

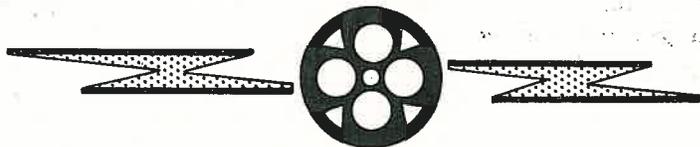
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Sturgis Resigns...W. E. Hicks Takes Over as AHD Director



The Highway Commission accepted the resignation March 29 of Mack Sturgis, as director of the Highway Department. Mr. Sturgis, who was replaced in that position by W. E. Hicks, former District 7 engineer, left March 31. He had served as director since January 1965.

All Department employees regretted his leaving as he was a fine director, and an extraordinarily kind and humane person, who was conscientious in his job and in the consideration of his fellow workers.

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We won't say goodbye as we hope he will visit us often. GOOD LUCK, Mr. Sturgis, and may you enjoy good health and much happiness in the future.

Our new director, Mr. Hicks, is certainly no stranger to AHD. He retired only last November as District 7 engineer after 40 years with the Department. The first employee to receive 40-year service awards, the selection of Mr. Hicks by the Commission was made to expedite the Highway Department building program. "With Walter Hicks we can start to build roads today," Wayne Hampton, chairman of the Commission said when the replacement was made.

Mr. Hicks is a native of Magnolia and a graduate of the University of Arkansas with a BS in civil engineering. He became associated with the Department in 1924 as a draftsman and had served in nearly all major engineering positions. He was named District 7 engineer in 1955.

We welcome the Hicks family, which includes Mrs. Hicks and two daughters, to Little Rock and we are looking forward to a long and pleasant association with them.



W. E. Hicks

EMPLOYEES FETE STURGIS WITH FAREWELL PARTY



Rudy Peace, AHD pilot bids Mr. and Mrs. Sturgis goodbye while E. E. Hurley and Roland Humble, Safety officer, look on.

On Mr. Sturgis' last day with the Department, an open house was held for him and Mrs. Sturgis to bid them goodbye. Approximately 400 persons, mostly employees in the Little Rock-North Little Rock-Jacksonville area, plus district engineers, went through the reception line to pay their respects and sign the guest book.

Governor Faubus, a close friend of Mr. Sturgis, was a special guest. He made a speech extolling Mr. Sturgis on the fine job he did as director. In a jovial mood, Mr. Faubus signed the guest book, "Orval Faubus, fishing buddy." Mrs. Bobbie McAlister, the Sturgis' daughter was also a special guest.

The surprise of the afternoon was when he was presented a gift by all the employees in the Department. Completely stunned by the gesture, he expressed his appreciation with deep emotion.

The letter in the next column was sent a few days after he left the department.

MY DEAR HIGHWAY FRIENDS,

I wish it were possible to thank each one, individually, for your hard work and loyalty while I served you and all the people in Arkansas as Highway Director. It was an honor and a privilege, and I did enjoy so much my association with you wonderful people. Words cannot express my thanks for the thoughts behind the gift and the party. I am truly overwhelmed.

Your friend,
Mack Sturgis

Ann. He is a member of the First Baptist Church, and a veteran of World War II, having spent three years in the Army Artillery. He loves hunting and fishing.

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HIGHWAY COMMISSION PRESENTS AWARDS TO 12

Twelve men, with a combined total of 345 years' service with the Highway department, were presented longevity awards March 23 by the Highway Commission. The men were so honored to show appreciation for their long and untiring efforts to better our highways.

A large gathering of wives, relatives, and friends were in attendance to congratulate the following men on this achievement: John S. Harris, Jr., Charles E. Hooker, E.E. Hurley, and William R. Shay, 35 years; Walter L. Owen, 30 years; John Burlsworth, Gale E. Gunn, Woodward A. Hardin, Ell Kendall, Sidney L. Langford, Thomas L. Parish, and Harvey J. Young, 25 years.

HARRIS, DISTRICT 2 engineer, is a native of Perry. After graduating from Morrilton High School, he continued his education at the University of Arkansas studying civil engineering. He began working for the Department in 1928 and worked successive summer months while attending the University. In 1932 he returned to the Department and has worked continuously since then. He has had a varied career, having served from rodman to his present position, which he has held since 1959. His ability as an organizer and leader of men has long been recognized by the Department, and in 1960, the American Association of State Highway Officials awarded him a Certificate of Merit. John is married to the former Miss Louise Sevier, also of Perry, whom he married in 1933. They are active in church and civic affairs in Pine Bluff. He is a member of the Lakeside

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HOOKER, assistant engineer in SURVEYS DIVISION, is a native of Little Rock. Following jobs as an engineer's helper with construction firms he joined the Department in 1927, and through self-study and hard work, advanced through a succession of increasingly more responsible jobs to his present job. He has an unusual ability to evaluate alternative routes for proposed construction, and his decisions reflect sound principles and excellent judgment. In 1959 he received the AASHO Award of Merit. He is registered; a member of the Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers, and the American Society of Civil Engineers. In addition to his professional activities, he is interested in church affairs and reserves time to entertain his many friends. He married the former Miss Josie Lee Allbritton of Lake Village in 1927. Their son, Charles, Jr., is also an engineer, residing in Missouri.

HURLEY, a native of Russellville, Ala., formed an alliance in 1927 with the Department, and since that time, he has performed virtually every engineering function which led up to his position as DISTRICT 6 engineer. His reputation as a district engineer transcends nearly every county in Arkansas. He has boundless energy and enthusiasm for improving our roads and he carries forth his assignments with such ease that his job seems simple to the average individual. He came to Little Rock early in life and completed his early education. He attended



W. E. Hicks



Holding their 25 and 30-year awards are Sidney Langford, Woodward Hardin, John Burlsworth, Gayle Gunn, Dell Kendall, and Walter Owen. Thomas Parish and Harvey Young were unable to be present.

the University of Arkansas, studying civil engineering. He married the former Miss Florence Adelle Denton of Hamburg in 1928. Their son, Pat, now in Rochester, Minn., is an engineer with IBM. Mac (as he is called) is registered and a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Professional Engineering Society. He, too, was awarded the AASHO Award of Merit. He has his own boat docked at Lake Maumelle and spends his spare time fishing.

SHAY, is a native of Gentry, in Benton County, where he attended schools. He joined the Department in January 1931 as a laborer and has performed just about every job in the Maintenance Department. His "know how" is depended on in daily situations and his supervisory abilities were recognized in 1959 when he was promoted to area foreman in DISTRICT 9. "Buck," married the former Miss Anna Mae Wade of Highfill in 1938. They have one daughter, Judy Ann. He is a member of the First Baptist Church, and a veteran of World War II, having spent three years in the Army Artillery. He loves hunting and fishing.

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BURLSWORTH first became associated with the Department as a laborer in the Harrison shops. Today, after 25 years, his alliance continues and he is now one of the top mechanics in DISTRICT 9. John is a native of Harrison in Boone County, and has continued to make his home there. He married the former Miss Myrtle Gibson of Branson, Mo., in 1932. They have two sons and a daughter, and five grandchildren. John's hobbies are fishing, fishing, and more fishing.

