

ARKANSAS HIGHWAYS



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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT VEHICLES PATROL STATE HIGHWAYS DURING LABOR DAY

In an unprecedented move, Governor Faubus ordered 554 radio-equipped state vehicles to be stationed along the major highways throughout the state over the Labor Day week end to reduce the ever increasing number of motorists who die from accidents during the extremely dangerous holiday periods. Records of the State Police show that a total of 58 persons have died on Arkansas highways during Labor Day week ends since 1957. Thirteen victims were reported last year, as compared with only five this year.

The Highway Department was one of five state agencies to participate in this program - the largest undertaking of its kind in Arkansas. Our Department had 270 pickup trucks and cars to serve the motorists. Other agencies that participated were the State Police, the State Game and Fish Commission, the Arkansas Commerce Commission, and the Alcoholic Beverage Control Department.

All the drivers in the five agencies gave their time voluntarily, which meant they probably gave up holiday plans with their families to help preserve lives from death and destruction on our highways. The men worked in shifts, and each had a certain area to patrol.

In addition to providing motorists with traffic and highway information, and assisting motorists in distress, the units acted as watchdogs for the State Police by reporting any infractions of traffic laws. The State Police, in turn, apprehended the violators and issued citations.

The Highway Department manned many mechanics in the vehicles to help the travelers needing help with motor trouble. In addition, the Highway cars were stocked with extra cans of gasoline, water for radiators, ice water, and tools for fixing flats.

The traffic watch began at 6 p.m. on Friday, September 3, and ended at 12 p.m. on Monday, September 6. For those persons not too familiar with the radio uses and procedures, a special session was conducted by Clarence Page September 2.

The program was not without its humorous side and some of the services rendered were out of the ordinary. Each driver had a report sheet on which he entered the type of service he provided. Of the total 3,402 entries, 1,714 were giving information. The rest were furnishing gasoline, water, calling wreckers or repair services, fixing flats, giving out maps, towing drivers to service stations, assisting in wrecks, and warning motorists to slow down, etc. Most of the motorists who were given warnings, actually did slow down and seemed to appreciate being warned. Nearly all the motorists who were helped expressed their appreciation in such remarks as "fine help," "mighty thankful for your help," "nice state," "good thing for motorists," and just plain "thanks."

In some instances, the unit drivers helped in locating people, and the number of reports of herding cows and other animals off the highways were too numerous to mention; other units had to remove dead animals from the paths of the autos. One driver



Bob Hollis, who works in the stockroom in District 8 at Russellville, assisting a motorist.

killed a diamond back rattlesnake, and another acted as an alarm clock by prodding awake a sleeping truck driver who had pulled off the road with his head of chickens to get in a little snooze. Another helped put out a grass fire along the road.

Approximately 160,000 miles of highways were driven by the Highway Department with approximately 12,000 man hours spent during the 78-hour period.

The program has been hailed as a whopping success and has been given extremely favorable publicity. Maj. Melvin De Long, State Police highway patrol commander, said the safety experiment was a big issue in keeping the death toll down. J. E. Dunlap of Harrison, secretary of the State Police Commission, said, "I think a lot of credit is due Highway Department personnel who have stationed their vehicles at intersections and other conspicuous points with signs on them denoting highway information being available." He further stated that those cars along with the State Police and other state agency vehicles "brought to the attention of motoring public that the highway is being patrolled."



State Trooper Bill Mitchell of Morrilton and a lady in distress. Mitchell has been a trooper for two years, during which time he received the "Trooper of the Year Award" for saving a young girl's life by mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. He is one of two troopers to receive this award. He also received the Order of Merit from the American Red Cross for this brave act, making him one of 17 persons in Arkansas to receive this award since 1917. Lt. Ernest Bell of the State Police instructed Mitchell in first aid training.

STURGIS LANDS A BIG ONE



Mr. Sturgis landed the big one that most people let get away. This giant 35-pound muskie, was caught from the Lake of the Woods, near Quebec while Mr. and Mrs. Sturgis were vacationing in Canada with three other couples. The catch was accomplished August 11, about 5 p.m., and on his third cast. He was using a plug. The other couples were Mr. and Mrs. Walt Vroman, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stowers, and Colonel and Mrs. Charles D. Maynard.

The Gay Philosopher

Folks in our town would never call me an alarmist but I saw some startling figures the other day which put me close to being one: MORE people have been KILLED on our highways since the advent of the automobile than soldiers in ALL this country's WARS!

Alarming? You bet it's alarming! Enough to get me out of my favorite rocking chair and head for the the safety commissioner's office. I found out a lot of reasons are responsible when more than one million people have been killed on our highways since the automobile became popular. Speed? Somewhat. Drunken driving? Less than you think. Slow joy riders on a main highway? Of course. Left hand turners in a right hand lane? Unquestionably.

But in my opinion all the reasons boil down to one over-worked word: THOUGHTLESSNESS. If ever we're to eliminate this slaughter on our highways we're going to have to do an awful lot of educating of an awful lot of people to change their habit of THOUGHTLESSNESS into a habit of THOUGHTFULNESS.



Dedication of Highway and Ground-Breaking Ceremonies Held in North Arkansas

Governor Orval Faubus, Highway Director Mack Sturgis, members of the Highway Commission and other dignitaries took part September 2 in the dedication of an 8.1-mile section of reconstructed road on Highway 1, at Brookland.

The highway was reconstructed from a point near Jonesboro north to the Craighead-Green County line. Work has begun on the resurfacing and leveling of Highway 1 from Craighead line to its junction with Highway 25 at Paragould. Later on that day, Governor Faubus and other officials broke ground for the building of a new District 10 shop.

Members of the Jonesboro and Paragould Chambers of Commerce and Brookland Mayor Lester Elder were in charge of the two events.



Breaking the ribbon at Brookland are Lester Elder, mayor of Brookland; Commissioner Smith; Faubus; O. J. Jones; a Brookland merchant, and Senator Doug Bradley of the twenty-fourth district at Jonesboro.

Breaking ground for the new headquarters at Paragould are, left to right: John F. Price, District 8 engineer who, until his transfer, was District 10 engineer; Rupert Blalock, president of the Paragould Chamber of Commerce; Highway Commissioner Wayne Hampton; D. C. White, chairman of the Transportation Committee of the Chamber; Governor Faubus; Sam Smith, District 10 engineer; Highway Commissioners Maurice Smith and John Harsh, and Earl Kirk, who has the contract to build the shop. Johnnie Gray, staff photographer, asked the subjects to show animation - Governor Faubus did. He threw a shovel of dirt high in the air and you can detect it right over Sam's head.



In the top picture are the Highway Commissioners Baker, Smith, Harsh, and Hampton, District 10 Engineer Sam Smith, Director Sturgis, and Faubus. Below, at a dinner, are Donald Cox, executive vice president of the Paragould Chamber of Commerce, Faubus, Blaylock, and Hampton.

A LETTER OF COMMENDATION

(To Director Sturgis)

Dear Sir:

I was on vacation recently and came home from Memphis via Pine Bluff and Fordyce. I want to compliment you on your wonderful highway system. I had gone up through Mississippi and the contrast in your highways and those in Mississippi was so marked I felt it should be commented upon.

I also wish to tell you of the courtesy extended to me by two of your employees. About 30 miles out of Fordyce my car stopped running. I was travelling alone with my young son and was unable to stop anyone to help me until one of your highway trucks came along. Not only did they tow me to the nearest town, but they did not leave me until they were assured the man had the part for my car. One of the employees was Donald Brandon. I shall always be grateful for his help and shall always remember Arkansas as a pleasant place in which to travel.

I do not know how or where to address Mr. Brandon, and I shall therefore appreciate your letting him know how very much I thank him for his help.

Sincerely yours,
Eva G. LaCroix
Oineville, Louisiana

(The two men, employees in District 7, were Brandon, area foreman in Calhoun County, and Maxwell S. Smith, job superintendent at Camden.-Ed.)



