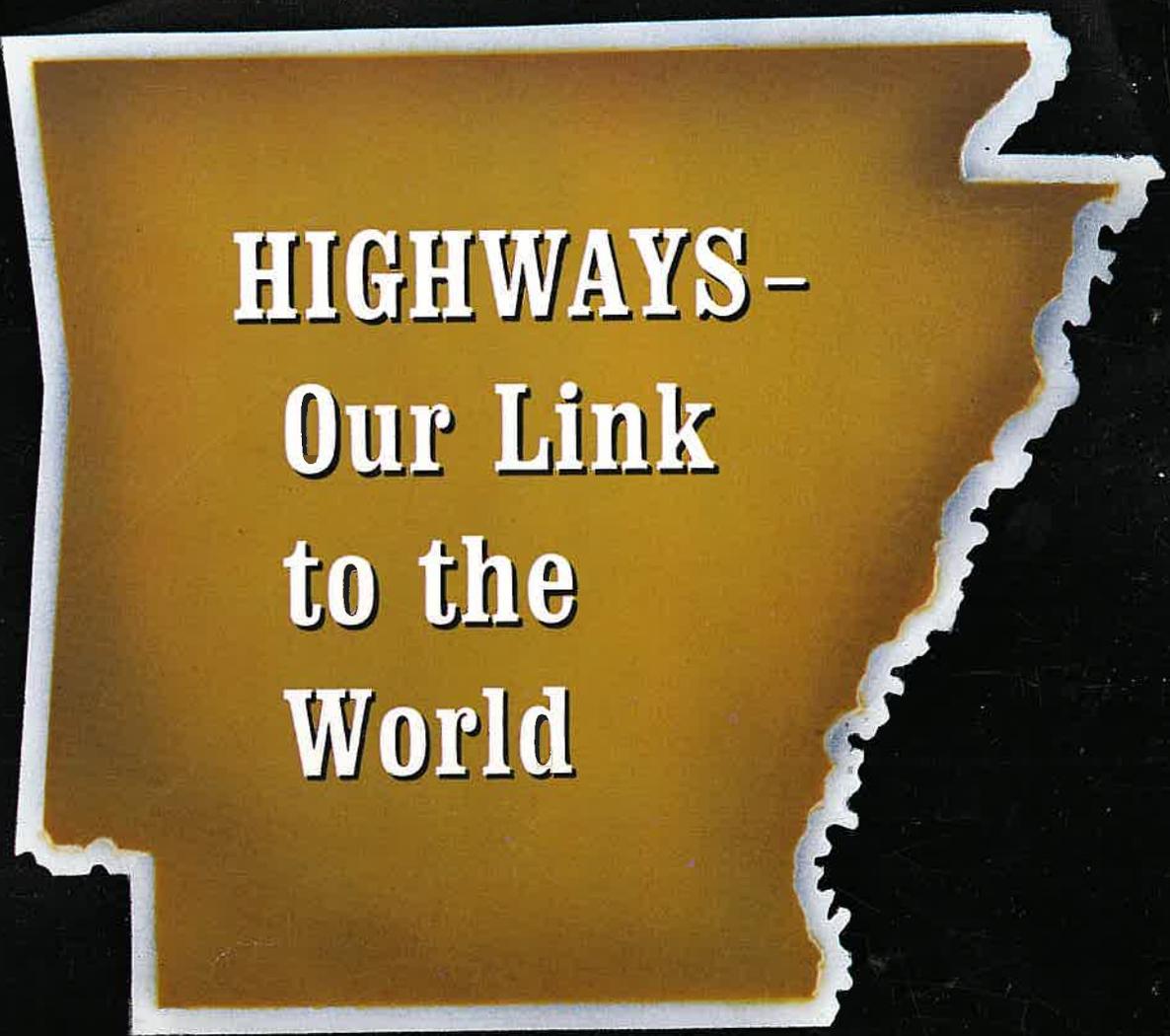
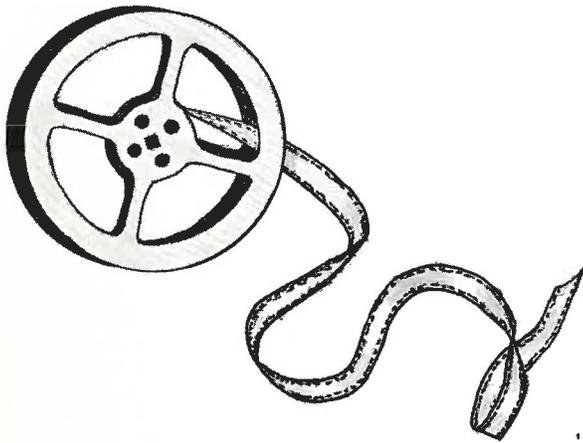


Arkansas Highways

MARCH-APRIL, 1969



**HIGHWAYS -
Our Link
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COVER STORY

The 1969 Highway Department public relations film, *Highways - Our Link To The World*, is one of the best yet among the sixteen movies produced by the Department in as many years.

Features include the annual muzzle-loading gunshoot at Berryville, a tire manufacturing operation, automobile customizing by a Fort Smith firm, and knife and scissor production at Nashville, Ark. Other outstanding sequences include one on Dogpatch, U.S.A. and one of tornado and flood damage in the spring of 1968. There is also a couple of ribbon cuttings on new sections of highway and scenes of road and bridge construction in progress at other locations in the state.

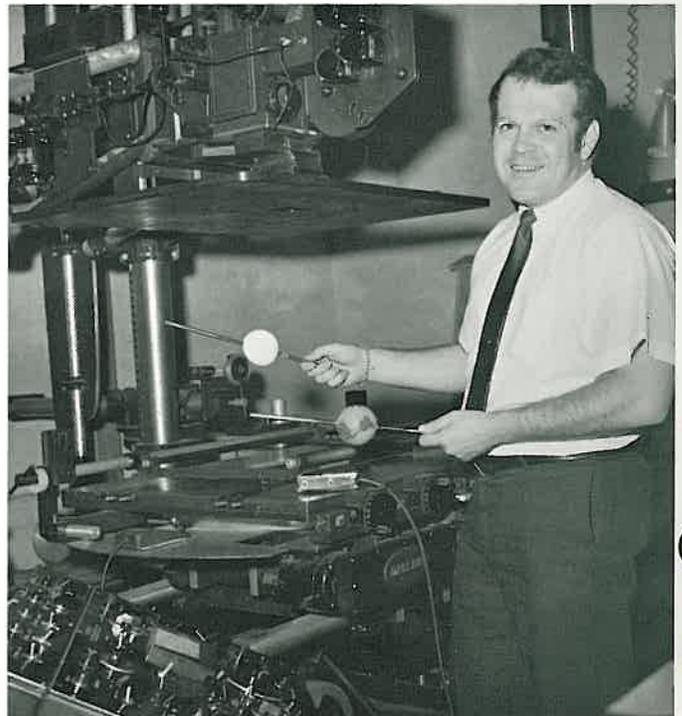
In keeping with the current space program, the movie opens with a scene of the earth rotating in space. From the world, a state outline of Arkansas zooms into the foreground with the title of the movie

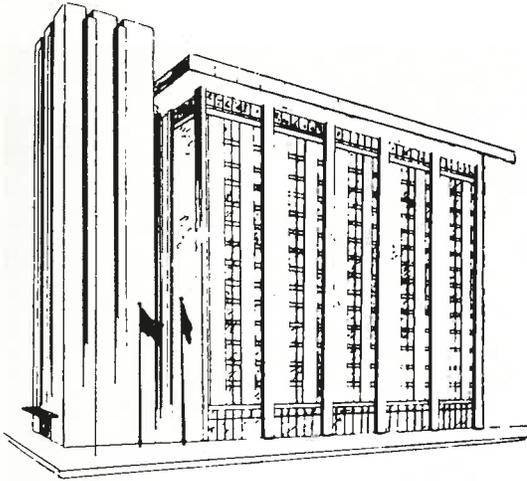
inset. It all takes just five seconds when projected on the screen but from the production end, those five seconds of film required 120 photographs of the little world which cameraman Tim Leone of Calvin Productions holds in his left hand. The half globe in his right hand was used to block out unwanted material such as shadows. Approximately four hours of camera work was necessary to film the five-second opening and closing scenes. The Oxberry camera where Leone is working costs around \$57,000. It was also used to film the animation for scenes of highway revenues.

The 16mm sound and color film has been shortened from its usual length of 28 minutes to 25 this year to better fit into the program time of service clubs which meet during the luncheon hour. All footage is shot and primarily edited by staff photographer, Johnnie M. Gray. Artwork for the magazine cover was furnished by Orlan Hill, art director of Calvin Productions at Kansas City.

The film is in wide demand for showings to schools, clubs, service organizations and many other groups. It is viewed by more than 10,000 people each year both in and outside the state. Persons who wish to schedule the movie for a program should write or call Mrs. Mary Day Herndon, P. O. Box 2261, Little Rock, 72205, LO 9-2245, stating for whom the film is to be shown, date, time and meeting place.

Cameraman Tim Leone "... has the whole world in his hands."

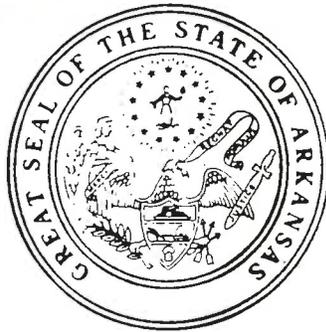




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Photographer Johnnie Gray's station wagon was broken into at a Fayetteville hotel during the Highway Short Course and over \$1,000 in photographic equipment was stolen. The thief evidently was frightened or didn't know the value of what he was taking because he left approximately another \$1,000 worth of equipment untouched.

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Awards to Whitaker, Perryman and Rabb

Jewell C. Whitaker, William F. Perryman and Roth Lee Rabb were presented service awards by Commissioner John Harsh at the meeting of the Highway Commission on February 26.



WILLIAM F. PERRYMAN has been piloting the Henderson ferry ever since he was employed 25 years ago. Perryman says he has accumulated an inestimable number of nautical miles shuttling cars and trucks across Lake Norfork. He was born and reared at nearby Henderson community and still lives there. His favorite pastime is fishing and he lives in an excellent place to pursue it. Perryman and his wife, the former Carlene Yates, have two sons.



Whitaker Promoted to District Engineer

JEWELL WHITAKER, a 30-year employe who worked up through the ranks to Acting District Engineer six years ago, has been promoted to District Engineer for District 9. The Highway Commission and Director made the promotion in recognition of his loyal, dedicated and efficient service. District 9 is comprised of Benton, Carrol, Boone, Marion, Washington, Madison, Newton and Searcy counties. He received the 30-year service award at the February Commission meeting.