GUNN's career of 25 years began in 1936 and has continued intermittently as he diversified his engineering experience with construction companies. He was born and educated in Sheridan, and although he has lived and worked in several areas of the state, he still makes Sheridan his home. Gayle has the ability to carry out unusual construction projects, many of which have been on the Interstate System in eastern Arkansas. He is presently located near Arkadelphia. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Sheridan, a Mason, and a member of the Arkansas Engineer's Club. He is interested in most sports, but his favorite is football. A veteran of World War II, he attained the rank of chief petty officer in the Seabees. He now represents veterans as the commander of the Sheridan Veterans of Foreign Wars. The former Miss Francis Lorine Key of Sheridan became Mrs. Gunn in 1939. They have two daughters and one grandson.

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make it his home. He is married to the former Miss Elizabeth Roberts of Morrilton. They have one son, one daughter, and a grandchild. Woody is active in civic and fraternal organizations. He is a past master of Coy Masonic Lodge No. 66, Odd Fellows, Lions, Razorback and Mid-America Antique Auto Club a volunteer fire fighter, and a former deputy sheriff and constable of Humnoke. When not attending one of these functions, he may be found reaching for antique musical instruments, or hunting and fishing.

KENDALL followed in the footsteps of his father, who is a 25-year retired Department employee. Dell was born at Marble in Madison County. He received his education there and at Berryville. He began his highway career in 1924, but his services were often interrupted when work was slack and during World War II, when he performed defense work. Dell can operate virtually every piece of maintenance equipment in the Department, and when it comes to laying, mixing, or inspecting asphalt, he is one of our best men. His current assignment is superintendent in DISTRICT 9 at Springdale. The Kendalls have already celebrated their thirty-sixth wedding anniversary. Mrs. Kendall is the former Miss Willa Mae McElhaney of Huntsville. They have a daughter and two grandchildren. Dell is a member of the First Baptist Church, a 32nd Degree Mason, and Shriner, and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In his spare time he does as most of the others do: fishing and hunting.

LANGFORD lives in Searcy, only a few miles from his birthplace of Rosebud, in White County. He began his service with the Department in 1941 as a laborer in the Maintenance Department. He learned to operate rollers, motor patrols, and distributors, and developed skills in patching and sealing our asphalt roads. His services have been most satisfactory and he has been in a supervisory position for many years. His last assignment was area foreman in DISTRICT 5. Sid is married to the former Miss Margie Atkins of Newport and extremely proud of his family. He plans to spend more time with them after retirement.

PARISH, an engineering assistant in CONSTRUCTION, has worked for AHD off and on since 1925. He is a native of Newport where he attended school, after which he began working for construction and railroad companies before joining the Department. After working in various phases of engineering, from chainman to inspector, he progressed with the Department while capably performing a wide range of engineering functions. Tom married the former Mrs. Dora Orr of Omaha, Tex. in 1955. His stepson, George, is an Air Force captain stationed in Florida with their two grandsons. He is a member of the Christian Church, a Mason, with membership in the Consistory and Scimitar Shrine, and a veteran of

World War II, having served three years in the Air Force. He is fond of most sports, but excels in his favorite, which is hunting.

YOUNG, who retired in February on the eve of his twenty-fifth anniversary with the Department, was invited to return for the ceremonies to be recognized for his long years with the Department. Born in Anderson County, Texas, he moved to Ozark, Ark. early in life where he has lived since. Forty-three years ago he married the former Miss Eula Jean Jenkins of Ozark. They have two sons and one daughter. Harvey first began working for the Department in 1934 in the Maintenance Division and, except for one period during World War II, his services have been continuous. He had a long and impressive record of performing his duties as truck driver, motor patrol operator, and his last assignment as area foreman in DISTRICT 4.

THE ROAD BUILDER'S LAMENT

Look down, look down that lonesome road
Before you bid and cry. . .
The best of men will come and go,
Then why not you and I?
Always praying' for awards. . .
Guess they're just not in the cards. . .
Look down, look down that lonesome road
Before you travel on.
My friend, my friend, what have I done
To make you treat me so?
You planned and schemed to make me bid
Like I never bid before.
Weary totin' such a load—
Weary buildin' this old road. . .
Look down, look down that lonesome road
Before you travel on.
Why did I want to build a road —
Why do I even try?
My trucks won't run, my credit's gone
My bonding well's gone dry.
Always something that I need—
Now it's a damn electronic screed!
Look down, look down that lonesome road
Before you travel on.

“The Road Builder's Lament” may be sung facetiously at 9 p.m., playfully at 11 p.m., plaintively at 1 a.m., and tearfully at 3 a.m. It may also be sung with vigor and force at highway lettings. Take with a grain of salt and mixed with equal parts of cheer, optimism, determination, and common sense.



THE AMERICAN HOLLY (*ilex opaca*) has been a native of Arkansas for many years, and while they have been known to attain a height of 40 to 50 feet, this is quite rare.

At one time, a venerable "granddaddy" lived in northern Conway County, but it has been gone now for quite some time. This holly reached upwards of 50 feet and measured 7 feet, 8 inches around its ample girth.

Recently our attention was called to a noble holly on the right-of-way on Highway 53 at Mars Hill. This beautiful and well-shaped tree reaches 40 feet and has a circumference of about 4 feet. It has survived the storms and even the hands of decorative minded folk who have cut and mangled more natural beauty than hail and wind.

This great tree no doubt owes its size and splendor to the fact that it is hidden away from the careless marauders bent on obtaining Christmas decorations.

When you decorate for the holidays, please bear in mind that we are making an effort to preserve the natural beauty of our state. Please help KEEP ARKANSAS BEAUTIFUL.

Bud Witter
Maintenance Division

MANY ATTEND SHORT COURSE AT UNIVERSITY

The Eleventh Annual Highway Short Course was held March 24-25 at Fayetteville. The Course, presented by the College of Engineering in cooperation with the Highway Department and the University Division of General Extension, is held each year in March for engineers over the state to participate in discussions of latest engineering techniques and to hear speeches by top flight engineers.

Many of the Department's personnel attended the event and several spoke. Y. W. Whelchel, administrative assistant, presented ARKANSAS HIGHWAY REPORT; William L. Moore, assistant chief engineer; J.E. Lowder, engineer of Maintenance; John Pendergrass, assistant chief engineer, and H.C. Gray, chief of Right-of-Way, held a panel discussion on HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION. Johnnie Gray, staff photographer, showed the new 1966 movie, ARKANSAS HIGHWAYS FOR COMMERCE, WORK, PLAY.

Others participating were Dr. David W. Mullins, president of the University; Vernon E. Harvey, division engineer with the Bureau of Public Roads; G.P. Brown, supervising resident engineer with the Texas Highway Department; William S. Pollard, Jr., David M. Baldwin, Bureau of Public Roads; James O. Granum, Automotive Safety Foundation; Allen R. Henson, Portland Cement Association; Mark E. Woolsey, chairman of the Workmen's Compensation Commission; Ben M. Hogan, Jr., contractor, and Dr. A. E. Spooner, University of Arkansas.

A banquet was held in the Student Union the evening of March 24.