BILLY K. COOPER HEADS ROADWAY DESIGN

In a meeting September 8 in the Commission Room, Director Sturgis announced that Billy K. Cooper, 32, would replace W. C. Johnston, who is retiring as engineer of the Roadway Design Division.

Cooper will assume the duties September 16, however, Johnston will stay on until about November 1 to help his successor familiarize himself of all aspects of the division. Brooks Nichols, senior roadway designer, will be principal assistant to Billy K.

Cooper, a native of Melbourne in IZARD County, has been assistant head of the Planning and Research Division for the past several years. He attended Arkansas Tech for two years, then went to the University of Arkansas where he received his BSCE degree. He later received a master's degree in geometric highway and pavement design at Purdue University.

Cooper's first job with the Department was in June 1954 at Batesville. He worked until September when he left to return to college. During his years in Planning and Research he specialized in traffic engineering, including route location studies, bypasses, intersection channelization, etc.

While at the University of Arkansas, he was president of the student chapter of ASCE and was voted the outstanding civil engineering graduate from Arkansas in 1955. At Purdue he was ranked as one of the most distinguished students and was a staff member there. He is a registered engineer.

Cooper is married to the former Miss Dorothy Redmon of Brinkley. They reside at 618 No. Mellon, and they have a son.

Johnston, a native of Illinois, has had over 45 years in the engineering profession. He received his civil engineering degree from the University of Oklahoma, later took courses at the University of Michigan. After working for the Oklahoma Highway Department he came to Arkansas and the Highway Department. His first job was in 1927 as field engi-

neer and resident engineer working in Marshall. During World War II he joined the Navy and served as an engineer, later worked with other engineering firms. He returned to the Highway Department in 1957 as assistant office engineer, was promoted to office engineer in 1959, and in 1962 he was assigned to his present position. He and Mrs. Johnston live at 5109 G Street, but when he retires, he and Mrs. Johnston will head for Marshall where they have owned a home since before 1930.



Johnston

EMPLOYEE'S SON STANDS BY FOR ASTRONAUTS DURING SPACE FLIGHT

1st. Lt. Frederick R. Wohrman, son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. (Asa) McCord, stood by at Naha Air Base, Okinawa, to assist, if needed, in recovery operations for the two U.S. astronauts, Gordon Cooper and Charles Conrad, Jr. Lt. Wohrman, a navigator, is permanently assigned to Tachikawa Air Base, Japan. He is serving as a member of the Air Rescue Service (ARS) force strategically deployed around the world to provide support for the Gemini flight.

A member of the 36th Air Recovery Squadron, he was recently awarded an Air Medal by Gen. Hunter Harris, PACAF commander-in-chief. Wohrman was one of three officers and one NCO to receive the awards for their outstanding performances of duty during search and rescue missions. These honors, gained through selfless devotion to duty under excessively trying conditions, reflect great credit upon these men.

Wohrman is a graduate of Oak Grove High School at Paragould. He received his B.S. Degree and commission upon graduation from the U.S. Air Force Academy. Before entering service, he worked for the Highway Department on construction work.

Asa is a field supervisor in Planning and Research and wife Margaret is a former employee in the Traffic Section of P&R.

DAVIS AND HOGGARD PRESENTED AWARDS

A longevity award and a "special" award were presented to two employees August 25 in the Commission Room.

Jeff Davis, superintendent in District 9, was presented a 30-year pin and certificate of merit, and Dale Hoggard, programmer in Data Processing Center, was given a certificate from the Data Processing Management in recognition for his ability in the field of data processing.

The awards were presented by Administrative Assistant Y. W. Whelchel on behalf of the Highway Commission, Director Mack Sturgis, and Chief Engineer Ward Goodman.



Jeff Davis and Y. W. Whelchel

DAVIS, a native of Lead Hill in Boone County, joined the Department in May 1927, after having farmed and working for construction companies. Through his own initiative and ingenuity he has progressed from one responsible position to another. He is a conscientious employee and his ability to perform with men and equipment is recognized as his most outstanding asset.

Thirty-nine years ago Jeff married the former Miss Beatrice May Holt of Lead Hill. From this union are five well-educated sons. Four are graduates from the University of Arkansas and the other from the University of Oklahoma. They also have 16 grandchildren.

Besides Jeff's dedication to the Department he finds time for many civic affairs and organizations in Harrison. He is a member of the First Baptist

Church, the Lions Club, Royal Arch Mason with membership at Harrison, and is past Grand Patron of the Eastern Star of Arkansas.

Jeff's wife and one of his sons were present for the ceremonies.

HOGGARD, 23, is an outstanding young man who will probably go far. He joined the Department five years ago as a mail clerk, later transferring to Data Processing where, through hard work and lots of study, he distinguished himself by having earned the special certificate in Data Processing.

Dale took an aptitude test about three years ago to determine his potential as a programmer. He scored a 98, which is almost unheard of as it was one of the highest ever made. Dale studied a year for the test which resulted in his certificate. The Data Processing Management Association in Park Ridge, Ill., wrote Mr. Sturgis notifying him that Dale had been awarded the certificate.

Developed by DPMA and first offered at a single test center in 1962, the test this year was administered at 100 colleges and universities in the U.S. and Canada. Candidates for the certificates are examined on a wide range of subjects considered mandatory for professional competence in the field of processing. These include computing equipment and methods, systems analysis and design, accounting, mathematics, and statistics.

Persons sitting for the annual DPC examination are demonstrating their willingness to work toward the establishment of new standards of excellence in this emerging field, the letter stated, adding, "We are grateful for the active support of organizations like yours which are contributing significantly to the advancement of the Data Processing profession."

Dale's wife, Sheryl, was also at the ceremonies.



Dale Hoggard, Whelchel

MARK E. WOOLSEY MAN OF THE MONTH

by: Shari Fisher, NYC
Magazine Section



Mark E. Woolsey, chief attorney for the Highway Department, is a man who has more than earned the title of lawyer. For Mr. Woolsey, it is not merely a title; it is his life. A life of joy, of sorrow, of elation and depression.

Mr. Woolsey was born February 26, 1902, in a small community north of Ozark, Ark. He is the oldest of ten children, seven boys and three girls. His father owned and operated a 300-acre farm, with the help of his seven sons, however, he realized that the boys needed formal education and tried to impress the importance of this on them. Mr. Woolsey attended "little red school houses" until he was sixteen. At that time, his father moved his family to a farm about three miles outside of Ozark. There he attended high school and graduated as class orator in 1920.

Throughout his young life Mr. Woolsey was encouraged by friends, teachers, and his father to further his education and to go into law. The ideals and ambition of this young man never faltered; now he is successful.

After he graduated from high school he took a teachers' exam which, if he passed, would give him a license and in turn would enable him to teach. He passed his exam and, after many interviews and inquiries, he got his first teaching position in a Franklin County school. He taught there for one term and resigned in order to attend Highland Jr. College in Highland, Kans.

To help pay his college expenses he worked as a high school janitor, a lunchroom waiter and finally an executive secretary to the president of the college. After his freshman year, in 1923, he married Helen Floyd and continued his education at Arkansas State Teachers College in Conway. They were married almost 28 years before her death.

During the summers, between classes, Mr. Woolsey studied law with the Cochran and Arnett Law Firm in Paris, Ark. During his senior year he took his bar exam and Cochran and Arnett became Cochran, Arnett and Woolsey.

Then in 1934, Mr. Woolsey was elected to the State Legislature. He served that term and was re-elected in 1938-39.

Mr. Woolsey has been associated with the firms of Benson and Woolsey, and Woolsey and McKenzie, both of Ozark. He went into private practice for a while, then in 1961, he became chief attorney for the Arkansas Public Service Commission. He maintained both his private practice and his government job until he became ill. After his recovery he returned to his post with the Public Service Commission only, on the advice of his doctor. He took his present position as chief attorney for the Highway Department in 1963.

Mr. Woolsey has a large personal library and especially enjoys reading about the Civil War. He has visited many of the famous major battle fields and has plans to see more.