Whitaker first went to work for the Department in 1933, and after leaving a few times in the early years when work was slack, has been continuously employed since 1959. Whitaker is a member of First Baptist Church of Harrison, a 32nd degree Mason with membership in Scimitar Temple of Little Rock, and a member of Ozark Shrine Club of Harrison. He also holds the AASHO 25-year Award of Merit. He and his wife, the former Maymie Bishop, have two children.



ROTH L. RABB of Monticello has also completed 25 years' service. He is a patrol operator in District 2. Rabb and his wife, the former Frances Jones, have two children. One is a pharmacy major at the University of Arkansas Medical School and the younger is a student at Monticello High School. Rabb is a member of the Monticello Presbyterian Church. He is a hunter who especially likes to deer hunt.



John Harsh



"Observations of a New District engineer" — John Talant, Dist. Engr., Hope



"Thin Overlays" — Gerry Triplet, Asphalt Institute

Attendance Swells at Short Course

One of the largest groups ever to attend an annual Arkansas Highway Short Course was present at Fayetteville on March 20-21 when approximately 300 delegates registered for the 14th Annual meeting, sponsored by the University of Arkansas. Activities got under way with registration which opened at 7:30 Thursday morning, March 20. Highway Commissioner John Harsh presided over the morning session. John Kizer gave the Highway Department Report in lieu of Chief Engr. J. T. Pendergrass who was unable to attend because of illness. The welcome address was made by University Vice President Dr. Charles W. Oxford, also an engineer. The 1969 highway film was also a feature of the first session.

BPR Div. Engr. Rex Leathers presided over the afternoon program and AGC Vice Pres. Clark McClinton directed the Friday morning session. A banquet was held for engineers and their wives at Fayetteville Country Club on Thursday evening. Pictures of the banquet and the Friday morning speakers are unavailable because the burglary into staff photographer Johnnie M. Gray's station wagon and the subsequent theft of the major portion of his camera equipment while parked at a downtown Fayetteville hotel on Thursday night.



"Skid Resistance of Concrete Pavements" — Warren Nowlen, Portland Cement Assn.

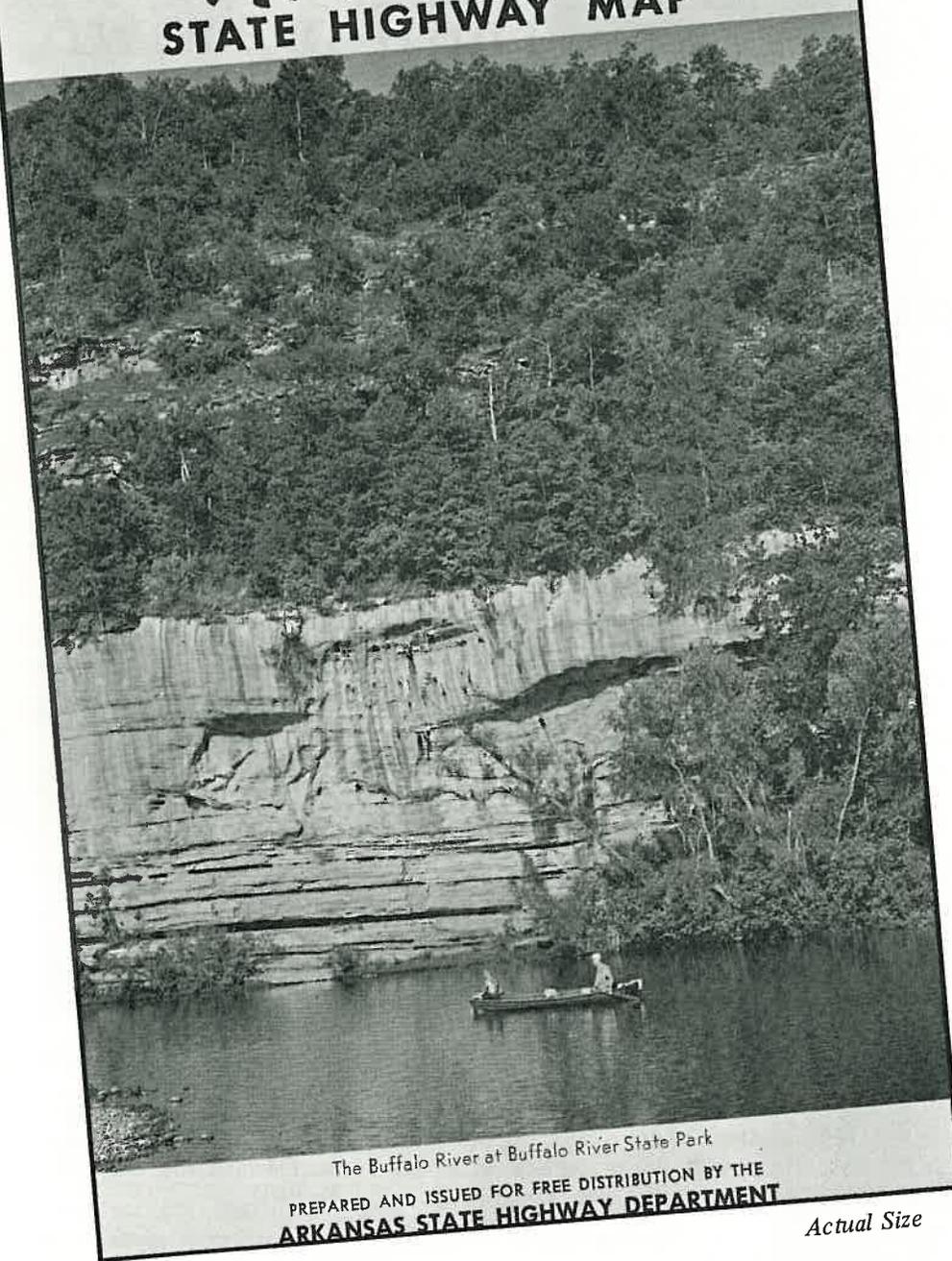


"Ten Years of Traffic Engineering in AHD" — J. D. Barnett, Planning and Research Div., AHD



Panel members Wm. L. Moore, AHD; H. I. Berg, BPR, Fort Worth; and Frank Neighbors, Ben Hogan Const. Co., discussed up-dating AHD specifications.

1969 ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY MAP



The Buffalo River at Buffalo River State Park
PREPARED AND ISSUED FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION BY THE
ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Actual Size

7 near Jasper, Highway 43 in the Ozarks south of Harrison, Talimena Drive (Highway 88) across the ridge of Rich Mountain from Mena west to Talihena, Okla., Crowley's Ridge State Park west of Paragould and others.

New population figures are shown in the Index of cities and towns. Mileages on the Mileage Chart have been calculated by the inclusion of interstate mileage where possible; i.e., the distance from Arkadelphia to Little Rock on the 1968 map was 71 miles. On the 1969 map the distance between the two cities is shown as 67 miles because I-30 is now open all the way between those two points.

One significant addition to the map is a symbol ♠ denoting a rest area or roadside park (with comfort facilities in most cases). Roadside tables and picnic areas are indicated by a different symbol — ▲. Individual maps of Little Rock-North Little Rock, Jonesboro, Pine Bluff, West Memphis, El Dorado, Fort Smith, Hot Springs and Fayetteville, as well as a topographical map are included.

An often-overlooked section of the map is a listing of parks and forest recreation areas and what facilities are to be found at each. The map also includes selected county roads, state parks, wildlife management areas and national forest recreation areas.

Because the maps are distributed free of charge, and printing costs continue to rise, it will be necessary to limit requests of private establishments.



Most of the people who settled in Northwest Arkansas came from Missouri over what was known first as the State Road, then the Wire Road, and later, U. S. Highway 71.

1969 HIGHWAY MAPS BEING DISTRIBUTED

THE FIRST PRINTING of the 1969 official Highway Department map has been completed and a backlog of requests is being processed as rapidly as possible. Plans call for a second printing later in the year but the map has become so popular, a third may be necessary. Three hundred thousand maps, costing approximately seven cents each, are distributed free of charge annually.

The cover of the map features a scenic bluff in Buffalo River State Park. Inside pictures include the view from a scenic overlook on Highway

28th Biennial Report in Circulation



SIX OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT'S 107 rest areas are featured on the sparkling first-time color cover of the 28th Biennial Report. The rest areas are set in state outlines, against a background of white. The report is prepared each two years by the Planning and Research Division and presented to the General Assembly. Highlights of the report include:

SYSTEM GROWTH • from 13,368 miles to 14,256 miles. A total of 888 miles of State Highways has been added to the State's responsibility for construction and maintenance.

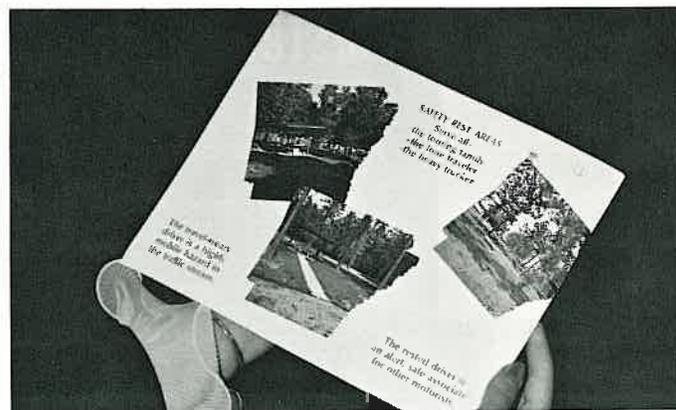
HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT • construction and betterment projects let during the biennium call for almost 2,500 miles of highway improvement which will eventually cost about \$167-million. This will include 42 miles of Interstate facility to cost some \$62-million.

PLANNING • and justification of the Arkansas River highway bridges involved in the Arkansas River Canalization project began to bear fruit as the construction work on six of the bridges was put to contract during the biennium. The remaining three will go contract in the near future.

SAFETY • on the highways, roads, and streets of Arkansas and the Nation was brought into a new emphasis during the biennium with the passage of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966 and the National Highway Safety Act of 1966 by the U. S. Congress and the enactment of Act 161/66 and of companion State legislation by the 66th General Assembly.

TOPICS • an acronym of Traffic Operations Program for Increasing Capacity and Safety has become an important term in the vocabulary of urban traffic administrators. Searcy was selected as the first city in the U. S. under 25,000 population for a TOPICS Study and the second of any size west of the Mississippi River for such a selection.

RECOGNITIONS • for Arkansas are varied. The Blackwell Interchange overpass structure on I-40 was named Prize Bridge in its category in the 1968 Prize Bridge Competition. Economic reports by the AHD were rated tops in the nation by the Federal Highway Administration. The AHD film, "Arkansas Highway Report, 1968" was a winner in the 10th Annual Industrial Film Awards.



