

# Arkansas Highways

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# Federal-aid Highway Act of 1968 Approved

ON AUGUST 23 PRESIDENT JOHNSON signed the Federal-aid Highway Act of 1968, legislation which authorizes a \$21 billion National Highway Program over the next six years and expands the Interstate Freeway System by 1500 miles. These new miles would have to be used for critical links not included on the present routes: they would be apportioned by negotiation between the Transportation Department and the states. The Highway Commission feels that some of the missing critical links are in Arkansas and will apply for some of the mileage.

The measure provides \$12.3 billion in new money for the Interstate and the other Federal-aid system roads and also allocates about \$9 billion of previously approved funds.

The completion date for the Interstate System is extended two years, to June 30, 1974, by this legislation.

In addition, it extends the highway beautification program and establishes a greatly broadened system of relocation payments for persons and businesses displaced by road projects.

The highway beautification program, while extended, is given only a new \$25 million one-year authorization by the measure even though the President had asked \$85 million annually for three years.

## Other provisions of the law will:

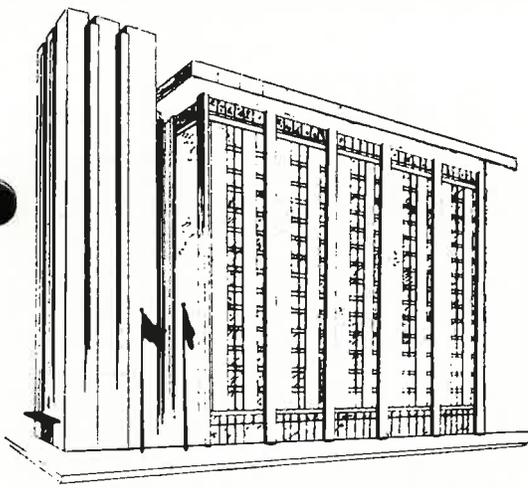
1. Set the new Interstate System allotments: \$4 billion each for fiscal years 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, and \$2,225,000,000 for 1974.
2. Provide for the primary, secondary and urban systems — \$1.1 billion each year in 1970 and 1971.
3. Authorize new programs of \$200 million each in the next two years for traffic improvement projects in major cities and of \$125 million each in the same period for special categories of rural highways. This rural money will be distributed — 60% to the Federal-aid Primary System and 40% to the Secondary System to be apportioned under the regular formulae.
4. Authorize a demonstration program using federal highway funds to help build fringe parking facilities in cities using a matching 50/50 ratio.
5. Authorize \$2 million for billboard control; \$3 million for junkyard control; and \$20 million for scenic enhancement in the roadside development and beautification program for each 1969 and 1970 fiscal years.
6. Include for highway safety — \$75 million in 1970 and \$100 million in 1971, and will delay for one year, to January 1, 1970, the penalty for states which fail to implement the national safety program.
7. For those states that can legally comply, authorize relocation assistance and for the first time provide a requirement that such benefits be paid throughout the nation. Many states do this now but to a lesser degree. Arkansas does not have statutory authority for compliance at this time.



◀ If your job was to replace burned-out bulbs in the rotating beacons on the Helena bridge . . . . .

▶ . . . then you would get an eagle's eye view like this. When the glass cover of the housing is lifted there is room for a man to step inside.





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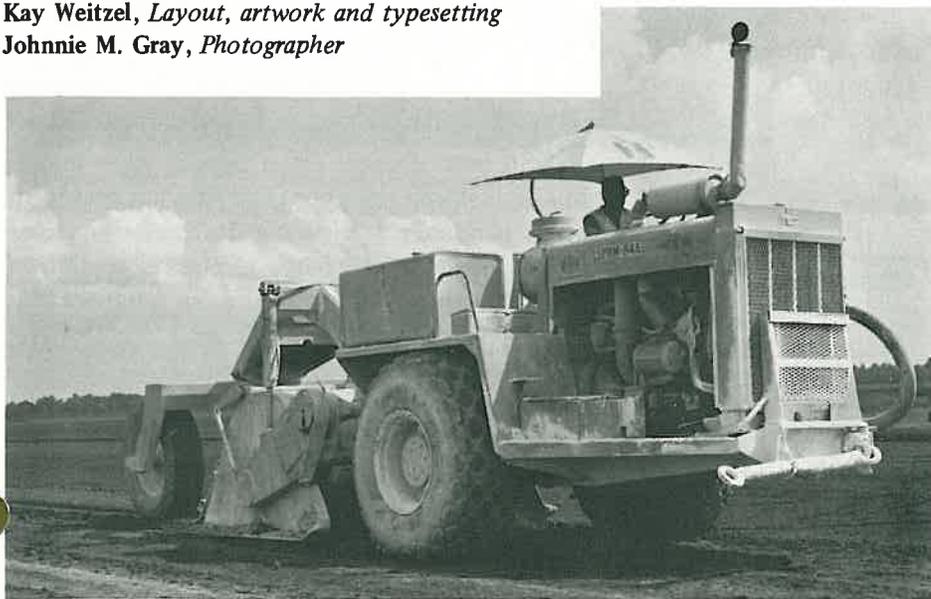


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**9.25 MILES OF I-40 OPENED**

Interstate 40 from Atkins to Russellville, 9.25 miles, was opened at noon on September 20, bringing mileage open to traffic on that route up to 181.38. Total interstate mileage completed on all routes is 357.49, of which 347.9 is open to traffic.

