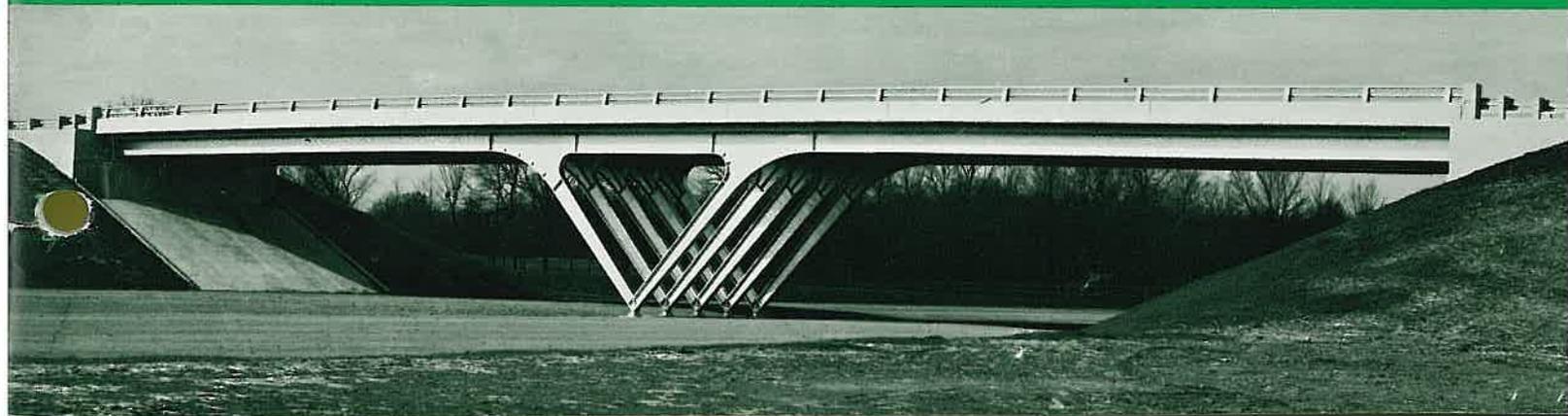
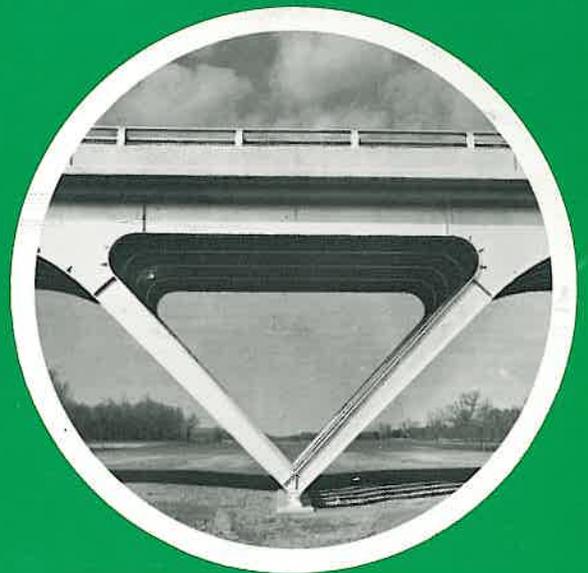
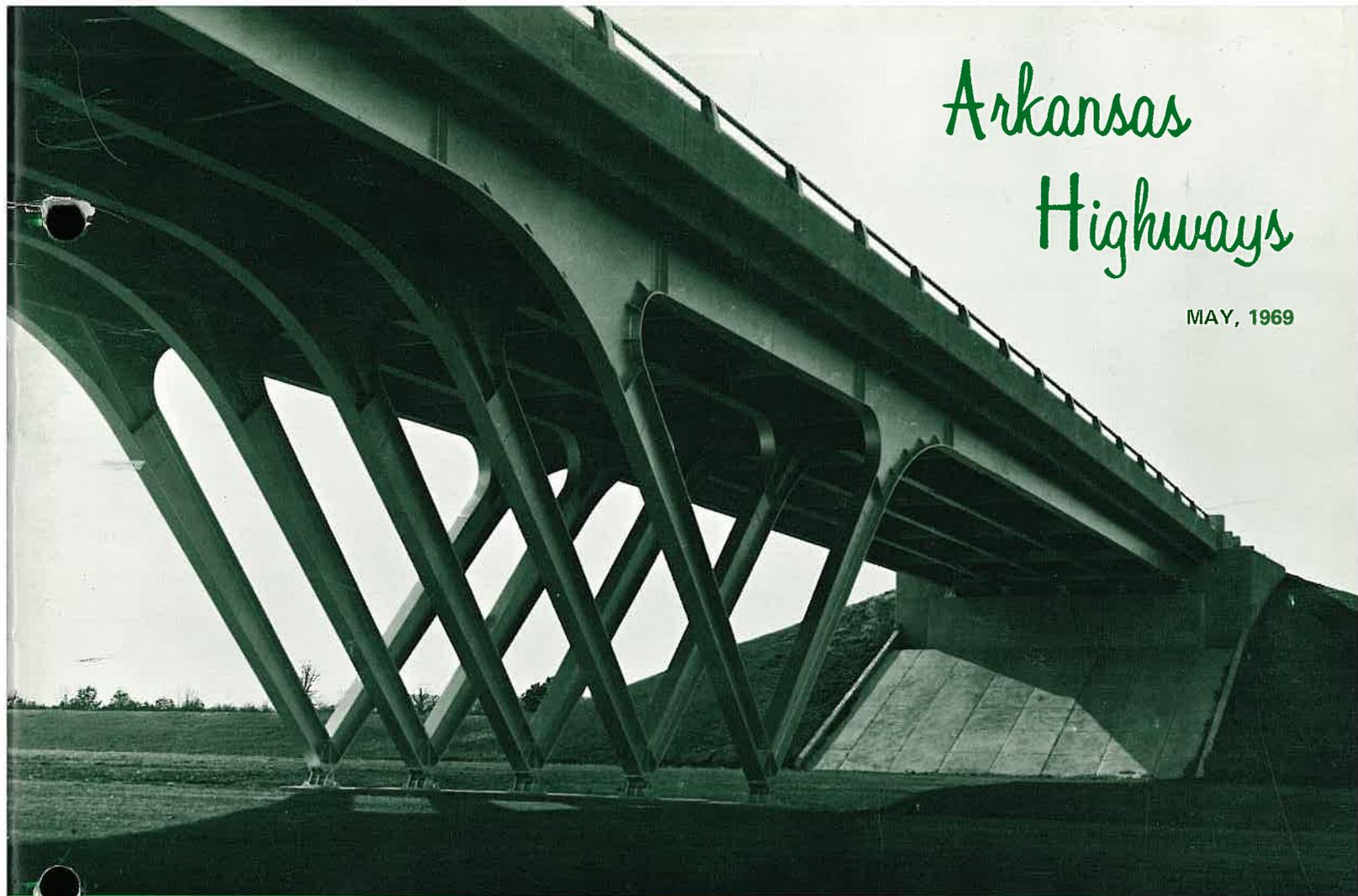


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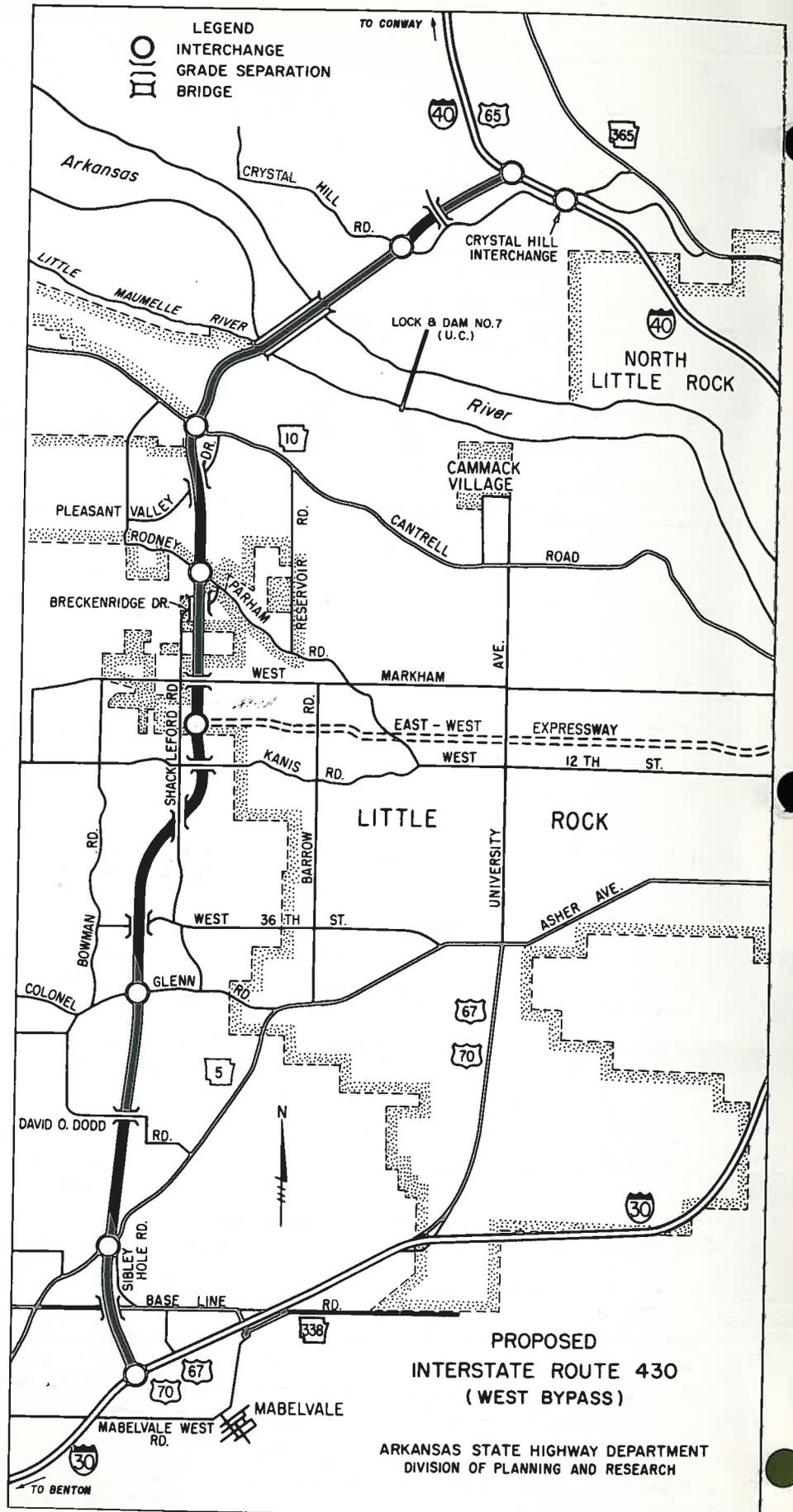
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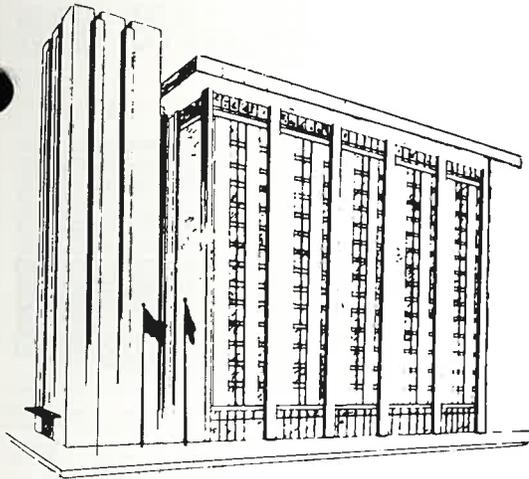


Construction on I-430 to begin soon

Acquisition of right of way has been completed on the section of I-430 from the proposed bridge location across Arkansas River to the north termini of the route at I-40 near the Crystal Hill interchange and a contract is expected to be let soon for the earthwork.