He and his present wife, Myrtle, have been married nearly thirteen years. They like to travel and especially enjoy trips to New Jersey to visit her daughter, Pat. Pat graduated from the University of Arkansas and is now employed by a bank in New Jersey. The Woolseys also enjoy getting together with friends and "telling yarns."

And speaking of telling yarns, Woolsey is full of them. He tells them with such charm and wit that his audience is held spellbound. One story he told was particularly charming. When he was a youngster of about five, his dad took him into the town of Ozark one Saturday to buy a pair of shoes. The lad was pretty excited with the stores and "city" life

as only a young farm boy can be. After the purchase of the shoes, his dad had another errand to run, so he instructed the boy to stay in the store until he returned. At that time it was customary for the storekeeper to give a small favor to his young customers after a purchase. Mark was clutching his favor and waiting for his father when the owner came over and asked him his age. "Five," young Mark said. "Do you have any brothers or sisters?" asked the storekeeper. "Yes," Mark replied. "Well," the owner said, "would you like to take favors home to them?" Yes, sir," said the youngster, "I'll go get them, then, but how many are there at home?" asked the owner. Without knowledge of arithmetic, Mark replied innocently, "Sixteen." About that time, Mark's dad came for him and the storekeeper laughed and said, "I want to shake your hand as you are quite a man." Puzzled, the elder Woolsey asked why. "Well," said the store owner, "your young son here told me there were 16 more children at home, and all I have to say is that if he's the oldest at five, and there are 16 more, you deserve to be congratulated." Mr. Woolsey assured him that the number was exaggerated, but the storekeeper insisted that they take 16 favors home, anyway.

Mr. Woolsey and his wife are active in the Methodist Church where he teaches Sunday school. He is a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Shrine and belongs to the American and Arkansas Bar Associations. To add to this, his brilliant eloquence and subtle wit cause him to be much sought after for speaking engagements in various civic clubs. He is an avid Razorback fan, of course.

Woolsey is happy in his work; "it's a great life." He feels this is very important in any profession one might choose, if one is to be successful.

SAFETY OFFICER NOTES SAFETY MEASURES

Roland P. Humble, safety officer, in a letter commended Eugene Watlington, bridge maintenance supervisor in the state-wide bridge crew, for safety precautions at the Red River bridge on Highway 71 at Miller-Little River County line.

Humble wrote, "It is indeed a pleasure to observe a job that was so adequately signed, barricaded, and flagged.

"The signing was of such a high caliber that I feel workmanship of this type deserves comment. Every man in the crew was wearing his hard hat. The flagmen were alert and in their vests. The traffic was under complete control. Therefore, accident exposure was extremely low in the work area. I feel this is an example for every crew in the state to follow. Could we obtain this type of workmanship state-wide in all departments I feel our accident rate would take a tremendous nose dive.

"I want to take this opportunity to commend you and every member of your crew for a job well done."

SERVICE AWARDS PRESENTED



Davison and Meredith



"Mac" and Whelchel

Two employees received their 5-year service awards recently. Dale Davison, Personnel officer, received his from Jim Meredith, chief of General Services on August 19. J. E. McCarthy, chief of the Accounting Division, received his September 1 from Y. W. Whelchel, administrative assistant. Their respective employees celebrated the occasions by serving refreshments. Congratulations, Dale and "Mac."

FINAL ESTIMATES

by H. H. Perkins
Section Head

The Final Estimate Section has functioned as an integral part of the Construction Division in the Little Rock Office since the Road Improvement days of the 1920's. The methods, procedures, personnel and equipment have changed, but the basic responsibility of this Section to determine and assure the thoroughness and accuracy of final payments to the Highway Contractors has not.

Prior to 1931, each District was responsible for the entire supervision of construction projects including preparation, checking and submission of Final Estimates. In those days there existed the equivalent of 10 separate Highway Departments. With the centralization of the Highway Department, the Construction Office was located in the State Capitol and what is now the offices of the Legal Division.

The Final Estimate Section has a star-studded personnel background and a reading of a roll-call of its previous members would name such as C. A. Shumaker, Eugene Nelson, Skinney Pumphrey, Max Oldham, Raymond Jones, Ray Garner, S. H. Daggett, Bob Andrews, John Lawrence, Jack Keilch, Russell Newsome, Pat Huddleston, H. B. "Fat" Matthews, J. Lester Booker, P. B. Price, and Hoyt Smith to name just a few. Also there were L. D. "Lew" Gower, Dabney Robbins, Bruce McRae and S. M. "Sam" Whitthorne whom some will remember.

There have been many men who worked in the Final Estimate Section as a more or less temporary measure: (a) during the depression of the '30's (b) during the second World War and (c) during the winter months when construction activities were at a minimum. Such members were Glenn Cotham, C. M. Benz, N. D. Pumphrey, Derward Ashcraft, Johnnie Robertson, and many many others. However after World War II, it became apparent with the speeding tempo of highway construction, that permanency of employees and stabilization of methods and procedures were necessary and the Final Estimate Section worked toward this goal.

Steady progress has been made and in the past few years the Final Estimate Section has become one of the many efficient organizations in the Department. The back bone of the organization is such engineering technicians as E. A. "Gene" Ashcraft, a veteran of 12 years in the Final Estimate Section, with a background of 8 years in field construction; E. W. "Dub" Rogers, who has 12 years in this Section, with background of construction experience and the uncanny ability to check and correct problems before they become problems, and L. C. "Lew" Greer, also a veteran with 19 years in the Final

Estimate Section. Lew is well-versed in the arts and sciences of checking all phases of construction engineering work. He is also a licensed attorney. In addition to their normal duties, these three have borne and mastered the problem of training young men in the checking of estimates and are responsible for the progress now being made. For the past two and one-half years the Final Estimate Section has been headed by this writer, a 23-year employee. At the present time the personnel includes a staff engineer, 4 engineering technicians, 7 estimate technicians, and 3 typists. The office is in the re-finished part of the old Material and Test Lab.

The duties of this section are basically the same as they have always been and that is to ascertain the thoroughness and accuracy of the final quantities involved in the final estimate. The Survey Division makes the original survey, the Right-of-Way Division acquires the property, the Planning Division prepares the plans and indicates the specifications, the Office Engineer advertises and lets the contract, the Construction Division supervises construction and preparation of the final estimate. The Final Estimate Section technician must have a working knowledge of Survey, Right-of-Way and Planning Departments; he must have a thorough working knowledge of the plans and an almost verbatim knowledge of the specifications. He must have the ability to follow the mathematics of the resident engineers and their crews who have made the quantity computations in book or on paper. He must have the ability to determine whether or not that which is supported by book and paper record is correct insofar as the requirements of the Method of Measurements and Basis of Payment of the Specifications are concerned. There must also be a thorough search made of all the master file including correspondence, inspection reports, etc., to determine any odd characteristics which might affect the outcome of the Final Estimate from a standpoint of accuracy, clarity or thoroughness. One chore all technicians are trained in is to check the schedule of time and the accuracy of the diary as submitted by the resident engineer. The problem of overtime charges has in the past put gray hairs in a few heads in the Department, however, a recently inaugurated procedure whereby the resident engineer must be absolutely specific in time charges has helped ease this problem.

The introduction of the Computer Center for use in the calculation of the volume of earthwork on construction projects has been a big help, especially to the resident engineer. Prior to its use, there were many man hours spent in the plotting and computing of these volumes by the end-area method. The Computer now does in minutes the work which formerly took many man hours. Consequently, it has been a big help to the Final Estimate Section, as a proof-reading check is now all that is needed to determine accuracy. In addition to earthwork computation, the Computer Center is being utilized for computing many other final quantities.

INFIRMARY AT BOYS' SCHOOL NAMED FOR STURGIS

Director Mack Sturgis, a humanitarian in every sense of the word, has for years been interested in easing the lot of those more unfortunate than he. In this respect, before becoming director of the Highway Department, while he was state purchasing agent, he was instrumental under the Faubus administration, in getting several state facilities either rebuilt or repaired, including the State Hospital, the Arkansas School for the Deaf, and new buildings at the Arkansas Training School for Boys at Wrightsville.