AHD COOPERATING WITH KAB

The Arkansas Highway Department is one of the 30 states cooperating in a national study being made by the Highway Research Board's Special Projects Division for Keep America Beautiful, Inc. to determine the quantitative makeup of

highway litter. KAB feels that not knowing more about the composition of litter is a handicap to dealing more effectively with it.

The highway departments in each of the cooperating states were asked to make two litter pickups, 30 days apart, on each of ten primary highway sites 0.2 miles long. The litter was separated in five major classes: paper, plastic, cans, bottles and miscellaneous. A report was made

and when KAB receives all the reports, they will be analyzed.

The sections selected in Arkansas were I-40 in Pope County; I-40 in Crawford County; U. S. 65 in Jefferson and Van Buren counties; U. S. 67 in Jackson County; U. S. 70 in Hot Spring County; U. S. 270 in Polk County; U. S. 167 in Grant County; State Hwy. 102 in Benton County; and State Hwy. 1 in Craighead County.

THIEVES,
VIGILANTES,
BOOTLEGGERS
FIGURE IN
HISTORY OF BRIDGE



Last Month's Where Is It?

The Where Is It? on the back cover of the February issue created quite a rustle of interest. Cards, letters and phone calls came in from all over the state from people wanting to identify the bridge.

Pete Escarre in Records and Reproduction, Wendell Williams of Materials and Tests, R. B. Runions at the Central Radio Shop and Ray Paxton with Gayle Gunn's residency at Arkadelphia, all correctly identified the bridge as being the one across Little Missouri River (the dividing line between Clark and Nevada counties) on Boughton Road between Prescott and Gurdon.

Both the road and the bridge, in fact the entire area, are interesting historically. Nevada and Clark counties erected the steel bridge with rough plank decking in 1908 after much disagreement as to its location. Like a lovely young woman whose beauty fades with the passage of time, this structure then the pride and joy of the local residents, now looks all of its 60 years, the steel rusting and rotting decking reinforced with an overlay of boards. The north end of the bridge is built into one end of Nacatoch Bluff, an escarpment several miles long which forms the eastern wall of the Little Missouri, rising more than 100 feet above the water. Southward from there the rocks tilt sharply. The bluff wall exposes beds of limestone containing fossil shells. Geologists say the formations originated in deposits on the shallow floor of the Gulf of Mexico when it extended to the base of what is now the Ouachita Mountains.

Hundreds of years ago the Indians discovered that the river could be forded at the foot of the bluff

and later white explorers and traders used the crossing and trails leading to it.

Nacatoch (Nack'-uh-tosh) apparently is a corruption of the name of Louisiana's oldest city, Natchitoches (pronounced the same way), a Caddoan Indian word believed to mean "chinquapin eaters." As early as 1771 French merchants and traders from Natchitoches forded the stream at the bluff on the way to trade with several Indian tribes in the Arkansas area. It may have been them who named the bluff. Or it may have been Emanuel Prudhomme of Natchitoches, who knew of the healing waters of Hot Springs and got the Indians to guide him there, traveling the bluff route.

Prior to the Civil War large cotton plantations were in cultivation on the Clark County side of the river and planters, traveling by horseback, wagon and carriage, crossed at the ford. Supplies from as far away as New Orleans were brought up the river by flatboat and barge.

After the War, some of the local citizenry became seriously interested in opening up the Little Missouri for regular navigation by steamboat and on July 4, 1870 a big barbecue was held at the bluff to raise money for the navigation project. People came from miles around, both Negro and white, and even though the people were bitterly resentful of the Carpetbag government imposed upon them at that time, the speakers of the day carefully avoided any reference to politics and confined their oratory to the importance of securing navigation on the river.

That day over \$1,000 was subscribed, matching another \$1,000 in pledges which the secretary of the navigation committee, John C. Green of Okolona, had

already secured. It was quite a remarkable feat, considering the economic struggles of the people from the effects of the Civil War. Their efforts wrought little, however, because one steamboat built at Arkadelphia in 1868 and making regular trips up and down the Ouachita between its home port and Camden, was taken up the Little Missouri as far as the bluff on high water. There it became grounded and remained until it finally rotted away.

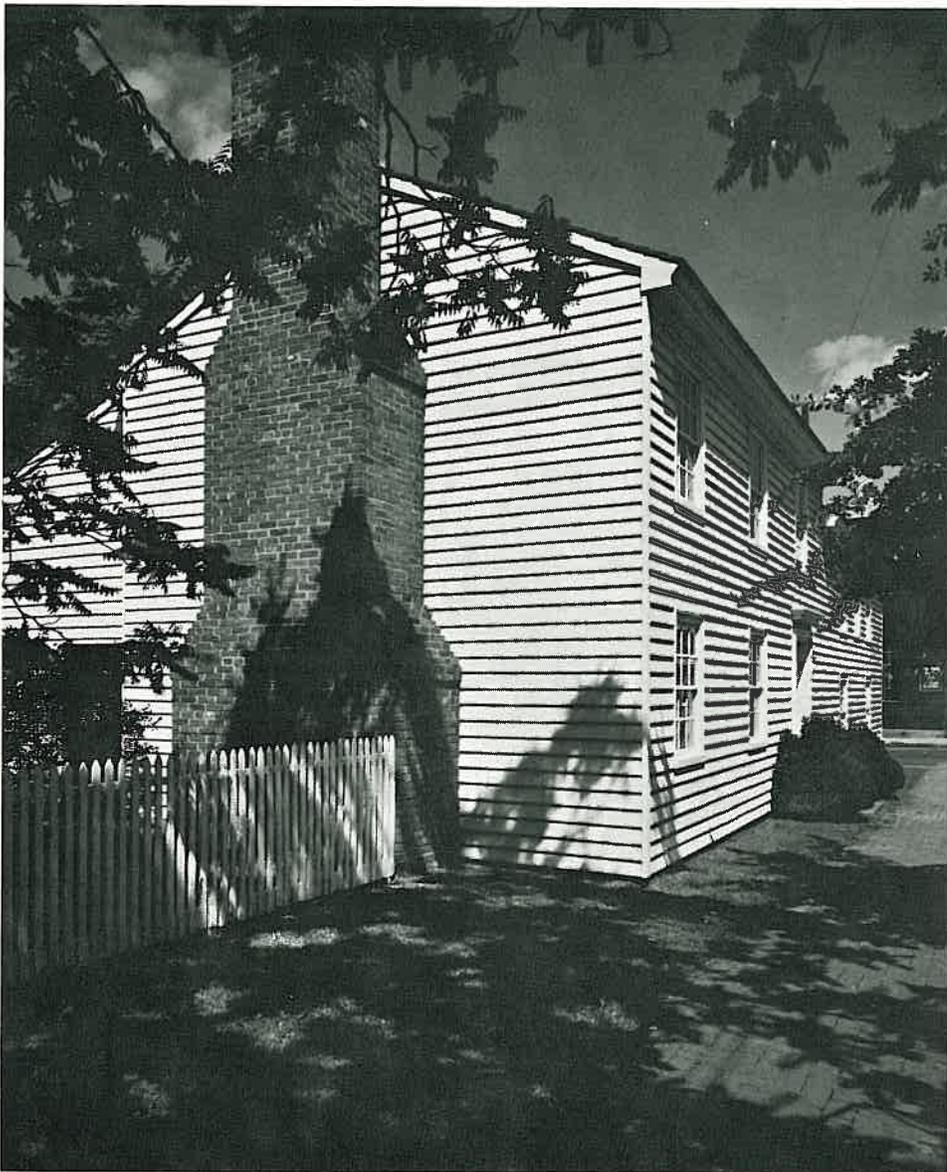
Horse Thieves Meet Waterloo at the Bluff

In the late 1800s many fine horses and fat cattle began to disappear from Nevada County farms. Farmers who had lost livestock organized a vigilante band, being careful that no outsider knew of their plans. When the suspected rustlers, unaware of being under surveillance, began to move the stock from various hiding places and go in the direction of the bluff, the vigilantes took a different route, arriving first. The rustlers met gunfire as they forded the stream. Several of them were killed and the remainder taken into custody and turned over to the sheriff.

When the bridge was built the contractors cut into the bluff deeply enough to make room for an elbow turn of the road on the north end. Even today, from the Nevada County side, the bridge looks as if it ends abruptly in a steep wall of clay. The sharp turn did not bother drivers as long as the traffic was by horse-drawn vehicles, but with the advent of the automobile, the turn soon became a challenge as well as a hazard. When the Bankhead Highway was built and the route graveled, the bridge became even more

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The second territorial capitol as it stands in Little Rock today. The first capital was established at Arkansas Post but was relocated after two years.

ON MARCH 2, 1819 an Act of Congress changed Arkansas County in the Territory of Missouri to Arkansas Territory and designated Arkansas Post as its capital. It was the second step toward eventual statehood for what was then primarily a wilderness. The first step was designation of part of the Louisiana Territory as the District of Arkansas when the territory was organized in 1805. The Missouri Territory created in 1812, was also a part of the Louisiana Territory originally.

Governor Rockefeller has proclaimed 1969 as "Arkansas Territorial Sesquicentennial Year" and throughout the year various observances will be held in commemoration of our 150th birthday as a territory.

The major ceremony took place where the state had its beginning — at Arkansas Post, now a national memorial, on Sunday afternoon, March 2. Congressman Wilbur Mills, Governor Rockefeller and Director of the National Parks Service George B. Hartzog were featured speakers

ARKANSAS TERRITORIAL SESQUICENTENNIAL BEING OBSERVED THIS YEAR

on the program. Nationally-known folk singer and recording artist Jimmy Driftwood presented a new folk song written especially for the occasion. The Navy Band from Millington, Tenn. and the McGehee High School Band also performed.

One of the most outstanding Sesquicentennial programs during the year will be a premiere performance west of the Mississippi River of the Philadelphia Philharmonic Orchestra who will present for the first time an original suite of music commissioned for the occasion. Dr. Boyce Drummond of Henderson College is chairman of the Arkansas Commemorative Commission which is planning and sponsoring the program of events.



GOLF TOURNAMENT PLANNED

Plans are underway for the 2nd Annual Highway Department Invitational Golf Tournament which will be conducted on an individual medal play basis with established handicaps. Participants will play 72 holes at War Memorial Park Golf Course anytime during the month of May. Scores from last year's tournament will be used to determine handicaps. Entrants who did not play last year may establish handicaps by playing four qualifying rounds at War Memorial Park prior to May 1. They must be accompanied on the rounds by a participant in the tournament.

Thirty-six duffers participated last year and a considerably larger group is expected this year. All Highway Department employes, including players in the district offices, and their sponsored invited guests are eligible and encouraged to enter.

Larry Johnson in the Planning and Research Division is the tournament leader. Entrance fees (\$3.00), handicap scores and scores of tournament play should be turned in to him. Anyone desiring information about the tournament can contact Larry at LO 9-2201.