The Department wants to construct the fill for that section of the roadbed before completion of Lock and Dam No. 7, presently under construction about a mile downstream. When the lock is closed, the level of the water pool will be raised, making road construction much more difficult. Interstate 430 will connect I-40 from Crystal Hill interchange in North Little Rock with I-30 near the Mabelvale West interchange southwest of Little Rock.





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ORANGES, ORANGES EVERYWHERE!

Highway maintenance men are sometimes pressed into unusual duties and May 15 was such a day. A truck-trailer rig blew out a front tire while crossing the Arch Street overpass on I-30 south of Little Rock causing the truck to go out of control. It skidded about 420 feet along the overpass railing, spilling most of the 36,000 pound load of oranges and grapefruit on the bridge. A massive traffic jam (more than 1,000 cars) were stopped for about 2½ hours while firemen put out the burning truck and maintenance employees helped remove the fruit.



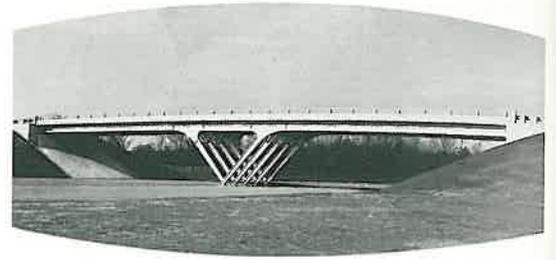
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The bridge designers, Thurman Lasley (left), Bridge Design Engr. L. P. Carlson (center), Robert Seay (third from right) and Veral Pinkerton (second from right) hold the plaque. With them are Commission chairman Truman Baker (second from left) and Director Ward Goodman (right).

Bridge



Wins Award

The Highway Commission was presented a certificate and a plaque on April 23 by the American Institute of Steel Construction, Inc. for the Blackwell grade separation having been chosen as the most beautiful structure in its category to be opened to traffic in 1967. The presentation was made during the public bid opening of highway contracts by John K. Edmonds, executive vice president of AISC.

The structure, located on I-40 between Morrilton and Russellville, was among 140 entries submitted to AISC for judging. Of them one was selected in each of seven categories. Pidgeon-Thomas Iron Company of Memphis, the steel fabricator, and H. N. Rodgers & Sons Co. of Memphis, contractor, also received awards. The plaque will be permanently affixed to the bridge.

The overpass was designed by Bridge Design Engineer L. P. Carlson, Veral Pinkerton, assistant to Carlson, and Designers Thurman Lasley and Robert Seay. It is an inverted delta structure. (Delta is the Greek word for the letter "D" and its symbol is triangular). Recognition is made to encourage more aesthetic use of steel in construction. Size, cost and operating conditions determine the class in which each entry is eligible to compete.

It is the second Arkansas structure to be recognized by AISC. The Highway 12 bridge on White River east of Rogers won the most beautiful medium span award in 1965.



Carlson accepts certificate of recognition from Edmonds.



Harry Rogers, Jr. accepted the contractor's award.



Eugene Pidgeon of Pidgeon-Thomas Iron Works received the fabricator's award.

NEW DIVISION FORMED

Two sections, Traffic Engineering of Planning and Research and Traffic Services of Maintenance, were combined May 16 to form the Traffic Division. The new division is responsible to Assistant Chief Engineer B. K. Cooper, whose responsibilities have been expanded to Planning and Traffic.

Areas of responsibility assigned to the Traffic Division include pavement markings, signing, geometric design of intersections, the TOPICS and spot hazard programs, and all traffic engineering investigations such as signalization, illumination, one-way streets, railroad grade crossing hazard ratings, and speed zone and school zone studies.

Planning activities such as route location and transportation studies, traffic assignments, and traffic counting remain the responsibility of the Planning and Research Division.

Personnel Changes



Otha Hewitt, who has been with the Department 19 years, has been named Division chief. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the new division, since most of his previous time was in the position of Chief of Traffic Services. He has served as Chief of the Right of Way Division since October, 1967. Otha, his wife Betty and their son, Douglas, a senior at

Hall High, reside on Shenandoah Valley Drive in Pleasant Valley.

J. D. Barnett has been named as Hewitt's assistant. He was previously Assistant Engineer, Planning and Research Division. Barnett graduated from Valley Springs High School in Boone County. He holds a BS degree from the University of Arkansas and a masters in civil engineering from Texas A & M. After completing the Highway Department engineers' training program, he was assigned to Planning and Research in July, 1961. Barnett is a registered professional engineer and a member of the Institute of Traffic Engineers. He is married to the former Jan Smith of North Little Rock.



Bob Faulkner and V. O. Campbell will remain as section heads of Traffic Engineering and Traffic Services respectively. Faulkner also came to the Department through the engineers' training program. After working in Surveys, and Planning and Research six weeks each, he requested permanent assignment in P & R. Campbell has been with the Department 21 years, 17 of them in Traffic Services. He was first employed in bridge construction.



G. I. Robertson, Jr., section head in the Right of Way Division, moved up to chief of that division. He came to the Highway Department in 1954 as the tenth employe of Right of Way, which during the ensuing years, has grown to a staff of 65 persons. He is the first staff member of that division to advance all the way upward to division chief. In addition to his duties in Right of Way, he has been responsible for the Mail and Supplies, and Microfilm and Reproduction sections for the last two years. Robertson is a graduate of Catholic High School in Little Rock and holds a degree in government from the University of Arkansas. He is married to the former Patsy Mashburn of Little Rock. They have a son Gip Allen, 14 who attends Ridgeroad Junior High School, and a daughter Diane, 12 who goes to Pikeview Elementary. The Robertsons live at 4509 Locust Street in North Little Rock.

OTHER PERSONNEL CHANGES

Safety Engineer A. E. Johnson, Jr. has been promoted to Engineer of Planning and Research to fill the vacancy created by L. R. Jester who resigned. Johnson is a graduate of George Washington University with a degree in civil engineering. A registered professional engineer, he completed a three-year training program with the Bureau of Public Roads and afterward worked on BPR assignments in Michigan, North Carolina and Georgia. "Al", as he is known by his associates, spent his childhood years in Arkansas when his father was chief engineer of the Department. Al was employed by the Highway Department in mid-1967 to coordinate all state highway safety activities with other agencies in the state in compliance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966. He is married to the former Penelope Anne Reid of Arlington, Va. and the father of four boys, Rusty, Brad and infant twins Kyle and Chip. The Johnsons reside at 9812 Satterfield Drive in Little Rock.



John Kizer, engineer on the Chief Engineer's staff, has been promoted to Engineer of Secondary Roads. He is a graduate of the University of Arkansas with a degree in civil engineering and a graduate of Arkansas A & M with a degree in secondary education. Kizer taught mathematics and science at a North Louisiana school and worked in construction of a subdivision in Colorado prior to coming to the Department in 1961. He left in 1964 to go with Southeast Construction Company as their construction superintendent for a year, then returned to the Highway Department in 1965. He is a registered professional engineer, and a member of the Arkansas and National Societies of Professional Engineers.

AUXILIARY POWER EQUIPMENT INSTALLED ON LIFT SPAN



A 30 h.p. diesel motor (inset) was installed near the control house on top of the left span for auxiliary power.

NOW THAT RIVER TRAFFIC is constantly increasing on the Arkansas, the smooth operation of the lift span on the U.S. 79 bridge at Pine Bluff is necessary. Engineers were made acutely aware of that necessity recently when lightning burned out the power system, leaving no way to lift and lower the span except by an obsolete hand-turned apparatus which, when electrical trouble once pressed it into use, required the energy of 12 men working four hours to lower the

span eight feet! And that is only a fraction of the 49 feet which it must be lifted and lowered for boat clearance.

The electrical system consists of two motors, one for each end of the span, connected by a synchronizing shaft. What kind of auxiliary system to use and how to tie it in with the main system was a problem to be worked out by Bridge Maint. Engr. John Hall who said he had nothing to go by. "I just sat down and began figuring and drawing."

Little Rock Road Machinery furnished and installed a 30 h.p. diesel motor.

The combination rail and highway bridge was built in 1915 by the Pine Bluff Bridge District in cooperation with a private group who planned to build an inter-urban route from Pine Bluff to Stuttgart. Original plans called for rail traffic to be carried between the trusses and highway traffic to use the outside lanes. After the railroad was abandoned in 1921 the center section was converted for highway traffic.

A new four-lane bridge is under construction slightly downstream. Presently five piers have been completed and two others are under construction. San Ore Construction Co., Inc. and Gardner Engineering Corporation of Houston, Tex. are the contractors. K. F. Tyler is the resident engineer for the Highway Department.

Bridge Tender A. M. "Murph" Murphy, who keeps the lift apparatus greased, etc., tells of an interesting aside. A large chicken snake has inhabited the west tower of the bridge for several years. Murph says the snake, who he has dubbed "Oscar", apparently lives off pigeons who insist upon trying to make a home on the tower and the pigeons' eggs. There are also places where enough water collects to quench the thirst of a dry-throated snake. The maintenance men say his taste for pigeons helps out their bridge house-keeping and they hope no fate will befall him. You might say, it's pent-house living for a snake.

Americans are barreling down the highways at an ever-increasing speed and the average rate on all main rural roads during 1968 was 59 miles per hour, a one m.p.h. increase over the previous year. The statistics come from a study made by the Department of Transportation involving over 480,000 vehicles.



(Above) — Installation of the motor on the bridge was a little out-of-the-ordinary job for L. R. Road Machinery, so when the job was completed, they hosted a fish fry for their employes and Highway people who helped with the work. Seated are (left to right): Dorman Speer, Jerry Robbins (husband of Bennie in the Maintenance office), Bob Wilson, all of Little Rock Road Machinery; John M. Hobbs, Highway bridge supt., and Red Goins, equipment supt. both from the Pine Bluff district.

(Below) — Others who enjoyed the fish fry were Bridge Insp. J. M. "Smitty" Smith, Photographer Johnnie M. Gray, Dist. Engr. John S. Harris, Operations Engr. Bob Mattox and Bridge Maint. Engr. John Hall, all AHD personnel.



AND AWAY—Y—Y WE GO!

On completed sections of interstate, 62 percent of the vehicles traveled over 60 m.p.h., 40 percent over 65 m.p.h. and 19 percent over 70 m.p.h. Since 1958, when sections of the interstate were being opened to traffic, the percentage of vehicles traveling over 60 m.p.h. on all main rural roads has nearly tripled from 16 to 45 percent.



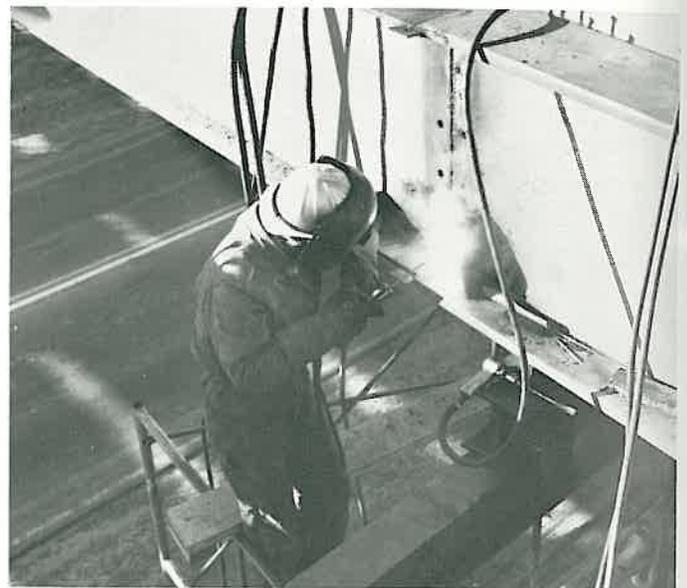
A web of scaffolding partially obscures the aesthetic quality this bridge will have when completed.