Three new structures of the Wrightsville facility were dedicated August 14 in ceremonies attended by Mr. Sturgis. One of the buildings, the infirmary, has been named after him and bears his name and a cast of his face. The other buildings dedicated were the vocational trade building, and a classroom building. Ground breaking was held for a new cafeteria and the superintendent's residence. Governor Faubus gave the dedicatory address.

The administration building at the Arkansas School for the Deaf is also named after Sturgis.

At right at the ceremonies were Mrs. Sturgis, far left, and their daughter, Mrs. Bobbie McAlister, and two of their grandchildren. →



Breaking ground for the Wrightsville buildings are: Sturgis, Judge Arch Campbell, and Clarence Thornbrough. Others are, left to right, J. D. Hammond, secretary of the Board of Control; Marion C. Ward, chairman; A. E. Woods; Harold S. Boyce, architect; R. E. Hemphill, superintendent, and Connie Fields, vice chairman of the Board.



(Final Estimates)

Each technician must also know and follow the accepted format of the Final Estimate in preparation for the typist. The Final Estimate is the official document of the final payment to the contractor, and the one thing that is stressed in this Section is accuracy and thoroughness. The completed Final Estimate must be able to withstand the scrutiny and audit of (1) the resident engineer who submitted it, (2) the contractor who will receive the final money, (3) the construction engineer, the office engineer the Accounting Division, and the chief engineer approves it, (4) the Bureau of Public Roads who audits it and (5) in some instances a legislative audit by an appointed consulting engineering firm.

Basically these are the duties of the technicians involved and the requirement of the Final Estimate section. There are many other small jobs performed in this section, most of which are minor in nature but all are for the benefit of the Construction Division. To some, this might seem to be very dull,

uninteresting and monotonous place to work. To those who feel this way about it, it is suggested that they spend some time in this section. Imagine if you can the problems involved where you have work coming from approximately 50 resident engineers and their field assistants who have been trained in their own special way of submitting books and papers, computing quantities, recording data, etc. Each completed job submitted to this section presents a new challenge and the problems involved are many and varied. Thus, there is never a dull or idle moment around this Section.

It is hoped that in the very near future the Final Estimate Section can assist in the publishing of a new Resident Engineers Field Manual which will promote uniformity. This manual will set forth the accepted procedure for keeping field book records on all items, for all computations to be made in arriving at a correct final quantity and the proper format for a Final Estimate.

Brides....



Schrader

Mrs. Fred J. Trowell, Jr.



Wirges

Mrs. Timothy A. Menezes



-- bob's of Fayetteville

Mrs. Fred Wayne Grim

Three daughters of AHD employees were recently married. At left is Mrs. Fred J. Trowell, Jr., who was, before her marriage in August, Miss Judith Ann Matthews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Haskell B. Matthews of North Little Rock. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Trowell of Walterboro, S. C. The double ring ceremony was performed in Central Baptist Church in North Little Rock by Rev. Jerre Hassell, assisted by Dr. C. Gordon Bayless. She was given in marriage by her father. In the center is the former Miss Roxanna Beck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pulliam. She was married August 28 in St. Andrews Cathedral to Timothy A. Menezes. They will reside in Fresno, Calif., where the groom will attend Fresno State College. And, at right, is the former Miss Tommie Jeanette Wacaster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom E. Wacaster of Harrison. Her marriage to Fred Wayne Grim was solemnized August 14 in the First Presbyterian Church of Harrison. Mr. Grim is the son of Mrs. Ivan Grim and the late Charles Grim of Green Forest.



WHAT THE NYC PROGRAM MEANT TO ME

by Shari Fisher
Magazine Section

Eight weeks of summer employment have flown by. Summer employment that has helped take some of the expense of college off of my parents' shoulders. Eight weeks of invaluable experience in my future profession: journalism. An eight weeks of meeting new people; seeing new things, and learning a little bit more about the operation of our state government.

The purpose of the NYC program is to aid young people financially in order that they may have a

chance to return to school in the fall. The program is not necessarily for poverty stricken teens - it is for those who want to be independent of their parents' help. For those who want to help their parents. For those who want to help themselves.

The NYC has given opportunities to young people that they may not have had before. An opportunity to gain experience and knowledge, both of which will be available in later life. An opportunity to have the responsibility of a job and learning to accept this responsibility. The opportunity of choosing a profession. The chance to see which professions are appealing and which are not. And, above all, a chance to meet people who are not Daddy's friends; people who like the boy or the girl for what he is, not for what his parents are . . .

These are the reflections of a grateful NYC worker on her past summer. I feel I can speak for all of us when I say, THANK YOU.

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT



ACCOUNTING DIVISION

Mildred Harness

The summer employees have left to go back to school and we will miss them. Here's hoping they liked being a part of the Highway Department and have a better understanding of what it takes to build good roads, and will be good-will ambassadors for us.

Janelle Howell left to return to college and before she left, we had a potluck August 10 in her honor. We hope she returns next year . . . Sheila Galbraith was taken to lunch and presented a silver charm with AHD on it. Hope she makes it back next summer, also.

Tyronza Hines had a birthday August 18, and by way of celebration, she was presented a birthday cake and many cards with best wishes for many more happy birthdays.

Lee Wagner and family motored to Bull Shoals for three days of fishing and swimming . . . Jack Keilch and family went to Dardanelle for a week of fishing and visiting.

Bryant Morrison, young son of Betsy Morrison, plays with the Little League which won the championship. The team appeared on television for interviews. Good playing, boys.

Betty Boysen returned home the last of August from California. Mama Aleene was sure glad to see her.

Lou Bradford resigned last month as her little boy is starting to school and she wanted to stay home. We shall miss her, but we wish her well and hope she will return to see us often.

Frank Phillips was showing his grandson's picture to us. He's a very good looking young man.

Georgia Cottrell is another fisherman and she has a bad sunburn to prove it.



COUNTY PROGRAM

Barbara Oldham

Mr. and Mrs. John Tallant and daughter, Mary, were on vacation the week of August 1. They visited with relatives in Independence, Mo., where they saw the Truman Library. The Tallants spent the majority of their vacation in Denver and Colorado Springs, Colo.

Robert D. Mize and his wife, Vada, and and their two children, Patricia Ann, 8 years old, and Gary Douglas, 4 months, have moved back to Little Rock from Raytown, Mo. They have bought a new home at 4508 Weymouth Drive. Robert is a junior designer in our division.



Robert D. Mize

Mike Pearce is back with us after a two-week tour of summer camp at LRAFB.

The ghost of Uncle Sam looms over County Roads. Billy R. Durham, draftsman trainee, got his notice for a physical.

The Max Halls made trips to El Dorado and Shreveport recently. They were also visited by daughter, Helen Ann, and her husband, Don Banks, and their family. Don, who was formerly with the Surveys and Roadway Design Divisions, will enter the University of Illinois this fall for post-graduate work on a doctor's degree in civil engineering. He is now employed by the U.S. Corps of Engineers in Vicksburg, Miss., who are sponsoring his further education. Two other daughters and their families visited, also: Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Ussery of Berryville, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Avra, Danville, Ill.

James Caviness, one of our employees, transferred to District 6 in August.

We leave you with this parting thought: A wet bird never flies at night.



EQUIPMENT

Sally Crook

C. Don Hayes, our boss, presented Frank Pitts with his 5-year pin and certificate of merit August 11. Congratulations, Frank!

We welcome Larry Kelley to the Equipment Office. Larry is our new bookkeeper.

We regret the departure of Sally Hibbs and the NYC boys who will be leaving us. We wish them all good luck.

We enjoyed visits from Cummins Rattcliffe, Carl Hosack, W. E. Burns, and M. L. Nailling this month. We are always pleased to hear from our former employees.

Vacations: Avalee Padgett and family camped out and relaxed at Blanchard Springs. . . . Parker Harden and family went to Greers Ferry and also to Blanchard Springs. Others vacationing were H. L. Helton and A. G. Jackson.

