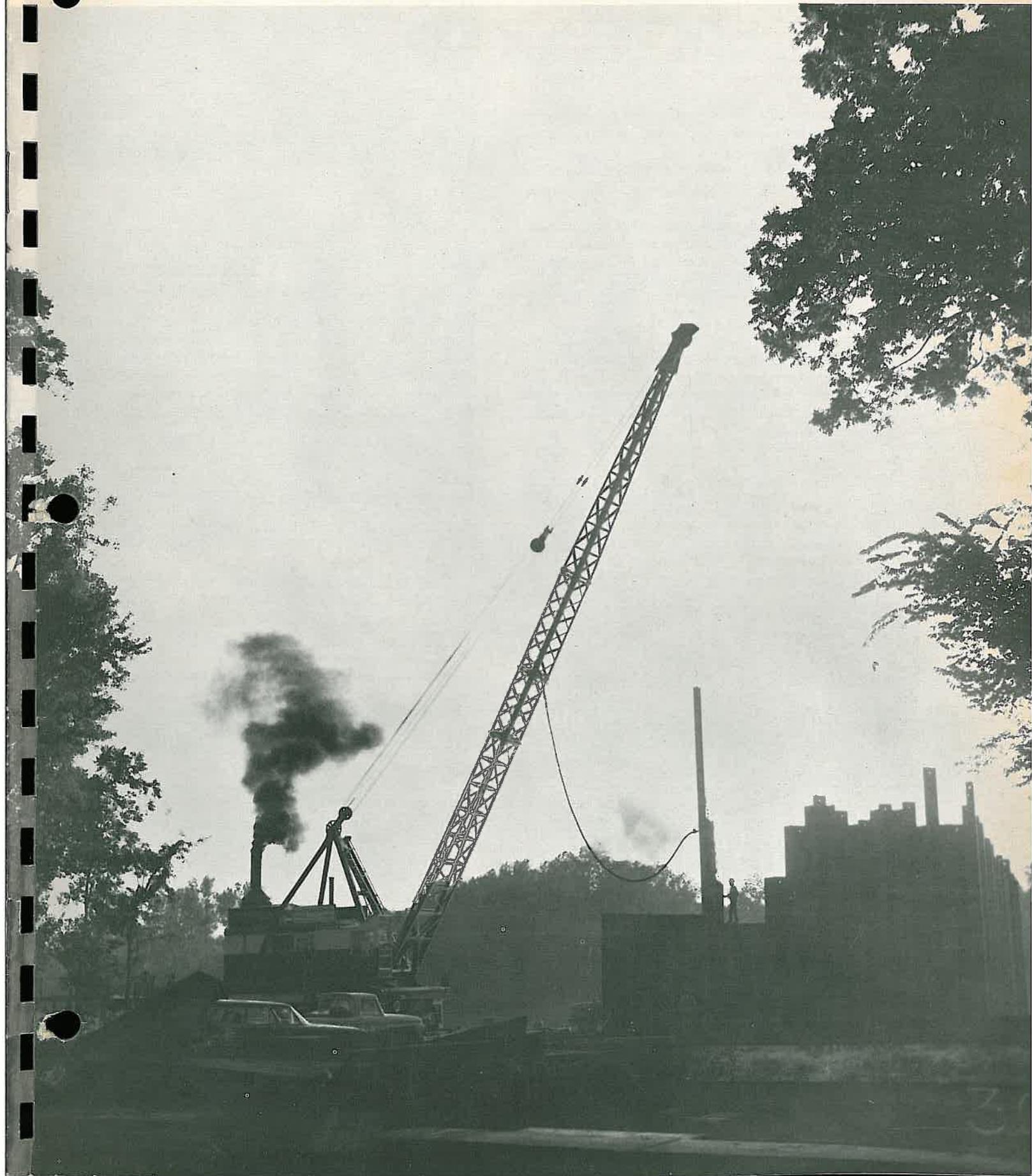


# ARKANSAS HIGHWAYS

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# DISTRICT 4 EXTINGUISHES SAWDUST FIRE THE HARD WAY

District 4 Highway Department employees have recently been engaged in a work project somewhat of a different nature.

Using bulldozers, they were eliminating a smoke hazard in the Greenwood area, caused by deep burning sawdust in a 1,000-ft strip pit.

Luckily for the men and machines, the fire was deep as they were literally moving to and fro above a seething cauldron of fire.

The sawdust above the hidden, smoldering embers was fairly damp and hard-packed terrain. Otherwise, according to H. L. Hodnett, assistant maintenance superintendent in Ft. Smith, the men on the bulldozers would have had a tough time doing the job they were assigned to do.

The pit, abandoned years ago, had been half filled with sawdust hauled from various sawmills, Hodnett said.

"Evidently, no one realized the sawdust would catch fire from spontaneous combustion," he said. "But fire began to break out in the old pit every summer, and the smoke seeped out through channels, followed the general direction of the trench, and settled in a curve in U.S. Highway 71. The situation was brought to the attention of Governor Faubus recently, and he requested that the Highway Department do something about the traffic hazard." Previous efforts to permanently extinguish the flames and smoke were unsuccessful.



District 4 supervisors had been concerned about the unusual smoke pocket at the curve for quite a while.

"The strip pit was not on the right-of-way, though," Hodnett said. "We wanted to do something about it, but had to get the go-ahead from Little Rock, then get signed permission from the property owner."

The owner of the abandoned strip pit gave permission for the Department to fill in the pit, cover the sawdust with a layer of earth, then construct an earthfill dam between the highway and the heaps of



sawdust, so a pool of water can be formed in the area.

"We were a little uneasy that the sawdust on top of the heap would be too dry to allow bulldozers to operate near the edge of the pit," Hodnett said. "But we found there was enough dampness to make it fairly firm."

The Highway Department crew angled around the upper portion of the pit and bulldozed a road down the side of the pit and on to the bottom just opposite the sawdust dump. The road allowed them to get pumps down to a water hole next to the branch. The water was used to keep down the fires as they broke out.

When the fires broke out wisps of smoke crept down the long pit, swirled in damp tendrils through the sycamore and elm trees, then gathered in a freakish smoky conclave right at a sharp turn in the road. On damp nights when the fog was thick the smoke added an extra hazard. Last August, a woman was killed in a car crash at the turn.

That was when action was started to eliminate the hazard. When all the sawdust is "dozed" off into the strip pit, covered with a layer of earth, then a small dam constructed to hold some water in the area, the problem may be licked.

The job under the close supervision of J. P. Clayton, District 4 engineer, who spent as much time as possible at the site, despite several highway jobs going over seven counties. Columbus Dalmut, Sabastian County foreman, also was on the scene.

Because of the shortage of suitable highway equipment in this area, it was determined that the bulldozers and other earth-moving equipment being used, should be rented from local sources. An irrigation water pump was also being used to wet the sawdust before it was covered with dirt.

Since the burning area was not within the right-of-way limits, and since other conditions contributing to the extreme hazard were not the actual responsibility of the Highway Department, the Highway Director and staff feel that the cost of the emergency actions taken should be paid from funds outside the Department. Rentals and labor costs amounted to a total of \$3,433.801.

The old strip pit in several places, is about 20 or 40 feet deep, and in the heart of a region which once produced some of the states finest coal

# Highway Dedication And Luncheon Commemorate Part Of National Highway Week



Governor Faubus, center, snips the ribbon as the Mayor of Mayflower, A. G. Wheeler, and Mrs. Wheeler assist in holding it.