PARALLEL BRIDGES AT FORT SMITH

THESE MODERNISTIC TWIN overpass structures are nearing completion at Fort Smith as part of the construction of State Highway 540, an extension of Interstate 540, extending from the end of I-540 (junction with Highway 22) to U. S. 71, a distance of 1.65 miles. The bridge is over the truck route of Highway 22.

The style of architecture is not only aesthetic but safety-oriented, having the abutments skewed so that they are further removed from the traffic lanes. The absence of center supports is another safety feature.

Work is being done by two Fort Smith firms, Barber Bridge Builders, Inc. and Druyvesteyn Construction Corporation, in a joint contract awarded in January, 1968. The project, nearing 50 percent complete, will cost approximately \$1,793,000. Mike O'Shea is the resident engineer for the Highway Dept.



A worker welds bridge girders together.

ACT 346 MAKES VANDALISM A FELONY

ON APRIL 7 Governor Rockefeller signed Act 346 into law, making the vandalism of "State property on any interstate, primary or other state highway right-of-way or in any state park" a felony. The Act also carried an emergency

clause, thus it became effective as soon as the governor signed it. Rep. L. L. Bryan of Russellville introduced the bill in the House and it passed in the Senate 29 - 1.

Highway Department rest areas have been subjected to relentless vandalism, in some cases before construction has been completed.

Under the new act, intentional destruction of public property valued at \$50 or less is a mis-

demeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$250, or imprisonment in the county jail of not more than 30 days, or both.

Intentional destruction of public property in excess of \$50 is now a felony punishable by a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 or imprisonment in the penitentiary for not more than three years, or both.

SECTION OF EIGHTH STREET EXPRESSWAY OPENED



A ONE-MILE SECTION of the Eighth Street Expressway in Little Rock was opened to traffic April 22. It extends from the Cedar-Pine street interchange to the Dennison Street interchange.

City officials, members of the Highway Commission and Department administrative officials were on hand for an official ribbon cutting. The one-mile section of depressed four-lane divided roadway cost approximately \$2¼ million plus right of way. McGeorge Contracting Company, Inc. of Pine Bluff and Forsgren, Inc. of Fort Smith were the contractors.

Little Miss Terri Tarkington of Searcy cuts the ribbon while local officials look on. They are (left to right): Chief Engr. J. T. Pendergrass; Com. Maurice Smith; unidentified; Com. John Harsh; former City Dir. Leo Griffin; Com. J. C. Patterson; City Dir. Joe Hurst; City Dir. Alden Bowen; unidentified; Dist. 6 Engr. Bert Rownd; Com. Truman Baker; his great granddaughter Terri; City Dir. Charles Bussey; Com. Lawrence Blackwell; City Dir. George Wimberly; Hwy. Dir. Ward Goodman; City Mgr. Jack Meriwether; and Asst. Hwy. Dir. Henry Gray.



McMath and outgoing president Rebecca Daggett.



(Left to right): Bonnie Magness, Virginia Yates, Mada Vandenberg and Elyeene Gray.

McMATH SPEAKS TO DAMES AT OFFICER INSTALLATION

Former Governor Sid McMATH, a Little Rock attorney, spoke to the Highway Dames auxiliary at their April 23 meeting held at Alamo Plaza Restaurant. His topic was on current events in Vietnam.

New officers were also installed at that meeting, including Bonnie Magness, president; Virginia Yates, vice president; Elyeene Gray, secretary; Mada Vandenberg, treasurer; Ethel Lowder, corresponding secretary; Eleanor Longcoy, historian; and Lillian Lee, parliamentarian. Marla Holmes will remain the publicity chairman.

The last meeting of the year will be a homemade ice cream and cake party at pavillion No. 9 in Burns Park on May 24.



ROBERT HERSHEL PRICE

Robert Hershel Price, retired from the Traffic Services Division, died March 9 at the age of 70. He was a native of Faulkner County but resided at 911 Picron Street in Little Rock when he died.

Services were held at North Little Rock Funeral Home with interment at Mayflower Cemetery, Mayflower, Ark. on March 12. He was a veteran of World War I and a Baptist.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Pearl Mayhan Price; two sons, Edker Lee Price and Hershel Junior Price, both of North Little Rock; three daughters, Mrs. Vera Mae McAtee, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Mrs. Patricia Ann Wade, Little Rock; and Miss Petreivia Ann Price, Little Rock; two brothers, Auther Lee Price of North Little Rock; and Milton Price of Roland, Ark.; and seven grandchildren.



A. L. MOSER, SR.

Alonzo Lawrence Moser, Sr., 77, of Batesville died May 3. He was the retired maintenance man at District 5 headquarters. Funeral services were held May 6 at West Batesville Baptist Church where he was a member. Burial was at Oaklawn Cemetery by Crouch Funeral Service.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Agnes Cunningham Moser; two sons, Fritz and Sgt. A. L. Moser, both of Little Rock; two sisters, Mrs. Charles A. Newton of Springfield, Mo. and Mrs. Bert Collum of Utah; seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.



WATCH THIS BOARD – AND BE CAREFUL!

In order to make all of us at the Central Offices more safety conscious, the Safety Section installed this bulletin board on the wall near the elevators on the first floor of the main building. It shows at a glance the chargeable and lost time accident rate for the central headquarters personnel. So be careful! If you carelessly fall down the stairs and break a toe, you may charge the board! We want those days since a chargeable or lost time accident to grow larger and larger!

LETTERS

*Little Rock, Arkansas
April 2, 1969*

*Mr. Charles Webb
District No. 3
Arkansas Highway Department
Hope, Arkansas*

Dear Mr. Webb:

I made it through the wedding and made it back to Little Rock. The motor of the VW has to be replaced. So goes the luck of a traveler.

Many, many thanks to you for being so kind to me.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Atkinson

(Charles Webb is the assistant maintenance superintendent for District 3. He was returning to Hope from a business trip to Little Rock when he came upon a car smoking badly at the junction of Highway 51 and I-30 south of Gurdon. He stopped to see if he could be of assistance. He couldn't repair the car but as it was nearing nightfall, he took the young lady, who was traveling alone, to Hope where she had relatives.)



Julia (left), Joe and Sibyl

JOE MAGNESS IS "BOSS OF THE YEAR"

Materials and Tests Engineer Joe Magness was chosen by a panel of judges as Boss of the Year by Golden Chapter of American Business Women's Association. The selection is made on the basis of material submitted to an impartial panel of judges by members who write about their bosses without giving the name.

His secretary, Julia Halliburton, who submitted the winning letter, was also selected for the Girl Friday award. Sibyl Maddox, a stenographer in Materials and Tests, was the toastmistress and presented the awards to them at the annual Bosses' Night Dinner held at Coachman's Inn on April 1. The theme of the dinner was a Hawaiian luau.

LITTER COST OVER \$45,000 ALREADY

The cost of collecting highway litter for the first three months of 1969 was \$45,697.16. A total of 1,576 loads was picked up at a labor cost of \$39,584.07. Average cost per load was \$29.08 and average manhours per load expended in the pick-up were 13.7. A report of the costs for April was not available at press time.

A STUDENT'S IDEAS ON LITTER

The following letter is reprinted from the April 3 issue of the Hall High School *War Whoop*. The writer is a friend of Accounting employe Ronnie Clayton.

"Dear Editor:

There are a great number of people in our country that leave litter on highways, streets and parks. We, as the American people ought to do something about it, but what? Littering makes things dirty, unhealthy and unsanitary. People are always throwing beer cans, bubble gum wrappers and other waste out their car windows. Problems arise when garbage men go on strike. The garbage makes it hard to walk on our sidewalks or even drive on our streets. Then all these people get all choked up when they sing, "AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL". Ironic, isn't it!

Mark Myklebust"

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR TREATMENT OF TOURISTS

This is the season of the year when most every municipality — whether metropolis or burg — may expect visitors, even if they don't make a bid for tourism. An enterprising Middle West chamber of commerce has developed a set of "Thou shalt's" for their homefolks, the purpose being, of course, to encourage visitors and tourists to tarry and spend some of that vast amount of money which travelers are supposed to hold in abundance. This is how they say to do it:

Thou shalt not frown or scowl at visitors, for a traveler is thy bread and butter.

Thou shalt ask pleasantly if thou canst be of service to visitors.

Thou shalt make thyself a storehouse of information for the travelers and cheerfully share thy knowledge with them.

Thou shalt answer questions, seventy times seven with a smile.

Thou shalt keep thy sunny side up, even though weary after the day's labor.

Thou shalt be as prompt as possible when serving visitors.

Thou shalt be neat and clean, for cleanliness is a mark of politeness to others.

Thou shalt cause children to have a happy vacation, for their memories will profit thee in the very near future.

Thou shalt encourage travelers to stay and see, for thereby wilt thou and the entire state benefit.

Thou shalt send visitors on their way with smiles on thy face and theirs.

In short, don't treat a visitor to your town like he was your mother-in-law. Make the stranger within your gate feel welcome!

SAFETY IS A RED CAR? — Tests show that the brighter the color of a car, the further it can be seen. And two-color cars are more easily seen from a greater distance than solid color ones. For instance, a motorist traveling at 60 m.p.h. is more likely to see a two-color car a half-mile away than if it was one color. Solid grays and blacks have the lowest visibility. So perhaps the young speed set who jazz up their cars with racing stripes and various other garish paint jobs, are inadvertently making themselves sure to be seen from a long way off. And the way some of them drive, we need to!

School will soon be out, so if you see a ball rolling into the street or highway, STOP! There may be a child following it.



C. M. MATTHEWS HONORED

EMPLOYEES OF DISTRICT ONE gathered at Wynne on April 11 to honor C. M. Matthews upon the occasion of his retirement as district engineer. Having already accumulated almost 39 years of service, he will remain with the Department some months longer to revise the construction specifications.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthews had been invited a few days preceding to have dinner with the "office bunch" and only Mrs. Matthews knew that it was to be anything more than just a small gathering. However, to Mr. Matthews' complete surprise, some 125 guests gathered first in the Red Room of Coachmen's Grill for hors d'oeuvres and then in the main dining room for dinner. The group included employees, friends, family and Department administrative officials.

In the Red Room a Highway hard hat mounted on a tall yellow pedestal was filled with greenery and spice bush, and centered on the refreshment table to establish a yellow color theme for the party. Another hard hat holding a garden arrangement was placed on the head table in the

dining room. Yellow streamers and ivy ran the length of the tables. Match boxes covered with yellow felt and bearing a variety of mini-highway signs were placed on the tables for favors. Mrs. Matthews was presented a corsage of yellow roses and Mr. Matthews a yellow rose boutonniere.

Special guests included the Matthews' three daughters, Mrs. T. D. Walbert of DeQueen, Miss Martha Matthews of Wynne and Mrs. W. K. Montgomery and Mr. Montgomery of Jonesboro; Mr. Matthews'

sister and brother-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. T. M. Dick of Little Rock; Commissioners Truman Baker of Searcy, and Maurice and Mrs. Smith of Birdeye; former Commissioner and Mrs. Wayne Hampton of Stuttgart; Director and Mrs. Ward Goodman; Asst. Dir. Henry Gray; Operations Engineer and Mrs. R. H. Mattox; Const. Engr. and Mrs. E. E. Hurley; Asst. Const. Engr. and Mrs. J. R. Chaney and Photographer Johnnie M. Gray, all of Little Rock; Dist. Engr. and Mrs. J. S. Harris, Jr. of Pine Bluff, and Dist. Engr. and Mrs. M. S. Smith of Paragould.