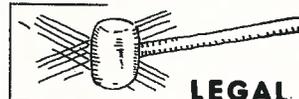
Sue Davis's mother and father, formerly of Roswell, N.M., spent a few days with her before leaving to tour the West. Sue's father is now retired from the Air Force and plans to settle here upon returning.

Lem Kirkpatrick was a bachelor for a week while his wife visited their daughter and son-in-law in Houston, Tex.

Patsy Navens had her two nieces visiting her for a few days while their mom and dad went vacationing.

Shirley Healy was presented a gift from the girls in her office August 6, celebrating her birthday.

In case anyone is interested, we regret to say that the baseball tournament in which Shirley's husband played, turned out negative. Better luck on the next one.



LEGAL DIVISION

Virginia Tackett

On practically any Monday morning we can check the skin tone of the Legal Division staff and see who's fresh back from vacation. Don Gillespie spent about a week recently on the golf course at Magnolia, and Tom Keys turned up one Monday morning with a real Galveston tan . . . The whole Keys family enjoyed the swimming and excellent seafood . . . Phil Stratton has managed several long fishing week ends on Lake Conway taking leave on occasional

Fridays . . . This last week of August found Billy Bob Thrasher on vacation, presumably fishing, and Don Kelly on vacation with the firmly expressed intention of doing a full week of loafing . . . Lee Allen is back from Fort Sill, having laid aside the military burdens of a major to resume the duties of claims attorney. He had a little car trouble on the way back, but it turned out to be much less serious than he had feared . . . Joyce Jones and her mother drove Joyce's sister back to Knoxville, Tenn., after a visit in Cabot. The three Jones girls had a fine trip through the Smokies, stopping at Cherokee Village in North Carolina and at Andrew Jackson's home, the Hermitage.

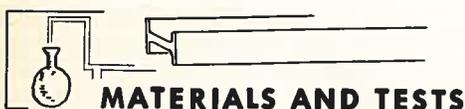
Jackie and Jim Gills and Mike have moved into their new home at 8702 Shelley Drive, and after you get a new home and grounds, what is the next thing you get? Why, a dog, of course. So Jim came home with a toy fox terrier for Mike to complete the domestic scene.

We're pulling along with Doris Harper for a quick recovery for her son, Mike, 16, as is possible considering how sick he has been. He's in Baptist Hospital and making a little progress each day.

All of the Highway Department joined with the rest of the state in mourning the tragedy which struck the missile silo at Searcy, but it was brought close to home to us here in the Legal Division because one of those who died was the nephew of our friend and co-worker, Ethyl Harrison. He was Presley H. Sansom from east of Conway, and we saw at first hand, and shared, the personal grief caused by his tragic death.

We especially recommend for your attention, this issue's Man of the Month feature, profiling Mark E. Woolsey, our chief attorney and a man, those who know him will aver, not only of the month but of all seasons.

And finally, we have for the Planning and Research Division, to use a homely old expression, a trade-last. Attending to some business for the Legal Division with the Veteran's Hospital at Fort Roots, we had the pleasure of receiving from Dr. Hosea W. McAdoo, a staff physician, not only the help and information needed, but an unsolicited and enthusiastic testimonial to the courtesy and promptness he was shown on two separate occasions when he ordered maps. He considered his treatment exceptional and asked that his appreciation be passed along.



MATERIALS AND TESTS

Julia Halliburton

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Langston have another baby girl, which makes three for them.

Little Katherine Esther made her appearance August 5, weighing 5 pounds, 14 ounces.

Jim Trost is an engineer-in-training in our division this month. Jim is from Green Forest.

The following summer employees have resigned to enter college: David Lee, State Teachers at Conway; Robert Lea, University of Arkansas; Robert West, Tulane, Good luck, boys.

There were about 14 employees with birthdays in August. Several dinners were enjoyed and donuts and coffee to celebrate a few of them.

Robert Bracknell has returned from military leave at Fort Sill, Okla.



PERSONNEL

Dorothy Lehman

One of our favorites, Mary Nell Sikes, returned to work in June and although it's almost time to say good-bye again, we wish her well in her studies as she returns to Arkansas State Teachers College. She and a friend travelled to Mobile, Ala., for a brief vacation shortly before fall semester.

Sibble Cox took a much deserved vacation in July. Vicky Tanner accompanied Sibble and Puddin' to Panama City where they spent a glorious week in sun, sand and water. When we learned Sibble was to go deep sea fishing, we asked for pictures. That "big one" got away so . . . no pictures.

On July 26 we helped Dale Davison celebrate his birthday with a delicious luncheon of fried chicken, fresh peas, Mexican cornbread, potato salad, deviled eggs, and Cherry-O pie. Mrs. Davison, Mr. Sturgis and Mr. Meredith honored us with their presence and everyone enjoyed the dinner and fellowship. Mr. Davison enjoyed receiving well-wishers all through the day.

August was a month of presentations here in Personnel. On August 19 Jim Meredith presented a 5-year pin and certificate to Mr. Davison. Coffee and cake were served.

Annette Henshaw and Sherill Benoit from the Youth Development Program left our office the latter part of August. LaRue Jones began work in our office and later transferred over to Maintenance.

This reporter took a week off to enjoy a visit with my mother, sister, and nephew here from Waco, Texas. Ron and Charles, my sons, and Bill, my nephew, spent a day at Lake Hamilton skiing and skin-diving. After the families' return to Texas, the boys, Peggy and I made a trip to Hamilton. The rains came so we were disappointed in not being able to ski.

Mr. and Mrs. Davison celebrated their twenty-second wedding anniversary on August 27. On that day they took the children on vacation and during that time will visit Mr. Davison's mother in Iowa.



Shirley Childress

Donna Reddin, secretary in Acquisition section seems to be our biggest news item for the month of August. The picture shown with this report was taken on the day Donna was Secretary of the Day on the KMYO Radio Station and the flower and vase shown in the picture were presented to her by the radio station. This was just one of many events that have happened to Donna lately. The first one was when she announced her engagement to Allen Barbee. She and Allen were married August 28 at Hampton, Ark., and will reside in Little Rock where Allen is employed by the Coleman Dairy Company. A wedding shower was given in Donna's honor at the home of Nancy Sipe, August 11, and was attended by the girls in Right-of-Way both presently employed and past employees. Donna received many nice and useful gifts at the shower, then two weeks later was presented with a set of stainless steel flatware by the men in the Acquisition Section and a set of Minnette Coming Ware by Colonel Schaffer and wife, Norma. Her last gift before she left on her vacation was a gag gift from two jokers in the Utilities Section. Do you suppose Harvey had anything to do with it? Donna has taken a lot of kidding the past few weeks from everyone in Right-of-Way and she probably won't believe this, but we all wish her and Allen bushels of happiness and tons of love, patience and understanding.



Donna Barbee

Retha Griffin purchased a four-unit apartment house in Cloverdale and moved into one of the units several weeks ago. This has been a busy summer for Retha for her son graduated from Central High School last May and soon thereafter left for his Naval Boot Training at Great Lakes. She and her younger son Bob moved into their new home while Terry was gone and waited to welcome him back on August 28th. Terry will be a freshman at Henderson State Teachers College at Arkadelphia this fall.

Our two summer employees working in the supply room left us during the month of August so all the girls in Right-of-Way that have worked with them, treated both to lunch at Hank's Dog House. We have enjoyed having Jon and Marian as co-workers this summer and hope they will drop by to see us every chance they get.

The Appraisal Section employees treated Diane Farish to lunch at Browning's before she left to return to college. This was their way of showing Diane how much they have enjoyed having her work with them this summer.

Billy Owen's three-month-old daughter underwent surgery at St. Vincent's August 6. She was only hospitalized two days and made a very good recovery with no complications.

Nancy Sipe's father was hospitalized for several days during the month of August but he is home now and doing real well.

Art Emmerling, Earle Wiley, and Jim Mode all took week-long vacations but stayed home.

A. C. Ledbetter and family took a week-long vacation and went to Six-Flags. Fred Williams and family took a short trip to Prescott, Ark. August 20 to visit Nina's family.