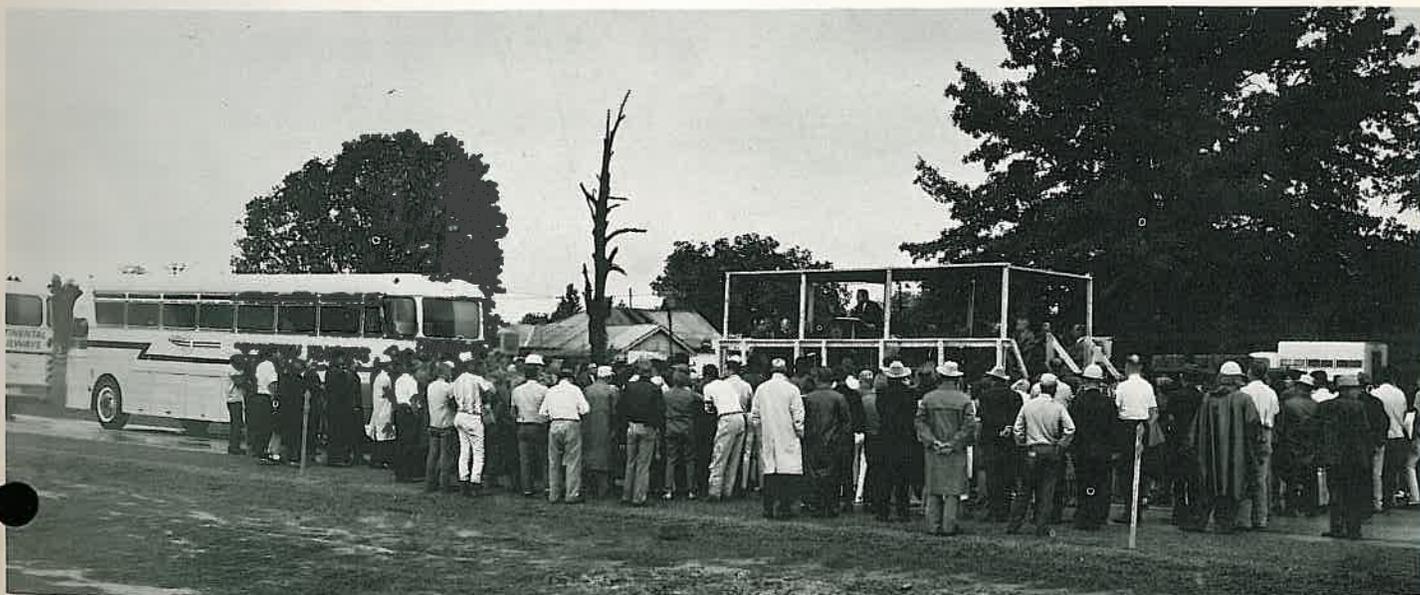
A 5.5-mile section of Interstate Route 40 between Mayflower and Morgan was dedicated September 22 by Governor Orval Faubus, the Highway commissioners, Director Sturgis, and other dignitaries.

The ceremony was part of the state's observance of National Highway Week. The section completes 101.9 miles of interstate roads radiating out of Little Rock and North Little Rock in Central Arkansas.

The morning clouds had been laden with rain, but the showers ended temporarily during the ceremony, which prompted Governor Faubus to comment: "This bears out the legend that it never rains on Faubus at a highway dedication." This was said before a crowd of Mayflower adults and school children who turned out for the event.

Faubus suggested that the Highway Department might block the multi-million dollar section of Interstate 40 for a day in about six months and force motorists to travel the narrow, weaving U.S. Highway 65 between Mayflower and North Little Rock.

"I think people would then fully appreciate what this new highway means," he said. He further stated that in lives saved alone the interstate is worth the cost.



Shown at the luncheon at Coachman's Inn are former Highway Commissioners Harry Parkin, Miss Willie Lawson, Dan Portis, and Lawrence Blackwell.



The 101.9 miles of roads costs \$109,570,397. Not all of the miles, however, are open to traffic. AHD will open 31.9 miles later this year.

The pavement is completed on the unopened stretches and after the dedication at Morgan, the Highway Department took a contingent of legislators, city officials, county judges, contractors, truckers, and the news media on a tour of almost 200 miles of interstate road to show the progress to date. The Arkansas Truck and Bus Association provided the buses and the Associated Contractors of Arkansas paid the bill for a luncheon at the Coachman's Inn in Little Rock, that was part of the tour.

Special guests were former commissioners, Miss Willie Lawson, Harry Parkin, Dan Portis, and Lawrence Blackwell.



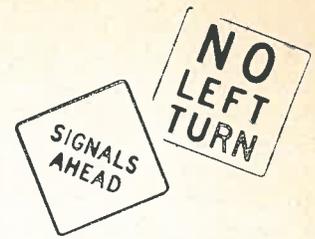
Governor Faubus holds the signed proclamation declaring the week of September 19-25 as "Highway Week of Arkansas," in conjunction with the celebration of NATIONAL HIGHWAY WEEK. With Faubus are Highway Director Mack Sturgis, Administrative Assistant Y. W. Whelchel and Highway Commissioner John Harsh.



Y. W. Whelchel also spoke at the dedication ceremonies at Mayflower, and introduced other speakers



# Highway Signs



## EARLY SIGNS

Traveling in pre-historic days was much simpler than it is today. If the cave man wanted to mark his trail so he could find his way back, he merely piled a few stones as route markers at occasional spots along the way.

Later, our forefathers adopted the Indian custom of notching trees along the route to serve as directional signs. They "blazed the trail."

While directional signs are as old as history, regulatory signs are of more recent vintage. Regulatory signs (those that govern conduct on the highway), were used in ancient Rome to control chariot parking. Also, the Romans had driving regulations along the 50-thousand-mile system of highways that held their empire together. Nevertheless, it wasn't until the turn of the twentieth century that regulatory signs came into widespread use. It is reported that the first such sign in New Jersey regulated bicycle operations.

## NEAREST TOWN

In New Jersey, and the rest of the country, early signs were crude, usually home-made by county officials or farmers who got tired of being asked for directions. Generally they listed the name of the nearest town with, sometimes, a rough estimate of the mileage. Road maps were equally vague. "Turn left at the red barn on right, proceed a mile and one-tenth to crossroad store," etc.

## AFTER WORLD WAR I

After World War I, as the speed of cars increased and traffic doubled, state and local authorities found it necessary to supplement the route and direction markers with an increasing number of speed limit, hazard warning, and other traffic control signs.

At first, each state developed its own system of signs. They varied widely from state to state in color, shape, size, and wording. A motorist might drive half-way across an adjoining state before he discovered he was missing vital signs because they were different from those with which he was familiar.

## UNIFORMITY

To end this confusion the American Association of State Highway Officials (AASHO) set up a Uniform Traffic Control Device Committee to work out standardization program and carry out continuous research to keep signs and other traffic control devices in step with automobile travel. In 1948, a

manual on uniform traffic devices for streets and highways resulted from the work of the committee.

## ROUTE NUMBERS

The highway route numbers today even tell you what section of the country you are driving through. For example, on the Interstate System the odd numbers run north and south, the even numbers east and west. The lower odd numbers are in the west, the higher in the east. The lower even numbers in the south, the higher in the north.

Basically the Interstate System of numbering followed the U.S. Route numbering system which was started in 1925, when AASHO selected a system of major connecting routes throughout the nation. As with the Interstate, even numbers run east and west, odd numbers north and south.