Total construction costs will approximate \$3,815,600 plus an additional \$510,000 for right of way.

The Arkadelphia to Malvern section of I-30 is expected to be open by mid-October.

▲ Putting out lime for stabilization on I-40 job in Point Remove Creek bottom between Morrilton and Kenwood, adjacent section to the one opened.

## RICHEY PASSES PE EXAM



KENNETH W. RICHEY, right, Civil Engineer II with Gayle Gunn's residency at Arkadelphia, received his certificate of registration as a professional engineer recently at Magnolia. It was presented by Resident Engineer J. B. Williamson, left, the president of the Southwest Arkansas Chapter of the Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers in behalf of the Arkansas State P. E. Board of Registration.

Richey attended the University of Arkansas three years before coming to the Department as an inspector in 1957. He worked three years, then returned to the University to get his degree in civil engineering. He was re-employed in 1961 as an engineering assistant.

He is a native of Lowell, Ark. and a graduate of Rogers High School. He is married to the former Dorthy Davidson. They have a son and a daughter.

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*Editor's Note* — The article in the August issue pertaining to Richey and four other employes who had passed their P. E. exams incorrectly stated that Robert D. Mize was an employe of Gayle Gunn's residency at Arkadelphia. Mize is a design engineer in the Roadway Design Division.

WASHINGTON — The findings of a research study on fuel-fed fires as a result of automobile crashes reveals that auto crash fires are statistically rare, occurring in less than 0.5 percent of crashes. However, when fires do occur, the chances of exposed occupants being fatally burned is high — nearly one in four.



## Stamp Will Honor River Program

THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT will issue a stamp October 1 commemorative of the Arkansas River Program, a \$1.2 billion project underway to eventually provide Arkansas, Kansas and Oklahoma with a barge route to the Mississippi River. It is expected to make the Arkansas River one of the nation's major inland waterways.

The 450-mile navigation channel will be completed this year as far northwest as Little Rock. By 1970 it will be extended to Catoosa, Okla. near Tulsa.

The system will contain 17 locks and dams through which barges will be lifted 420 feet from the Mississippi River to Catoosa. The Verdigris River which feeds into the Arkansas will be part of the waterway system.

The economic impact on the area will be enormous. It is forecast that the waterway will carry annually about 13,200,000 tons of raw materials and finished products.

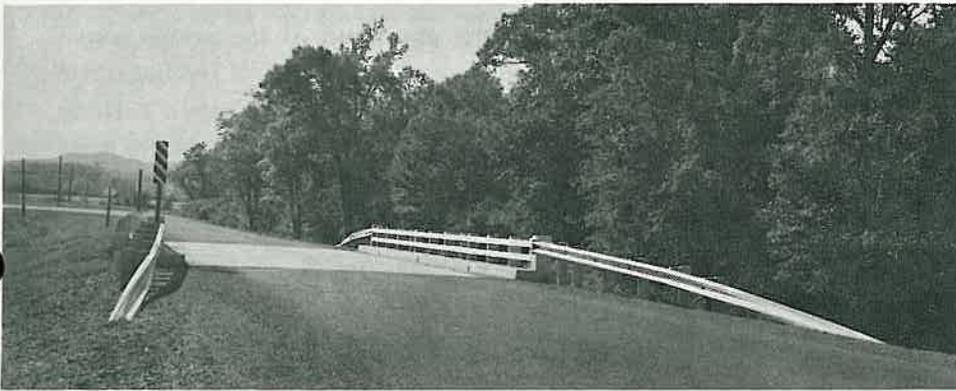
Incidentally, more goes into issuance of a new postage stamp than you might imagine. The artwork of the stamp is by Dean Ellis, a New Yorker making his debut as a stamp designer. The ship's wheel in the foreground is black, the power transmission tower beyond is white, and the barge in the background is in black. The water is blue and the sky a lighter blue. "United States Postage" and "Arkansas River Navigation" are in blue and the denomination "6¢" is in white.