Kenneth Suthmer and family spent a week in Florida and Kenneth returned to work with a real good tan.

Herbert Heffington and wife Wilma spent their vacation in Dallas, Tex., where they went shopping and visited Six-Flags Over Texas.

Six-Flags is again a very popular vacation spot with our employees this year. I have already mentioned two families that visited this fun spot and found out there is still another. Glendol Jackson took his family to Dallas August 22, and they spent 12 hours visiting Six-Flags August 23. Glendol reports that they were very tired but had a good time.

Winston Guthrie of the Appraisal Section resigned from the Highway Department and moved to Memphis, Tenn., where he will be working with the Corps of Engineers. The Appraisal Section had a party for him and he was presented with a rod and reel. We are all sorry to see Winston leave but wish him well in his new job.

Frank Wiggins spent two weeks at Fort Sill, Okla., August 8 through 22, where he attended an Army Artillery Career Course for the Army National Guard.

Ted Mitchell and his family had a very nice visit with some old friends of theirs, Mr. & Mrs. Hinds, from Christchurch, New Zealand a few weeks ago. The Mitchells and the Hinds became friends while Ted was in the Air Force and stationed in New

Zealand. Mr. and Mrs. Hinds came to the United States to visit two daughters now living here, one in Savannah, Ga., and the other one in San Francisco, Calif. While they were here they toured the U.S. by bus and stopped off for a short visit with Ted and family.

Jarrell Jackson's daughter, Judy Suzanne Jackson, was named Miss Congeniality at the Miss Hospitality contest held August 14 at War Memorial Stadium during half time of the High School All Star Football Game. Judy will be a sophomore at the University of Arkansas this fall.

Everyone in Right-of-Way is very happy for Sue and Jimmy Boyett for they have just adopted a four-month-old baby boy. His name is Keith Allen. Of course this means Sue is leaving us and we sure hate to lose her but this is the best reason we can think of for anyone to quit work. A party was given in the Appraisal Section August 27 in her honor and she was presented with a gift for her new son. Congratulations Jim and Sue.

If you ever get caught outside during a rainstorm do not take cover under a tree anywhere close to the Appraisal Section because you might get run over by a little red MG driven by Jean Barrett, for that is where she parks her car when she leaves the windows at home and it rains.



PLANNING AND RESEARCH

Billie Whiteside

Our big news this month is our bride and groom - Marjarine Turner and Dodson Leonard, who were married August 15, at Highland Methodist Church. Having gotten word of this coming event, we surprised them with a gift (and speeches) on the preceding Friday.

J. R. Henderson, J. L. Vandenberg, and Bill Looney went to Hot Springs August 13 to attend the County Judges Association meeting for the purpose of discussing the series of statewide comprehensive planning studies to be made of all state highways, county roads, and city streets.

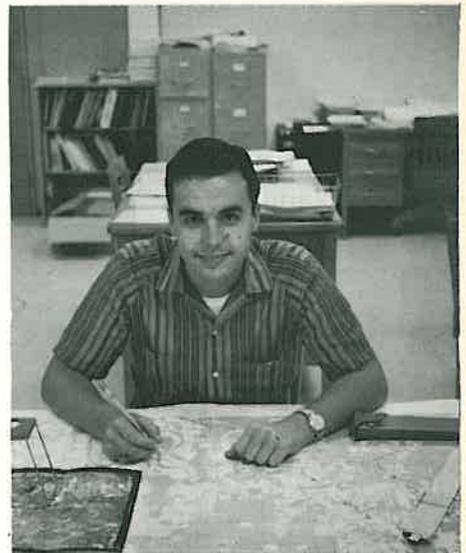
Lester Jester, Lee Gibbons, Jim Carvell, and Bill Headrick flew to Oklahoma City to attend a Regional Traffic Control Device Workshop sponsored by the Institute of Traffic Engineers, August 19-20.

Joe Reynolds and William Mitkiff are newcomers to the Mapping and Drafting Section; Joe as a map scribe and Bill as an artist. Bill comes to us from Virginia, where he attended Richmond Professional Institute. Welcome to them.

We have lost a good friend. Mignon Besancon, steno, has left us to move to Austin, Tex. Sweet Mignon will be greatly missed, and everyone wishes her the best.

Doyle Dillahunty, who will teach manual arts at the new Metropolitan High School, accepted P&R's invitation and worked in

Mapping and Drafting this summer to familiarize himself with the new methods used in cartographic scribing. We were very pleased to have him, and he contributed a great deal during his stay. On one of our noontime excursions, some of the girls drove through the industrial district to view this new school. This was an adventure as we didn't really know the way and no signs were up. After crossing a swoop of bridge, we reached it. Right now it's all alone on a rolling hilltop, and there's the most wonderful feeling, standing up there, with the wind blowing, and the view spread out ahead, all the way to the Capitol dome. We couldn't think of a better atmosphere for a school and we're sure Doyle will enjoy it.



Robert Faulkner has joined the Traffic Engineering Section as a traffic technician. Bob is a 1965 graduate of the University of Arkansas, with a BSCE degree, and we're glad to have him with us.



Joe Reynolds and William Mitkiff

Ruby Crouse's husband, Billy Ray, graduated this summer from Arkansas State Teachers College.

Neal Morehead's daughter, Sarah Louise, was married July 30 to Perry Reaves of Little Rock.

"Tripping" - Marc and Darlene Gross visited New Orleans, Shreveport, and Vicksburg . . . Edith Garland and family vacationed at Myrtle Beach, S.C., and in other southern states nearby . . . The Mayo White family visited son Larry in Clarksville, Tenn. Bill Looney and his family went to Mountain Home on a camping and fishing trip - but no luck fishing.

Recent golf tournament players at Burns Park: Jim Barnett, Bill Smith.

Mary Jane Kniepkamp had a short stay at St. Vincent's, but we hope she is fully recovered.



ROADWAY DESIGN

Virginia Ashlin

Frank Hutchison recently enjoyed a week of just plain relaxation and being away from all the work and problems encountered by our squad leaders.

Cameron Lowe treated his family to an outing of camping and swimming at Buffalo River State Park.

Brooks Nichols and family visited friends in Kansas City the week end of August 14.

We've had several weddings in Roadway recently. The first one was Robert Lee Trammel, son of one of our squad leaders, Glenn Trammel. Robert and Miss Patricia Ann Clinton were married July 31 in Immanuel Baptist Church of Little Rock.

Miss Shirley Helms from Brinkley became the bride of Paul Haydon on August 21. Shirley works for the Kirby Company of Little Rock. Paul was presented with a Lady Vanity electric skillet from some of his co-workers.

The next wedding of interest was the marriage of another squad leader's daughter, Roxanna Beck, daughter of Fred Pulliam, was married to Timothy A. Menezes August 28 in St. Andrews Cathedral. The couple will reside in Fresno, Calif., where the groom will attend Fresno State College.

We wish all these couples much happiness.

Delbert Vanlandingham and family spent a week's vacation in El Paso, Tex. While there, they took a couple of side trips into Old Mexico and New Mexico. Van said they enjoyed the trip very much.

Chester Siesicki and wife, Ruth, enjoyed a leisurely week relaxing at home and visiting a few places around Arkansas.

Sam Acheson had the misfortune of having an accident the night of August 6. While enroute to his home in Mountain Home, his car left the highway, went through a fence and hit a cow. Fortunately, Sam was not

injured and his car will soon be out of the shop.

We welcome James Cole who started working with us August 16. James is from Van Buren.

There was a mix-up in last month's issue. To set the record straight, Sidney Lee and wife, Lillian, visited their son in Houston, Tex., and while there, took in a ball game in the new Astrodome, instead of taking in some night spots. It was Gary Sipes and his wife who did the night spots in Las Vegas, while they were visiting his mother there.

(Sorry about the goofs, fellows. Sidney, we hasten to point out, is not a taker-iner of night spots in Houston - or anyplace else, for that matter.Ed.)