Dames Stage Fashion Show

By Marla Holmes
Publicity Chairman

The Highway Dames auxiliary of the Highway Department met Thursday, February 27 at Holiday Inn in North Little Rock for a style show and luncheon. A preview of spring fashions was shown through courtesy of J. C. Penney Co. in the Mall. Mrs. Gordon Oates was the narrator.

Models were Mada Vandenberg, Ernestine Martin, Rachel Shumaker, Lucille Witter, Bonnie Magness, Marla Holmes, Bobbie Moore and Wilma Laha. The door prize, a gift certificate from Penney's, was won by Rachel Shumaker.

We Can't Do Without Them —

SECRETARIES COME IN FOR A BIT OF RAZZING

By H. N. Ferguson

What amazes me about this wonderful land of ours is how anything ever gets accomplished — in the business world, that is. To dramatize my premise, I made a few notations at the office yesterday — a typical day — and the conclusion is obvious.

8:30 — I arrive at my desk eager to get the Andrews account whipped into shape. I buzz for Miss McQuiddy before realizing she doesn't come in until 9:00. So I think I'll just have a look at the Andrews file while I'm waiting. The cabinet is locked.

9:15 — Miss McQuiddy arrives breathless but radiant. She greets me cheerily and apologizes for missing her bus.

9:20 — Miss McQuiddy goes into the daily ritual of removing hat, gloves, galoshes, coat, fixing hair, putting on fresh makeup.

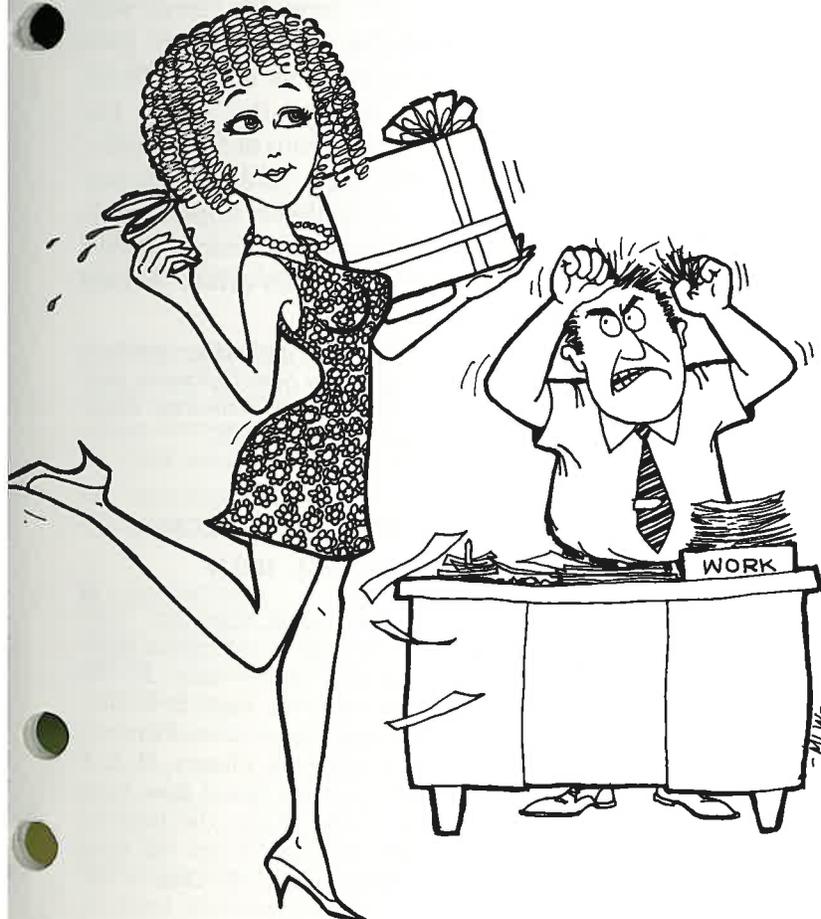
9:30 — We assume our places and I start to dictate. "Dear Mr. Andrews . . ." The phone rings.

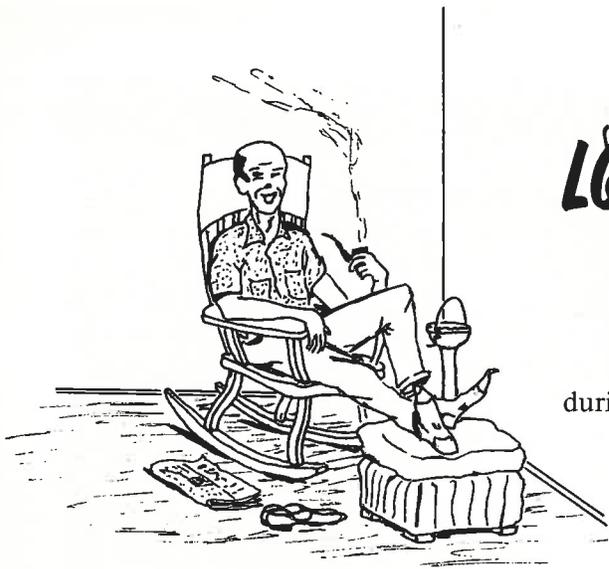
9:30-9:45 — Miss McQuiddy, with many "oh's" and "ah's" receives a complete running account of her girlfriend's date the previous evening.

9:45 — Miss McQuiddy takes purse from drawer and departs for coffee break. Stops at door to inquire if she can bring me a container of coffee. I refuse in my best martyred manner.

10:15 — Miss McQuiddy finally returns. Has handful of tickets on a raffle being conducted to buy equipment for the company's bowling team. I buy a couple. She will be right back as soon as she gives the money to the treasurer. I clear my throat menacingly and she reminds me of company policy not to leave money in desk.

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LOOK Who's Retired!

The following employees retired during calendar year 1968:

Accounting:

J. J. Schamer

Bridge Design:

Baldy Vinson

Buildings & Grounds:

Frank Scroggins

Equipment:

H. B. Kirchoff
T. C. Ellis

Office Engineer's:

Roy E. Hall

Planning & Research:

Don P. Mount
John C. Longcoy
W. K. Bartleson
Carl E. Bratcher

Right-of-Way:

Arthur Reichstadt

Roadway Design:

John C. Hicks

Safety:

Frank L. O'Donell

Weights & Standards:

Maynard M. Smith
Maurice E. Ford
Roy W. Philyaw

District 1:

A. W. Rodgers
Jerry F. Jayroe
John F. Fanning
Max H. Oldham
Andrew J. English

District 2:

Robert R. Rinehart
Elbert J. Anderson

District 3:

Virgil W. Cleveland
J. C. Hedrick
Olive Jackson
C. M. Avery

District 4:

Luther W. Piles
R. R. Davison
Louis R. Williams
F. J. Brakefield

District 5:

Fred R. Hobbs
Robert H. McDoniel
Cecil G. Gillett
(Henderson Ferry)

District 6:

Charley V. Cagle
Ben Junior Bagley

District 7:

Joe C. Webb

District 8:

Sidney W. Parks
William C. Flowers
James R. Smith
Denver D. Houston
Dwight C. Morgan

District 9:

Ira Dodson
Dennis L. Fouts
Samuel J. Harmon
(Springdale)
Charley R. Baker
(Springdale)

District 10:

Ermer F. Newsom

RETIREES DECEASED IN 1968

C. B. Pendergraft, *Secondary Roads*
Russell J. Brownlow, *District 5*
W. W. Mitchell, *Former Director*
Raymond H. Laney, *District 7*
John F. Homesley, *District 5*
Cleo Wesley Powell, *District 3*
Ernest Pender, *District 3*
Henry Coe, *District 10*
Garland R. Vick, *District 2*
William O'Guinn, *District 10*
Jim Thomas Piercy, *District 4*
William Ottis Brooks, *District 9s*
W. L. Diggs, *District 10*
Emmett Vaughn Neil, *District 6*
W. K. Bartleson, *Planning & Research*

THIEVES, VIGILANTES

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hazardous as traffic increased. (The Bankhead Highway was a route from Washington, D. C. to El Paso, Texas built in the '20s and named after U. S. Senator Bankhead from Alabama. U.S. 67 from Arkadelphia to Texarkana was a portion of that route.)

In 1930 U. S. 67 was relocated north and south of Boughton Road to its present location, thus diverting most of the traffic from the Nacatoch Bluff bridge.

During Prohibition the bluff was a favorite spot of bootleggers who, it is said, bottled their stock in gallon and half-gallon jugs and tied them to cypress roots under the bridge.

When the section of I-30 from Highway 51 north of Prescott to Fulton is completed, anticipated in the summer of 1970, even less traffic will be using the Nacatoch Bluff bridge. Even now the area, with the exception of the bridge, gives little evidence of its history. Dense vegetation covers the area. The sluggish river, bayous of black water, vine-draped trees and scrub palmetto form an almost impenetrable swamp little changed from the days that the "chinquapin eaters" forded the stream there.

(Editor's Note: The preceding article is based on a story by Sam Dickinson published in the Arkansas Democrat Magazine, Sunday, June 11, 1967.

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CONSTRUCTION INSPECTORS' SCHOOL HELD

A two-day construction inspectors' training session was held at the central headquarters building on February 27-28. Instructors were Const. Engr. E. E. Hurley, Asst. Const. Engrs. Don Cahoon, David Moore and J. R. Chaney, M & T Engr. Joe Magness and Squad Boss Veral Pinkerton of Bridge Design. One hundred fifteen employees from across the state took the examination at the close of the session.



Here,
There
and Everywhere

WASHINGTON — The “Apostle of Good Roads”, Pyke Johnson is dead at the age of 80, after 30 years’ service on the Highway Research Board’s Executive Committee. He was one of the first 36 members of the Advisory Board on Highway Research when it was created as a part of the National Academy of Engineering in 1920. One of the nation’s most illustrative figures in the highway field, he served down through the years in various capacities with the Automobile Manufacturers Association, the Automotive Safety Foundation and many other highway related committees and organizations. In 1954 Johnson served as chief of staff to the Clay Commission which produced the Interstate System.

CALIFORNIA — How much is time saved by a new or improved road worth to a motorist? According to a research economist at Stanford University, it’s worth \$2.82 per hour *per person* on commuter trips of more than ten minutes and five miles.

IN 1963 AMERICA’S DOMESTIC AIRLINES carried about 70 million passengers. That same year, they made five-year forecasts and estimated that airlines in 1968 would serve 90 million passengers. Actually, the number was about 150 million, almost double the prediction.