The U.S. routes, however, have no legal status. Most U.S. numbered routes are state highways with state markings. Generally, only routes that cross state lines are included in the U.S. system, but a connection route with different state markings is often included.

## SIGN SHOP

The Sign Shop, which is part of Traffic Services, headed by Otha Hewitt, manufactured 53,142 signs from June 30, 1964 to June 30, 1965, at a cost of \$228,441.70. The signs included all types for Arkansas highways: directional, speed limit, stop, warning, educational signs, signs bearing route numbers, etc. They vary in shape and size, from 8"x20" to 5'x12'. The average cost per sign is \$9.44.

During the same period mentioned above, the shop installed 11,737 new signs. The cost for erecting them and the signs themselves totaled \$119,900.72. The number of signs replaced during the period totaled 15,529, at a cost of \$137,624.36. The necessity to replace the signs is caused by various factors, however, the major cause is vandalism. The number of signs issued by transfer was 25,672, with the signs and materials costing \$162,754.93. There were 52,938 signs issued by the Sign Shop.

There are approximately 424,000 signs of all types on the highways in Arkansas.

## SIGN VANDALISM

Each year local and state governments must spend thousands of dollars replacing the hundreds of signs which are vandalized or stolen. Aside from the waste of money, the theft or altering of highway signs may

prove dangerous, and cause accidents and fatalities. If a motorist driving through strange territory is confused or lost, an accident may occur. And the danger of misleading strangers is most unpleasant and discourteous. Along many stretches of highways, you can see traffic signs perforated by bullets, or the pranksters convert a 3 into an 8, to make it appear that the motorist is driving in an 85-mile-an-hour zone. Often they will turn signs upside down. Parents should make their sons realize the importance of leaving the signs alone.

### TRIP PLANNING

The wise motorist will plan his trip in advance with the use of the many excellent free maps which are available. If you do need to consult a map, don't stop or slow down in high speed, high volume traffic. This maneuver can end your trip suddenly in disaster. Pull off into a rest area, or, if further information is needed, turn off the expressway at the nearest interchange.

### THE FUTURE

Forecasters tell us that we can expect many drastic changes in transportation technology within the next two decades. But, just as the big reflective signs are a far cry from the caveman's pile of rocks, the trails blazed by our ancestors and the colored bands around the telegraph or telephone poles, sign technology will keep pace.



### SOLD ON ARKANSAS

Dear People:

I am very interested in Arkansas because:

- (1) I have some friends there.
- (2) I would like to go there.
- (3) I love warm weather.
- (4) I like the name Arkansas.

Excuse this kind of letter, but I hate to write letters. I have a pen pal and she writes me about a 100 times a year and I write her about 10.

Yours truly,  
Marsha Hagy

P.S. Miss Marsha Hagy  
Box 68  
Warriormines, West Virginia

### HIGHWAY DAMES

Officers for the Arkansas Highway Dames for the 1965-66 year installed in May are as follows: President, Mrs. J. T. Pendergrass (Lucy Jane); Vice President, Mrs. Mack Sturgis (Irene); Secretary, Mrs. James H. Woodson (Nancy); Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Hubert Holland (Martha); Treasurer, Mrs. Henry Gray (Marybeth); Parliamentarian, Mrs. Charles E. Venable (Eveylee) and Historian, Mrs. J. C. Longcoy (Elenore).

Mrs. Pendergrass has appointed the following committee chairmen: Telephone, Mrs. Russell Newsum (Ruth); Entertainment and Program, Mrs. Mack Sturgis (Irene); Project, Mrs. A. G. Rives (Lena); Publicity, Mrs. Mark E. Woolsey (Myrtle).

The September meeting was held in the Commission Room of the Highway Building where a potluck luncheon was served. An excellent highway color film was shown by Johnnie Gray. Twenty-five members attended, and we were pleased to have Director Mack Sturgis drop by for a visit. He also gave an informal but interesting talk.

The "Merry Christmas List" project was such an overwhelming success last year that the project committee, together with the other members present, voted unanimously to carry out the same project this year. More will be said of this later.

The October meeting will be at 11 a.m. October 28 at the Coachman's Inn. An interesting program on "Candles" will be presented by Miss Ann McPherson.

Wives of all Highway Department employees are automatically members of the Highway Dames and are most cordially invited to attend meetings.

- - Myrtle Woolsey



Construction is progressing nicely on the new District 10 headquarters building at Paragould. This picture was made October 6, by M. S. Smith, District 10 engineer.

## Ward Goodman Elected Chairman of AASHO Governing Body



The annual convention of the American Association of State Highway officials was held October 3-7 in New York City, and was attended by several of our men.

Those attending were Highway Director Mack Sturgis; Chief Engineer Ward Goodman; Assistant Chief Engineer Bill Moore; Bridge Engineer L. P. Carlson; Construction Engineer John Lawrence; Chief Attorney Mark Woolsey; Maintenance Engineer R. B. Winfry; Materials and Tests Engineer H. W. Schneider; Planning and Research Engineer J. R. Henderson; Chief of Right of Way Henry Gray; Roadway Design Engineer Bill K. Cooper, and Highway Commissioner John Harsh.

Mr. Sturgis was on a panel of the Public Information Committee and delivered a paper on public information.

Mr. Goodman was elected chairman of the Bridge Committee. This is only the second time in AASHO's 52-year history that a man from Arkansas has been elected to a governing body in the organization. Goodman's term will run four years.

Mr. Goodman flew up September 30 to attend several pre-convention meetings, including a planning and Design Policies Committee pre-session. During his stay in New York, Goodman attended a press conference to announce a \$50,000 world-wide bridge design competition, which started October 7. The contest is sponsored by U. S. Steel Corporation. It is open to professional engineers and bridge designers throughout the world. There is a separate student category for the men who are the bridge engineers of tomorrow. The competition should provide an incentive to bridge engineers to devote additional time to creative and developmental effort.

A total of 13 awards will be given. The winner of the first prize will receive \$15,000. For the young men colleges of engineering, the U. S. Steel Corporation is offering a total of seven awards, including \$5,000 for the first place award. The assigned problem is to design a two-lane overpass at right angles to an interstate

highway with frontage roads. Judging will be on a basis of four factors of equal weight. (1) Originality of design; (2) Degree to which steel is utilized; (3) Economy - design, fabrication, maintenance; (4) Appearance.

The competition is open to any professional engineer or student in a college of engineering anywhere in the world. The deadline for receipt of entries is May 31, 1966.

Interested engineers and students may obtain the rules and instructions for submitting entries by writing to Robert S. Holmes, general manager, highway construction marketing, United States Steel Corporation, Five Gateway Center, Pittsburgh, Pa., 15230.

## Commissioner Taylor Feted With Appreciation Dinner

Highway Commissioner Arnil Taylor was honored October 1 by the Mulberry Valley Road Committee at Ozark, with an appreciation dinner for his work on the Arkansas Highway Commission.

The dinner was held in the Oak Grange Hall. Eugene Williams, president of the Oak road group, said Taylor did considerable work to secure the paving of State Highways 103 and 21, as well as No. 16.

The public was invited to attend the dinner.

## Crew Leader's Son Signs Baseball Contract



Signing a contract to play major league baseball isn't something that happens often, and it's the dream of all "sandlot" players.

But, it did happen to the son of one of our employees. Shelburn Morton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Morton of Paragould, recently signed with the Detroit Tigers of the American League, and will leave in February for spring training in Florida. The elder Morton is a crew leader in District 10.