RECORDS AND SUPPLY

"Cookie" McCook

Congratulations to Verna and Ivan Daes on the birth August 16 of their twin sons at St. Vincent's. The babies, named Brent Edward and Kent Douglas, were born prematurely, weighing 3 pounds, 14 ounces, and 3 pounds, 4 ounces respectively. Verna was highly reluctant to leave the little ones at the hospital, but she had no choice in the matter since they will have to stay until they each weigh 5 pounds. However, she and Ivan spend quite a bit of time out there in the hall looking at them. Having never had any of their own, they did all right for the first time. They have three adopted sons in addition to the twins.

After Albert Comeau transferred over to Data Processing Center, "Butch" Wilson took over his duties and Ray Davis came to work with us as "go-between" on the Benton Highway to the other buildings.

Butch's brother-in-law had a narrow escape a few weeks ago when a compressor exploded and hit him in the chest. He had to have heart surgery to close the wound. He's at home now, but has to limit his activities until the wound is completely healed.

I got to hold my "grandchild" the other day. Dale and Sheryl Hoggard brought their little son, Mike, to see me. He is a darling - natch.

Our sympathies are extended to Nancy Layton and her family in the death of her father, Harold Shelton, who was a victim of the tragic missile explosion at Searcy.

The man who has nothing to boast of but his illustrious ancestors is like a potato - the only good belonging to him is underground.

- Sir Thomas Overbury



TRAFFIC SERVICE

Judy Guthrie

Traffic Services has had several folks get itchy feet recently and travel to neighboring states.

We all were envious of Mr. and Mrs. Otha Hewitt for their trip to New Orleans. They spent several days "seeing the sights" of that city and points enroute.

Brenda Shearin spent the week end recently with friends in Memphis and reported having a good time just shopping and visiting.

Mr. Hewitt and Van Campbell attended a Traffic Control Device Workshop in Oklahoma City and had an informative and enjoyable meeting with their counterparts from several state, municipal, and federal agencies.

Nancy and Jim Woodson spent several days in Dallas for her brother's wedding. One of the highlights of the trip was a visit to Six Flags Over Texas, which was thoroughly enjoyed.

James Mellard went to Memphis for his sister's wedding. Since his brother is getting married in September we understand that the pressure is really on James (who is still foot-loose and fancy-free) from friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Campbell are enjoying having a daughter and three granddaughters visit from San Frisco, Calif. Also, their other daughter and three grandchildren from Texarkana visited for the week end to complete a happy gathering.

Becky Fleming took the examination to be licensed by the Arkansas State Real Estate Board and came through with flying colors.



DISTRICT



Leslie Long

We miss our chats with "Bob" Warren, retired, who has recently moved to Benton, Ark. We hope he is all settled by now and happy with his new home. Come see us.

Our Travelling Retiree, Inez Royston has been on another one of those wonderful trips. While in New York she visited the Fair, travelled to Portland, Me., and on to Niagara Falls. The tour included points of interest at Vermont, New Hampshire, New York State, and a guided tour of Montreal. We enjoyed her postcards.

Virgil Green is making plans to move his wife and daughter into their new home at Pine Bluff.

QUINIELA - PERFECTA - DAILY DOUBLE - Sounds like Greek but is ac-

usually the lingo I picked up from Southland Greyhound Park. Those Greyhounds are too fast for me. My speed leans more to the petit Jean State Park. There's fun and plenty of it. The park embraces the most picturesque and rugged parts of the mountain. A tour of Winrock Farm was most educational and the Museum of Automobiles a most unique display. While in this vicinity I also visited the Dardanelle Dam site, which is a beautiful site to see.



The fish and fish stories are still bountiful. The picture of "Red" Goins and John Merele was taken at John Smith Lake on Big Island. Crappie, catfish and bass are the catch. Still no fish fry???

Joe Corkin Savage, Ashley County foreman at time of his retirement. July 31 had been a faithful worker for the Highway Department for more than 22 years. We hope Joe will enjoy his much earned retirement. He plans to just stay around home and enjoy himself. There are seven boys and five girls in his family and all are married except two boys, still at home. One daughter lives in Texas and one in Georgia. The rest of the children live in and around Hamburg, where Joe makes his home.

Service awards were presented to Ola Townsend for 15 years' service; Earl Glen Arnold for 10 years, and James Ralph Davidson and William Garland Johnson for 5 years' service.



DISTRICT

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Edna Lewallen

The employees of the construction office in Texarkana had a picnic at Lake Greeson August 15. There was skiing, swimming, food, and lots of fun for all

who were able to attend. We were glad Nina Atkins and her family joined in the fun. Everyone found Lake Greeson to be very beautiful and enjoyed the day.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Dunne will be interested to know he has been transferred from DeQueen, where he had been an engineering assistant, to Hope where he will work on Interstate 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Roberts are parents of a daughter, Nyla Gail, who made her arrival August 2. The proud daddy is a dragline operator.

New employees in our district are: Dwight Walton, Gary Sanders, Jimmy Yocom, Edward Wheat, Charles Woods, Jr., Bobby Calhoon, Vernon Townsend, Jessie Harris, William Cox, Donald McKenzie, and re-employed Cecil McCorkle.

Sam and Dortha Faye Huckabee and family drove to Tupelo, Miss. recently for a week end visit with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cumbie.

Bo Cruce and Nelson Morgan are now auditing in our district.

We extend sympathies to Oscar and Wayne Marcum, in the death August 21 of their son and brother.



DISTRICT

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Marilyn Coffman

C. L. Bradberry celebrated a birthday last month. Sally and Marilyn baked his favorite pineapple upside down cake and we hope it was enjoyed by everyone.

Bradberry's son, Shyler, is a member of the First Heritage Baseball Team representing Arkansas in the National Semi-Pro Tournament in Wichita, Kans.

Elaine Syfert, daughter of Oscar Syfert, fuel clerk, is at home after spending eight weeks at the University of New Mexico. Elaine will return to school September 16.

Sally McMillan enjoyed the company of her daughters, Mrs. Preston Huddleston, Jr., and family of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., and Mrs. John L. Dobbins and family of Fordyce, who were vacationing for two weeks.

Harold Medlock recently resigned to accept employment with the State Plant Board. We wish Harold the best of luck.

We all miss our NYC employees. We enjoyed working with them and hope they all do well in their respective schools.

We extend sympathies to Mildred Thomas, clerk in the construction office, on the death of her little 7-year-old daughter. Mildred has returned to work after being on leave for several weeks.

We also extend sympathies to Tom Love in the loss of his daughter-in-law, Ida Ruth, of Bryant, Ark., who was killed in an automobile accident.

That which makes one man different from another is not so much the things he does as his manner of doing them.

—Manning.



DISTRICT

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Burnham & Campbell

Congratulations to Stewart Byrd Evans, who received his 10-year service awards in August.

The Bradley County maintenance crew entertained the NYC boys with a fish fry at Moro Bay the night of August 28. They had a most enjoyable time. Bradley County maintenance welcomes a new employee, Romie Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Webb visited their daughter and family in Texas recently. Dave Rowland and family vacationed in North Arkansas.

Mary and Joe Carlson attended the funeral of Joe's nephew in Kenosha, Wis.

John Livingston's mother is in an El Dorado hospital recovering from major surgery.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Pumphrey on their new son, David Lee, born in Arkansas Baptist Hospital in Little Rock August 24. Butch and Greg are proud of their new brother, who weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces.

Our sympathies are extended to Dave Rowland, whose father died at his home in Benton recently.



DISTRICT

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Netha Brown

SICK CALL: Claud Shuffield is recovering from major surgery at Spark's Hospital in Fort Smith; Silas Powers is recuperating at his home in Dover from injuries received when a rock thrown from a bush-hog struck him in the temple; Z. V. (Red) Bittle is at Ola with asphalt poisoning which affected his lungs, eyes and hands; Estelle Crow ("Dummy's" wife) is in Memphis for surgery, and Cecil Gilmore, foreman in Yell County, has a serious case of spanque. (Spanque?)