The two blue inks will be applied by lithography, followed by application of black by the Giori press. The stamp was modelled by Leonard E. Buckley and engraved by Edward P. Archer (vignette) and Robert G. Culin (lettering) of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

# CONSTRUCTION IN FULL SWING DURING PRIME WEATHER



Highway 305 from Floyd to Center Hill in White County is being partially relocated and improved with double bituminous surface treatment and new bridges. Reynolds and Williams of Little Rock is the contractor. C. M. Benz is the resident engineer.



One of the three new bridges between Floyd and Center Hill.



Dick Stuart, member of a District 10 maintenance crew, checks alignment of Marked Tree bypass now under construction.



(Above) — Moro, Inc. construction workers set up base on Highway 225 from McGintytown to Highway 107 in White County before bituminous surface treatment is put down. Sherman James is the resident engineer. (Below) — Paving on 8th Street Expressway between Dennison and Pine Streets in Little Rock.



A big bite of gravel is taken from a pit near Quachita River for use on an I-30 project near Malvern.



**RUSSELL M. NEWSOM**, a staff engineer in the Materials and Tests Division, died August 16 after an illness of several months. He had been with the Highway Department 39½ years. Newsom, 63, had attended the University of Arkansas and West Point Military Academy. He was a member and former secretary of the Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers and a member of Second Presbyterian Church. He was a native of Wynne.

Survivors include his widow, two daughters Mrs. John Hoehn of Altona, Ill. and Mrs. Wayne W. Ward of Hot Springs; a brother, William S. Newsom, Jr. of Lake City, Fla.; a sister, Mrs. Hugh W. Sanders of Mount Pleasant, Mo.; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at Reubel Funeral Home by Rev. Wellford Hobbie. Pallbearers were Jim Reynolds, J. L. Owens, John Storey, Jake Clements, R. C. Turner, A. T. Beard, Allan Holmes and Robert Hickey. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Men's Bible Class of Second Presbyterian Church and division heads of the Highway Department. Burial was at Pine Crest Memorial Park.

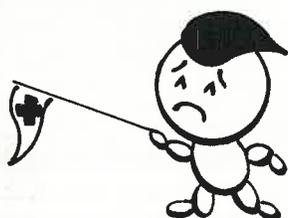


**ALAN DUAYNE DUNN**, an employe in the Hope district, was killed August 3 when the pickup truck he was driving crashed into the abutment of the bridge across Cane Creek on U.S. 70 west of DeQueen. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd J. Dunn of DeQueen. Dunn, 18, was a 1967 graduate of DeQueen High School. He had attended Southern State College at Magnolia one semester before going to work for the Highway Department. He was a Baptist.

Survivors in addition to his parents are one brother, Jimmy Lloyd, DeQueen; his paternal grandmother, Mrs. M. N. Dunn of Commanche, Okla. and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Mary Pearce of DeQueen.

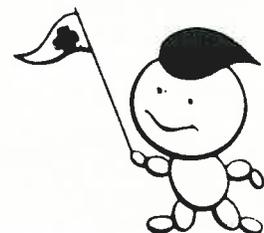
The funeral was held Sunday, August 4 in Wilkerson Funeral Home chapel by Rev. Jerry Jester. Interment was in Chapel Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jimmy and Larry McRae, Jimmy House, Jimmy Baker, Al Wright and Ronnie Montgomery.

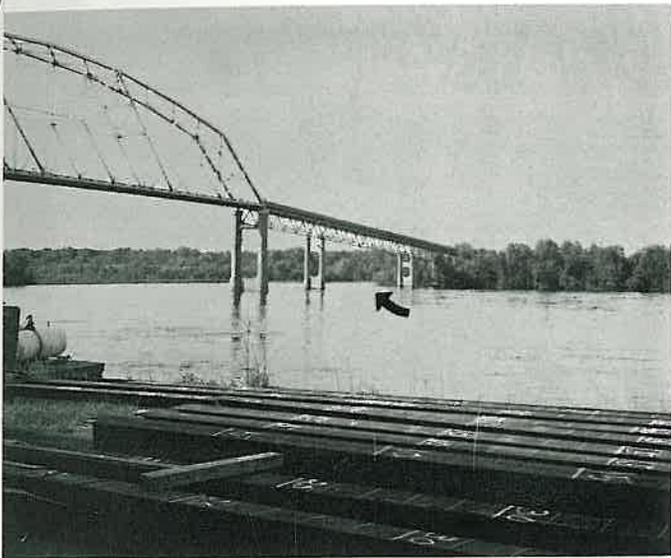


**BILLY BLOODROP** . . . . .

. . . . . is still sad! Only eight pints of blood were contributed by Highway employes over the whole state during August. That's only a mite better than July.