Commissioner Smith acted as master of ceremonies. Miss Martha Matthews gave a witty and endearing resume of her father's personal life, followed by Director Goodman with an equally clever summation of Mr. Matthews' career with the Department. Goodman concluded his remarks in a serious vein, giving recognition to Matthews' contribution to the State of Arkansas in highway work during the years of his service.

Dist. Engr. B. D. Mulhollen presented Matthews a gift on behalf of the employees in the district. In his response, Matthews stated that he had "enjoyed some of his work with the Department, and some he hadn't". He said that his ten years as district engineer in the Wynne area had fulfilled his life's ambition as an engineer. He received a standing ovation. Maurice Smith concluded the program by simply saying that it had really been a "Charlie Matthews Day", and indeed it had!





PHOTOS

1 — Dist. Engr. B. D. Mulhollen (right) presented Matthews a gift on behalf of the employees.

2 — Miss Martha Matthews tells of "life with father."

3 — Commissioner Truman Baker expresses thanks to Matthews for years of service while Mrs. Matthews, Director Goodman, Matthews and Maurice Smith listen.

4 — Maint. Supt. Jim Tucker (right), gives the waitress a hard time while Jim and Shirley Chaney enjoy the fun. Geneva Brannan is at left.

5 — A bit of spoofing goes on between Asst. Dir. Henry Gray and Mrs. Ward Goodman while Wayne Hampton looks on.

6 — Facing the camera are Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mattox to the right, and next to them, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fiser.

7 — Res. Hayden Cockrill is to the left. Left to right on the other side of the table are Payroll Clerk Glenda Grafton and Mr. Grafton; Accountant Mildred Stacy and husband Hurshel; Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Holland; and Equip. Supvr. J. E. "Red" Smith.

8 — Those facing the camera at this table are Mrs. Wayne Hampton, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Mulhollen, Mrs. E. E. Hurley and Mr. Hurley, and Mrs. John S. Harris and Mr. Harris.



Here, There and Everywhere

(Editor's Note: This column, usually devoted to random bits of information of general interest, has been given this month to a human interest story involving an American citizen, the United States government and an unbelievably courageous group of Greek villagers.)

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17 MILES OF ROAD IN 100 DAYS

When you consider that 100 days is roughly three months, and that 17 miles is not such a great distance in our jet-age thinking, you may not think that the construction of 17 miles of road in 100 days is any magical feat. Yet when you consider that that mileage is located in a rugged mountainous area where the elevation rises as much as 1,780 feet in the distance of four miles, and that 21,000 holes had to be drilled to blast away 50,000 cubic yards of rock, and that a larger percentage of the work was done by men who were untrained in highway building and without the benefit of much modern equipment now in use, then it does seem that the accomplishment was nearly miraculous. The road connects the Greek village of Kosmas to the Sparta-Athens highway.

The idea for building the road was born when a native of the village, George Applodimos, now a lawyer living in the United States, revisited his home and found what formerly was an agricultural community of 3,500 high in the Parnon mountains a wasteland of desolation reeking of death and its dispirited citizens living in tents while scratching a bare living from the poor soil.

The village had been almost demolished near the close of World War II when retreating Nazi occupation forces burned 415 of the 430 homes in retaliation against guerrilla activities of the villagers. The Kosmasites tried to rebuild but in 1947 they were ousted during civil strife when a Stalinist group called the Andartes established headquarters there. Two years later the Andartes were driven out

but when the Kosmasites returned to their homes they found them wantonly destroyed, the wells poisoned and the fruit trees uprooted. Too discouraged to tackle the gigantic reconstruction job needed, they wearily settled in the tents where Applodimos found them.

The lawyer, compelled to do something for the natives, raised 45 million drachmas (about \$4,500) with the assistance of two other former citizens of the town. A meeting of the townspeople was called to decide how the money should be spent. The Kosmasites, poor but proud, wanted nothing for themselves individually, so it was decided that something would be done about the old mule track running from the village to the asphalt-paved Sparta-Athens highway, 17 miles away. For generations the villagers had talked of making the path an all-weather road in order to break up the age-old seclusion of the community and enable the citizens to transport their products to market.

Government engineers were enlisted to map the route and placed the cost of construction at 1 billion drachmas, or about \$100,000, a staggering amount to the poor Kosmasites.

Although the villagers realized the difficulties of construction and the virtual impossibility of raising one billion drachmas, a spark of enthusiasm had been kindled that refused to go out. Some people donated right of way, former residents were contacted for gifts and the already hard-pressed citizens began to save and stint. When they had raised only one-fifth of the total cost they met at the far end of the right of way and on March 15, 1951 took an oath before images of Saint Kosmas and Saint Damanou to complete the road by July 1, so that its completion might coincide with the yearly festival of their patron saints.

All the able-bodied men began toiling from dawn to dusk at both ends of the roadway. After properly leveling the ground, they began spreading an even, 5-in.-thick bed of stones, 2 inches in size, on the prepared ground. They gave the

surface a curvature sufficient to drain the torrential winter rains that fall in the area.

By mid-May it became apparent that the road would not be completed by the set date at the present rate of construction. So everyone left in the village pitched in: women, schoolchildren and the old men. Led by their teachers, the children broke stones to specified size and carried them in straw baskets. And while his 80-year-old son worked proudly on the road, 101-year-old Kotcho Mavromichalis carried breakfast to the workers.

By the end of May the funds were depleted. Former Kosmasites now living in Athens scraped together another 25 million drachmas, about \$2,500, enough to keep construction going one more week. It looked as though the "end of the road" had literally come and black despair settled over the weary workers. However, word of the construction effort reached the United States, which allocated 80 million drachmas, or \$8,000, to the project through the Marshall Plan. Joy exploded in the village. Heavy road equipment was also loaned by the United States.

Thanks to international cooperation and the iron will of the villagers, the road was given its finishing touches on June 30, 1951. It had taken exactly 100 work-days to build, work being suspended only during rains and for Easter.

The following day, July 1, the first truck, festooned with flags, drove from Sparta across The People's Road and into Kosmas, to the tune of pealing church bells. The truck was greeted by a festive community dressed in picturesque costumes. Some danced, some wept for joy, and some kissed the wheels of the truck. Then the villagers, led by the men above 90, formed a procession carrying icons of the patron saints, through the community and into the church for a thanksgiving service.

Somewhat later the road was surfaced with asphalt. Today visitors turning off the Athens highway see a simple sign reading: "The People's Road - Built in 100 Days." Today this once withering settlement is a thriving one. Kosmasites transport their renowned cheeses, fruit and olive oil to market in Sparta and Athens. An industrialist, impressed by the spirit of the valiant village, built a tobacco-curing plant there, creating 200 new jobs. Like the legendary bird, the Phoenix, Kosmas was reborn from its own ashes. The people, realizing the miracle of their prosperity depends upon the road, keep it in the best of trim at all times by repairing it themselves.

OUR STUDENTS OF DISTINCTION

Many Highway Department-related students have distinguished themselves in school during the 1968-69 school year which is rapidly coming to a close. There must be many who deserve mention whom we don't know about.



John Peace

John Peace, junior at Central High School in Little Rock, has been elected president of the Student Council for the 1969-70 school year. He is the son of Co-pilot Rudy Peace. Capitalizing on his name, John staged "Peace Demonstrations" on campus and defeated two other candidates in the primary election. He is a member of the Key Club, Beta Club, Letterman's Club, Governor's Youth Council and National Honor Society. He has lettered every year in football and basketball, and is an honor roll student with a 4.0 average.



Chris Lynn Tucker

Chris Lynn Tucker, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Tucker of Wynne has received an appointment to the Air Force Academy and will report to Colorado Springs in June. His father Jim is the maintenance superintendent in District One and a long-time Department employe.

Chris has been outstanding both academically and athletically throughout his school years. He ranks tenth in a class of 131, is a four-year letterman in the Scholarship Club, a member of the Beta Club, Quill and Scroll, and a member of the school newspaper staff. He is a three-year letterman in football, being named N.E.A.A. all-conference defensive half-back; and a two-year letterman in basketball. He placed second in the 120 high hurdles and fourth in high jumping at the District 2-A track meet. Back in 1966 he tied for third place in high jumping at the state track meet. Chris was a delegate to Boys State in the summer of 1968.



John Greenlee

John Greenlee is one of six Central High students who have had poetry accepted for inclusion in a semi-annual anthology published by the National Poetry Press in Los Angeles. It is a collection of works of high school students from throughout the nation. John, a sophomore, also scored a 99 on the National Education Development Test! He is the son of PBX operator Jane Greenlee.

Ed Rownd, a junior, has been elected the president of Central's National Honor Society for next year. The club is limited to students who excel academically.

Ruth Cantley of Planning and Research is quite elated over the fact that her granddaughter, Betty Cagle of Shreveport, and a freshman at East Texas Baptist College in Marshall, Tex., has been chosen as one of the members of the College Chorus to make a concert tour of 20 European cities this summer. Only 50 members of the 100-voice choir will make the trip. Their concerts will be accompanied by the Kammerorchester of St. Gallen, Switzerland whose conductor was the guest conductor last year of the Shreveport Symphony opera production of *Die Fledermaus* where he worked with the ETBC choir. Miss Cagle, a mezzo-soprano, sung the role of Nellie Forbush in Woodlawn High School's production of *South Pacific* in her senior year.

Randy Day was chosen best male dancer for his performance in the Community Theatre's production of "Carousel" which ran April 29-May 3. He is a senior at Central where he is a member of the Student Council, president of his homeroom, member of Quill and Scroll and a member of *The Tiger* staff. He served as chairman of the class distinctions committee and was chosen by his classmates as the male student exhibiting the most school spirit. He is the son of Mary Day Herndon, Magazine editor.

ROGER C. GRAY WINS HIGH HONOR

Roger C. Gray, son of Willene Dorris of the Accounting Division, has been chosen to receive the DeMolay Cross of Honor for outstanding work as an adult DeMolay leader. Gray is a staff sergeant with 10 years' service in the Air Force. He is presently stationed in the Philippines and will receive the cross of honor at Colorado Springs when he returns to the United States in December.





*"Its pink and white are everywhere,
A ray of sun — and all the slope
Laughs with its white and red.
"It is the Mayflower of our hope;
The spring is come."*

(Edward Everett Hale)

Indeed, spring is here! And isn't it fresh and pretty! Not only the pink and white of flowering peach, dogwood, redbud and azalea, but green grass and the richly blooming crimson clover planted by our Maintenance Division along the interstate routes. It was a riot of color almost the whole month of April.



David Cook

David Cook is a new member of the Internal Audit staff. He comes to us from the Legislative Audit. He is a native of Polk County but graduated from high school in El Reno, Okla. and went to college at Central State in Edmond. He and his wife Darlene have a daughter, Darla, 8; and a son, Darrel, 5. He replaces Bo Cruce who left to go with a CPA firm in Warren.



Gary Williams, left, and Jerry McKown

Two new Reproduction employes are Gary Williams and Jerry McKown. Gary comes from Russellville and graduated from high school there. He began work April 16. He likes to spend his spare time enjoying outdoor sports such as swimming and skiing.

Jerry was employed in the Mail Room prior to being called for military duty two years ago. He has now finished a stint in the Navy and returned to work May 1, this time in Reproduction. He is a graduate of Little Rock Technical High School, now Metropolitan High. Working on cars is his leisure time interest.

I see by the paper that former Accounting employe Carl Morris has been promoted to a vice president of Associated Grocers. We're always happy to hear of the good fortunes of those with whom we have been associated.

Ferol Jones has been conventioning in April. She attended a district meeting of American Business Women's Associa-

tion in Oklahoma City the weekend of April 11. The Razorback Chapter, of which she is a member, won a blue ribbon for their monthly bulletin. It then became one of five which will be entered in competition for judging at the national convention. The blue ribbon represents much hard work and she is very proud of it. She attended an auto show with husband Jimmy in Houston May 1-2. They also visited relatives there over the weekend.