NEWCOMERS: Kenneth William Brown is the new son of Kenneth and Mary Ann Brown. Baby Kenneth was born July 31 at St. Anthony's Hospital in Morrilton . . . Tanya Jo Wells was born August 6 at St. Anthony's to Dwayne and Nelda Wells. Tanya Jo's grandfather is our sign man, Joe Duvall. We were treated to sweet rolls and cigars by her proud grandfather on her arrival. Congratulations to the new parents!

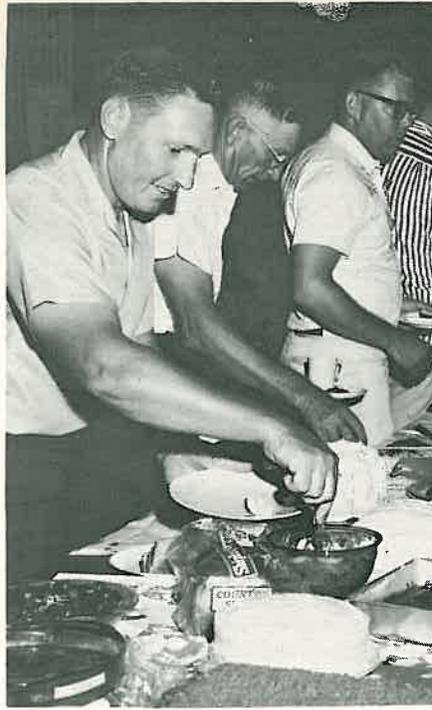
District 8 welcomes E. W. Smith, Jr. and his family. We haven't met all the family yet, but we understand David and Charles will be attending schools in Russellville - one at Arkansas Tech, and the other in our public schools. We hope they will be happy in their new location. Elmer will be resident engineer at Clarksville.

We always hate to see old friends leave our district, and Jim Little and Reuben McConnell are no exception. Jim will be working in the Little Rock office and Reuben is going to District 10. We hope they will come back to see us, and maybe someday they will have the opportunity to work in District 8 again. Good luck to them and their families.

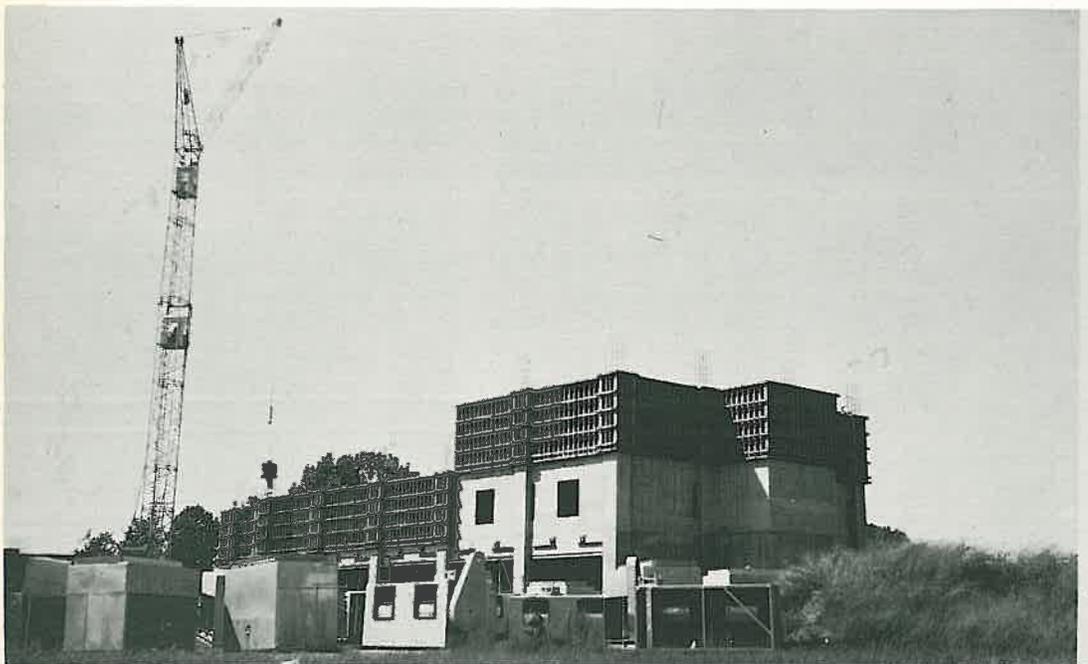
Five-year service awards were presented to Thelma Imogene McCoy and Robert C. Baskin, and a 10-year award to Rudy Baswell.



GIDDUP! This picture is a typical Arkansas scene in District 8. Mr. Price, District 8 engineer, didn't get the boy's name, but the young man and his transportation were snapped in Perry County.



Jim McConnell, at left, engineering technician, dips into the goodies at a picnic held at Huntsville this summer. At right, Curt Shaddox, resident engineer at Huntsville, balances daughter Chelly's plate and his own. Chelly is a little doll. The picnic was held at the Madison County Maintenance Headquarters Building.



This picture, taken by Johnnie Gray September 14, is the latest stage of construction on the new Highway building on the New Benton Highway. Workmen have made considerable progress since we ran the picture last month. Two other buildings are being built: the new District 10 headquarters at Paragould, and the new District 7 headquarters building at Camden, and each month we will try to report their progress and show pictures.

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A man who had just bought a plane was giving his wife her first ride. "What I like about traveling this way," he said, "is that all the strain is gone. There's lots of room once you get away from the airport, you don't have to worry about pedestrians, and there's no such thing as a traffic jam. "Also," he continued with a smile, "I don't think I'll be troubled with back-seat driving up here."

Peering through the windshield, his wife snapped, "Watch out for those birds!"

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A Frenchman was relating his experience in studying the English language. He said: "When I first discovered that if I was quick, I was fast; that if I was tied, I was fast; if I spent too freely, I was fast; and that not to eat was to fast, I was discouraged. But when I came across the sentence, "The first one won one-dollar prize," I gave up trying."

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A frustrated father blew up while trying to mediate the usual family hassle around the dinner table. "Everybody wants his own way around here?" he hollered. "Me. I'm just the poor schnook of a father. When do I get my way once?"

Four-year Mark tugged at his sleeve and suggested, "Cry a little."

* * *

Husband staggered home late for dinner:

Wife: "What in the world has come over you? You have never done a thing like this before!"

Husband: "I was real tired when I got off work today and just thought I'd stop at the tavern and have one drink to see if it would pick me up -- Well, sure enough that one made me feel like a new man so I had to buy him one, and etc. - - -

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Two goats wandered into the alley behind a motion picture theater looking for dinner. They found a can of film, which one of the goats devoured along with the can.

"How was it?" asked his companion.

"The book was better," he replied.

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"Do you think it's unlucky to postpone a wedding?"

"Not if you keep on doing it."

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The American couple had decided to see something of the world. One of the stops in their journey was a small inn in rural France. To facilitate their movements, the husband sent their bags ahead. When they arrived, the manager -- proud of the few English words he knew -- showed them that he had already registered them, taking their names from the luggage. Sure enough, in a fine Spencerian hand, there they were: "Mr. and Mrs. Genuine Cowhide."

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An English hostess, when serving wine, remarked to one gentleman: "I shouldn't be offering you wine. You are head of the Temperance League."

"Oh, no," he replied, "I'm head of the Vice League."

"Well," she said, "I knew there was something I shouldn't offer you."

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For those who fear that machines are taking over, look again. A recent scene on Highway 16, near Pettigrew in Northwest Arkansas illustrated this. These men and animals are seeding along the edge of the road. Due to the steep embankments, tractors cannot correctly do this and keep within the bounds of safety, and that's where the old mule comes in.

Cover: A lot of construction has been going on in the Russellville-Dardanelle area. This view, looking east on I-40 and Highway 64, shows new bridges over Big Piney Creek; a new relocated bridge over Highway 64, and a Mo-Pac railroad bridge, also relocated. At the left in upper center, is the newly developed recreation area, with pavilions, boat launching ramps, picnic tables, and other outdoor facilities. Big Piney Creek flows into the Arkansas River. John F. Price is District 8 engineer.