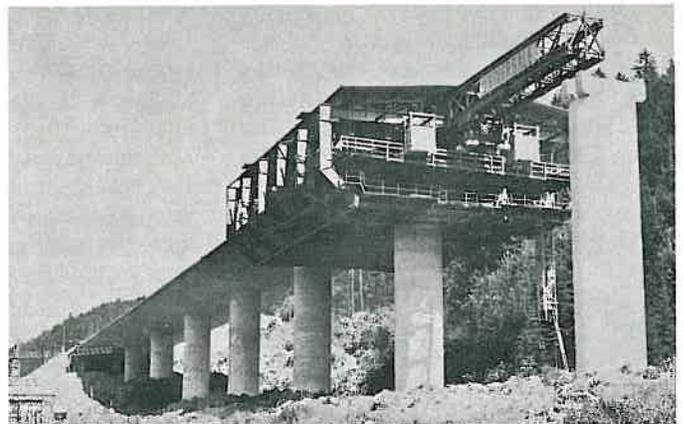
WASHINGTON — The Department of Transportation’s Bureau of Public Roads is making such a desperate effort to reduce highway deaths and injuries resulting from vehicles crashing into immovable objects, they will give most anything a try, even something as prosaic as a cluster of old steel oil drums, which have been given the technical moniker of “impact attenuation device.” Texas A & M’s Transportation Institute has already installed barrel clusters at three high-accident interstate interchange locations

in Houston and one at a site in Dallas. They are placed around, or in front of, rigid structures such as bridge piers, abutments or parapets which cannot be eliminated from highways and roadsides, and secured together to form a cushion for vehicles ramming them. The barrels are expected to absorb the impact and bring the car to a much safer stop than if it had crashed directly into the obstacle. Each cluster is made up of about 30–40 drums. If effective, the drums will prove a reasonably inexpensive method of combating highway fatalities. New drums cost \$6–\$7 each, while second-hand ones cost about \$2 each.

CALIFORNIA — A recent attempt to increase traffic flow on California’s choked freeways by establishing minimum speed limits on a lane-by-lane basis simply didn’t work. Moreover, the effort even added to the problems already confronting the motorists.

WASHINGTON — How far is one trillion miles? Written in numbers, it’s a figure that looks like this: 1,000,000,000,000. The figure is significant because it represents a minimal estimate of motor vehicle mileage rolled up on the Nation’s highways during 1968. The estimated mileage was actually 1,010,000,000,000, or one trillion, ten billion miles. Thinking in terms of trips around the earth (using a 25,000-mile circumference at the equator), one trillion, ten billion would equal 40,400,000 trips around the world! Passenger cars accounted for 81 percent of the mileage.

AUSTRIA — During construction of a long viaduct on the southern edge of Innsbruck, Austria the concrete deck was laid with a mobile factory which advanced along the tops of the concrete columns. The 440-ton unit eliminated the need for conventional falsework. It also offered substantial savings in manpower and costs. A 98-foot span was completed in an average of 11 days.



Auditor's Son Renders Above-and-Beyond Service in Vietnam



Dr. Keene treats a Vietnamese villager.

Lt. Robert D. Keene's responsibility is big enough to make the faint-hearted shudder. As a member of the U. S. Navy Dental Corps, he is responsible for the dental needs of 1,000 men stationed aboard his ship, the USS Benewah, and two others which make up a flotilla now prowling the streams and canals of the Mekong Delta in Vietnam. The Benewah is the flagship for River Assault Flotilla One, which is part of a joint Army-Navy command consisting of eleven large ships and some 180 heavily-armed gunboats searching the Mekong area for Viet Cong main force units.

Keene, son of Chief Auditor Ronald B. Keene, says the Benewah's equipment and facilities are extremely good and that most of his work, aided by one assistant, consists of routine fillings and extractions but some cases of oral surgery do arise. Even though his routine schedule allows little time for rest, he renders dental service to Vietnamese civilians when possible through the Dental Civic Action Program (DENTCAP). Dr. Keene and his assistant journey by gunboat into isolated villages and hamlets in an effort to provide dental work to the local people, most of whom have never even seen a dentist before.

Vietnamese Make Unflinching Patients

"The conditions we have to work under in the villages are usually quite

primitive," says Dr. Keene. "We bring as much equipment as possible, but it's never as much as we'd like to have. Our only light to work by is the sun, so we're always outdoors in some muddy or dusty field, where chances of infection are, of course, greatly increased.

"Most of the people have never had any dental treatment whatsoever, and by the time we get to them the only alternative left is usually extraction. All the people have bad teeth, even the young kids. It's usually just a question of which ones to pull first."

On a recent DENTCAP Dr. Keene treated 17 patients, and every one necessitated at least one extraction. "My arm was sore from pulling," he recalls. "Some of the teeth just crumbled away when I

touched them, and then I had to go dig the roots out. It's a tough way to work, but these people are extremely appreciative of our help. They are unusually good patients. They most willingly come for treatment, and never complain or flinch while I'm working on them."

Unaware that Patients included Viet Cong

Dr. Keene relates a surprising experience which occurred in January: "We were just finishing up a MEDCAP/DENTCAP at a village on ThoiSon Island here in Dinh Tuong Province. I had worked on about two dozen people, and the Navy doctor accompanying me had treated about 80 patients. As we started to pick up our gear some Vietnamese soldiers came into the camp and arrested 12 Viet Cong. One of them had just been treated by the doctor. That shook me up a little bit. For a while I'd nearly forgotten that this was a war and we were working right in the enemy's front yard.

"I like my work here and enjoy working with the people that I do," declares the young dentist. "About the only thing I don't like is being so far away from my home and family . . . but I guess every sailor and soldier over here feels the same way about that."

Lt. Keene is a graduate of Hendrix College with a degree in chemistry and the University of Tennessee Medical School at Memphis where he received his DDS in 1967. After completion of military duty, he hopes to take up residency in oral surgery. He is married to the former Theresa Watkins of Benton.

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11:00 - Miss McQuiddy finds her way back with a choice bit of news. Peggy in Accounts Payable is going to have a baby. This will require a little extra time during lunch to buy a shower present. Her tone indicates what I will be if I don't permit it. I consider risking such a fate but before I can decide, she is on the phone calling her mother. And there's no use complaining. If she doesn't call her mother every day at this time her mother will call her.

11:30 - We start dictation again just as Miss Devers of Billing comes in to discuss details of Peggy's shower. More throat clearing on my part and Miss Devers flounces out with a sympathetic glance at Miss McQuiddy.

11:45 - Miss McQuiddy goes to lunch. I phone the restaurant for a sandwich to be sent up and settle down to study the

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Forrest Bogart, retired from Right of Way, was a visitor in the Magazine office on March 7. **Jim Zinn**, retired from Personnel, was seen from afar in the building on March 14.

Pat Koonce of Accounting, one of our most conscientious blood donors, is now a member of the "Two Gallon Club."

Sharon Jobe of Traffic Services was home several days with a case of the mumps . . . not her, but her youngster. **Julia Hopkins** came over from the Sign Shop to keep the store for her.

Barbara Oldham of Secondary Roads and **Nancy Sipe**, Ass't. Dir. Gray's secretary received orchids and roses on their mutual birthday. What nice surprises!

Highway wives **Mrs. S. H. Daggett**, **Mrs. Robert Maddox** and **Mrs. William L. Moore** were among those who modeled fashions from Four Seasons in a style show sponsored by the Auxiliary to the Central Arkansas chapter of the Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers. The show was presented at the Racquet Club on March 25. Mrs. Moore is the president elect of the Auxiliary.

James Millard of Traffic Services was married to Sara Hill of Little Rock in the First Church of the Nazarene at Conway on Saturday evening, March 22. She teaches at the Children's Colony in Conway.

More about the U. S. 79 bridge at Cody — we have learned since last issue that the bridge has not been raised since sometime in 1967. **W. O. Holland**, job superintendent at Wynne and his bridge crew see after the bridge and raise it if necessary. A 24-hour advance notice is required.

Butch Wilson in the Mail Room had a benign tumor removed from his throat early in March but everything came out alright and he was back to work in a week.



Barbara Bonds, seated, and **Bonnie Wesson** were employed in the Equipment Section in January. Barbara and her husband Tommy live at 8515 Mablevale Pike. He is an electrician with Staley Electric Co. They have a 16-month-old youngster named Mark. Barbara is a native of Camden.

Bonnie has three daughters, Suzanne, 8; Sonya, 7; and Tera, 5. Her husband Harold works at the Pine Bluff Arsenal. The Wessons are members of the Seventh Day Adventist Church and Suzanne and Sonya attend the Seventh Day Adventist School on Rodney Parham Road.

Marie Blankenship of the Safety Office had a two-week's bout with influenza. Hers seemed to be one of those stubborn cases that just wouldn't go away.

I talked by telephone to retiree **Daisy Conley** a couple of weeks ago and she, too, was in the second phase of influenza. She would appreciate a call from her AHD friends. Now that it's officially

Spring, let's hope the beautiful sunshine and warm breezes will put the boot to all the virusii.

At this writing Chief Engr. **J. T. Pendergrass** is confined to his home with an inner ear infection. He thinks he will be able to return to the office on March 31.

SECRETARIES —Continued from Page 14

Andrews file. The boss buzzes me to see how I'm coming along with said case. I compose a memo in longhand.

1:30 — Miss McQuiddy returns with a package done up in a delicate shade of blue with a pink bow. Immediately phones three other girls on the floor to see what they bought for the shower.

1:45 — I gave Miss McQuiddy my handwritten memo. She complains she cannot read my handwriting. I ask her to get Mr. Andrews on the phone.

1:50 — Miss McQuiddy goes over details of baby shower with switchboard operator for ten minutes, then places my call. I outline the entire deal to Mr. Andrews, then discover he is the wrong Andrews.

2:30 — Break off conversation, determined to lay down the law to Miss McQuiddy. Can't — she's on coffee break.

3:00 — Decide to go see Andrews personally since his office is close by. He's playing golf.

4:00 — Return to office. Note on my desk advises that Miss McQuiddy is attending company training course on "How To Be a Perfect Secretary."

4:30 — A representative from the "Good Ideas" committee arrives to present Miss McQuiddy with a \$10 award for the best suggestion of the month. She had suggested that secretaries could get more work done if carbon paper was available on an endless roll.

4:45 — We finally get out a memo to Mr. Andrews, finishing just as the phone rings. It's the boss again, sarcastically inquiring about the Andrews case.

4:50 — Miss McQuiddy goes to powder room to put on fresh makeup, coat, galoshes, hat, and gloves.

4:55 — Personnel calls with a reminder that Miss McQuiddy is now eligible for a raise. This news is reinforced with a subtle hint that "good secretaries are hard to come by."

4:59½ — Miss McQuiddy waves a cheery goodnight as she goes out the door. See what I mean?