Chief Engr. John T. Pendergrass and his wife vacationed out on the West Coast the first two weeks of April.

Kay Weitzel of the Magazine staff made her first trip to Cleveland, Ohio on April 14 since coming here a year ago. She and Dave enjoyed seeing their families and friends but she said they were ready to come back to Little Rock long before their week of vacation was up. Her parents came back with them and visited a week. It was their first trip to the land of bare feet and opportunity. Dave's parents visited them the week of May 3 and are looking forward to living in Arkansas when Mr. Weitzel retires at the end of the year.

Retiree Sarah Henry left April 27 by plane to visit her sister in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. for two weeks vacation. Her husband Orville flew to South Carolina to visit a son while she was in Florida. It was the first flight for each of them and they were excitedly anticipating it.

Joyce Spencer's son Bill visited at the main building one day while on mid-semester vacation from Anderson (Ind.) College, where he is a junior.

Johnnie Beavers, assistant division head in Accounting, underwent surgery for the fourth time at Veterans Hospital in Little Rock on April 22 but seems to be progressing as well as possible now. A paraplegic since World War II, he will be hospitalized for sometime, recuperating from the amputation of both legs. He can have visitors and would appreciate friends coming by or sending cards. His room number is 9017.

Retiree Jimmy Zinn suffered a heart attack April 17 and is presently hospitalized at Veterans Hospital. He is progressing nicely and expects to go home about May 8. He says he feels fine and is agitating to get out of that bed.

Ed Ray and his family have moved into a new-to-them house at No. 9 Cinderella Circle in Storybook Village. Doesn't that sound like a delightful place to live! (I forgot to ask Ed if his house has a gingerbread roof.) He pilots the Department plane.

Maurine Walker resigned from the Director's office to return to employment at the Education Department. Having been next door, we miss her winsome ways and those witty little notes she was always writing.

Gayle Fisher, who used to be in that office before Maurine and resigned to infanticipate, has returned to the Department and is now working in the Procurement Section. It's good to have that 100% Cajun with us again!



Virginia Winfield

Virginia Winfield of Malvern is a new employe in Permits. Since we moved out on the highway and I-30 is completed to within about 10 miles of Prescott, we have several employes who drive in each day from Malvern. Virginia's husband James is with the Baroid Division of National Lead at Malvern. They have a little daughter, Jan, who is 7.



Troyce Wilson

Troyce Wilson has recently come to work in Personnel. She is a native of Benton but she and her family lived in Fort Smith prior to coming to Little Rock. Her husband Art is with Gerber Products. They have a son Craig, 14, who is a student at Cloverdale Junior High School, and a daughter Kathy, 11, who attends Watson Elementary. Troyce likes to sew in her spare time. The Wilsons attend Antioch Baptist Church.



Joyce Lee

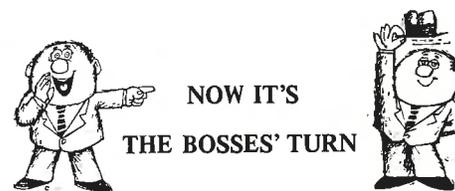
Joyce Lee from Bauxite is a new Procurement employe. She is a graduate of Capital City Business College and worked for the State Forestry Commission seven and one-half years before coming to the Highway Department. Joyce is single and does modeling and studies voice in her spare time. She was selected top model of her class at the Nancy Taylor Modeling School of Capital City Business College. Among her modeling experiences she particularly recalls two gowns that she displayed at a national auto dealers meeting in Hot Springs. One cost \$1900 and the other was one which had been worn by singer Dinah Shore. She attends Trinity Baptist Church at Bauxite and sings in the choir.



Mike Pierce (left), of Secondary Roads completed five years of service in April and was presented a service award by Max Hall.



Ann Forte



Last month we jabbed good-naturedly at the secretarial gals with the introduction of Miss McQuiddy. This month it's the bosses who are being gigned. (If you don't get a magazine next month, it'll probably mean that our services as magazine staffers have been dispensed with but here goes, *coute que coute*.)

There is a consensus among at least a minority that the boss is just about like the rest of us. He, too, ducks hard tasks, invents chores that really don't help him with his work, and fritters away his time, but in a sophisticated executive fashion, of course.

Even the Small Business Administration agrees that the "wound-up executive" needs someone to come to his aid, and so that agency has printed what they call a Management Aid (No. 103 for you wound-up execs who are interested) dealing with the status of bosses.

M.A. 103 begins by posing a question: "Of course, most executives do have to work hard, but — and this is the important question — are they working hard at the right things?"

"Unfortunately, the answer in many cases is a resounding NO!" The Management Aid then assumes the theoretical case of Harvey Winston, manufacturer. The leaflet doesn't say what Harvey manufactures but let's assume it's something like paper clips. Anyway, he inherited the business, and now after five years he's making money hand over fist. Everything is fine except that each night he has to carry home a briefcase full of work. Why? Why?

Harvey calls in a "well qualified consultant," who seems to be a square shooter, though a bit on the poetic side. He says Harvey spends too much time on details and not enough on managing. With that he soars into oratory. "A business is a creative work. It is, in its way, as creative as a song, a painting, or a statue. The difference is this: The work of art is finished at some point, but an active business reaches no such point of completion. And the creator — you, the businessman — must forever keep on creating and improving his creation," declares the discourser.

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ACCOUNTING DIVISION

MILDRED HARNESS

Doris Whitson resigned from the Accounting Division on March 14 to accept a job with All-State Insurance Company. We gave an ice cream and cake party for her, and a frilly blouse for a going-away gift. We hope she likes the new job and wish her the best of luck.

Ronnie Clayton has transferred from Final Estimates to Accounting. He is most welcome and we hope he will stay with us.

Ann Forte (*picture preceding page*) is our new insurance clerk. She and her husband Pat and their children, William Jay, 5½, and Laura Ann, 4½, live in Sheridan. Pat works with Fagan Electric. Ann says her hobby is her family.

Aleene Boysen enjoyed a marvelous vacation, traveling with her daughter Betty who had been visiting here from Fort Bragg, N. C. while husband Dave was on a brief mission to Korea. After Dave's return to the base, they visited two days in Williamsburg, Va. before Aleene, making her first plane trip, flew back home. It was a vacation of a lifetime, she says.

April 11 was a busy day in Accounting. About 15 friends, including recently-departed Doris Whitson, gathered in the cafeteria at noon for a surprise birthday luncheon in honor of Pat Koonce. There were flowers on the table, a delicious cake and some pretty gifts.



Pat, second from left, reads one of several comical birthday cards she received.

Later in the afternoon service pins were awarded to Jack Keilch for completion of 20 years' employment; Pat Koonce for 10 years, and Rose Clingan and yours truly, for five years each. Boss J. E. McCarthy made the presentations. Cake and ice cream was served by our office social committee, Willene Dorris, Irene Hawkins, Aleene Boysen and Ola Hawkins.



L. to r. Jack Keilch, Pat Koonce, Rose Clingan and Mildred Harness.

Willene Dorris brought a beautiful handbag and some place mats to the office for us to see. Her son, Roger Carroll, who is stationed at Clark Air Force Base in the Phillippines, sent them to her.

Mrs. Bonnie Hill celebrated her birthday April 28. She received many pretty cards. Hope you have many more, Bonnie.

Mr. Harness and I became grandparents again March 28 when little James Scott was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Hoyt Harness. He surely is a little cutie.



BRIDGE DESIGN

WILLIE WHITMIRE

Well, here it is news time again and there ain't nuthin' happened in this Division in months!

Jim Penn learned a lesson the hard way this week: When going under a partially-raised garage door, duck! Oh, well, his scalp will heal in a few weeks.

Dale Loe has really been standing tall around here the last week or so, since he purchased a new '69 Chevrolet. Boy! it surely is a beauty!

Everyone around here has that annual Spring fever. Golfers talk golf, yours truly and many others have bought new fishing equipment, and boats seem to be coming out of every store room and carport in town.

By the way, speaking of golf, I think we have a first! Have any of you golfers ever heard of anyone losing a ball on the green? Dale Loe did!!!

(Willie says now that he is the Division reporter, the fellows in the office won't

talk to him because they are all modest about seeing their names in the magazine. Come on, you guys, don't do Willie like that. You'll frustrate his journalistic side. Ed.)



CONSTRUCTION Final Estimates

JOHN C. HELGEN

We extend our deepest sympathies to Gary Joe Lewis whose mother passed away March 12. She lived near Quitman, Arkansas.

Tuesday, March 18, we had a cake for two employes leaving us. They were Ronnie Clayton and Doris High.

E. W. (Dub) Rogers, one of the Squad leaders, attended the Short Course in Fayetteville, March 19-20-21.

Victor Moody, who was in an accident going home from work on October 18, has laid down his crutches but still walks with a cane. It won't be long before he will be good as new.

Thursday, March 3, we had two birthday cakes, helping Kathey Gault and Dub Rogers celebrate their birthdays. We really don't know what Kathey wished for as she blew out her candle, but as for Dub, we are sure he wished to be Kathey's age again!!!! Anyway, we hope they have many more. Mr. Hurley and the crew across the hall helped share this occasion.

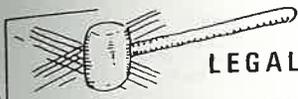
Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert Pool and daughter Rhonda motored to Shreveport, La. for the Easter holidays to visit Cheryl's grandmother and sister who live there. Her parents were here from Terre Haute, Ind. and joined them there for a family reunion.

Anyone playing Weingarten bingo, just contact Cheryl or me since we have several ways we could bingo with just a little help. We will let you know if we win.

Raymond Jones presented Gary Joe Lewis his 5-year service pin and certificate April 2, Congratulations, Gary. May the next five years not seem as long as the first five.

That's all the news for now, hoping for more next month. Also, we may have some pictures in the next issue.

Shocked boss: "Do you count on your fingers?" Pretty Secretary: "No, on my big blue eyes."



LEGAL DIVISION

JOYCE PORTER



Tom Keys, left, and Henry Gray

Legal Chief Thomas B. Keys was presented his 10-year pin and certificate by Henry Gray in late March. Refreshments were served at a small party to honor Mr. Keys. Those attending other than Legal employees were Ward Goodman, John Pendergrass, Henry Gray, Ferol Jones, Joyce Spencer and Nancy Sipe. We wish for Mr. Keys another good 20 years with the Department. Congratulations!

An unexpected visitor to Legal the other day was Helen Hackett's little grand niece, Jill McMahan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill McMahan of Little Rock. Jill was accompanied by her mother and grandmother, Mrs. Lucille Swanner, who is Helen's sister. Little Jill is about eight months old and cute as a button. Bring her back anytime.

My husband Ernest was selected at Chicopee where he works, as the "ZD Man of the Month." (ZD stands for zero defects.) Each month three men from among 400 employees are selected for an outstanding job that their supervisors think they have been doing for the company. Ernest received such gifts including key holders, card holders, key chains, fingernail clippers, matches, ZD litter bags for the car, etc. The gifts are not large but the honor of being named ZD Man of the Month is considered an honor. If I seem to be bragging, that is exactly what I am doing, for I think he's pretty special, too.

Since this is my last writing for the magazine, I again say goodbye to all my friends and hope they will keep in touch so that I might keep my friendships here even though I will not be working here anymore. I have enjoyed working here and hope that you will let me come back and visit sometime. The folks in Legal honored me with a party as a going-away remembrance. Jean Barrett from Right of Way was also here (thanks again for that lovely

corsage of red carnations) and former staff attorney Don Langston, now with the Attorney General's office, was a pleasant surprise visitor. It was good to see him again.