Young Morton is presently considered one of the top pitchers in American Legion baseball in Paragould. He is a graduate of Oak Grove High School and entered Arkansas State College in Jonesboro this fall.

Shelburn signed the contract August 8, for a nice bonus. We hope he has a most successful baseball career.

# AROUND the DEPARTMENT



## ACCOUNTING DIVISION

Mildred Harness

J. E. McCarthy, our chief, received his 5-year service awards on September 1, and Olin Randle, our "little one," received her 20-year awards. The two occasions were celebrated together with a large sheet cake and ice cream.

"Randy" seems to have made most of the news in Accounting. She and Lou Bradford were given a surprise potluck with all the trimmings to celebrate Randy's birthday and Lou's departure. Randy received a charm for her bracelet (with the seal of the State of Arkansas on it), and Lou received a serving dish. We don't think either one of the girls were really surprised.

On Thursday, September 16, an open house party in the Commission Room was given for Randy on her retirement from the Department. Punch and cake were served and everyone brought a sandwich. Mr. McCarthy, on behalf of the employees, presented Randy a set of silver serving dishes and a pink corsage. We miss Randy and Lou, but wish them the best of luck and God bless them.

Our other birthday girls were Vivian Kinder and Georgia Cottrell. They both received cakes and lots of cards.

Back from the sick list are Joe Schamer and Lee Wagner. We missed them and we're glad they're back.

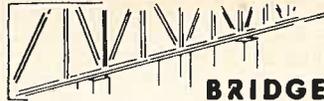
There have been some changes in the Accounting Division. Margie Dewey (Mrs.) took Lou's place as McCarthy's secretary. She is not only a new employee but a newlywed. She and her husband, who is with the Air Base, live at 1800 McArthur Drive in Jacksonville.

We have two Roses in our office now. Rose Clingan, No. 1, took Randy's job, and Rose Drennan, No. 2, of 4600 Holt, Little Rock, is our new bookkeeper. Rose 2, and her husband Charlie, an electrician with MoPac, have five children: Connie, 9, Richy, 8, Chuck, 6, Chip, 5, and Cheryl, 3. Wonderful, isn't it?

Bonnie Hill is not a newcomer but she is now with us instead of Jacksonville. She came to work for AHD in July 1955. Bonnie lives at 1205 Hickmon in Jacksonville. She is married to Robert G. Hill, a landscaper. Bonnie was transferred from the Purchasing Office in Jacksonville to Accounting September 24. Bonnie's little one is a Siamese cat named Victoria. Glad to have all the new girls with us.

Willene Dorris has also been transferred to the Accounting Division. Willene had been working on the fourth floor in the Procurement Office, and their loss is our gain.

Erma Ferguson visited across the border in Old Mexico on her vacation. She returned with a nice tan. Yours truly visited in Old Mexico also, but didn't get to stay long.



## BRIDGE DESIGN

Betty Claude

Vacations have been the main topic of conversation in Bridge Design. Wayne and Kay Major went back to Florida this year; they do love that Florida sunshine. L. P. Carlson and Mrs. Carlson went to St. Louis for a ball game one week end and a visit with relatives, and over Labor Day week end, they drove to Houston and to a game in the Astrodome. He says the Astrodome is a fabulous structure which everyone should see . . . Dallas Vire and family went to Six Flags.

Dan Morgan saw all the sights in Washington, D.C., and Dale Loe and Bob Seay took a trip west, and had a wonderful time.

John Hall and his family took a trip to the Memphis Zoo one day, and then to other points in Arkansas. They went to Reader one day to ride on the Reader Railroad and we believe John enjoyed the trip as much or more than his children did. B. Vinson drove to Biloxi, Miss., and other points along the coast and he states he has eaten enough seafood to last for a while.

Frank Battisto went to Tulsa, but it was not on a pleasure trip. Steve, his brother, required hip surgery due to an accident. We're happy to report that Steve is recuperating nicely at this time.

Even though Fred Hegi has been with us for a while, we haven't given him an official welcome. Fred is married, and his wife's name is Ann. Welcome to our group, Fred. We're happy to have you with us.

Charles Mayhan left on August 31 to return to the University of Arkansas to continue his education. We wish Charles the best of luck in another school year.



L. P. Carlson, Harold Bastian, and Morgan went dove hunting near Lonoke recently and they were lucky enough to get a few.

Jim Matthews, manager of the Reynolds & Williams Pony League was proud of his boys this year. They came in fourth in the State Tournament held at Lamar Porter Field.

Frank Battisto went to Fayetteville to the game between the Razorbacks and Tulsa. Frank said it was a beautiful day for a football game, and "what a game." He said the stadium is looking better all the time with the improvements they are making there. The new seats are roomy with aluminum covers. Wish we could say the same for War Memorial Stadium seats.



## DATA PROCESSING

Pauline Mormon

We are all pleased to welcome two new employees to DPC. Lana Crone joined the keypunch section; she and husband Jerry reside in North Little Rock, and they have a seven-month-old daughter, Darla.

Our other new employee is Larry Martin, who works in the computer operation. Larry has had an interesting life travel to many parts of the world with his parents. His father, who is in the USAF, is presently stationed in Viet Nam. Larry is married and resides in North Little Rock with his wife Carolyn and their 22-month-old son, Chad.

Nedra Barton and Grover Smith will be attending school October 11-29 to further their studies in IBM. They will be studying programming in preparation for the new



This is the first opportunity we've had to show off the Sage twins, sons of John Sage, designer in Bridge Design, and Mrs. Sage. Donald Allen, left, and David Wayne, were born June 12.

computer that will be installed in June 1966.

Art Johnson's daughter, Lynne, is attending Arkansas State College in Jonesboro this year.

All the girls in DPC enjoyed the get-together we had in the Commission Room for Olen Randle on her retirement. We all wish her lots of luck and happiness.



## COUNTY PROGRAM

Barbara Oldham

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Teasdale went on vacation recently. We will fill you in on details next time.

Our bowling team is made up of some great guys. They are playing every Monday night. We will have picture later. YEA! TEAM! FIGHT!

We were sorry to hear about Cecil Cochran's son, Nathan being in the hospital. We hope when you read this article he will be at home again and doing better.

This Division would like to express its sympathy to Mrs. Johnnie M. Gray for the loss of her twin sister, Mrs. Alyeene Beauman of Vicksburg, Mississippi, who passed away on September 23, 1965.

There were so many comments on our last month's parting thought, here's another one for you --

"A fuss can be raised by  
Any Tom, Dick or Harry,  
But only the Highway Department  
Can sink the Toad-Suck Ferry."

Bye for now.



## EQUIPMENT

Sally Crook

Our boss, C. Don Hayes and a party of five other top fishermen vacationed at Barney's Ball Lake Lodge in Kenora, Canada, September 19-24. They spent the week fishing and relaxing. The fishermen had very good luck. Some of the party went bear hunting but were not successful.

We had a going-away party for Doris Healy September 9. The Equipment Office presented her with a gift and coffee and cake were served. We will all miss Doris and wish her good luck.

We were sorry to lose the employees in the Procurement for Equipment Office. Bernie Cox, Frank Pitts, Lem Kirkpatrick, Shirley Healy and Patsy Navens were transferred to the Procurement Office. Bonnie Hill is now in the Accounting Division. A farewell party with coffee and doughnuts was held for them September 23. We wish each of them good luck - We will miss all of you.

The pleasant voice you hear on our switchboard is that of Sue Fuller, who joined our office this month. Sue has worked for the Department before and we are glad to have her with us again. Our former switchboard operator, Martha Pearle, has transferred to a different job in this office.