Registration at the Course
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ARKANSAS' "GREEN THUMB" PROJECT REALLY "Greening Out"

A demonstration program to show how older and retired low income farmers can be used in the area of highway beautification, tagged "Project Green Thumb" is at work in all five of the counties designated as the beginning points. Two crews of seven men each are working in Cleveland, Pike, Madison, Fulton, and Newton counties. Men who are over 65 with an annual income of \$1,050 or less, if single, or \$1,400 or less, if married, are given first priority. Second priority is given to men over 55. Some of those employed range in age up to 78 years.

Workers in Madison County have planted 8,000 pine, redbud, and dogwood seedlings and have another 1,000 to put out. In one five-day work period, one of the Pike County crews set more than 1,150 pine seedlings on the highway right-of-way, and had a day of classroom instruction in forestry work. They do sod mulching on the right-of-way, wash signs, paint bridges, and pick up litter in addition to planting.

The program is being financed through a grant from the Office of Economic Opportunity to the National Farmers Union. Dr. Blue Carstenston is the project director. Of the six states designated for demonstration projects, Arkansas had made the most progress since Minnesota, New Jersey, Oregon, and Pennsylvania are so much further north.

The Highway Department chooses the projects to be carried out. Lewis Johnson, president of Arkansas Farmers Union, is heading up the personnel management. Workers are given 160 hours' training as trainee-workers at the rate of \$1.25 an hour, plus mileage to the work site. The foreman of each group receives \$1.50 an hour. The work schedule calls for



Men working in Grant County

an average of three days per week, depending on the weather, training, etc. The training the men are given will assist them toward continuing employment in beautification work through various other projects, highway maintenance, nursery, gardening, or landscape work.

The supplies and materials are furnished by the Highway Department and it maintains a degree of supervision and control over the quality of the work.

Results of "Green Thumb" operations are also in evidence in the other counties. In Newton County, the crew has planted about 500 dogwood and from 200 to 300 redbud trees along the county highways and in the Jasper area. As they plant, they trim back scraggly growth and pick up trash. Piles of brush and litter mark the areas they have covered. The local authorities send trucks to pick up the rubbish and carry it to dumping places.

In place of litter and undergrowth, the Green Thumb workers leave white-tipped stakes to mark the site of each young tree they plant. In Fulton County, just out of Salem, the crews have been planting pine trees and bermuda grass. They hope to have a good sod on the right-of-way by next spring — one that will keep the roadside from eroding.

The Green Thumb workers will continue until money for the project runs out, according to Johnson. "Our only problem now is that we are limited to 14 men in each county," he said. "The ratio of elderly men is pretty high. If we had the funds, we could put 800 men to work in a two or three-week period. Johnson praised the men for reliability and interest in their work. "Our only problem with them is keeping them slowed down enough so it will not injure their health," he said. "We insist our foremen give them more than adequate rest and water breaks."

Meanwhile, "GREEN THUMB" is helping immensely to beautify our state even more than it already is, plus giving financial aid and training to the rural farmers and their families.



These "Green Thumb" workers were working on Highway 62, west of Salem. From left: Archie Dillinger, John L. Dillard, foreman, Hasadone Perkins, Kergel Yank, Earl McArthur, and Arthur Shaw.

NEW 1966 HIGHWAY FILM COMPLETED

Each year when I write a review of Johnnie Gray's annual Highway Department movie, it seems that I end up by saying pretty much the same thing: that the movie is excellent.

This year's show, ARKANSAS HIGHWAYS FOR COMMERCE, WORK, AND PLAY, is certainly no exception along this line, EXCEPT, it is the best one (so far). The new movie, which Johnnie worked on for a year in between his other duties, was completed in February but the final touches, such as the soundtrack and music, etc., were put on in Kansas City. Since this involves some time, it wasn't ready for release until March 25, when it was shown for the first time at the Short Course at Fayetteville.

From the opening scene to the closing one, the movie takes in nearly every phase of highway engineering and maintenance, with on-the-job work being done by Department employees. Many of the scenes show how important a part the Department plays in the over-all picture around the state, particularly in our industrial and farming area.

The photography itself is quite beautiful and the colors are breath-taking. One especially colorful sequence shows hummingbirds and bees drawing nectar from wildflowers surrounded by lush greenery; others show our many beautiful lakes and streams.

The narration is very good, giving a complete explanation of all details, with just the right amount of humor, the proper inflections, and is clearly understood. The background music is as frivolous or more subdued as to fit each mood and sequence. Included is an account of where the money comes from to build highways and the animation that accompanied this sequence is particularly effective.

In keeping with the narrative, Johnnie closed out his movie by showing our director and commissioners in their native surroundings, a deviation from his usual pattern of showing them in the opening scenes. The change made a more effective end to a perfect movie.

The value of the show is limitless as an educational and informative source for our people. It will be available to schools and interested civic organizations all over the state. Several copies will be made for this purpose.

Johnnie, we take pleasure in commending you on such a fine job.

M. Adams

BRIGHT NOTE IN GOVERNMENT

(The following editorial was printed in the March 25 issue of the Memphis Commercial Appeal. Ed.)

If there's one bright note in the government picture around Memphis and the Mid-South, it's in the way the road departments are being run in Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi.

They may not be perfect, but things get done.

In Mississippi, practically all the interstate work for the northern 31 counties has been done and is in use; there is good progress in the central and southern districts, and a long battle to arrange matters so road money will be spent where roads are needed has just been won.

In Arkansas, the interchanges are done at West Memphis and traffic has been rolling on interstate to the Missouri line for months; the interstate is open for many miles in the mid-state, including all the way through Little Rock, and every planned section of interstate is under way in some respect.

In long, narrow Tennessee with four large cities involved, the interstate work is less impressive; however, good gains are being made at every contract letting under present road department management and the state is ready to do more than federal financing schedules now permit.

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You are reading these comments in a newspaper which many times has attacked highway conditions in all three states, whose stories have been a major factor in getting decent roads at a fair price time and time again. So don't think we're soft-headed.

This is the newspaper that demanded a six-lane Mississippi River bridge at Memphis, when a four-lane bridge had been agreed on.

The officials re-opened the matter and decided on a six-lane bridge.

But, as soon became apparent, when they stretched it for cars, they shuffled the piers and narrowed the navigation opening for towboats, imposing a major safety hazard. A new hearing was required, and a major cause celebre was born on February 3 when our editorial, "Running the Granite Gauntlet," appeared.

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This editorial told how dangerous it would be on the river - and along the riverside. "Build-the-Bridge Now" advocates swarmed like termites. From all the sound and fury you'd have thought the piers shouldn't be changed again - for safety - for fear of not getting the interstate money.

On March 8, our editorial, "Wheat and Chaff," dealt with this attitude in the following words:

"Fortunately, the officials and engineers charged with final decision of this matter are men of experience, able to sort wheat from chaff. We'll bet they come up with a design acceptable to river interests, protective to public safety, adequate for land transport - and in time to get that interstate money."

You'll be glad to know they did just that - just two days ago.

The first construction contracts are expected this year.

The key men in the final decisions were David Pack, state highway commissioner for Tennessee; Ward Goodman, his opposite number in Arkansas; E. L. Erickson, the top bridge man at the federal level and Col. James A. Vivian, chief of Memphis District, U.S. Engineers.