Parties are such fun!!

Mr. Keys presented me a gift from the office. It was a charm bracelet with one charm to remember the Department. There was also an employment application . . . just in case. I really appreciated that, for I just may need to use it later. Refreshments were served and I hope a good time was had by all. I was also treated to a delicious lunch at Paul's Lamplighter by three good friends and received other gifts, too. I may just come back and leave again if I can get such good treatment!



MAINTENANCE

SHIRLEY DUNEGAN

Spring has sprung and ain't it wonderful! It brings out the country girl in me, as well as several others around the office. They have been seen just sitting and staring out the window, dreaming of things like fishing, warm sun, shade trees, gardens and just plain day-dreaming. With trees budding out and the grass greening up, people are starting up the old lawn mower, hoping the put-put-sputter has improved over its long rest during winter. But perhaps yours is like ours - the spark plug needs cleaning, as does the carburetor or whatever that thing-a-ma-jib is called, and the whole machine needs a complete overhaul. Ahhhhh . . . Spring.

Lonnie Parsons of Roadside Development had some anxious moments last week. While sitting in the recovery room at Baptist Medical Center with his seven-year-old son Allen, who was having some tests made, a call from the Emergency Room came for him. It seems his wife and mother had been in a minor accident which required several stitches. For a while he kept the halls busy going back and forth between floors but all are now doing fine and on the road to recovery.

Bryan Davis of Roadside Development recently returned from a weekend of camping on Greers Ferry Lake, sporting a fresh new weathered look characteristic of Summer's first outing.

A birthday celebration was held in the Communications office this month for our boss, Clarence Page. Cake and coffee were enjoyed by a number of people in the Department. Mr. Page says he's 39 plus, and left the guessing to us. Many happy returns.

We might add that the first sunburn of the summer has been spotted. Sporting the pinkish, red color is Billie Boyd of Roadside Development after spending the Easter weekend camping on Lake Ouachita, with a little fishing thrown in for good measure.

Bennie Robbins of the Maintenance office also visited relatives out of town during the Easter holiday and for some reason or another she got locked out of the house early Easter morning sporting just her short nightie. The details are a little skimpy, as we are sure this was the feeling she had while waiting to be rescued.

Bye now.

EQUIPMENT

BARBARA BONDS

We've had several interesting news items since you last heard from us, as we've been in hibernation during the winter months (working very hard, of course). We've put a stretcher on our memory and recalled the unreported events of several months.

We surprised Thurman Payne on his ?? birthday, January 3, with coconut and egg custard pies, chips and dips, and coffee. Many happy more, Thurman.

Frank Pitts celebrated his birthday February 25 but he's not saying which one. We managed to surprise him with an orange chiffon cake.

Both Sue Fuller and Jo Ann Wolfe have new additions to their families. Sue is the proud owner and chief caretaker of

Gigi, a 4½-month-old white French poodle, who, as we understand it, is the ruler of the roost. Andre is Jo Ann's 4-month-old cute black poodle. Jo Ann is getting to be quite a connoisseur of foods, as her puppy has gourmet tastes. (Just ask her about corned beef hash).

Speaking of new canine additions, Bonnie Wesson's German shepherd presented her with a litter of seven on March 14. Bonnie spent about the first three weeks of their young lives bottle feeding them and mixing tons of oatmeal. She hopes to get rid of them soon, as "Florence Nightingale" is getting tired of nursemaid duty; she wishes their mother would assume her maternal responsibility.

Mrs. Clyde Holmes was honored with a small cake and coffee celebration after receiving her 15-year award and pin. Congratulations to you, Clyde!

Ray New, a mechanic at Central Shops, has returned to work after a stay in Memorial Hospital. We're glad to see him back after a quick recovery from his illness.

Body Shop Foreman Clyde Thomas of Central Shops is recuperating at home after a lengthy stay in a North Little Rock hospital. We certainly wish him a very speedy recovery. We miss you and are anxious to see you back at work soon, Clyde.

Former employe Tyronza Hines and husband Sonny are the proud parents of Brady Webster Hines, born April 1. Little Brady has an older brother, Brad, 2½. Congratulations to the Hineses.

Ava Lee Padgett's pride and joy, granddaughter Kandy Moore, made a surprise visit to our office a few weeks ago. Eleven-month-old Kandy is a real doll. Those who didn't see her missed a treat. "Grandma" might be persuaded to show you a picture.

We have a "part-time" employe in our office who is sometimes known as "the Bubble Gum Kid." When he isn't in our office, he is on the fifth floor (that's where he really works.) Anyone know who it is? I'll give you another hint - his initials are L. K.

See you next month!

A taxi driver was darting in and out of heavy traffic with complete abandon. After a few harrowing blocks, his passenger leaned forward. "Would you please be careful. I have eight children at home," said the woman. To which the driver replied. "Lady! You're telling me to be careful?"



JOANN NIEHAUS

Martha Cushing has come by to see us several times since she left us to go to work for the post office.

We were sorry to lose Fieldmen W. A. Bartholet and Ray Martin.

P & R welcomes Lewis Z. Ball from Beebe who started to work in our Current Planning Section March 17. We are glad to have you with us, Lewis.



Bob Kessinger, of our Research Section, is shown (right) with L. R. Jester receiving his 10-year service certificate and pin. Congratulations, Bob. Brenda Kirkpatrick had the honor of attaching the pin on his shirt.

Cecil Rider had a birthday March 17. Legeina Keller baked a cake for the occasion. Wouldn't you guess that Cecil would take annual leave this special day and miss out on the goodies!



Bill Harrod of our Traffic Engineering Section (right) was presented his 5-year certificate by Bob Faulkner.

Helen McNutt is grandmother again. Her daughter Julia and son-in-law Jerry Jones had a little boy March 28. They named the baby Matthew. Best wishes to all the family.

Both Don Finkbeiner and Pete Benetz's mothers-in-law had operations this month and both are reported to be doing fine.

Doug Neilsen joined the 212 Signal Battalion recently. Good luck, Doug.

B. C. Lewis had a birthday March 31. Everyone hopes you have many more, B. C.

Sharon Pelley, a former employe, came by to see us a few minutes April 2. Sharon, you surely do look good and be sure to call us when the baby comes.

Former employe Jo Nell Threet and her husband Sonny are back in Little Rock to stay. She came to see us April 3. Come back when you can, Jo.



We welcome our newest employe, Brenda Jean Brown, to the office. She is 21 and a graduate from Bauxite High School. Brenda is working in our Traffic Engineering Section, keeping records of accident reports.

Plans are underway to hold the Second Annual Highway Department Invitational Golf Tournament (May 1-30, 1969, at War Memorial Park) which will be conducted on an individual medal play basis with established handicaps. Larry Johnson from the Planning and Research Division is the tournament leader and participants can register with him and pay their \$3.00 entry fee. Anyone desiring information about the tournament can contact Larry "Sandbagger" Johnson. Any help or suggestions in obtaining prizes and gifts for the tournament will be appreciated.

A recent government examination contained this question: "If eighteen men can plow a field in eight hours, how long will it take eleven men to plow the same field?"

One applicant responded: "Since the field was already plowed by eighteen men, you better put this new group to work somewhere else."



RIGHT OF WAY
THE STAFF

APPRAISAL SECTION

After ten years in the Appraisal Section, Herbert Heffington, Jr. resigned to go into the clothing business. He left AHD February 25 to begin his new role as owner of the Star Clothing Store in Newport. He said the welcome mat was out to all and would be very pleased for us to visit him. It was certainly a pleasure working with Herbert, Jr. and he is surely missed by everyone. He was surprised by a farewell party on February 21, with guests including his lovely wife, Wilma, and friends Jake Sandlin and wife, Freda, James Mellard of Traffic Services, Nancy Sipe, Sue Boyett and son Keith, Joyce Porter of Legal, and co-workers of the Right of Way Division.

Herbert Hooten presented Herbert Jr. with an attache case on behalf of the entire Right of Way Division and an engraved plaque from members of Appraisal



Heffington, left, and Hooten

Section. He was also presented his ten-year service certificate and pin. We'll all look forward to Herbert Jr. and family visiting us when in Little Rock.

Charles and Allena Scott are the proud grandparents of a new baby girl presented them by their daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Ted Bemis. Little Nancy Gale

A city slicker, who was a real estate agent, misjudged the farmer's knowledge of the going price of farmland. He told the farmer that he was interested in buying \$500 worth of his land.

"Fine," the farmer replied. "You bring your wheelbarrow, and I'll fill it up."



Nancy Gale Bemis

Bemis was born February 12. Isn't she just precious!! Allena has been in the hospital recently and underwent surgery. We are very happy to report that she is home now and convalescing well.



Jim Fooks

The latest addition to our section is Jim Fooks. He started work February 18 as Herbert's replacement. He is single and resides at Benton. Jim's hobby is music and he teaches both the piano and organ.

ENGINEERING SECTION

We have unexpected news from the Stork Department - Glendol and Geraldine Jackson are expecting again! Glendol is so happy that he is floating on Cloud 9. but Gerri is still in shock. She said, "It won't affect Glendol's life any." But Glendol said, "It sure will - I'll have to get a new boat paddle!" Congratulations, Mom and Pop!

Janice Meeks was recently married to Paul Hartman. His parents came down from Pittsburgh, Pa. for the wedding and Mr. Hartman was his son's best man. Janice's cousin was her maid of honor. After a honeymoon trip to Galveston,

the newly-marrieds are residing at Winston Manor Apartments.



Glendol Jackson presents Janice a spice rack from the Section - ". . . a little something to spice up your married life." She looks a mite dubious.



Edman Shelton

Edman Shelton is a new employe who came to work April 1 as an abstracter in our Section. He is 27 and single, and holds a BSE from the University of Arkansas. Welcome, Edman.



Bill Courtney, left, and Glendol Jackson

Bill Courtney has completed five years of service and recently received a service certificate and pin from boss Glendol Jackson.

Doug Huett had a couple of happenings in his life all at once. On March 21 he resigned from this Section to take a job nearer to his home town of Morrilton. The next day he was married. Doug received a number of gifts from individuals of Engineering and one from the whole group.

After hunting all over town for an antique victrola, Bob Evans finally bought one from Vic Winchell. Vic then bought a tape player from Charles Edwards and now everyone is happy. If you have anything for sale, just call Right of Way Engineering - we'll buy most anything.

When you see the new Highway film, be sure to watch for the sequence featuring our bosses, "Smiley Burnett" Jackson and "Rock" Williams. We hope Hollywood doesn't hear about them.



ROADWAY DESIGN VIRGINIA NEIGHBORS

In the spring, a young man's fancy turns to love, or so they say, but in Roadway Design, it seems to be to new cars. Pat Thompson is sporting a candy apple red 1969 Ford XL convertible with a white top, Travis Orton bought a late model bright yellow Ford, and the Robert Thomases are the proud owners of a gold and white 1969 Chevrolet.

Paul DeBusk was lucky enough to win a new color TV set recently, but since they had just bought one, they traded it for a new refrigerator. Then - his wife won a diamond ring valued at \$500! How lucky can a couple be!!

We were sorry to learn that Pat Thompson's father had suffered another heart attack March 22, but at this writing, he is much better and it is our hope that he will continue to improve.

Hugh Treece, Bobby Welch, Richard Siegler, Sid Lee, Cameron Lowe and Bill Hurt represented our Division at the Short Course in Fayetteville. From all reports, the program was very interesting this year.

Wayne Sutton resigned the last of March to accept a position in Dallas, Tex. We will miss him around here but wish him the very best in his new job. His squad took him to lunch and we had cake and coffee in his honor to bid him farewell.



Terri Rebecca-Sue Major

Congratulations to Lynn and George Major on the birth of their first child, an adorable little girl born March 11. She has been named Terri Rebecca-Sue.