C. B. Brooks, Jr., shop superintendent, is sporting a 1965 Dodge Polara. It is white with a gold interior. He reports that his wife is really enjoying it.



## MATERIALS AND TESTS

Julia Halliburton

H. F. Uhrman, inspector, received his 10-year service awards recently.

Robert Ryan is a new employee in M&T, and Jerl K. Burks, who has been away for a year and one-half, has returned.

Several summer employees have resigned to either enter college or teach. They are: Murphy Hughes, who will be in his fourth year at the University of Arkansas and studying industrial engineering; Ronald Zawislak, North Little Rock, attending Vanderbilt and studying astronomy; Dennis Spencer, U of A, chemical engineering; James Vandergrift, Benton, Medical Center studying for his master's degree in radiological health; Hugh Battershell of Marshall, teaches at Arkansas State, Beebe Branch; M. S. Hunter, Little Rock University, and



## PLANNING AND RESEARCH

Billie Whiteside

We have suffered several losses in personnel this month. Bill K. Cooper, who was our assistant division head, left on



J. R. Henderson is shown congratulating Bill K. Cooper on his promotion to Roadway Design engineer, and presenting him with gifts from P&R.

Phillip G. Hathcote, University of Tennessee Medical Unit, Memphis, studying dentistry.

Sandra and Bill Skymme, daughter and son-in-law of Sibyle and C. A. Maddox, made Sibyle a grandmother again. A baby daughter was born September 15, weighing 6 pounds, 6 ounces. The little one is named Kimberly Dee.

Billie Wood is back at work after having surgery at St. Vincent's Hospital.

Wedding Bells: Robert Bracknell and Ella V. Rood were married September 18 at Poteau, Okla. They are residing in Little Rock. Robert is a technician in M&T. Best Wishes!

Verne Collins, who spent a week in the lab, has returned to his own district where he is employed by C. F. Jones at Hope.



Mrs. Robert Bracknell

being promoted to head the Roadway Design Division. We're glad that he was so recognized, but many expressed regret at his departure. Also leaving were Charles Frazier, who resigned to return to his home state of Kentucky; Marjarine Leonard, who will try out a housewife's career; and Hugh Davis, who is attending Arkansas

Tech at Russellville, but says he will be back next summer.

On September 15, the division held a party with a huge cake honoring Bill Cooper, Marjarine, and Katie Brazel. J. R. Henderson said Cooper was a man who always worked a little harder and thought a little more about his work; and that Marjie had been a mainstay of P&R and had made a great contribution to the division. Marjie replied she thought she and Bill were both getting promoted. They received gifts. Katie was then presented with her 20-year service awards, and Henderson stated that, thank goodness, she was not leaving.

The girls gave a luncheon-shower for Marjarine and the men gave a luncheon for Cooper, both at Paul's Lamplighter. And, at Jim Barnett's home, the Traffic Engineering Section honored Cooper with a get-together, at which time he was presented with a rod and reel.

Jim Trost is our trainee in Traffic Engineering. We're glad to have him with us.

Bob Faulkner was married September 4 to Miss Alta Sisemore. P&R presented them with a mixer, and Alta took the hint and baked a cake for all hands. It was very good. Congratulations to Bob on getting such a fine cook and a good sport.

Other cake donors recently have been Edith Garland and Mary Jane Kniepkamp.

September means the start of the new term at school, and Helen McNutt has joined Bill Smith and me at LRU.

Larry Johnson and family have moved to the Merrivale Addition.

Jim Barnett returned from military leave. Lee Gibbons and family vacationed at Six Flags and he reports a good time. Jim Head says he spent his vacation with his feet propped up.

Frequently seen at the edge of the parking lot feeding "Blue" are Neal Morehead or John Hume.

The B. C. Lewis family is sporting a new Volkswagen. Recently B. C. brought big shrimp cockrails for lunch to the workers in the front office, "in appreciation for the good work." The appreciation was surely appreciated.

On the sick list: J. L. Vanderberg underwent surgery at St. Vincent's, but we hope he will be feeling fine by the time this is printed. Alvin Cates, while taking part in a rodeo, received an injury to his leg when his horse brushed a fence.

Claude Roberson's wife underwent surgery but is much better now. W. K. Bartleson's wife has been ill but is recovered. John Hume's mother was hurt in a fall at home and was hospitalized for some time; she is home now. Mayo White's father has been very ill. Our best wishes to all of them for better health.

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It's a great pity that things weren't arranged so that an empty head, like an empty stomach, would not let its owner rest until he put something in it.



New Bride Marjarine Leonard, is shown cutting her cake, assisted by Helen McNutt.



Katie Brazel, holding a piece of cake to celebrate receiving her 20-year service awards.

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## RIGHT OF WAY

Shirley Childress

We still have a lot of people taking vacations. Some are long trips, some are short. One of the long trips that sounds like a very interesting one was made by Carl Keehn and wife Janie early in the month when they toured several states which included Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, Indiana and Illinois. They also visited relatives along the way. Carl and Janie are becoming regular gadabouts for it was only two months ago when they flew to Georgia.

Neil Gibbs and wife Nola made a trip to Michigan to visit Neil's family. Char-

lotte Lee entertained a friend, Teresa Ellis, from Texas over the Labor Day holiday. Charlotte nearly walked her and Teresa's legs off Saturday showing her Little Rock, then Sunday Charlotte's Dad tried out their new 1965 Buick La Sabre by taking the family to Petit Jean. Charlotte reports that Teresa was very impressed with Arkansas.

My family was also a Petit Jean visitor September 3. Andrew and I warned our two children about being careful when they were climbing over rocks and sight seeing and as it turned out the only ones that fell were Andrew and I.

Sherrie Buckels attended the Sports Car races at St. Louis, Mo., September 18 and 19 and came back with what she hopes will be a tan.

Earle Wiley of the Engineering Section resigned September 15 to accept employment with Marion Christ, Consulting Engineers. The Engineering Section had

do-outs and coffee before Earle left and presented him with a money clip.

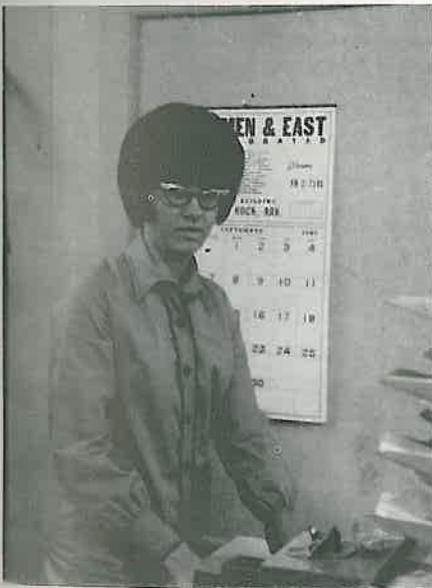
Sharon King, one of our summer employees in the Utilities Section quit September 3 to return to college at College of the Ozarks, where she will be a sophomore. The employees in the Utilities Section presented her with a jewelry box before she left and the girls took her to lunch at Bruno's. Everyone enjoyed having Sharon around this summer and we hope she will drop by to see us whenever possible.

Bob Hamilton avoided the Labor Day traffic when he visited Six Flags Over Texas, by flying. He reports he only saw 5 other planes during his entire trip.

Sue Boyett stopped by the office a few weeks ago to show off her new son Keith Allen and I must say he is something to show off. Everyone was happy to see them and hope she will bring him back again real soon.