*"Sir, We just saw a bridge pier disappear . . . ."*



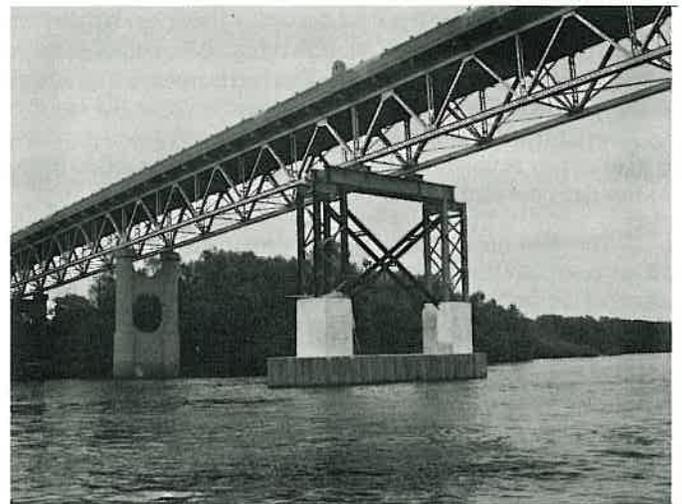
Arrow points to spot where pier vanished.

On June 12, without any warning, one of the piers supporting the Mississippi River bridge at Wabasha, Minn. just plain vanished. It tipped over and disappeared into 19 feet of water. When two boys reported that they saw the pier fall, highway officials were skeptical but a photograph produced for comparison proved them to be correct.

The only apparent effect was a 3½ inch sag in the truss span. In fact, several motorists, completely un-

ware that anything was wrong, crossed the bridge after the pier fell and before traffic could be blocked.

The pier has since been replaced by constructing a steel bent with a sheet pile shell around the base. That wasn't a necessarily difficult job but removing the sunken 220-ton concrete pier was. This was done by cracking it in half with a pile driver. A diver then went down with lines and each half was lashed to the bottom of a partially-sunken barge. Combined jacking and pumping water from the barge enabled construction crews to float the old pier out of the way.



The bridge with pier replaced.

### A GOOD IDEA THAT DIDN'T WORK!

Late in the afternoon of August 17 a Georgia Pacific Paper Company tractor-trailer rig carrying a huge piece of factory machinery was traveling Highway 230 between Alicia and Bono when it came to the bridge over Village Creek. The weight of the truck and its 51,600 pound cargo was too much for the old wooden structure which gave away, dumping the truck and machinery into the creek. There was a 4 ton limit posted at the bridge. The heavily loaded truck also damaged another bridge on the same highway so badly that it had to be closed to traffic until repaired.

In addition to the damages to the truck and its load and the cost of getting them back onto the highway, Georgia Pacific is possibly liable to the Highway Department for an estimated \$3,000 in damages to the bridges. District 10 bridge crews are presently replacing the bridge which collapsed with a concrete structure and the other one has been repaired.

Weights and Standards officers theorized that the driver took Highway 91 south out of Walnut Ridge and then turned onto Highway 230, a narrow secondary gravel-surfaced road to U.S. 67 at Alicia in order to avoid the weight station at Hoxie, evidently fearing an overload which would necessitate the purchase of a permit costing about \$15. Weights officers determined that the truck was overloaded and the truck owner was issued a citation anyway.



## YOUR INSURANCE MONEY — WHERE IT GOES

You no doubt already know that automobile insurance premiums are too high and that settlement of claims is slow, cumbersome and often unsatisfactory. But we know that it is necessary to carry collision insurance on financed cars (which includes a large percentage of those on the road) and that it is highly unwise to operate one without liability insurance because of the financial responsibility clause in the motor vehicle code. It's sort of like the fellow said about his nagging wife — he couldn't live with her, he couldn't live without her, it was against the law to kill her, so what could he do? In the case of insurance, we pay the premium, gripe about how high it is and hope we won't have to use it.

Then along comes Asst. Sec. of Transportation M. Cecil Mackey who states in an address to the American Bar Association last month that "less than half of the dollars collected in insurance premiums are paid out to the intended beneficiaries. Thus fifty cents of the premium dollar disappears in administration and other costs. This is really striking, and in a way puzzling. Compare it with the situation in social security or Blue Cross, where 90 cents or more of every dollar paid in is paid out to recipients." That assuredly doesn't prod a person to run right out and pay his next insurance premium.

He goes on, "Not only is less than half of premium income paid out to those who have sustained losses, but the distribution of compensation is uneven and frequently inequitable. Perhaps as many as 50 percent of all those who experience losses in auto accidents receive nothing at all in the form of tort-related compensation . . . . What's more, although auto accident victims get only 50 cents of every premium dollar, by the time they pay their attorney fees they receive substantially less than even this would imply. Of the 50 cents paid out to claimants, as much as a third is drained off for legal expenses."

In discussing the complex issues of the nation's traffic problems and the insurance with which its citizens try to protect themselves, he said, ". . . the arrangement we now have for providing compensation for motor vehicle accident victims is a mess. It pleases practically no one, aside, perhaps from those who have a substantial economic stake in the status quo."