The Glenn Trammels are proud grandparents again. The little man was born March 27 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Trammel. He has been named Brent Kenyon. This makes them two grandsons.



Left to right, DeBusk, Treece and Butler.

We had cake and coffee April 4 to honor three service award recipients: Paul DeBusk, 10 years; Hugh Treece, 10 years; and Richard Butler, 5 years. Congratulations, fellows.

The brain is a wonderful thing. It never stops functioning from the time you are born until the moment you stand up to make a speech.



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JANET McELDUFF

Just a tad this time . . . Mike Carpenter of the Stock Room left us going on to literally greener pastures, and we wish him the very best of luck on his new job. His replacement is Larry Lambert, who is a Wynne High School graduate, married and the father of one darling little girl. We'll miss Mike, but say welcome to Larry and glad to have you aboard!

Had a note from Marg Brand, field clerk in West Memphis, telling of a belated vacation in March, when she went back to Ohio to visit friends and relatives whom she left when she moved to Arkansas last year. She said her first stop was at Lorain, from there to Cleveland and on to Columbus, jetting home on the 29th and back to work, having a marvelous time but glad to be back!

Service awards this month go to Walter Mays, Lonnie Carter, G. W. Lloyd, E. R. Raymond, for five year awards; to J. L. Carter, G. L. Spears and F. W. Tacker for 15 years' service.

From Marianna Residency we hear that Verlon Drennon received his Senior Engineering Technician certificate, and we say congratulations on that accomplishment. Jimmy Shirley, who was hospitalized in February, is back on the job, looking fine. In fact, after all that rest and recuperation, there seems to be more of him! They are all glad to see him back in Marianna. Glynn Jones and Verlon Drennon, two Monday night scholars at Phillips County Community College in Helena, report that college algebra is still a division of the Greek Language. And Linda "Doc" Austin, field clerk, reports that if you want a good diagnosis of the flu, just see her, as she became well acquainted with its symptoms during March.

Thanks for listenin', and come see us!



"Oh, how he loves to hear himself talk!"



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LESLIE LONG

"Three Cheers for the Red, White and Blue." Flag poles have now been erected at all of our Area Headquarters and both the United States and Arkansas state flags are displayed. The flag is a symbol we Americans may share regardless of race, creed, color, financial status or political views. The American flag is displayed to tell those around us that we love our country and the freedoms it stands for. The demonstration of strong faith in democracy and undivided devotion to our country must be made apparent. Each generation must rekindle in its youth the allegiance to our flag.

The 14th Annual Highway Short Course was held at the University of Arkansas March 20-21. Attending the two-day seminar from District 2 were Dist. Engr. John S. Harris; Maint. Supt. Brewster Shalmy; Van Bratton of the Pine Bluff residency; Res. Engr. K. F. Tyler and his assistant LeRoy Swink from McGehee; and George E. Karnes from Monticello.

Will and Polly Wright had the pleasure of having their children home for Easter, son Wilton and Shelby with their two adorable girls from Natchez, and daughter Carole from Atlanta, Ga. They had a swell weekend fishing and hunting easter eggs. (Will is our payroll clerk.)

L. K. Howell of the Pine Bluff residency enjoyed a visit from his daughter and her family from Tyler, Tex.

Selma Chavis of the Stock Room and husband Van Dyke made a quick trip to Houston and Fort Worth. They visited their son and his family at Houston and Van Dyke received a checkup in Fort Worth.

James Pierce's parents were their guests for Easter. Their daughter and son-in-law, Lanell and Richard Chance of Pine Bluff, have just made then grandparents and great-grandparents. Little Tracy Dianne is the first great-grandchild in the family. James is our chief accountant.

The DeQuince Louises are proud parents of a baby son, Kenneth Ray, born March 18. DeQuince is employed at our Jefferson County area headquarters.

Engng. Aide J. R. Davidson of the Pine Bluff residency is back at work after a tonsillectomy on March 11. Welcome back. We surely missed you.

Pat Shalmy, son of Brewster and Sunny Shalmy, and assistant director of City

Planning in Camilla, Ga. has been selected to represent that city at the American Society of Planning Officials' conference to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio on April 20-24.

Easter took its toll on our office employees, Selma out sick with a cold, Barbara out with a nervous stomach, Russell Gaddy at the Allergy Clinic in Little Rock and C. E. Woodfield, just out for fun.

I missed the races this season but Julius Davidson, half of our Unit 282, went several times. He attended the last day of the season and had the good fortune to pick the daily double. Some luck! Brewster and Sunny Shalmy also had a weekend at the races but not with the same luck. They believe they will stick to fishing.

Certificates of service and pins were presented to George A. Heath, service station attendant at the Jefferson County area headquarters, 5 yrs.; M. E. Miles, bulldozer operator in Drew County, and J. L. Woods, service station attendant at the Ashley County area headquarters, 10 yrs.; and to Barney Doss, a mechanic in the District shop, for completion of 20 years' service.



Doss, right, receives certificate from Dist. Engr. John Harris.

News from Chicot County: W. J. Ryals, a truck driver for the Chicot County crew, killed a 23-lb. turkey which had a 9 inch beard. B. W. Slaughter, our service station attendant at Lake Village didn't have quite that good luck. He started out on a turkey hunt but ran over a cow, injured his neck and tore up his car. (We presume he killed the cow.) And you know what — he is able to be back with us!

Thank you, Chicot County, for your items. Don't forget — we're interested in all of our employees! Send in your news.



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SHARON BAILEY

As you probably know, it has been quite a while since I have written news so some of it may seem a little out-dated and I'm sure that I have missed some along the way. Here goes with what I have, if I can decipher all these notes.

Congratulations go to John L. Burke on reaching 20 years with the Department; Charles R. Carlton and Sherrell J. Turner, 15 yrs.; Percy D. Morton and Frankie D. Dull, 10 yrs.; and Clovis A. Horn and George E. Reed, 5 yrs.

Mr. and Mrs. Tallant's daughter, Kay, went to Fort Worth the weekend of January 24 to appear in the production of "Iphigenia in Aulis" by the Hendrix College Players. They were invited to participate in a competition among several colleges and, I believe that Hendrix was the only college from Arkansas that attended. I'm sad to say that they didn't win any honors but we want them to know we are proud they were thought to be good enough to participate.



Permit Clerk Jim Foster brought me this cute picture quite some time ago. The little boy is Craig, 3 years old, and the girl on the far right is Dana, 6, the children of Mrs. Donna Matthews of Fort Worth, Jim's daughter. The other two children are Diana and Deana Dunham, his great nieces from Longview, Tex. Jim, they are really a good looking group. Jim's mother, Mrs. Effie Foster of Longview, had the misfortune to fall and break her hip. Being quite elderly, she has really had a rough time with it. We wish her the best in her recovery.

Mrs. Clovis Tittle's son, Jack White, has been selected "Bandmaster of the Year" by the Louisiana Bandmaster's Association, and will be honored at that association's convention in August. Under his

directorship, the Ouachita Parish High School band was selected as the official Louisiana Band for the 1965 Presidential Inaugural Parade in Washington, D.C., Louisiana representative in the Cotton Bowl Parade at Dallas in 1966 and honor band from Louisiana to perform a concert at the Fourstates Bandmasters Association's annual convention in Texarkana, Tex. in 1967. White's band performed on a state-wide television program, sponsored by the Louisiana State Department of Education in 1967, and in 1968 was invited to perform a concert at the 12th annual Instrumental Conductor's Conference at the University of Southern Mississippi.



Jack White

Under White's direction, the Ouachita High band has been a consistent winner of sweepstakes trophies, which include superior ratings in marching, sight-reading and concert performance, at both district and state levels. The band has also set a district record by accumulating 171 medals at the district solo-ensemble festival in 1967. White was named Outstanding Young Teacher of the Year by the Monroe Jaycees in 1963 and won the City of Monroe's Pacesetter Award in 1968 for recognition brought to the city by the school's band.

He is married and the father of four children. Clovis Tittle is our District Shop Foreman.

Our new baby department has several additions, including Charles Teal, Jr. born to Charles and Judy Teal on December 29; and Amelica Sue born to Donald and Mary McKenzie on January 13. Gayle and Kenny Kidd welcomed their fourth child,



Cynthia Kay Kidd

Cynthia Kay on January 29; and Susan Elizabeth arrived at Jimmy and Kay Norton's house on February 12.



Susan Norton

George O'Neal's daughter, Pauline, was home on leave after completing basic training at the WAVE Naval Training Center in Bainbridge, Md. She is now stationed at the U. S. Naval Station on Treasure Island, San Francisco, Calif. for general duty with the administration office. George works with the Pike County crew out of Murfreesboro.

BOSSES' TURN — *Cont'd. from Page 17*

Harvey, at first stunned, and afterward moved to action, decided to go out and study his fellow executives. What he found out makes you wonder how a man like Henry Ford, who also was once an owner-manager, ever got the first flivver out of the barn. Here are a few "busy, busy bosses" whom Harvey observed:

The detail hugger: Checks up on everything, every day. "Terribly interested in the amount of string used for packages."

The conference caller: Won't let anyone order a dozen paper cups without



Pauline O'Neal

We had a seige of viruses and flu like everyone else and have had many, many people off sick during the last couple of months. I hope that everyone is now well and back at work and that all we have to contend with for a while is Spring fever.

We extend our sympathies to the family of George O'Neal on the death of his mother, Mrs. Dona O'Neal, and to the family of Gerald Carter whose brother-in-law, Mr. Sipes of Columbus, died.

the time-consuming process of an executive summit meeting."

The dream merchant: So busy saying what he's doing tomorrow he has no time left to do anything today.

The overflowing-desk man: Wastes time signing innumerable notes, memos, requisitions and other interoffice trivia.

Harvey's final conclusion is, all these men are avoiding work that has to be done. Filled with good resolutions about self-discipline, he returns to his office, determined to work happily — albeit steadily — ever after. "Harvey Winston's factory is the best-run in its field," the leaflet says. And he's free! Free! FREE — to spend his evenings like many other red-blooded Americans — sipping beer, barking at his kids, watching TV and burning steaks on the outdoor grill.





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BURNHAM and CAMPBELL

Fifteen-year service awards were presented to Engr. Aide III John R. Bradley of Arkadelphia and Julius C. Wilson, truck driver. A 10-year award was presented to John K. Bussell, patrol operator. Congratulations!



Hugh and Mrs. Anderson with their daughter Marie and grandson Pat.

Equip. Supt. Hugh Anderson retired March 15 after about 17 years with the Department. We will certainly miss you, "Mr. Hugh". A party was held in the District office the afternoon of March 14 and many friends were here to bestow best wishes and to present Mr. Anderson some appropriate fishing gear. Among those present were Mrs. Anderson; their daughter Marie and husband Lincoln Benton and grandson Pat; C. Don Hayes and Earl Bowman of Voss, Hutton, Barbee Co. of Little Rock; Hamp Wilson, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fultz, retired employes of this District. Coffee, coke and cake were served.

Capt. Stanley Harrison, son of truck driver Jesse C. Harrison, left March 11 for Vietnam. Capt. Harrison recently returned from duty in Germany and has been visiting at home before his next assignment.

Jesse Parker replaced Mr. Anderson as equipment superintendent and Eva Lee Parker replaces his brother as shop foreman.

Storekeeper Arlene Davis underwent knee surgery on March 21. We are happy to know she is improving and will soon be back at work.



Mildred Russ visiting antebellum home in Natchez, Miss.

Fuel Clerk Mildred Russ spent a delightful vacation March 21-24 visiting relatives in Natchez, Miss. While there she made the tour of antebellum homes, the Azalea Drive and other points of interest.

Welcome to William T. Parks, a new mechanic in District 7.