When Sue left last month to become a full time mother to her new son, Polly Kemp was promoted to her job as secretary to Herbert Heffington, Jr.; Jean Barrett moved to Polly's desk and Janice Massey was transferred from the Administrative Section to the Appraisal Section and took over Jean's old desk. Now the Appraisal Section has a full crew again and report they are very happy to have Janice with them.

The new girl taking Janice's place in the supply room is Nancy Morgan. Nancy's home town is Kingsland but she is living in Little Rock now. She is 19 years old and single. Welcome to the Right-of-Way Division, Nancy.



Nancy Morgan

Arthur Reichstadt, our Swiss yodler, received his 5-year Service Award during the month of September. The Engineering Section also presented him with a special award which we drew up and signed.

We are discovering more talented people in the Right-of-Way Division.

Some are the employees and some are members of an employee's family. The latest find is the John Culpepper family. John entered 11 items of woodcraft which he made at home in the Arts and Crafts exhibit at the Grant County Fair at Sheridan, September 23-25. He came home with four Blue ribbons, four Red ribbons and three White ribbons. In three of the contest John won first, second, and third place. Some of the items he entered were a wall key holder, plate holder for souvenir plates, door knocker, tray and several other very pretty and useful items. We have seen some of John's work and can see why he won so many ribbons. Bonnie, John's wife, didn't let John out-do her though; she entered six categories in sewing and won five Blue ribbons and one Red one.

It must be nice to be so talented. I made an art bag for my first grade son two weeks ago and was really patting myself on the back when Brian informed me I shouldn't have put straps on it but used shoe strings like everybody else. There is one thing I can do though and that is iron on mending tape.

Sounds like Barney McCright really enjoyed September. One of the things he did was spend three days on a houseboat on Greers Ferry fishing; then he had relatives from New York visit him for two weeks and a nephew from Brownsville, Tex. He said on Sunday, September 12, they had a backyard picnic at his house and there were 32 relatives present. Although they all enjoyed the picnic and the visiting, the person that enjoyed it the most was Barney's 87-year-old mother.

Well we have already had one expedition of squirrel hunters to go out from Right-of-Way and they reported a few squirrels were shot. There will probably be more maneuvers during October. The hunters involved in this first hunt were Gip Robertson, Glendol Jackson, Herman Schmidt, A. C. Ledbetter, Nathan Garrett, and Carl Foster.

Retha Griffin was off work 3 days sick with the flu. She returned to work on Monday, September 27, although she still wasn't feeling too pert.

J. C. Merritt spent a few days in the hospital at North Little Rock during September but is back at work now.

Nancy Sipe's father is still on the sick list and had to spend a few more days in the hospital.

Mrs. Dennison Yates was in the Missouri-Pacific Hospital but is convalescing at home now. We would like to wish her a very speedy recovery.

Charlotte Lee celebrated a birthday September 24, and as the day passed without a happy birthday wish from her friends. She thought she has been forgotten but at the end of the day we presented her with a birthday cake aflame with candles and a birthday greeting signed by her fellow employees in the Right-of-Way Division. She was one surprised girl. I won't tell you how old Charlotte is but that sure was a big flame on that cake.

A party was held September 3 for George Howell to honor him upon his re-

irement from the Highway Department after 20 years' service. As usual, cake and coffee were served, but this was an unusual cake, as you can see by the picture shown with this report. The decoration was the brainchild of Nancy Sipe, Glendol Jackson and Gip Robertson. George was very pleased with his cake and the rod and reel he was presented with as a gift from the Right-of-Way employees. We hope this gift will give George many hours of pleasure and help him remember his many friends in Right-of-Way. Happy retirement George, and good fishing.



George Howell and his cleverly decorated cake.



The following poem proves that Plutty Scruggs is an appraisor, not a poet.

#### PREPOSTEROUS EXPOUNDINGS

By Orator, Eric Plate Scruggs  
Appraisal Section

Fall Has Fell,  
Summer Has Went,  
It Was Not Did by Accident.

Geese Have Flew,  
As You Have Saw,  
Fall Has Come to Arkansas



## ROADWAY DESIGN

Virginia Ashlin

On September 16, Bill K. Cooper started working in Roadway, to replace our boss, W. C. Johnston, who will be retiring around the first of November. We're going to miss Johnston, but are very pleased to welcome Cooper as head of Roadway Design.

Week end visitors of the John Hickses September 24 were their son Robert, and his girl friend, Claudia Diles.

Fred and Peggy Pulliam spent a very enjoyable vacation beginning with a trip to Bull Shoals and ending it with a visit to Chicago.

Lloyd Sutton, who is home on leave from the U.S.S. Shangri-La, visited with his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sutton.

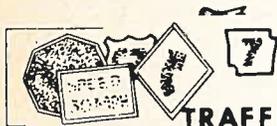
We had a too brief visit with the former secretary in Roadway, June Dillon, recently. June, who is working at the Court House, came up for a few minutes on her lunch hour. She doesn't get up often enough to suit us and when she does, we hate to let her go so soon. We're hoping she will come up when she has longer to stay.

Well, "Crash" Dunn has 'dunn' it agin! Seems like one Thursday evening, John made the mistake of stopping in front of another car and it hit him from the rear. John earned the nickname of "Crash" last winter when he became involved in two accidents in record time. Let's hope he isn't out to set a new record!

We miss John Matthews and Mike Nowell, two summer employees who resigned to return to school this fall.

Also, we lost one of our old regulars when Sam Acheson left us to return to the University of Arkansas to get his master's degree in civil engineering. Sam was presented with a pen and pencil set and a cigarette lighter from some of his friends.

Before Sam left, he became engaged to Mary Kniepkamp who works at P&R. He brought Mary up and introduced her to us one afternoon. We wish them both much happiness.



## TRAFFIC SERVICES

The big news in Traffic Services this month is the latest addition to the Bland family: Barbara and Charles are the proud parents of a 7 pound, 1 ounce son born September 27. Also welcoming his new brother is 3½-year-old Danny.

There doesn't seem to be as many trips to write about this month. Could it be that everyone is staying around close to cheer the Razorbacks to another championship?

The Otha Hewitts were in Fayetteville for the Tulsa game.

The week before, James Mellard was in Memphis for the game between Ole Miss and his Alma Mater, Memphis State. The outcome of the game was not to his liking, but he reports that the new stadium, which was dedicated that night, is something to behold. From the pictures he brought back, it looks like a vast improvement over Crump Stadium, the arena for several Arkansas-Ole Miss battles of the past.

Rifles and shotguns are being taken from their summer resting places to be doused with oil in anticipation of the hunting seasons. This writer is considering buying some new ammo for his deer rifle this year. The same six shells have become quite worn from being loaded and unloaded so many times in the last four or five years. HAPPY HUNTING!



## DISTRICT

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Leslie Long

District 2 job superintendents and area foremen met at the district headquarters August 26 for discussion and planning for fall and winter road programs. Also on the agenda for discussion: Red Cross bloodmobile program and the advantages provided by participation in this program; the importance of following prescribed methods in the reporting of accidents; the procedures to be followed on reclaimed maintenance materials and unused stockpile aggregate. Roland Humble, safety officer, made a short talk on safety measures. The meeting adjourned at noon for a serve-yourself cold plate lunch.

The spirit of Will Wright has become dampened a bit. His daughter Carol has returned to Fayetteville, and his son and wife, Wilton and Shelby, with those two adorable grandchildren are being transferred to Mobile, Ala. by International Paper Company. And, Floyd Walker, one of his best fishing buddies, has resigned from his job as fuel clerk to accept other employment. We will miss Floyd and hope he has a very successful and profitable future. (I will especially miss his fish stories.)