President Johnson earlier this year requested Congress to authorize a detailed study of the entire motor vehicle accident compensation problem. The authorization was granted and the Secretary of Transportation has been charged with the responsibility of carrying out the study and presenting it, along with his recommendations for reform to the Congress early in 1970.

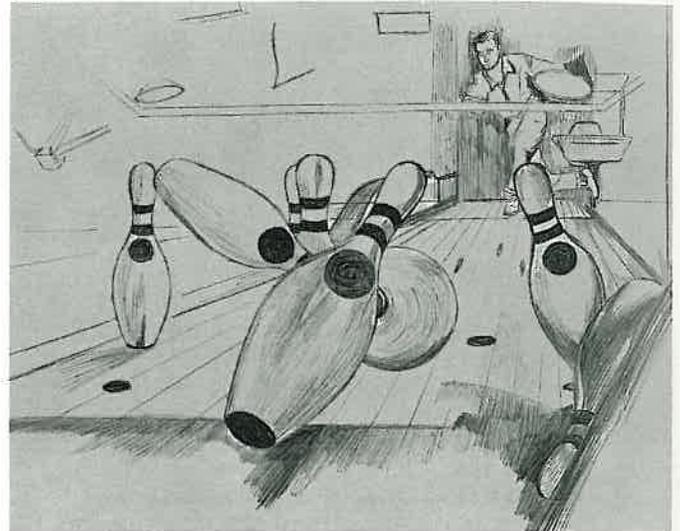
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*A speeding car screeched to a stop just beyond the red light. "Watch out," the driver yelled at a man he'd almost hit. Nervously the pedestrian picked up his hat and asked, "Why . . . are you coming back?"*

The stingy salesman, while on an out-of-town sales trip, sent his wife a check for a million kisses as an anniversary present.

The wife was quite annoyed and sent back a post card: "Dear Chuck, Thanks for the anniversary check. The milkman cashed it for me just this morning."

## Highway Bowling League Off and Running



*Drawing by Jerry Heffington, Reproduction*

The Highway Bowling League has organized for this year and season's play is under way. Officers are Brooks Nichols, Roadway Design, president; Max Hall, Secondary Roads, vice president; and John Adams, Secondary Roads, secretary.

Highway Department and Bureau of Public Roads personnel in the league are:

**Roadway Design team** — Richard Butler, Bob Mize, Bill Hurt, Jim Trost, Rick Henriksen, Brooks Nichols and Paul Haydon.

**BPR team** — Jake Sandlin, Paul Steward, Ben Evans, Tom Rains, Bernie Babb and Rex Leathers.

**Traffic Engineering** — Jim Barnett, Jim Waddle, Marvin Griffin, Charles Rain and Bill Rainwater.

**P & R Mapping** — George Green, Henry Mercer and Marlin Powell.

**Materials & Tests** — J. W. Chapman, R. C. Turney, Jim Reynolds and John Reddin. Former P & R employe Jay Hensley is also a member of the team.

**Secondary Roads** — Jerry Bobeck, Max Hall, John Sage, John Adams, Dale Loe and Don Potter.

Jerry Conway of Computer Services is the only AHD employe on the Teachers team.

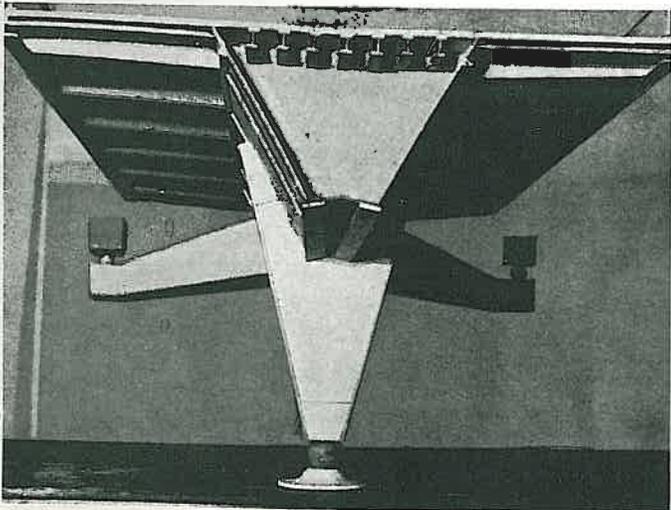


*Here,  
There  
and Everywhere*

**FLORIDA** — The Florida Highway Department is co-operating in experimentation of a system whereby motorists will flash their headlights at electronic detection units along the highway when they see a driver who needs help. The units, activated by flashing headlights, will be linked by telephone lines to Highway Patrol headquarters. The experimental area will be a five-mile segment of I-40 between Tampa and Orlando. Testing is expected to be under way by the end of the year.