They're going to get us a six-lane bridge, wide enough to serve traffic for many a long year . . . with spans wide enough for safety on the river . . . and plenty soon enough for that interstate money.

We think that's mighty good going.

LITTER PROGRAM LAUNCHED

The State of Arkansas launched an all-out effort to rid its highways of litter through a stepped-up enforcement program by the Arkansas State Police coupled with a public information program by the Arkansas Commission on Beautification.

Governor Orval Faubus directed the State Police to begin an accelerated enforcement program of the anti-litter law concerning state highways. Many people may not know that there is a law which could bring up to a \$100 fine to motorists convicted of throwing trash on highways.

The governor stressed an information and cooperation program rather than penalties, but enforcement will be used if necessary. In this connection the governor asked the director of Beautification to initiate a statewide information program in cooperation with all levels of government to make the public aware of the need to keep highways free of litter.

He pointed out that in 1965 the State Highway Department spent over \$95,000 to clean up trash along primary and interstate highways. This cleanup work required 58,878 man hours by State Highway Department workmen during the year.

Cost of removing litter from state highways was increased during the past year, as compared to previous periods, and will continue to increase as new highways are completed and greatly increasing numbers of motorists are traveling throughout the state, the governor said.

"Through a better information and enforcement program we can cut these costs and direct the money to other uses," the governor declared.

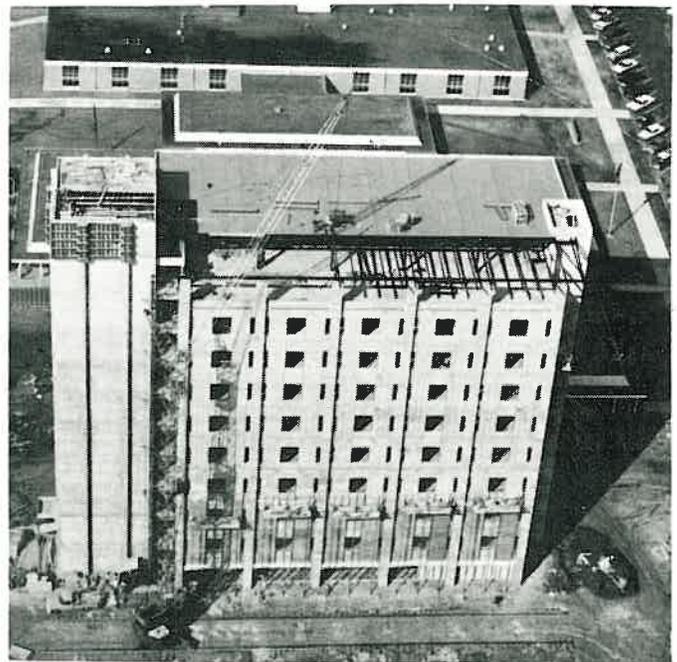
Beginning immediately all State Police officers will issue summons to motorists seen discarding trash on highways. In addition, the director of State Police asked that any person witnessing such violations to contact the State Police with the motorist's license number for further action.

"Even if we cannot witness the violation, we can contact the violators through the license number to inform them of the anti-litter violation and request that such offense not be repeated," Governor Faubus explained.

In conjunction with the announcement that the state will launch a highway cleanup program, several department officials participated in a demonstration to show how much litter can be found along a one-mile section of interstate highway.

Participating with Governor Faubus in this effort were State Police Director Herman Lindsey, State Highway Director Mack Sturgis and Beautification Director Charlotte Gardner.

Similar demonstrations were held in various counties and cities by local officials and law enforcement officers.



The new \$2.2 million Highway Department building, under construction off the New Benton Highway, will be ready for occupancy in a few more months.

news bits...

The following meeting and letting dates have been set by the Highway Commission for the next six-month period beginning July 1, 1966: July 27, August 24, September 28, October 26, November 23, and December 28.

Bill Huie, former Safety officer, and wife are the extremely proud and happy parents of a baby boy, born March 4 in a Ft. Smith hospital. Bill and Glennie are experiencing parenthood for the first time. Bill was in the Department not long ago and he was beaming. Congratulations to the Huies.

HIGHWAY DAMES

Twenty-four members and visitors attended the potluck salad luncheon and annual card party held in the Hostess Room of the Wonder Bakery on Thursday, March 24. There was an abundance of delicious food and everyone had an enjoyable time.

There has been a change in the Highway Dames meeting for April. Instead of meeting at the Hotel Sam Peck, plans are now being made for the meeting to be held at the Rehabilitation Center at Hot Springs on Thursday, April 28. The members will eat their lunch there, and a guided tour of the Center will be conducted by Dr. Gerald Fisher. The members will be contacted by the telephone committee as to time of leaving and transportation plans. This will be an interesting and worthwhile meeting and we hope you all will be able to attend.

...Mrs. Myrtle Woolsey



This young lady is Linda Jean Young, a native of Bearden, Ark., who came to work in the Personnel Section of General Services February 10. She is a graduate of Bearden High School and attended Henderson State Teachers for one semester. Linda, who has been training as a relief operator on the switchboard, is 20 years old and resides with a married sister on Katherine Street in Little Rock.



Gail Hamm, of the Computer Section, looks proudly at the thoroughbred poodle her father, H. E. Thearl of Jacksonville, won in "Brother Hal's" radio contest held recently. The regal-looking poodle is named Hollis's Apricot Fluff. Gail talked her father into giving her the pooch, which he did, reluctantly. Gail tells us he has beautiful manners and his presence has not caused any upheaval in their household routine. He is a handsome dog.

Mr. Mack Sturgis, Director
State Highway Department
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Sturgis;

This is to advise that in 1965 MARCH OF DIMES funds provided whole or part assistance to meet medical costs for a birth defects patient in the family of an employee associated with your company. This patient assistance, in addition to other services of the Chapter, amounted to \$105.57.

This information is given so you may know the extent of your local Chapter's assistance, which is financed annually through the March of Dimes.

We shall be happy to answer any inquiries you may have.

Yours very truly,

Charles T. Meyer, Jr.,
Chapter Chairman

AROUND the DEPARTMENT



ACCOUNTING DIVISION

Mildred Harness

On February 2, Tyronza and Sonny Hines became home owners; address 16 Hatfield Drive, not far from the new Highway Department building. We are sure proud for you both, and the very best of blessings for your new home.

This department received a letter from Georgia Cottrell, telling us how happy she is. Well, Georgia, we are happy for you and we're glad you wrote and told us.

March 25 was Joy Marshall's last day with the Department. Cake and cokes were served and she was presented a gift on behalf of the Accounting personnel by Johnnie Beavers.

Bill McJunkins is leaving us. Good luck, Bill, and it was real nice having you for a little while.

It was a real pleasure working with Mr. Sturgis. We were sorry to see him leave, but we welcome our new director, W. E. Hicks.

Our heartfelt sympathies go to Aleene Boysen and daughter, Betty, in the loss of Aleene's husband, Edwin Boysen. Mr. Boysen died March 29 while at work in the State Revenue building.



Johnnie Gray (staff photographer) and Mrs. Gray feted their daughter, Barbara Oldham (secretary in County Roads), with a birthday party March 26 at Hank's Dog House. Barbara shows her surprise at the unique birthday cake, which had a model auto with a Citizens' Band antennae. Barbara, a CB enthusiast, is surrounded by sister, Amy; her little brother-in-law, Carl Carmichael, and Sharon Southerland.