Courtesy — Ohio Interchanger



ACCOUNTING DIVISION

MILDRED HARNES

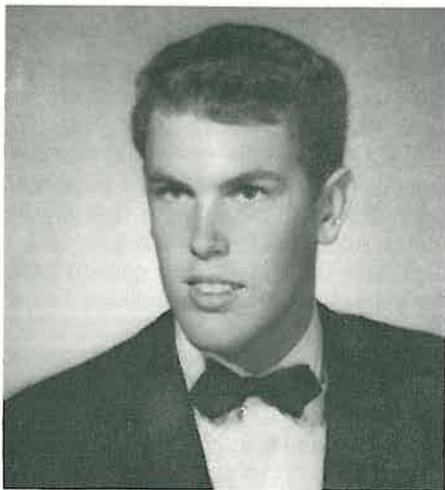


Meribeth Walsworth

Meribeth Walsworth, a Texan from Harlingen, is a new employe in the Accounting Division. After graduation from high school, she moved to Little Rock, where she has attended Little Rock University for two years. She's 20, single and loves to sew. She and her mother live at 402 North Van Buren.

Sue McKelvey, our cashier, was maid of honor at her sister Marjorie's wedding to Richard Woods in Bayou Meto Baptist Church on February 15. Another sister, Mackie, was a bridesmaid.

Johnnie Beavers is still in the VA Hospital, convalescing after surgery. Many prayers have been said for him and I'm sure there will be many more. We wish him the very best.



Mike Jones

Mike Jones won first chair in the trombone section of the First Orchestra in the

All-State competition play-off. The All-State Concert was held Saturday evening, March 8 at the conclusion of a two-day band clinic at LRU, conducted by an outstanding group of directors and composers including Francis McBeth. Mike is the son of Mell Jones of our Division.

Doris Whitson and family are the proud owners of a brand new house trailer. They are now residents of the lovely Indian Springs Mobile Home park on the Benton highway.

Frank Phillips is the happy owner of a new home at 8003 Mabelvale Pike. Very convenient to work, huh, Frank?

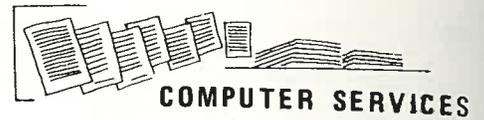


Abbie Harrison

Alice Harrison's little daughter, Abbie, celebrated her very first birthday on March 7. Alice is our file clerk.



"Poor girl . . . she misfiled her lunch."



COMPUTER SERVICES

FAY SULLIVAN

First, we welcome two new employes. Karen Muller was employed March 3, and Geraldine Moorman began work March 10. Both are in the Key Punch Section.



Karen Muller



Geraldine Moorman

We are so glad to have Carolyn Reddin back from maternity leave. We surely missed you, Carolyn. We are also looking forward to having Barbara Smith back with us again next week. She has also been on leave.

Peggy Hardin's daughter Sharlotte was elected state secretary of the Adult Division of Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), at their State convention which was held February 14 at the Marion Hotel. This title may include among other things, a trip to the national convention at Atlantic City in late Spring. Sharlotte is studying interior decorating at the Vocational School here in Little Rock.

Former employe Nedra Barton recently paid us a luncheon visit and Frances Richardson came by for a visit March 11. We hope they will both visit us again when they can.

Our sympathy to Roy Shelby and his family on the recent loss of his father-in-law.



CONSTRUCTION

LUCI DISHONGH

We are happy to report that a full staff can be found in Construction. The flu got a toehold in our office just before Christmas and one operation became necessary, so we welcome back to work the following: E. E. Hurley, Doyle Carson, Margaret Weathers, Gerry Kissire (Margaret and Gerry spent several days in the hospital), H. H. Perkins, H. B. "Uncle Fat" Matthews (operation) and yours truly. Somehow Neoma escaped the bug, perhaps because she had a long Christmas vacation. Neoma's daughter Bennie Fae has fully recovered from a successful ear operation. She is a student at McClellan and a member of the Lionettes.

We wish to again express our deepest sympathy to Gerry in the recent loss of her beloved father, Luther Drake.

Our Construction Inspector's School, held February 27-28, was very informative and successful to those passing the written examination.

FINAL ESTIMATE SECTION

JOHN C. HELGEN

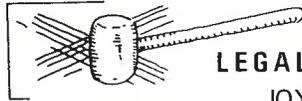
The girls in this Section were invited by Boss E. E. Hurley for lunch with him and "his girls" in the other Construction offices at Paul's Lamplighter on February 27. The girls said they really enjoyed themselves and had a good time.

Our sympathy is extended to Gary Lewis whose mother, Mrs. Noel H. Lewis of Quitman, Ark. passed away unexpectedly on March 12.

No news is good news, they say, nevertheless, perhaps there will be more grist from the mill next time.



"Of course, coming back I have to switch wheels."



LEGAL DIVISION

JOYCE PORTER

Condolences to the family of Hubert Graves on the loss of his mother, Mrs. Jodie Smith Graves of Shreveport, La. Funeral services were held in DeQueen.

Ethyl Harrison had a terrible bout with the flu and was off work several days, then returned to work seemingly all well. But then she came down with a back-set of the flu and was home very ill for several weeks. Ethyl is back with us again now and we truly hope for good this time.

Mrs. Emma Lee Kelly (wife of W. D. Kelly) had to have another operation on her wrist a few weeks ago. She fell last year on the ice and broke her wrist. Since then, Mrs. Kelly has already had several operations on it. We hope this one will be the last and that it heals quickly and correctly.

Annette Youtz and her husband Phillip have two new additions to their family . . . a 1969 Ford pick-up with four-speed transmission and a green, custom cab — and an 8-week old (at this writing) puppy named Bounce. Bounce is a solid black part poodle and part long-haired dachshund. With a combination like that, I bet he surely is cute.

We Porters just couldn't let Annette and Phillip get ahead of us. We also have two new additions to our family. Actually I guess I shouldn't say "new", since one is a 1958 Chevrolet pick-up. The other is Tuffy, a 3-month-old blond and light brown puppy who is just all dog.

Cris, Cathy and Johnny Cloud are expecting company any day now . . . Cris' brother, Sp4 Ken Cloud and their mother, Mrs. Ruth Cloud from Monroe, Mich. Ken has just returned from Vietnam after a year's tour of duty and I know they will all be glad to see him.

By the time you read this, I will be just another housewife. I will probably send in one more report. The 25th of March will be my last day and I would like to say goodbye now to all my friends. I will miss you all, but it will be a good miss. I am just going to stay at home and take care of my two children and hubby. I hope that you will let me come back to see all of you and gossip some once in a while, though. Or better still, when you have time, call me up and tell me all the news . . . UL 1-2084.

(Joyce, you've been a conscientious reporter. We'll miss you. Ed.)



MAINTENANCE

SHIRLEY DUNEGAN



Mrs. Billie Boyd

Congratulations are in order for Mrs. Billie Carlton Boyd of Roadside Development. She was married February 21 to Richard Boyd in a formal ceremony in Primrose United Methodist Church at 7:30 P.M. Several employes from the Department attended and took part in the ceremony. After honeymooning a week, they are residing at 8815 Herrick Lane. Our best wishes to you both.

Dual Ray Schales is a new technician in the Radio Shop. He and his wife live at 111 East 11 St. Schales replaced Jessie Clanton, who moved to Ft. Smith. Welcome aboard, Dual.

Several have been ill with this and that but at this writing the entire force is well and back in the swing of things.

You may have heard of a chicken-killer dog but probably never a chicken-killer Shetland. Well, this was the first impression that Jimmie Farnam of Maintenance got one day recently upon returning home from work. It seems Skipper, the boys' Shetland pony, had gotten out of his pen and ransacked a storage shed nearby. Finding an old feather pillow, he proceeded to have a field day. The appearance of her back yard was sheer havoc as hundreds of feathers litterly covered every inch of the yard. Frantic with fear of what the neighbors might think, she attempted to round him up without a rope. This little game of chase delighted Skipper, so he decided it was his turn to chase Jimmie. She ran for the well-house roof and there she sat with the

dog barking at her until conditions improved. Seems there is never a dull moment around the Farnam ranch. (And who ever heard of a *girl*-chasing Shetland? Ed.)

Jim Francis recently bought a nice large trailer house to set in the middle of his acreage. His new home is being built close by and it's going to be a dandy. The lucky guy won't have any fog, smog, dogs or any of the usual city annoyances to worry with. Maybe there will be an open house or something later on and we city dwellers can get a sample of that clean, healthy country air.

More next month.



MATERIALS & TESTS

SIBYL MADDOX

Congratulations are in order for Alton T. Beard and Bobby Hughes. These two were honored at a party to celebrate receiving their service pins and certificates, Alton for 20 years and Bobby for 15.



Beard receives award from Joe Magness.



Bobby Hughes, left, and Joe Magness.

Several of our employes have been ill with the flu or what-have-you. We hope that everyone will soon be back at work.

Larry Gaines has returned from active duty in the National Guard. We are glad to have you back, Larry.

Harold Middlebrooks and Kenneth Mueller resigned to work with Rock Island Railroad.

Congratulations to Jim and Ann Briley on the arrival of a daughter, Erin. Jim and Ann have three sons. Looks like a certain little girl will be running the Briley household.

Jake and Carolyn Clements are also the proud parents of a daughter, Daphne. Royce and Virginia Wallace of Benton announce the birth of a son, Jeff.

Maurice Tillery has decided to chuck the bachelor estate. He and Linda Belk, a senior at Joe T. Robinson High School, will be married in Harmony Baptist Church at Paron on May 29.



PLANNING AND RESEARCH

JOANN NIEHAUS

Former employe Jim Carvell, Jr., now a Texan, came out to see us while Nell visited her sister during a recent trip to Little Rock. Jim says their boys are doing fine. He says that he and Smitty (Bill Smith who formerly worked in our Finance and Economics Section) get together for lunch about every two weeks and to discuss the situation here in Arkansas. Jim certainly looks as though Texas agrees with him.



Loyd Ussery

Another new employe joining our group is Loyd Eugene Ussery who started work February 1 as a statistician in the Current Planning Section. Loyd is single, in the Navy Reserve, and lives in Alexander.

Birthdays for the month included those of Joann Niehaus on February 3, Florence Routh on February 9 and Bill Looney on February 10.

Fernie Speights advised everyone that Larry Johnson had started smoking again after having been quit for so long. Just ask anyone in the front office, "Did he ever quit?" —Signed: Fag Moocher-Poor.



L. R. Jester, left, and Bill Headrick

Friday, February 14 boss L. R. Jester presented W. E. "Bill" Headrick his 20-year certificate. June Brown had the honor of attaching Bill's pin to his shirt. Everyone was treated to cake and coffee.

Adelia Lewis and Janet Billingsley from our front office went to try their luck with the horses this month. Seems they did pretty well money-wise, but how about sleepwise, you two? (Must have been some night!)

Sara Read was in an automobile accident but is back with us now.