Mr. and Mrs. Melvo Pledger are proud parents of a baby daughter, Jo Arleen, who weighed in at 5 pounds, 8 ounces on September 1 at Drew County Memorial Hospital.

Havis White's son Jerry is football coach at Star City this year and we're proud of him. So far they have an all-winning record.

Razorback rooters attending the opening game included Peanut and Jeri Woodfield, Van and Bettye Bratton, Brewster and Sunny Shalmy, Johnnie Harris, Joe Hays, Barney Doss, and John Merle Hollis. I was glued to the radio for the duration.

The squirrels, the hunters, and the guns are all being alerted in preparation for the opening of the season. One avid hunter

trekked through the woods at Reydel searching for trees bearing signs that the squirrels were around so he could mark the spot.

James Henderson is the proud owner of a two-tone, Model '52 Chevrolet pickup truck, completely overhauled. It's been some 13 years now since he has enjoyed this pleasure. He's been grandfather many times, but is especially proud to announce the arrival of his first granddaughter, Donna Latrece Hilton, 8 pounds, one-fourth ounces, born August 29 at the Jefferson Hospital, Pine Bluff.

Ten-year awards were presented to William Floyd Nelson, and a 20-year pin and certificate to Floyd Fullbright.



"Paw-Paw" Howell with his three grandchildren. The two redheads are Robert and Teresa Lea McMurry from Tyler, Tex., and the little brunette on the right is Mary Katharyn Howell from Pine Bluff.



## DISTRICT

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Edna Lewallen

Janice Ederington, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim H. Ederington, was the highest point winner in the Junior Division at the Miller County Fair. In cattle, she received three first place awards and two seconds for her calves. In canning, she received seven firsts, five seconds, and third place ribbons. She placed first in crochet and knitting and third on four other entries. She also won a dozen Kerr canning jars.

Due to some recent changes in our office personnel, we welcome back Victor Stone, as our new stock clerk. Vic worked for the Department several years before transferring to District 7. Sam Huckabee has been promoted from stock clerk to

inspector. We're glad for him in his new job but sure hated to lose him.

Cleburn L. Skinner received his 15-year service award this month and Carol Burnett received his 10-year award.

We have one new employee: William Thomas Parks, who started to work with the bridge crew September 16.

Virgil Cleveland and wife Grace have just returned from a 10-day visit with their children, Virgil Jr., and family in San Antonio, and Mr. and Mrs. Dickison Beasley, Jr. in Baton Rouge.

Airman 2nd Class Davis Clark, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., is on leave and visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nolen Clark.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jack Foster of Prescott, in the death of their month-old infant son, Joey W. Foster, September 15.

(We regret we couldn't use the darling colored picture of little Sheila Embry, 18-month-old daughter of Donald and Joann Embry, who was pictured feeding a little fawn found on her grandmother's farm. The picture won \$25 second place prize in the Hope Star's vacation photo contest.Ed.)



## DISTRICT



### The Informers

New maintenance employees in District 4 are: Jimmy Douglas Davis, who was employed September 16 and is in the shop; Joe E. Jones, employed September 16, and who will be with the city crew, and Jerry Lindsey Rogers, September 1, mower operator in Scott County.

New employees in construction are: J. R. Frederick, D. J. Essman, G. A. Mainter, K. M. Lee, and Norman Vick.

Curtis Oliver, area foreman in Scott County, tells us that the flowers and pine trees at area headquarters were really pretty this summer. He also has two banana trees and some very large sunflowers.

Four employees received service pins recently: L. E. Sanders, superintendent, and Bobby James, instrumentman, 10 years; Harrison Heath, area foreman at Mena, 15 years, and C. H. Bennett, watchman, 5 years.

"W-00000-PIG!-S-oooie"



## DISTRICT



### Burnham & Campbell

Congratulations to service award recipients in District 7: Ollie Baugus, 10 years; Homer Lone Wilson, Larry Edwin Hollis, John Hugh Harvey, and Jimmie Raymond Hamilton, 5 years.

Bill Moore, assistant chief engineer, talked to a dinner meeting of the South Arkansas Regional Association of Professional Engineers at Camden September 14. A large crowd attended and enjoyed his discussion of highway financing and the Highway Department operations. Norman Pumphrey was program chairman.

Julia Ann Hicks, daughter of District 7 Engineer W. C. Hicks, has returned to Fayetteville and the University to work toward her master's degree.

The Bradley County personnel extend their sincere sympathies to B. R. Bethea and family, whose mother died September 4.



Shown here is Eloise Kight, field clerk for Gayle Gunn, resident engineer at Arkadelphia.



## DISTRICT



### McCoy & Howell

We welcome Alice Walton as a new employee in District 8. Alice is field clerk for T. D. Casey, resident engineer.

Ten-year service awards were presented to Clarence F. Bauman, James Raymond Smith, R. L. Robertson, and James Russell Owen. Five-year awards went to James Arthur Paine, Jerry Canerday, and Charles Hesselbein.

Edwin Shinn and family visited friends in Houston, Tex. over the Labor Day week

end and enjoyed the baseball game in the Astrodome between the Astros and the Dodgers.

Kenneth Ellis spent a few days in Salisaw, Okla. visiting his sister who has been ill.

A big purchasing spree has recently taken place among our fellow employees. Netha Brown, payroll clerk, purchased and moved into a new brick home in the Forest Hills Addition. Roy Taylor and U. L. Gray are driving new cars.

Roy Taylor's daughter, Doy, an airline stewardess, recently spent a few days with her parents.

Curtis Maulden is recuperating, at his home in Clinton due to a bruise received when a tire hammer fell on his foot.



## DISTRICT



### Isabelle Psalmonds

September 2 was a red letter day for Paragould and District 10. The Governor came to our vicinity to cut the ribbon and dedicate that portion of Highway 1 between Jonesboro and Paragould which has been completed, and to announce the beginning of work on the rest of the road. Governor Faubus and members of the Highway Commission were present for the groundbreaking ceremonies for the new District 10 headquarters.

Charles Hopper, area foreman, took a vacation and went to the Northern Peninsula of Michigan to do some trout fishing. He reports that he had pretty good luck until a big black bear came along and carried off his trout, tackle, and lunch. He says he didn't argue with the beast and didn't even chase him.

Congratulations to Carl Williams and wife. Their first daughter, Shannon Dawn, made her appearance on August 26. She weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces. Congratulations also to W. L. F. Lindsey and Mrs. Lindsey on the arrival of a new daughter September 12.

The Lawrence County NYC employees were honored with a fish fry at Lake Charles in Lawrence County August 26. The occasion was made possible by the area crew in Lawrence County and Area Foreman Raymond Penn. Honored guests were Senator Thomas Penn and Charles Snapp. Those attending from the Paragould office were District Engineer M. S. Smith, Maintenance Superintendent John Sanders, Assistant Maintenance Superintendent Darrell Holder, and Job Superintendents Rex Hall and Joe Vance, who helped with the Lake Charles project.