FINAL ESTIMATE

Lynda Harris



LEGAL DIVISION

Virginia Tackett



COUNTY PROGRAM

Barbara Oldham

The County Roads Division takes this opportunity to say WELCOME to our new director, Walter Hicks, and we cordially extend to him our invitation to visit us anytime.

The Annual Highway Short Course in Fayetteville again took most of our higher echelon personnel from our office March 23-25. Some traveled by the conventional method of Ala Ford. John Tallant and Max Hall braved the airways under the able piloting of W.I. (Bill) Rainwater. One gets the impression that the outing was enjoyed by all, however, Mr. Tallant's description of the flight leaves room for doubt. . .

Not only was the Course a hit with everyone, but it was also very suspenseful. The new movie by Highway photographer, Johnnie Gray, didn't make it on time again this year. When it finally arrived we are sure it was worth the wait. Johnnie makes such good movies.

Mr. Wright: We would like to have you visit us.

Bye 'til next time. . .

We extend a hearty welcome to our three new employees: Bob Walker, Dave Sharp, and Mary Ella DePriest. Even though we are happy to have them, we were sorry to lose two: Freeman Riley, now in Crossett, Ark., and Marcaline Courtney, who resides in Wakefield Village.

Our own Bill Moore has hit the headlines again. He established an all-time ABC record by shooting back-to-back games in the Classic Mixed Bowling League at Hilltop Lanes February 17 and 24. He shot 300 in the last game of the first week and started with a 300 game the second week. Bill and Joel Bradley attended the Southern Congress Bowling Tournament in Columbia, S.C. on March 12 and 13, where their Pla-Mor Lanes Team unsuccessfully attempted to retain the championship they won last year.

Our section head, H.H. Perkins, was a featured speaker in the Resident Engineer's conference held February 17 and 18. The subjects of his speeches were "Contract Time Charges," and "Procedures of the Final Estimate Section."

Ronnie Smith recently received his 5-year service awards. Congratulations, Ronnie.

News from the Legal Division has not appeared in these columns since the February issue and many of Billy Bob Thrasher's friends in the Department around the state may not be aware of his retirement. His retirement as assistant division head of the Legal Division was effective February 28, and some time around March 1, he and Mrs. Thrasher moved into their new house on their farm near Prescott. It was Billy Bob's wish that he be allowed to leave with no fanfare and the Legal Division reluctantly acceded to his request. His presence and counsel have been sorely missed in the past month and many a story of his exploits in the courtroom (some no doubt apocryphal) have been swapped. He seems well on the way to becoming a legend in his own time. We wish for him and Mrs. Thrasher many happy years on the farm.

Philip Youtz, who is entering his last six weeks of training in the Air National Guard at the Amarillo Air Force Base, was home for a short week end April 2 with his family, Doris Harper and her children. Doris held an informal "at home" for Philip so that he would be able

to see all of his friends during the short visit, and she reports they had a wonderful time.

Dowell Anders, chief counsel for the Bureau of Public Roads, and formerly chief counsel for our own Legal Division, was in Little Rock recently for a conference on Highway Beautification and was able to work in a brief, but much appreciated, visit to the Legal Division.

Don Langston is looking for a new bachelor pad since Bill Pease, who shared his apartment (and who is an ex-Legal Division staffer) is leaving Little Rock to enter private practice in Hot Springs. Don is looking for an apartment that is modestly luxurious, modest in price, and luxurious in its appointments.

We're all just about as proud of George Green's son, Terry, as George is. Out of a freshman class of 1,264, at the University of Arkansas, Terry came in 37th! How about that?



New employees are: Mary Elizabeth (Libby) Mills, a graduate of North Little Rock High, and Howard Snow, statistician, formerly a teacher, of Scranton, Ark., both in the Traffic Analysis Section; Hal Phillips, cartographer, married and the father of two children, who comes to us from Houston, Tex., and Dennis Clift, cartographer-trainee, of Little Rock, both in Mapping and Drafting. They look rather serious in the picture. Road Inventory's new employee, F. L. Sellers of Conway, was not present when the picture was made. We're glad to have them all with us.

PLANNING AND RESEARCH

Billie Whiteside

Jim Granum of the Automotive Safety Foundation, consultant to the Highway Department on the classification phase of the Needs Study, presented this phase of the study at the Highway Short Course at the University of Arkansas. Those attending from P&R were Lester Jester, Jim Barnett, J.L. Vandenberg, and David Vandenberg, and David Conner.

We hear that former employee, Edwin Hoggard, is majoring in architecture at the University of Arkansas.

Helen McNutt's daughter, Helen, completed her training period in the Air Force Medical Division and was home on leave recently.

Another favorite noontime drive hereabouts is by way of Sibley Hole Road and its quaint bridge through the cypress. This makes an adventurous trip; then there is the side way from this office, that comes out at Forbing Road via meadows and woods that are especially pretty in the spring and fall.

The following girls' birthdays were celebrated by the P&R Birthday Club: Florence Routh, Jo Nell Threet, and June Brown. Cakes and gifts were presented.

A shower was held at noon on March 21 by the feminine contingent of P&R and Weights and Standards Divisions in

honor of recent bride, Mary Jane Acheson. Cupcakes for the occasion were baked by Fern Speights.

The Road Inventory Section has a new bridegroom: Alvin Cates. Congratulations Alvin.

Joe Lovell is now driving a pickup truck to work. He says it is a new 1953 model.

Overheard while changing an adding machine ribbon, one of our employees to another: "Now put your hootenanny on your whatchamaycallit." We wrote these instructions down for future reference.

Jim Barnett, Gary Whittington, and Bob Faulner caught their limit of crappie (they claim some went 6 pounds; perhaps on a diet of rocks (?). Mr. Henderson said he would like to see a 6 pound crappie) at Greer's Ferry. The boat dock was kept confidential.

Hospitalized: Joe Lovell's mother has recently undergone an operation; Chester Willis' wife has been ill, but she is now much better and at home; Larry Johnson's baby girl, who suffered a bout with pneumonia, but also at home.

We were shocked to hear that the lady who had the newspaper route out here at our building was killed in a recent auto accident.

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Some people cause happiness wherever they go; others whenever they go.

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Sure—the law gives the pedestrian the right-of-way—but it doesn't provide the flowers.



Service awards in March were presented to Jim Barnett, section head of Traffic Engineering, 5 years; H. C. Hudspeth of Traffic Analysis, 15; years and Lester Jester, assistant division head, 5 years. Congratulations to you, fellas.



RIGHT OF WAY

Shirley Childress

We are happy to welcome back two former employees: Sue Boyett and Paul Broyles. Sue is returning to the Appraisal Section after a seven-month absence which was spent taking care of her new son, Keith Allen, and Paul is returning to the Engineering Section after an absence of 19 months.



Sue Boyett

Bryan McArthur and Kenneth Suthmer, both of the Appraisal Section, received their 5-year service awards several weeks ago. We offer our belated congratulations to both.