**DETROIT** — A Chrysler Corporation engineer suggests equipping automobiles with a pop-out ignition which would automatically eject the key when the ignition is turned off as a safeguard against car theft. His thought is that the driver would then put the ejected key in his pocket but human nature being what it is, some drivers would likely still shove the key under the seat or over the sun visor.

**CZECHOSLOVAKIA** — A bridge planned to span the moat of historic Hradshin Castle in Prague is poised on a huge steel ball-bearing designed to take a vertical load of about 1,100 tons. The bridge is designed for pedestrian and light motor traffic.



**SAN DIEGO** — When a \$30 jaywalking fine was not paid promptly, a dunning notice was forwarded to the violator - a marine at Khesanh. The marine wrote back, suggesting that the police start extradition proceedings.

**JAPAN** — Engineers bolted a rocket with 2.2 tons of thrust to the top of a tall bridge pier, then ignited it to test the resistance of the piers to earthquake shocks. After the test was completed the engineers concluded that the piers would be safe against earthquakes, though motorists travelling over the viaduct in the event of a quake would experience a considerable shock.

**WASHINGTON** — The Transportation Department has issued a safety standard which requires that auto windshields be constructed and installed so they won't dislodge during impact of a crash. Certain tests for windshield mountings will be specifically required for all cars built on or after January 1, 1970 in an effort to lessen the possibility of occupants being thrown from a vehicle during a crash.

**WASHINGTON** — At least 800,000 auto crashes which snuff out 25,000 lives annually are due to drunken or drinking drivers. Not only that, a horrendous number of injured and crippled are also left behind. Other conclusions which came to light in the first Federal study of drinking and driving include the fact that people who drink extensively and then drive tend to have had alcoholic parents and/or a higher incidence of marital problems.

**BRAZIL** — A bridge over Parana River linking Brazil with Paraguay has finally been completed after 7½ years. Formidable problems had to be overcome before this structure, specially designed to withstand the very high winds prevalent in the area and pressure from high floods, could be completed. For one thing, a sudden flood raised the river 138 feet above mean low water level, delaying work for eight months while repairs were made. Shortly afterward a freak tornado hit the project, tearing down scaffolding and causing \$350,000 worth of damage. After the arch and deck were completed, a downward thrust of 11,000 tons at the center forced the arch clear of the falsework and the contractor had to blast the concrete falsework into the river. By that time engineers feared that differing ages of the concrete would cause redistribution of forces within the arch so another two years' delay while the problem was studied. On top of all that, lumber was the only bridge material which could be obtained locally. Cement had to be brought 500 miles; steel, 810 miles; and 300 tons of equipment, 1,120 miles, all over a highway of which only one-fourth the distance was paved. The bridge was completed four years behind schedule. It's the world's second longest concrete arch span.



Labor Day, with school opening on its heels, brought vacations to a skidding halt and several days of unusually cool weather promptly turned the minds of we Razorback fans to the football season quickly slipping up behind.

I managed to get away from the Highway Department (which somehow managed to muddle along without me) for most of a week and spent it in north Arkansas and southern Missouri. Ah . . . such beautiful country!

My husband and I thoroughly "did" Silver Dollar City and saw a performance of "The Shepherd of the Hills". Silver Dollar City is excellent re-creation of a typical mountain village. One can spend a half day just reading the folksy, comical signs posted on and inside the buildings. But "The Shepherd of the Hills" is one of the true experiences of a lifetime. It lacks nothing in authenticity — it is set where Harold Bell Wright lived while writing the story about real people who lived on the site of the outdoor theatre and their houses, barns, etc. are still preserved. A grist mill powered by an old steam locomotive engine where most of the action in the story takes place is actually a mill which operates every day cutting lumber and grinding corn into meal. At one point in the play where a Saturday night "sociable" is going on, the audience is invited to come down to the only stage used (a wooden platform about 12 inches high) and join in the square dancing.

It was a pleasure to meet the nice folks in Sam Smith's office at Paragould while up that way. Their new headquarters and the grounds are beautiful and we enjoyed visiting briefly with Isabelle Psalmonds, Jo Ann Carlisle, Essie Butler, Karolyn Gregory and Charles Holder, and to see John Sanders and Junior Wycoff again.

We will miss mail carrier Sam Montgomery who resigned his job in the Mailroom to accept employment in the office of 7-Up Bottling Co.

Just about all local chapters of the American Business Women's Association, whose membership includes a goodly number of Department employes, have been holding their annual membership teas. Joyce Spencer was chairman of the one given by Razorback chapter Sunday afternoon, September 15. Helping her were Ferol Jones, Bertie Carr and Pat Koonce, among others.



Luci Dishong, secretary to Const. Engr. Mac Hurley, was honored by being chosen KAAV "Secretary of the Day" on her birthday August 23.