L. R. Jester presents award to Joe Lovell.

Joe Lovell received his 10-year certificate the first of February. Congratulations, Joe.

Karen and Dick Deviney, former employes of ours, are now the proud parents of a baby girl born February 28. Congratulations to both of you.

New-baby congratulations are also in order for Wilbert and Bobbie Chapman on the arrival of Michael Shawn, on February 28.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Cecil Rider and family in the death of his grandson this month.



"Varney" Beckett

M. L. Beckett's daughter, Sgt. Varyne Beckett, was chosen first runner-up in the 1969 Sergeant's Association Sweetheart Contest at McChord AFB, Tacoma, Wash.

Shortly after the judging, the winner was sent overseas, making her ineligible. Varney thus became the "Sweetheart" and will represent the McChord Sergeant's Association in national competition at Washington later this spring.



RECORDS & REPRODUCTION

DOROTHY LEHMAN

We are glad to report that June Simmons, Rachel's husband, is well and chipper again.

One of our employes, E. L. Modlin, deserves mention for his interest in young ball players. As president of both Cenark Baseball Club and Mabelvale Baseball League, he is a busy man. The Mabelvale League is made up of boys and girls 7 through 18. For seven years E. L. has worked with the Babe Ruth Club, boys 13, 14 and 15, who have won first place the past five years. He also helps coach a team of 9- and 10-year-old boys in the Y-Team Football League.

Rachel and June are grandparents again. Mark Douglas was born to their daughter and son-in-law, Dotty and Ken Brown, on February 17.

Another musical note about Mike Trusty, who was introduced in the February issue - he plays with a combo called The Loose Ends, which has been organized for about three years.



Kevin Henriksen

Wanda Henriksen is blessed with four adorable grandchildren, all of whom live in Little Rock. Kevin is the 2-year-old son of Rick Henriksen in Roadway Design. The other three are the son and daughters of Wanda's son Art, who is already furnishing baseball equipment for 1-year-old Wesley.



Wesley, Diane and Cuppie Henriksen

Sad news from January . . . Lucille Huffstutlar's sister-in-law, Mrs. Theron Morgan, passed away the night of January 16.

By the time a man can afford to lose a few golf balls, he's too old to hit them that far.



PLANNING AND RESEARCH

THE STAFF

ADMINISTRATION

Retha Griffin enjoyed a visit with her son, Terry, when she attended the Henderson-Ouachita basketball game in Arkadelphia. The game between the two rivals was very close until the second half, when Henderson pulled out in front to win over Ouachita, 81-61.

Kay Jones has been studying up on her shorthand for the past few weeks. Now when she takes dictation, only every other word is in longhand.

ENGINEERING

We welcome two new employes, Janice Meeks and Steve Crook. Janice is only new to our Section, having transferred from Personnel. Before that she worked about four months in Planning and Research.



Janice Meeks



Steve Crook

Steve, who began employment February 17 as a draftsman, is 20, single and lives at Sheridan, Ark. We are glad to have him working with us.

Gary Rea, draftsman in our Section, will be leaving for an Army Reserve Camp the 1st of April. He said he expects a kiss from all the girls before he leaves to get him through the tough days ahead. Good luck, Gary. (*And good luck, girls!*)



SECONDARY ROADS

BARBARA OLDHAM

Welcome to our new employe, John Adney. John graduated from Central High School in May, 1968. He was born in Little Rock and has lived here all that time. In September, 1968 he was very lucky to have a trip to Mexico. John is a draftsman in our division and attends Capitol City Business College night classes in architecture. Just like the rest of the office fellows, John's hobbies include hunting, fishing, skiing, and drag races.



John Adney



"Control yourself, Mac! Haven't you ever gone to the wrong house?"



DISTRICT



JANET McELDUFF

It's either feast or famine with us, but here's just a tidbit more news from good ol' District One.

Res. Engr. Virgil Shassere of West Memphis really doesn't look 40, but according to the report from his field clerk, Marg Brand, his birthday cake on March 2 read "Life begins at 40! Happy Birthday



Virgil!" All of his crew were not able to make it in and keep the work going, but there were about 12 present, and from the looks on Virg's face, their efforts were not in vain!

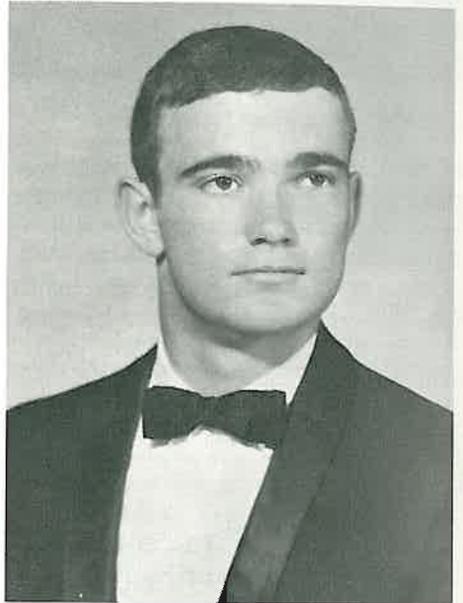
I'll bet they didn't have a bit more fun than we did, however, while arranging to get Mr. Charlie Matthews in the office for coffee and cake in honor of his birthday without telling him what we were doing. We made it, but it took some doing! The funniest thing about it was that the day before, just after we had finished ordering a big, beautiful *chocolate* cake for him (because all the ladies agreed that if there was anything a man liked it was a big, beautiful *chocolate* cake), he came in about mail time. As usual, our conversation, while licking stamps, turned to food, and with no preamble at all, he just blurted out that if there was anything he *didn't* like, it was a darned ol' CHOCOLATE cake! I think Mildred swallowed a 6¢ stamp, but chocolate cake he got the next day, and was even nice enough to say it was the best that he had ever eaten. Oh well, you can't win them all.

Elise Kapter, field clerk in Forrest City, received her 5-year service award this month, and we offer our congratulations to her.

Bill and Yvonne Mulhollen are settled in their new home and, we hope, are liking their new surroundings. The house is a lovely blue-gray brick with white trim, in a beautiful setting. The greatest

catastrophe they have had (other than Kelley, their youngest, putting a whole roll of you-know-what down the you-know-what) was Bill getting his little dainties messed up with cement while building some really pretty brick steps. And all the time I thought an engineer was tough!

You know from the February issue of the magazine that we lost our beloved "Skinny" Davis. Tribute was paid Skinny in the December, 1962 magazine. After re-reading the article, we can only restate the same nice things about him, and this time mean it two-fold.



Fred Hudson

Fred Hudson, a senior at Wynne High School, has been selected as one of 350 students to go to Washington, D. C., as a member of the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Hudson of Wynne. Mr. Hudson works in the Maintenance Division of District One.

Fred joined with students from all over the nation in attending the first week's class of a special course in government from February 1 through March 1. He is sponsored by the Wynne Rotary Club, with assistance in arrangements provided by the office of Rep. Bill Alexander, First District, Arkansas. Participation in the program is limited to 1,750 students this year.

The Presidential Classroom is a new educational project planned to teach government operation to selected high school seniors for a concentrated seven day period. There will be five classes in 1969. Students, selected by their principals,

must have outstanding academic and personal school records to merit this designation.

District One extends hearty congratulations to Fred and joins his parents in being proud of having him in our family!

'Spect you have had enough of District One by now, so will close as usual with our standing invitation to come see us! And pretty soon we bet you do, when we get into our new building!



DISTRICT



LESLIE LONG

Thirty-two District 2 employes attended a Civil Defense course on individual and family survival conducted at the headquarters February 19. The course, taught by Burton Zavelo of the State Department of Education, is approved by the Education Department and the local School Board. All those who attended received certificates of completion. Our popular "serve yourself" lunch was served to those attending.

River traffic is picking up. We raised the lift span on the U. S. 79 bridge here 46 times during the month of February! Incidentally this writer was presented a hand-drawn, hand-scribed valentine on the morning of February 14 which read: "Some bridges are red, Some bridges are blue. If you want the free bridge, we'll GIVE it to you."

Employes who attended and successfully passed the Construction Inspector's Training Program conducted at the Little Rock headquarters on February 27-28 were B. E. Hart, G. D. Williams and M. D. Bagwell from L. K. Howell's residency at Pine Bluff; L. C. Tucker and D. C. Scogin from George Karnes' residency at Monticello; and R. L. Johnson from Ken Tyler's residency at McGehee.

Certificates of safety for calendar year 1968 were recently presented to a number of our supervisors, job superintendents, resident engineers and their crews. Their names appeared in the February issue of the magazine. We are proud of the effort these fellows made to earn the awards. Hearty congratulations! May the 1969 list contain all your names, plus some others.

Carole Ann Thompson has resigned her position in George Karnes' residency at Monticello to accept employment with the Burlington Mill Industries in Monti-

cello. Good luck, Carole. I will surely miss your news items.

Joe and Louise Leopard and daughter Susan have sold their home at Woodlawn and moved to a new place at 908 West 21st Street in Pine Bluff. They are very happily settled and enjoying the convenience of being nearer their work. Joe is our stock clerk; Louise is employed by Leisure Group, Inc.; and Susan has left nursing at Jefferson Hospital to join the staff of Dr. Perry's Clinic.

Horace Handy is hospitalized at Drew County Hospital in Monticello, recuperating from a stroke which completely paralyzed his right side. The personnel of the Drew County Area Headquarters have been assisting by rotating their services in attendance at the hospital. We feel these people deserve mention for the fine friendship and loyalty which they have displayed. We hope for a complete recovery.

We congratulate Roth L. Rabb, patrol operator with the Heavy Maintenance crew, who received a 25-year service award and pin on February 19 at Little Rock. Other recipients of awards in February were Jake Franks, crew leader in Arkansas County, 15 yrs.; and Artis S. Price, crew leader in Cleveland County and Gerald D. White, crew leader in Ashley County, 10 years each.



Meet three headquarters employes: Jimmy Leopard (left), heavy truck driver; his uncle, Joe Leopard (center), stock clerk; and Arlie Gibbons, watchman. The picture was made by No. 1 photographer, Russell Gaddy.

A one-armed man was being served in a barber shop by a garrulous barber who kept carelessly knicking his customer. The barber ignored the wincing of his customer and kept up his stream of gab, but at one point he interrupted himself to ask, "Have you ever been in here before?"

The customer replied, "Naw, I lost this arm in a sawmill."



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THE STAFF

Construction Inspector Pat Thornton with James W. Gee's residency in Little Rock, is getting off to a good start as a



weight lifter. He has entered two power meets and won a trophy in each. The first one was at the Y.M.C.A. on February 8 where he won first place for the 132-pound class, lifting a 300-pound dead weight. On March 15 he competed in a meet at Harding College and won a trophy for lifting 320 lbs.