Two of our group have spent some time in the Hospital. J. C. Merritt spent several days in Memorial Hospital in North Little Rock because of a blood clot in his leg, but we're happy to say he is back at work now. Carl Keehn at this time is in St. Vincent's Infirmary after undergoing surgery March 28. Our last report from Carl was good and we're sure he will be back at work in time to read this with the rest of us.

Three of our girls, Nancy, Retha, and Carolyn, had a real nice 24-hour vacation March 25 and 26. The town they visited was Hot Springs and we're sure you can guess what they did. If you can't, get Retha to tell you about it.

Sue Witherington is the owner of a new 1966 Plymouth Sport Fury. She has every right to be proud of it as it's a beautiful automobile.

Our sympathies to the family of Bryan McArthur in the loss of Mrs. McArthur's father, W. S. Peel, of Clinton, Ark. March 12; and the family of Gerald Ashley in the loss of Mrs. Ashley's father, Mr. Arnold of St. Joe, Ark., March 28.



DISTRICT



Janet McElduff

Spring has sprung, I know, 'cause there hasn't been time to do anything but work. Not even time to play around on gathering some news for the magazine.

We welcome to our district, Mrs. Anna Jane Luker of Colt, who will be the new clerk in Resident Engineer B. Gentry's office in Forrest City. Janie has a teen-age daughter and a little boy about five, and I know we will enjoy having her with us. We're sorry to report that Brown Altman's wife Kay has been quite ill for several weeks in the Baptist Hospital in Memphis. We've all been thinking about her and certainly wish her a speedy recovery. We're thinking, too, of Virgil Parr, who is in Kennedy General Hospital in Memphis. Hurry and get well, and come on back.

On the brighter side of things, Jess Gayner went to Memphis to see the Harlem Globe Trotters. His rendition of the performance was as good a show as the actual thing.

It's always nice when someone wants to say something complimentary about someone else and that's what we had happen recently. James Ford, who was worked with us since 1950, was in the office and asked if I would mention something in the magazine for him. I almost knocked him down getting my pencil, and what he wanted to say is this: prior to working at the Helena Bridge, James was in Elaine on the Phillips County brew, but has been working at the bridge since its opening about five years ago as maintenance man. Just recently he has been transferred back to the Phillips County area foreman's crew and is leaving his friends at the Helena Bridge. He wants to express his appreciation to all of them for their friendship, their cooperation, and certainly the fine lunch box complete with thermos that they presented him as a going-away gift. We think we have the best "gettin' along" crew here than anywhere in the state, but from a lot of things we have picked up, that Helena Bridge crew must be pretty good "get-alongers" too. This token of appreciation to James, and his sincere thanks, are just another indication that this is true.

If I don't "get-along" on my work my head is going to be in the noose, so see you next month!



DISTRICT



Leslie Long

Those attending the Short Course at Fayetteville from District 7 were: Brewster Shalmy, C. E. Woodfield, George Karnes,

L. K. Howell, Kenneth F. Tyler, and Van Bratton, Jr. They all enjoyed it very much and especially the showing of the new film, "Arkansas Highways for Commerce, Work, Play."

Receiving 35-year service awards calls for celebration, so employees in District 2 did just that when our Johnnie Harris returned from his presentation in Little Rock. We are very proud for him and welcomed him with punch and snacks and presented him with a token of our appreciation.

Others who received awards in March were Van Bratton, Jr. and Horace Handy, 15 years, and I.V. White, 5 years.



Members of the Rison Garden Club donated the crepe myrtle plants to be used along the Highway 35 overpass. Pink May, area foreman, and Julius, one of the "Green Thumb" crew, breaking ground for the initiation of the project.

District 2 job superintendents and area foremen met at the District 2 headquarters March 30 for discussion and planning for the busy season ahead. The meeting adjourned at noon for a serve-yourself cold plate luncheon, after which the meeting was resumed. Roy F. Walker of the Geigy Chemical Corp., who was our visitor, discussed and demonstrated the new industrial fast-acting, long-lasting PRAMITOL herbicide used for the control of deep-rooted perennial weeds and grasses.

From Chicot County we hear that fishing still plays a major role in the lives of Bob Jarboe and West Kyle, who have been catching their limit.

Congratulation to the Billy Slaughters on the arrival of Samuel David at the Lake Village Infirmary at 2:30 a.m. March 25, weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

We wish a speedy recovery to Oliver Armstrong's child, who had a bout of pneumonia.

Misfortune befell one of our favorite retirees, Mrs. Inez Royston, when she broke her wrist after a fall on a parking lot. She has been confined in the Jefferson Hospital for almost three weeks now, having also developed a case of shingles during her stay. She plans to remain in the hospital until fully recovered and would enjoy hearing from her many friends. She is in room 220 S.E. It was also a great disappointment that she had to cancel her plans for a tour of New Orleans and Bell-ingrath Gardens. We hope to have Miss Inez visiting us again before too long.

We are glad to have Barney Doss back on his job after a brief stay in the hospital, and we hope Havis Laminak will be back before too long.

Miss Sandra Elaine Childers and Philip Lara Chavis were married at the Jackson Avenue Church of Christ in Memphis. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Manual Childers of 3878 Lytle Circle, Memphis, and Mr. and Mrs. Van Dyke (Selma) Chavis of Pine Bluff. Robert L. Brewer, minister of the church, officiated. Music was provided by Tom Edwards, organist. The couple reside at 2324 Brown, Memphis. We wish them lots of happiness.

We take this opportunity to express our regrets on the resignation of Mack Sturgis. We hope he will enjoy many years of health and happiness. We offer our congratulations to Walter Hicks on his appointment to the job of Highway director and we look forward to working for him.

us "in" on most of his antics. John, his father, is a big hunter and fisherman so it won't be too long before we start writing about the game "they" get. We haven't been hearing much from John lately about his hunting and fishing excursions.

Dwight Galloway, son of Lynn Galloway, one of our truck drivers, has been elected vice president of the 1967-68 Student Council of Hope High School. This will be Dwight's senior year and from what we hear, this honor is just one of many that he has earned during his school years.



Dwight Galloway



Jenny Lee was one of four Arkansas 4-H Club girls who won in a cotton formal 4-H Fashion Review in August 1965 in Little Rock, which won her the trip to Memphis and a gold watch. Jenny's dress was a yellow cotton satin, with jacket of white cotton lace, and fully lined. Jenny is a member of the Triple A 4-H Club and has participated in dress revues since 1962, winning four times. She is a senior at Hope High School and is the 1966-67 FFA Sweetheart and will be featured in the FFA Rodeo in April. She was Hempstead County Fair Queen in 1965 and plans to participate in the Miss Hope Contest.

Ardell Clark, maintenance superintendent, became a grandfather for the seventh time (!) when Paul David Bolls was born March 11 in Pine Bluff. To hear him talk, however, you would think this was his first go 'round at being a grandpa. We hope he is just as excited about his next seven as he is his first.

Olive Jackson spent a week end recently in Marianna with the Hugh Pettys. Her niece, Mrs. Bob Fleishman and children, Bobby and Page from Savannah, Ga., were also visiting the Pettys at the time of Olive's visit.

Well, spring is here and most of us want to be out working in a garden, spring house cleaning, or doing something with the extra energy we usually get when the weather begins to warm up. We have some ambitious ones during the week ends and at night. One example is Don Mitchell, resident engineer at Texarkana, who has quite a garden, we hear. Those who have seen it say it's something to brag about. We'll start bragging when we taste some of those fresh vegetables (maybe).