Alice Joe just quietly resigned her engineer's job in Bridge Design and moved to Memphis September 16 where she will work under a teacher-student assistantship toward a Master's degree in engineering at Memphis State. She will certainly be missed.

Bertie Carr's husband, beautician Bob Carr, wound up as one of the ten top fishermen in the contest held at Maumelle the last week in August to decide the mythical title of Arkansas State Fishing champion.

Johnnie Gray's son Harold left September 13 for a tour of duty with the Air Force. He will receive boot training at Lackland A.F.B. at San Antonio and hopes to study photography so he can be a chip off the proverbial block.



Two new employes are Maurine Walker in the Director's office and Marie Wano, who is Bob Mattox' secretary now that Bob has been transferred back to central headquarters. Maurine is a native of Little Rock and a graduate of Central. Her husband Bill is with Ryder Truck Rentals. They attend Central Assembly of God Church at 20th and Broadway, which Maurine says is where most of her leisure time is spent. She sings in the choir there. She begged off on the basis of shyness when we asked about making her picture. 'Tis a pity, too, for she is a lovely redhead. Marie formerly had a commercial letter service of her own downtown but says she just gave it up after losing her office to urban renewal two different times. She also does income tax work. Her husband William J., is sales manager for Remington Rand. They were instrumental in the organization of a V.F.W. post and auxiliary in Little Rock two or three years ago. Marie's other most interesting outlet is fishing.

# Coming Events

- Continuing thru Oct. 13 — The Passion Play, Eureka Springs. Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.
- Oct. 11, 12 & 13 — Ozark Frontier Trail Festival & Craft Show, Heber Springs.
- Oct. 16-20 — 21st Annual Ozark Folk Festival, Eureka Springs.
- Oct. 18-20 — 15th Annual Ozark Arts & Crafts Fair, War Eagle.
- Thru Oct. 26 — "Arkansaw Traveller" Folk Theatre, Hardy. Friday and Saturday nights.
- Thru Oct. 26 — "Ozark Jubilee", Eureka Springs. Each Friday night in the City Auditorium.
- Thru Nov. 1 — Dogpatch, U.S.A., 8 miles south of Harrison on Hwy. 7.

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Numerous fairs and craft shows are held in the Ozarks each year and this is the season for them. More and more people are becoming interested in the hill way of life, and hill people seemingly are making a determined effort to maintain their habits and customs, with each generation passing them on to the next. If you and your family have plans to visit a hills arts and crafts fair, two of the most popular in Arkansas are coming up in October — War Eagle and Heber Springs.

The one held at tiny War Eagle, located 16 hill miles east of Rogers on Highway 303 in Benton County, is probably the best known. The number of craftsmen and artists (numbering more than 200 last year) is overwhelmingly greater than the community's entire population (listed variously as 24 and 26 persons), to say nothing of the estimated 75,000 visitors who flock to this beautiful, remote spot near Beaver Lake to look and shop.

The whole show is free — that is, there is no admission or parking charge. Exhibits are open from 9 to 5 each day, Friday through Sunday and any items displayed may be purchased on the spot. Many visitors do a large part of their Christmas shopping at the fair.

Overnight accommodations are available around Beaver Lake or in the neighboring towns of Rogers, Springdale, Huntsville, Fayetteville and Eureka Springs. If you are going to the fair, take your camera, a light wrap and your walking shoes.

Heber Springs' Ozark Frontier Trail Festival and Craft Show has become a favorite in only two years. The attendance last year, estimated at 24,000, doubled that of 1966 and this year's is anticipated to be even larger. The festival is held in the National Guard Armory with additional space in a nearby tent.

An additional feature of the festivities, which begin Friday, October 11 at 10 a.m. and close on Sunday, October 13 at 4 p.m., is an Ozark historical pageant entitled, "Scenes of the Past", planned for Saturday night, October 12 at the football field. It will have a cast of 175. Last year's performance played to a standing-room-only crowd.

An 1890 dress and beard contest and a street dance will attract a large Friday night crowd.



A man and his wife were enjoying their dinner cocktail when their telephone rang. The wife, being nearest, picked up the receiver. A man's voice was loud enough to be heard in the room. He said, "Honey, I won't be home for a while yet. I'm still at the office."

Before the wife could tell her caller that he had the wrong number, her husband grabbed the phone out of her hands and answered, "That's all right, Buddy. Take your time." Then he hung up.

*Lieutenant:* "I'm sorry, Private Brown, but you'll have to pay for that rifle you lost on the firing range."

*Private:* "That doesn't seem fair, sir. If I lost a jeep on maneuvers would I have to pay for it too?"

*Lieutenant:* "You would."

*Private:* "Now I know why a captain goes down with his ship."

A woman motorist was being examined for a driver's license.