Some of our people have enjoyed vacations lately. Junior Wycoff, our fuel clerk and family, and Lester Wycoff, bridge superintendent, and family, enjoyed a brief stay in the Great Smoky Mountains recently. The country is beautiful and was really enjoyed. Red Lovelace and family also enjoyed a trip to the Great Smokies. Red is a mechanic in the Paragould District shops. →

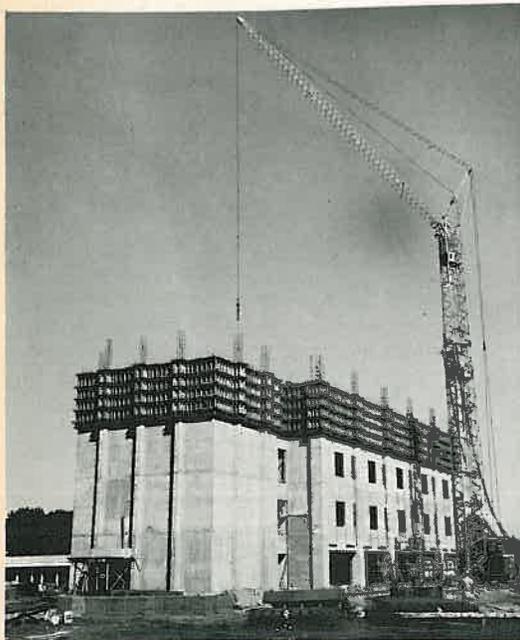
Our regular reporter and secretary to District Engineer Sam Smith, Isabelle Psalmonds and her hubby are in Pennsylvania and New York vacationing. Isabelle reports that they are enjoying themselves very much visiting with her sister and the Fair. We received a card from "Issie" and she was having a ball in the IBM equipment section at the Fair. Where else could a secretary enjoy herself more than being surrounded by the latest office equipment. She said she was typing the card she mailed on a typewriter that "ain't got no keys."???

Shelburn Morton, a graduate of Oak Grove High School, and presently a student at Arkansas State College in Jonesboro, will leave for spring training February 14, 1966 with the Detroit Tigers in Florida. Shelburn signed a contract with the Tigers on August 8 for a nice bonus. He is presently considered one of the top pitchers in Legion Baseball in this area. Shelburn is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Morton of Paragould. Eugene is a crew leader in District 10. We wish Shelburn much luck and success during his baseball career and our congratulations to him.

We express our most sincere and heartfelt sympathies to our bookkeeper, Mrs. Butler, and to Maurice Sims, a member of the bridge crew, on the recent death of their sister-in-law and aunt respectively. Mrs. Bill Sims was fatally injured in an auto accident in St. Louis September 19.



The Berry Asphalt Company held its twenty-fourth annual picnic October 9 at Waterloo, Ark. Shown in the top pictures are Gerald Sisk and District 7 Engineer W. E. Hicks. In the middle picture are Wade Beasley with Berry Asphalt; C. E. Nunnally, District 7 superintendent; Dale Arrington, and Fritz Methvin, Berry Asphalt. Mrs. Nellie Clark, her husband A. M. Clark District 3 maintenance superintendent, and Mrs. Hicks.



The new Central Office building is shaping up right along. The latest picture of the site was made by Johnnie Gray October 11. The location is off the New Benton Highway.



And this ground-breaking is preparatory to the construction of a new District 7 headquarters at Camden.

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That all good things must come to an end proved true October 1, when Pat Wheat, our pretty vari-typist and "Girl Friday" in the Magazine Section, left us.

Pat had worked in the section during this stint for over two years. She worked on the magazine for about 10 months previously and also worked in the Accounting Division at one time.

Good luck on your new job, Pat, and thanks.

Replacing Pat is Mollie Copeland, another pretty one, who resides with her husband, Cam, in North Little Rock. Mollie, a native of Belleville, previously worked for a North Little Rock publishing firm, so has had experience in vari-typing and other work involved with printing a magazine. We're happy to have Mollie, and we hope to be associated with her a long time.

Thistle Kill Ya!



A psychiatrist was interviewing an applicant for the job of receptionist. She hung eagerly on his words as he tried to explain something about the types of patients who came to him for treatment.

"Now for instance," he said, "a patient was in here the other day who thought some little men were following him. I suggested that he open the door just a little way, slip out quickly and slam the door shut, so that the little men could not get out and would be left behind."

"And were they?" asked the girl breathlessly.

The widow who had been asked to write a testimonial for a life insurance organization sent in this:

"On August 9, my husband took out some life protection. In less than a month my poor husband was drowned. I consider life insurance a good investment."

Working after hours on one of our GE 225 computers, we fed in more and more data and began to get increasingly interesting answers. Finally, fascinated with the level of sophistication we were achieving, one of our boys fed in the question: "Could a computer ever be President?" The machine spun and whirred for some time and finally the answer came back: "I am not now and do not intend to become a candidate for any office; but in the event of a genuine draft will serve to the best of my ability."

After Sunday service a young couple talked to me about joining the church. I hadn't met the husband before, and I asked what church he was transferring from. A little sadly, he replied, "I'm transferring from the municipal golf course."

Father: "Don't you think our son gets his intelligence from me?"  
Mother: "He must have. I've still got mine."

In our parish, Father John had just written a book and was being visited by the man who planned to publish it. The publisher's big black Cadillac was an object of admiration for four-year-old Billy who lived next door to the rectory, and Father John had to explain to him whose it was. A parishioner saw the boy standing enraptured before the car, and jokingly asked, "Have you bought a new car, Billy?"

"No," Billy replied with assurance. "That belongs to Father John's bookmaker."

It happened on one of those huge jets that wings across the continent. A businessman with a wry sense of the incongruous boarded the plane in New York and was soon airborne. He unfastened his seat belt and looked around. There were two or three stewardesses, a purser, and through the open door of the flight deck he could see a couple of pilots, a co-pilot and a flight engineer. Otherwise, he was the only person aboard. There were 100 empty seats! He wandered back to the pantry, picked up the intercom microphone, pressed the button and growled, "Good morning. This is your passenger speaking."

Dear Editor: "Should a father of 50 get married again?"  
Dear Sir: "No, that's enough children for any man."

Three elderly ladies were stranded in a tough neighborhood and they reluctantly stopped at a local greasy spoon and ordered from a grizzly waiter. "I'll have a cup of strong tea and no lemon," said one. "Some weak tea and lemon," said the second. "Tea for me," said the third, "but make sure the cup is clean." Returning in a few minutes with the order, the waiter grumbled, "Okay, which one wanted the clean cup?"

Her: "For goodness sake, use two hands."  
Him: "Can't; I gotta drive with one."

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RETURN POSTAGE GUARANTEED



New switch on an old theme. Looka here! At long last, Cecil Jennings is not mad at us anymore, and has changed his tune - that is, the sign on his pickup truck.

Jennings, Baxter County Road Committee chairman, has been peeved for the better part of nine years because the Highway Commission wouldn't build a road across Norfork Dam. By way of showing this resentment, he drove his truck just about once a month - the day of the Commission meetings - to Little Rock and parked in front of the Highway Building for all to see, and disappeared until the meetings were over. Parking space was finally reserved for the truck, and it was seldom that he failed to show up.

We must admit the messages on the signs prior to the one shown, were not exactly complimentary. Some suggested the commissioners resign, that the directors be fired, and for quite a long time, one sign read: Highway Commission Dumb as Hell."

But Jennings has been appeased since the Commission's decision August 25 to extend Highway 177 from Baxter County over Norfork Dam into Fulton County. A bluff which stopped the road at one end of the dam will be cut through. The project will cost about \$200,000.

### *Cover:*

A steam-powered dragline, mounted on a barge, is driving piling with a McKenney-Terry steam hammer. The site of the work is north of DeValls Bluff on the pier at the east bank side of the White River on Interstate 40.