MISSOURI DISTRICT 3

Bailey and Lewallen



Meet Clay, the 11-month-old son of Betty Penny, our fuel clerk. At that age they are constantly coming up with something new and funny and Betty lets

Wayne Bailey, husband of Sharon Bailey, our district engineer's secretary, won \$100 for placing second in the "B" Singles Division of the Southwest Bowling Tournament in Dallas. This was a scratch tournament and Wayne bowled a 643 to win. He also was placed in the doubles and all events, but we don't know the details on this as the official list of winners has not been published. The Baileys, along with five other couples, went to Dallas the week end of March 12 and they reported a wonderful time.

Billy Walters, Jr., who was our permit clerk before entering the service, had been assigned as the launcher platoon leader of the Nike-Hercules Air Defense Missile Unit in Roberts, Wis., but is now undergoing extensive training in maintenance supervision concerning the Nike-Hercules System in Redstone Arsenal, Ala. Billy is going to be married in June to Miss Patricia Peters from Malvern.

Jenny Lee Waters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas B. Waters of Patmos, modeled an all-cotton formal at the Arkansas-Missouri Cotton Ginners Association meeting in Memphis March 7. Waters is employed as an inspector in the resident engineer's office in Hope.

Juddy Waddle, daughter of Jodie Waddle, area foreman, and Karlan Jean Woods, daughter of W. C. Woods, were elected to membership in the National Beta Club at the Laneburg Central High School. This is a signal honor that is bestowed upon students because of their outstanding qualities of character, scholarship, and leadership. Both girls are in the ninth grade.



Juddy Waddle



Karlan Woods



DISTRICT 7

Burnham & Campbell

We are very pleased to have our former District 7 engineer, W.E. Hicks, appointed director of the Department. Congratulations, Mr. Hicks.

Service awards were presented in March to Doyle Pittman Jacks, 15 years; Hershel

F. Harwell and John Calvin Wheelington, 10 years.

Frank D. Neighbors, G. E. Nunnally, G. E. Gunn, Norman D. Pumphrey, Jim Williamson, and C. E. Naugle attended the Short Course at Fayetteville.

B.L. Ryan, assistant resident engineer, has been transferred from the El Dorado office to Arkadelphia and will work with Gayle E. Gunn.

On March 31, Lonnie Lansdale, Dallas County area foreman, ended a 27-year career with the Department. It has been a pleasure working with Lonnie all these years, and his co-workers wish him the best of luck, health, and good fishing and hunting and all the other good things to make his retirement the happiest part of his life. It is with regret that we say goodbye to Lonnie, but with much pleasure we welcome Harry Castleberry, who is replacing him as area foreman. Harry has been working in Dallas County for about 10 years and we wish him good luck and we're looking forward to having as much fun working with him as we did with Lonnie.

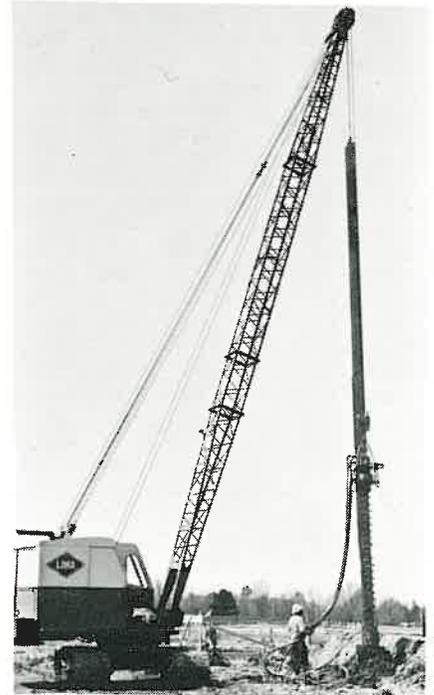
Guy Golden, crew leader in Clark County, is at home recuperating after a lengthy stay in a Little Rock hospital and in Texarkana. Guy will receive his 25-year service awards April 27 and we hope our new director has the honor of presenting them. Your friends are planning on seeing you receive this honor, so get to feeling good and we are all expecting a free lunch that day.

Carolyn Millner, payroll clerk, drove to Mobile, Ala. the week end of April 1 to see the azaleas and tour Bellingrath Gardens.

Luther Hambrick and a friend toured the azalea trail and the Gardens the week end of March 25.

Mildred Russ, fuel clerk, and husband John, were in Mobile two weeks ago due to illness of her father. We're glad he is home from the hospital and able to be up a few hours each day.

Spring is really here. Harlan and Sula went fishing one Saturday and had over 20 pounds of dressed crappie. Believe it or not, one dozen weighed that much.



The two pictures show construction on the new District 7 headquarters building. A new process is being used. The piling is poured into a large tube for the foundation.



DISTRICT 8



Netha Brown

H. V. Eggleston and Nymph Jones retired March 31 to take advantage of their retirement benefits. We will miss them, but hope they will be happy with their new-found leisure. Virgil has been stock clerk since 1952; and before that, he was shop superintendent and district mechanic. He had over 17 years of continuous service and several years' previous service with the Department. He and Velma live in London and have four children. Their daughters, Zelda and Melba, live in Little Rock and Dardanelle. A son, Kenny, lives in California, and H.C. (Buck) works for the Department in District 8. They have one grandchild, Kevin, the year-old son of Buck. Virgil plans to fish, garden, and work around the house. Fishing should not be too difficult because Dardanelle Lake is only a mile from his home. Nymph has been district equipment supervisor since 1955. He was transferred to District 8 from Central Shops and has been with AHD since 1935. He received his 30-year certificate last November. Nymph and Grace have two sons, John

and Edwin, and four grandchildren. John and his family (two boys) live in Little Rock, and Edwin and his family (two girls) live in Morrilton. Nymph hasn't revealed what his plans for the future are, but he likes to tinker around with motors, so he will keep busy, we're sure.

Congratulations to Bill R. McAlister on his promotion to assistant maintenance superintendent.

Mary and James Howell have moved into their newly-purchased home. Mary had the job all to herself, however, because James and son Mike picked moving day to take the mumphs. Do you suppose James planned it that way?

John F. Price, Bernard Bice, Tommy Kinslow, Elmer Smith, T.D. Casey, Lawrence Fletcher, and Kerry Caveness attended the Short Course at the University of Arkansas March 23-25.



DISTRICT



Shirley Morton

Congratulations to the following employees in District 9 on receiving their service awards at the Commission Meeting March 23 in Little Rock: Buck Shay, 35 years; John Burlsworth, 25 years, and Dell Kendall, 25 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wilson have a new addition to their family. A boy, James Glenn, arrived in March to join three

happy little sisters at the Wilson home.

Shirley Mae Foster received her accounting certificate at Hot Springs March 25. A nice accomplishment, Shirley.