Congratulations to Kenneth Perry who made a perfect score on the test given after completion of the Basic Materials School held recently in Res. Engr. W. A. Dodds' office in North Little Rock. Kenneth is also a construction inspector with Gee's crew and does a good job.



The two little lovelies above are Debbie, 9, and Angela, 7, daughters of Barbara Mize, field clerk in Jim Gee's office. They attend Mount St. Mary's Academy and study dancing at Joel's House of Dance. Looks like you may have two future Radio City Music Hall Rockettes, Barbara.



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BURNHAM and CAMPBELL

Fifteen-year service awards were presented to Durwood Lee Erwin, Hwy. Foreman I and Odis Odell Alexander, painter. Five-year awards went to Emon Gilbert, front end loader and Charles E. Vance, Jr., Engrng. Aide IIB. Congratulations!



Safety Officer Roland Humble formally presented certificates of safety to supervisors in the District whose crews earned them. Shown are, left to right: Kenneth Dunn, sign foreman; Humble; Res. Engr. Norman Pumphrey; Res. Engr. J. B. Williamson; Area Foreman A. W. Hardy; and Res. Engr. Gayle Gunn. Not present was Jimmy Gates, ferry foreman. Humble and Dist. Engr. Coy Campbell lauded these men and their employees for their efforts. First year awards went to Gates and Hardy; second year to Dunn, Erwin and Gunn; and third year to Pumphrey and Williamson.

E. J. Lindsey, Hwy. Foreman II and E. V. Slaton, janitor are improving after undergoing surgery. "Red" and Slaton, we hope you both will be back at work soon.

Equip. Clerk Mildred Russ is back in the groove after having surgery the last of January.

Travis L. Kitchens, son of E. C. Kitchens (truck driver in Bradley County) has recently returned from Vietnam. He is now serving as pastor of Missionary Baptist Church.

Asst. Maint. Supt. Jewell W. Prince says he wanted "this one to be a girl"; nevertheless he is wearing a proud grandpa's grin since the arrival of little Jeffrey Wilson Prince. Jeffrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Prince of Stuttgart, was born January 30. The "Wilson" was to honor Jewell, who now has four grandsons and one granddaughter.

We are happy to have Eugene Coston, truck driver in Ouachita County, back at work after being on sick leave since last June.

Congratulations to "Butch" Pumphrey, who was chosen valentine king at First Baptist Church in Camden during their annual valentine party. Butch is the son of Bobbie and Norman Pumphrey, resident engineer.

Asst. Const. Engr. Don Cahoone and Norman Pumphrey were instructors at the Basic Materials Course presented February 10-18 in the District office. Employees who took the course were: E. A. Beasley, L. G. McMann, R. J. Cassity, D. R. Smith, L. D. Adams, Roy Garlington, all of Camden; C. A. Dumas, J. B. Tolbert, J. H. Cantrell, T. W. Talley, of Magnolia; and Billy C. Karber of Arkadelphia.

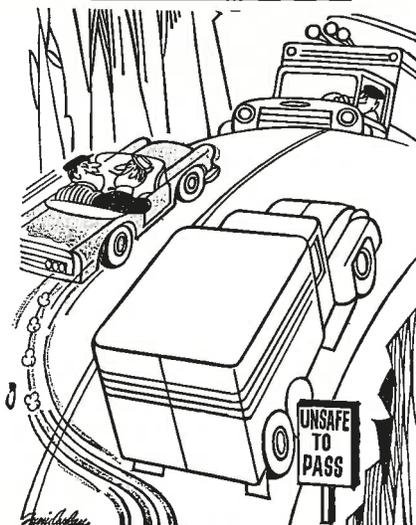
The Construction Inspector's Training Program presented in Little Rock February 27-28 was attended by: D. L. Beard and Loyd McMann of Camden; Lowell Hardaway and Kermit Wendell of Arkadelphia; B. G. Hatridge and Dallas Smith of El Dorado; and C. C. Sanders and Jimmy Wynn of Magnolia.

Susan Burnham, daughter of Sula and Harlan, will begin her practice teaching in Spanish at Fort Smith Junior High after the University of Arkansas' spring holidays.

Ervin H. Hamilton, mower operator, is hospitalized from injuries received when an automobile hit him after running through barricades set up where he was performing patching work on the highway.

John Coke, crew leader, is recuperating at home after a short stay in the hospital.

Gary Evans, son of S. B. Evans, bridge carpenter, was wounded in action in Vietnam on February 11, just three days after his 20th birthday. He is recuperating in a hospital at Quang Tri.



"I have great extra-sensory perception for this sort of thing."



DISTRICT



SHIRLEY MORTON

Margaret Jewell Looper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Looper of Route 2, Harrison, and James Bert McEntire were married Saturday, January 18. The double ring ceremony was read by Rev. Neal Clark at the Liberty Missionary Baptist Church at Harmon. A reception was held in the church fellowship hall following the ceremony. The couple are at home in Russellville where James Bert is a student at Arkansas Tech. Our congratulations to the happy couple. The bride's father is a truck driver at the Boone County Area headquarters.

Thurman Monroe Snelgroes, ferry pilot at Henderson Ferry, received his 15-year service award in March.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Chester Harp who passed away March 6 at West Fork, Ark. He was a motor patrol operator and had approximately 25 years' service with the Department in the Springdale area.



DISTRICT



ISABELLE PSALMONDS

Congratulations to Joe Mack Irvin, patrol operator at Jonesboro, and Billy Joe Montgomery, Construction Inspector I at Osceola. Each received a 10-year service award certificate in March.

We continue to have a lot of sickness in District 10. Frank Robert of Walnut Ridge had major surgery in the Baptist Hospital at Little Rock on February 10. He got to come home on February 18, but will be off from work for some time yet. Frank takes care of the rest areas in District 10. Eddie Smith's wife has been back in the hospital. Eddie is a patrol operator. We won't attempt to name all those who have been, and are, sick but we hope for a speedy recovery and feel sure that when Spring finally arrives, we all will perk up.

"Dud" Brady, patrol operator of Walnut Ridge, finally traded his '59 Mercury for a '65 Chevy. Tom Carley from Walnut Ridge is sporting a '68 Dodge.

The Lawrence County crew welcomes Jeff Robins who began work with them on February 16.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Rainwater of Walnut Ridge who are the proud parents of another baby girl, Louria Ann, born February 21. Jackie is a front-end loader operator.

Six men in the District 10 Construction crews attended the Advanced Concrete Inspectors Course in Little Rock February 27-28. Res. Engr. J. M. Garrett of Osceola taught a Basic Materials Inspector Course at the District headquarters at Paragould. Several fellows in the Construction crews attended.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Dale Hamilton of Mississippi Valley Contracting Co. Mr. Hamilton died early March 7 after a long illness.

We extend our sympathy also to Carl Williams, Engrng. Aide IIA at Jonesboro, and his family. Mrs. Williams' brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Slayton of Walnut Ridge, were lost when a private plane in which they were passengers disappeared as they were returning from a business trip.

Coming Events

- Apr. 18, 19, 20 – Seventh annual Ozark Foothills Craft Guild Show & Sale, High School Cafetorium, Mountain View.
- May 2, 3, 4 – Fourth annual Arkansas Family Camping Show on Spring River just outside Hardy.
- May 3 – Annual Pioneer Day Celebration, Melbourne.
- May 3 – Opening of season at Dogpatch, U.S.A. on Highway 7 south of Harrison.
- May 10 – Arts and Crafts Association Open House, Hwy. 62 S.W., Mountain Home.
- May 30 – Season opens for The Great Passion Play on Mount Oberammergau, Eureka Springs. Through October 17.
- May 26 - 31 – 1969 Indian Nations Trail Ride from Talequah, Okla. to Fort Smith.
- May 26 - 31 – Ark.-Okla. Rodeo, Fort Smith.
- May 30 - June 1 – Sidewalk Arts and Crafts Show, Eureka Springs.
- May 31 – Old Timers Day, Salem.
- June 3 – Opening of season of "Arkansaw Traveller" Folk Theatre, 1 mile south of Hardy on U.S. 62-167. Tuesday and Saturday nights, through July and on Saturday nights only during August.



THIS'LL KILL YA

A darling teenager, at a perfume bar, was trying to make a selection. The clerk showed her "Midnight Madness" but she rejected it.

"You see, I'm not allowed out after 11:00."

"Children," said the teacher, "I want you to write an essay about King Alfred. But don't waste time writing about the burning of the cakes."

One essay read: "King Alfred went and knocked on the door of a lovely cottage in a forest and was admitted by a farmer's wife. What happened after that I'm not allowed to say."

On a train during a tour of the U.S. an Englishman fell into conversation with a Texan, who embarked on a long recitation of the wonders of the Lone Star State. "Maybe you didn't realize it while you were going through my state," the Texan wound up, "but all of Great Britain could fit into one corner of it." "I dare say it could," said the Englishman, "and wouldn't it do wonders for the place!"

"Hello," said the boyish voice over the telephone, "is this the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals?"

"Yes, it is."

"Well, there's a salesman sitting in a tree in our yard and he's got my dog so excited he can't eat."

A proud father at the P.T.A. meeting was introduced to the new first grade teacher.

"I'm very happy to know you, Miss Chick. I am the father of the twins you are going to have next September."

Waiting for his case to be tried in Manhattan Traffic Court, one man heard another man ahead of him plead guilty, with extenuating circumstances, to parking his car in a restricted area.

"Your honor," he explained, "when I pulled into this parking place, I asked the policeman standing nearby if it was all right. He said okay. But when I came back I found a ticket on the car."

The judge asked, "Do you think you would recognize this officer if you saw him again?"

"I think I would," the man answered.

"Well," replied the judge, "the next time you see him, tell him he owes you five dollars."

A recruiting poster in a Pittsburgh post office read, "The Marine Corps Builds Men!"

Underneath, in lipstick, was the wistful comment: "Build me one!"

Secretary, handing letter to boss: "It's from the Director of Internal Revenue. He wants to know where you got the money to pay your income taxes."

During the war a young pilot landed on an aircraft carrier and hurried to the skipper to say, "What a day I've had – I shot down seven Jap planes, sunk a destroyer and left a cruiser listing."

"Velley good, Yank, but you make one mistake!"

A lady went into a bank and announced she would like to open a joint bank account.

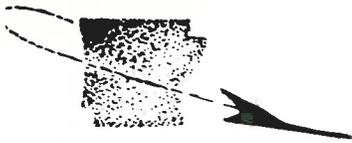
"With whom?" she was asked.

"With someone who has some money," she replied.

First cowboy: "Why do you wear only one spur?"

Second cowboy: "Wal, I figure when one side of the horse starts runnin' the other side will, too."

"Whaddya mean, 'Number, please?' ", said the slightly tipsy gentleman in the pay telephone booth. "You got my dime. Now gimme my peanuts."



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