The Annual Short Course at Fayetteville was attended by Dist. Engr. Coy Campbell; Res. Engrs. Jim Williamson and Norman Pumphrey and Civ. Engr. II Kenneth Richey on March 20-21.

Ritchie Carlson, clerk-typist Mary Nell Carlson's young son, is receiving treatment at an El Dorado hospital.

Althea Campbell made her first long-distance plane flight on a trip to visit her mother in Davenport, Iowa. She also visited relatives in Cedar Rapids, Iowa City and Ft. Madison. She decided flying is a wonderful way to travel - after the first jet take-off, that is.

Engrng. Aide Charles Rampley and wife Opal of Camden enjoyed a trip to Hot Springs and the horse races during his leave.

Asst. Stock Clerk Ralph Toward and wife Mamie are enjoying a visit from their 4-year-old grandson, Edwin, Jr. of Dallas.

Payroll Clerk Carolyn Milner has been working incognito in her sun glasses since she broke her regular lenses. After she had them repaired she wondered why "everything cleared up" so quickly.

Engrng. Aide John Livingston has been off work with Hong Kong flu. Hope you are soon back at work, John.

Sula and Harlan Burnham's great nephew, Stephen Murphy, spent a few days with them last week. He is the son of

Carolyn and David Murphy of Fayetteville.



Sula displays a nice string of crappie from a recent catch. She didn't tell us the type of bait she used - we doubt if she even SAW this bait.



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SHIRLEY MORTON

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parker were honored with a party on Saturday night, March 29, at their home in Alpena to celebrate their fifty-fourth wedding anniversary. They are the parents of three sons and four daughters, and have twelve grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Mr. Parker retired from AHD on May 15, 1958 with 30 years' service as a heavy equipment mechanic.



Frank and Mrs. Parker

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ballard have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Cheryl Jean

to Mikeal Duane Atwell of Berryville. Russell is a member of the crew at the Bear Creek asphalt plant.

A bright note and a sad one from truck driver Harley Thomason. His son Jerry was one of three Valley Springs Tigers named to the all-district basketball team. Jerry was chosen for the second consecutive year. The Tigers, champions of Region 1AA, were the only team in their conference to place three men on the all-district squad. Jerry averaged 18 points a game and scored 56 points in the region tourney to lead all scorers. A 6'1" senior, he plans to attend college in the fall.

The sad note is that the Thomasons' home burned a few weeks ago while the family was attending church services. Our sympathy is extended to them in their misfortune.

From the "Other Days" column of the Harrison Daily Times is a comment of 45 years ago on April 4, 1924: "Clell Deakins has bought a blacksmith forge and some tools and is learning the blacksmith trade." Clell is the Boone County area foreman.

Assist. Maint. Supt. Hillman Watkins was named "Bowler of the Week" at Harrison Recreation Center twice in three weeks. He rolled a 236 and 246!

Raymond Holland, one of our retirees, shared his birthday celebration with us April 3. We were very happy to visit with him and wish him many, many more happy birthdays.

April service awards and pins were presented to Ray Duffy, Flippin asphalt plant superintendent, 20 yrs.; Jack Holtby, District equipment supervisor, 15 yrs.; and Willie Parnell, deckhand at Henderson Ferry, 5 yrs. Congratulations!!

V. O. Selby, Carl Sanders, Jim McConnell, Wayne Coonfield and Bob Hickey enjoyed a camping and fishing trip to Piney Recreation Area near Dardanelle. Their catch: 16 catfish, 1 bream and 1 "Carpalo"(?).



"This was a smart investment. It discourages coffee breaks"



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ISABELLE PSALMONDS

Congratulations to John William Bracken, mower operator from Paragould, who received his 15-year certificate and pin in April.

Dist. Engr. Sam Smith, Maint. Supt. John Sanders, Asst. Maint. Supt. Darrell Holder and Res. Engrs. Claude Parton, Clif Martin and Jim Garrett attended the Highway Short Course in Fayetteville.

We welcome Terral Freeman back to the Highway Department. He is an asphalt raker with the Lawrence County crew. He previously worked in Construction.

Elbert Harris, truck driver from Lawrence County, is sporting a new '69 Chevy pickup. Guess he is planning to catch enough fish to pay for it. He is quite a fisherman, they say.

Jeff Robins, front-end loader operator from Lawrence County, spent the last week in March on vacation in Florida. Had a real nice trip and brought back some orange blossom honey. Area Foreman Melvin Brown says it surely was good — he can vouch for that because he ate some of it.

Frank Robert retired the first of April because of ill health. Quinton Morgan took his place working at the Imboden rest area. Frank did a real good job of keeping the area clean and we are sure Quint will, too.

Res. Engr. Clif Martin of Paragould spent Easter in Arlington, Tex. with his daughter and her family. We will likely not hear much about the daughter and her husband, but we will be hearing much about the grandson, you can be sure.

Recently Maint. Engr. Jim Lowder from the Little Rock office was a visitor to our district. The climate and conditions here evidently did not agree with him. He became ill and had to be transported back to Little Rock. Now he comes prepared — the last time he came, he brought along a whole bottle of aspirin. It seemed to do the job, at least he went back on his own.

Stock clerk June Troxel spent several days with her family in Missouri during the Easter vacation.

It is so good so see the sun shining and flowers blooming and to know that spring is here. All of us should be feeling much better.

Coming Events

June 3 - Aug. 30 — "Arkansas Traveller" Folk Theatre, 1 mile south of Hardy on U.S. 62-167. Tuesday and Saturday nights through July and Saturday nights only during August.

June 3 - 4 — Premiere and second concert by Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra, Robinson Auditorium, Little Rock. A Territorial Sesquicentennial observance.

June 13 - 14 — Tomato Festival, Warren.

June 13 - 15 — Fifth Annual Arts & Crafts Festival, Greenwood.

June 17 - 20 — National Miss Dogpatch U.S.A. Pageant, Dogpatch.

June 19 - 20 — Arkansas Dairy Festival, Little Rock.

June 19, 20, 21 — Homecoming, Leslie.

June 21 — Arts & Crafts Assoc. Outdoor Fair, Baxter County Courthouse lawn, Mountain Home.

June 21 — Baxter County Folk Festival Mountain Home.

June 21 - 22 — National Fiddling Contest and Crafts Show, Boston Mtn. Resort, Mountainburg.

July 1 - 4 — Rodeo of the Ozarks, Springdale.

July 7 - 12 — Pioneer Week, Arkadelphia.

July 16 - 19 — Miss Arkansas Pageant, Hot Springs Convention Center.

The concerts to be given in Little Rock by the Philadelphia Symphony will include an eight-minute composition entitled "Homage to Haydn," commissioned by Miss Lily Peter of Marvell who is underwriting the Orchestra's visit as a contribution to the Arkansas Territorial Sesquicentennial observance. Both concerts will be conducted by Eugene Ormandy.

The boss must gauge his movements by some queer quirk of fate; he comes at noon when you're on time and early when you're late.

"How do you know you were going only 15 miles an hour?" the judge asked the driver accused of speeding.

"I was on my way to the dentist!"

THIS'LL KILL YA



A husband and wife were peering down a wishing well. Suddenly the wife disappeared into the water. The husband looked heavenward and said, "Thank you! I never thought it would work!"

On one of his rare trips to the city an old hillbilly was so fascinated by a large building's elevators that he stood a long time in front of one. An old lady, bent and shriveled, entered, a light flashed, and in an instant she was gone. Moments later the same door opened and out stepped an attractive young woman. Walking away sadly the hillbilly muttered, "I shoulda brung my old Maggie."

A third grader's definition: "A contraction is made by putting two words together to make one word. You leave out some of the letters, but you put in a catastrophe."

Husband to Bride: "What makes this meat taste so odd?"
Newlywed Nelle: "I don't know. I burned it a little but I put sunburn oil on it at once."

When Dudley, the slow-moving clerk in a small store, was not around one morning, a customer asked, "Where's Dudley? He ain't sick, is he?"

*"Nope, he ain't workin' here no more."
"That so?" said the customer. "Got anybody in mind for the vacancy?"
"Nope. Dudley didn't leave no vacancy."*

The Texas oil man's daughter returned from college and he was showing her around their new mansion. They stopped at the swimming pool to watch several athletic young men cavorting on the diving board. "Oh, Daddy," she exclaimed, "you've stocked it for me."

A motorist on a dirt road was busily engaged with a spade in the mud beside his stuck automobile when a stranger stopped and asked, "Are you stuck in the mud?"

"Oh, no," the motorist explained with a smirk. "My engine just died and I'm digging a grave."

Sam: My wife got a terrific new mudpack treatment last week at the beauty parlor.
Bud: Did it work well?
Sam: She was gorgeous for three days. Then the mud fell off.

A sailor who limped into a naval hospital had his foot X-rayed and was asked to wait for the results. Some time later an orderly appeared and handed the sailor a large pill. Just then a mother with a small child in need of immediate attention entered. After the orderly disappeared with the new patient, the sailor hobbled over to get a glass of water, swallowed the huge pill with difficulty and sat down to wait. Some time later the orderly reappeared carrying a bucket of water.

"Okay," he said to the sailor, "let's drop the pill in this bucket and soak the foot."

A man was hailed into court for nonsupport of his wife and explained to the judge: "I was hoping her father would repossess her."

A fellow known as Sam the Dome was in a bar one evening when a wise guy came over to our table. He pointed to Sam's bald head and said, "You know, Sam, your head is so soft and smooth it feels like my wife's leg."

Sam reached up, patted his own head and replied, "Darned if it doesn't!"

Real estate man: Now here's a house without a flaw.
Southern belle: Reahilly? What do you-all walk on?

The husband came tiptoeing in at 4 a.m. and his wife caught him at the door. "So," she said triumphantly, "home is the best place after all."

"Nope," he said sourly, "it's the only place that's open."

"Is that you, dear?" said a young husband over the phone. "I called up to tell you that I won't be home to dinner tonight. I'm working late at the office."

"You poor dear," answered the wife, "I don't wonder. How do you manage to get anything done at all with that orchestra playing in your office!"

A woman whose parked car rolled into another was asked by a policeman, "Why didn't you set your emergency brake?"

"Emergency?" she replied. "Since when is mailing a letter an emergency?"

A clergyman and truck driver had an automobile crash. The truck driver told the man of the cloth what he thought about him in profane terms. When he paused, it was the clergyman's turn.

"You know, my good man, that I cannot indulge in your kind of language, but this much I will tell you; I hope, when you go home tonight, your mother will run out from under the porch and bite you."

A pretty stewardess on a Chicago-Los Angeles flight had her hands full fending off two persistent drunks. The one seated in the front of the plane was doing his best to persuade her to come to his apartment. At the rear, the second drunk was trying for an invite to her apartment.

As the plane headed for the runway, the front-seat pest handed her a key and a slip of paper on which he had written his address. "Here's the key and my address," he whispered. "See you tonight?"

"Okay," she smiled sweetly as she headed for the drunk at the rear. She handed him the key and slip of paper and said, "Don't be late."

Boss: Why are you here? Didn't you receive my letter saying that you're fired?

Worker: Yes, but on the envelope it said, "Return after five days."

Little Johnny had acquired the habit of using profane language so his mother told him if he used a bad word again she'd pack his clothes and turn him out.

But habit was strong and Johnny forgot himself so his mother immediately packed his clothes and put him out of the house.

He stood outside for almost an hour with his mother watching him. Finally she opened the door and asked him why he did not leave.

"I was wondering," he said, "where the hell I would go."

Daffynishion: Filing cabinet — A place where you lose things alphabetically.



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Where is it?



LAST MONTH'S WHERE IS IT? was the U. S. 70 bridge across White River at DeValls bluff with the lift span up. It was correctly identified by Jim Matthews of Roadway Design, Billie Jones of the District 6 office, and Lucille Dishongh of the Construction office.