At the Table Rock Sportsman's Association's second annual UKC, all-American world champion bench show at Blue Eye, Mo., "P.R." Cantrell's Blue Duke, 15-month-old blue tick, owned by Dwight Cantrell of Harrison, Route 4, won honors as best of class and best male in blue tick breed. Honors in previous shows include at I.R.H.A., Rogersville, Mo., best of class, best of breed, and best male of show; at Ozark Mountain Coon Hunters Association at Avocoa, Ark., best of class, best of breed, best of show; White River Coon Hunters Association at Sonora, Ark., best of class and best male of bred. That's quite an animal! (See picture at bottom)

Dell Kendall, job superintendent in District 9, was named to the Springdale City Council. Dell will serve as alderman for the remainder of the year. He has been employed 26 years.



DISTRICT



Isabelle Psalmonds

Spring is here again and things are really on the move. . . Jo Martin, daughter

of Resident Engineer H. C. Martin, was winner in the Northeast District Better Speakers' Tournament at the Central Baptist Church in Jonesboro, Congratulations, Jo! Go on and win the State tournament.

Tommy Couch, sign foreman, has become quite in demand as a public speaker. He recently completed the Dale Carnegie Course in Public Speaking and finished top in his class. He has prepared a very interesting program in regard to highway marking sign costs, their use and purpose, their life expectancy when left unmolested, and the extent of vandalism. He also speaks briefly on roadside clean-up and beautification. If time permits, some highway safety is thrown in for good measure. To date he has presented the program to Paragould Rotary Club, Underwriters Life Insurance Association at Jonesboro, the Hillcrest Elementary School, and the Exchange Club of Jonesboro. He has appointments for future appearances at the Osceola Kiwanis Club and the Paragould Exchange Club.

The employees of District 10 were saddened by the death March 23 of Onnie P. Herren, after a two-week illness. Onnie, 57, was a diesel mechanic and had been with the Department more than 20 years. He was a native of Greene County and a member of the Church of Christ. He is survived by his wife, Veva, three sons, three daughters, six grandchildren, and a brother. Onnie was a good worker, a good friend. We will miss him.

We express our sincere sympathies Junior Lee Wycoff and his family in the death of his father-in-law, the Rev. Marvin L. May of Paragould.



Blue Dude



Construction on the new District 10 headquarters building.

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This'll Kill Ya!



LAFFS IN THE NEWS: "Jim Dumergalvon, a well-known orator in our city, keeps occasional sneaking dates in other towns."

"So you want to know what happens to all the housekeeping money you give me!" exploded the wife. "Well, just stand in front of that full-length mirror. No-no - don't face it - stand SIDEWAYS!"

This may sound curious, but a woman who isn't curious is the most curious thing in the world.

T.V. Something consisting of new commercials and old movies.

Boss: "I wish you'd improve your spelling. In this letter you spelled sugar as sugger."

Steno: "Isn't that right?"
Boss: "It certainly is not. You left out the 'h'."

Teenagers are peculiar. They are always saying there's nothing to do - yet they stay out till 3:00 A.M. to get it done.

Laffs in the Ads: "Our stockings are beautiful - lots of girls wear nothing else."

Confusingus sez: "Sometimes people who take trip on tramp steamer have bum voyage."

In a travel agency the clerk was trying to convince a nervous woman of the safety of air travel. She remained unconvinced until he clinched the argument by saying, "Madam, if it wasn't safe, would we be using the fly-now-pay-later plan?"

In a restaurant near McGill University, a refugee professor, speaking English with that acquired precision which so often shames the native-born ordered "Figs and cream." The waitress brought a dish covered with cream.

"I ordered figs and cream," the profession protested.
"Here they are," she retorted.
"But this is figs with cream," he persisted.
"But I don't see . . ." she began bewildered.
"Madam," said the professor, "would you say a woman and child were the same as a woman with child?"

Recently, a customer applied for a refund of his money after having purchased a product which he considered to be unsatisfactory. He felt his request was entirely in order but his interpretation of the ad was not at all identical to what the advertiser intended. The advertisement clearly read: "Money returned if not satisfactory." Back came his reply: "Your money is entirely satisfactory. We, therefore, decline to return it."

A Marine lieutenant, straight from his platoon leader course, took over a battle-experienced platoon on the main line of resistance in Korea. On the first night of his command he saw that his men were beginning to dig their foxholes, and the green lieutenant asked the platoon sergeant, "Sergeant, where is my foxhole?"

Replied the Sergeant, "You're standing on it, sir. You just have to move the dirt."

INCOME TAX TIME IS HERE AGAIN! The following re-draft of Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address is copied for your amusement but with profound apologies to our late Mr. Lincoln.

"Two score and ten years ago our fathers brought forth upon this nation a new tax, conceived in desperation and dedicated to the proposition that all men are fair game.

"Now we are engaged in a great mass of calculations testing whether that taxpayer or any taxpayer so confused and so impoverished can long endure. We are met on Form 1040. We have come to dedicate a large portion of our income to a final resting place with those men who spend their lives that they may spend our money."

"It is altogether anguish and torture that we should do this. But in the legal sense we cannot evade - we cannot cheat - we cannot underestimate this tax. The collectors, clever and sly, who computed here, have gone far above our power to add and subtract.

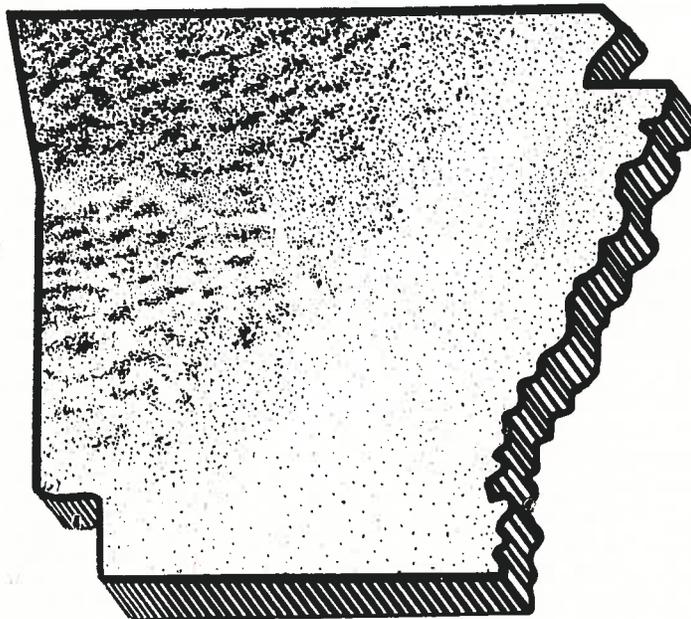
"Our creditors will little note nor long remember what we say here, but the Bureau of Internal Revenue can never forget what we report here. It is for us the taxpayers rather to be devoted here to the tax return which the Government has thus far so nobly spent.

"It is rather for us to be dedicated to the great task remaining before us - that from these vanished dollars we take increased devotion to the few remaining; that we here highly resolve that next year will not find us in a higher income tax bracket; that this taxpayer, underpaid, shall figure out more deductions, and that taxation of the people, by the Congress, for the Government, shall not cause our solvency to perish."



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ATTENTION

NEW WITHHOLDING RATES EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 1966

Under a new federal law, income tax withholding rates are on a graduated scale, ranging from 14% to 30%, with different rates for married and single employees.

Those employees wishing to change their exemptions or bring their marital status up to date, should submit Form W-4 through regular channels with AHD Form 125.

Memorandum explanation is being sent to District and Division Offices.