*Examiner:* "And what is the white line in the middle of the road for?"

*Woman:* "Bicycles."

*Small fry, trying to explain to his disgruntled dad the significance of poor grades on a final report card:*

*"Don't forget — we studied all new stuff this year!"*

*Mother:* "Why don't you take your little sister fishing with you today?"

*Junior:* "Not again. The last time she tagged along I didn't catch a thing."

*Mother:* "I'm sure she'll be quiet this time."

*Junior:* "It wasn't the noise. She ate the bait."

*Alice:* "I just noticed, Mary, you're wearing your wedding ring on the wrong finger!"

*Mary:* "Yes, I know. I married the wrong man."

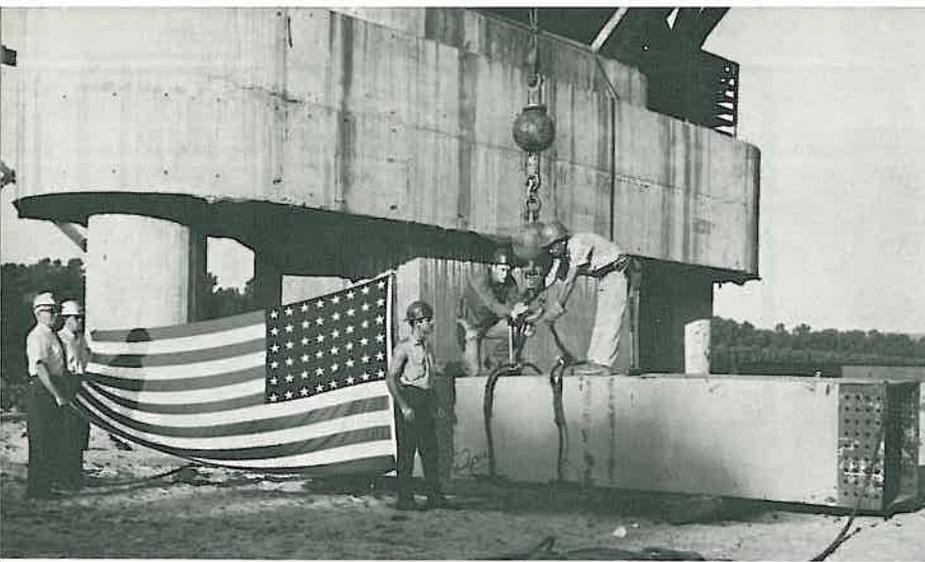
"You told me how good you were when I hired you two weeks ago," said a foreman to one of his men. "Now tell me all over again, I'm getting discouraged."

*As they planned a trip to New York on their honeymoon, the bride-to-be thought it would be helpful if she learned to drive so she could spell her husband at the wheel. She took several driving lessons, and just before the wedding was awarded a beginner's permit.*

*After the wedding, the happy couple drove off in a cloud of rice and old shoes. But guests and families alike were astonished when they returned a few minutes later, the bride blushing with confusion.*

*"Goodness," she gasped, "I forgot my beginner's permit!"*

# Bridges - Bri



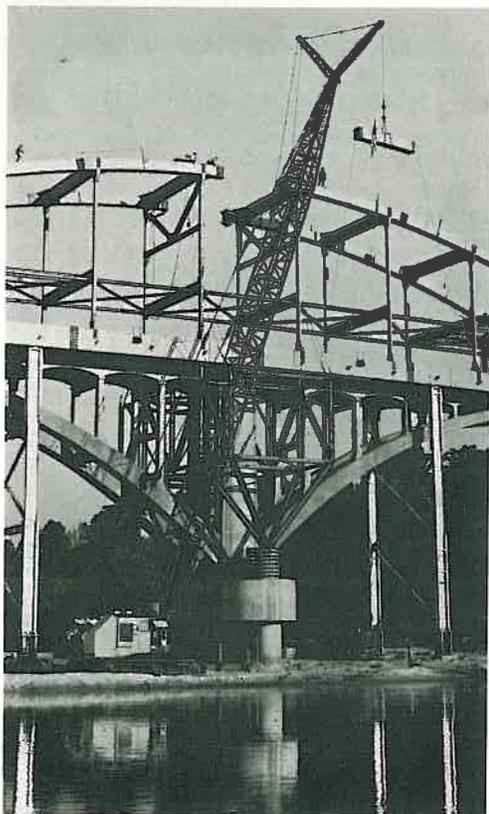
Dist. Engr. J. P. Clayton of Fort Smith and Res. Engr. Rupert W. Werner with Howard, Needles, Tammen and Bergendoff Consultants hold the flag clear of the ground while Ralph Padgett of Nashville (Tenn.) Bridge Co., and structural ironworkers Carl Gunn and Lou Whisenhunt hook the load line to wire rope slings which will carry the girder to the top of the bridge.



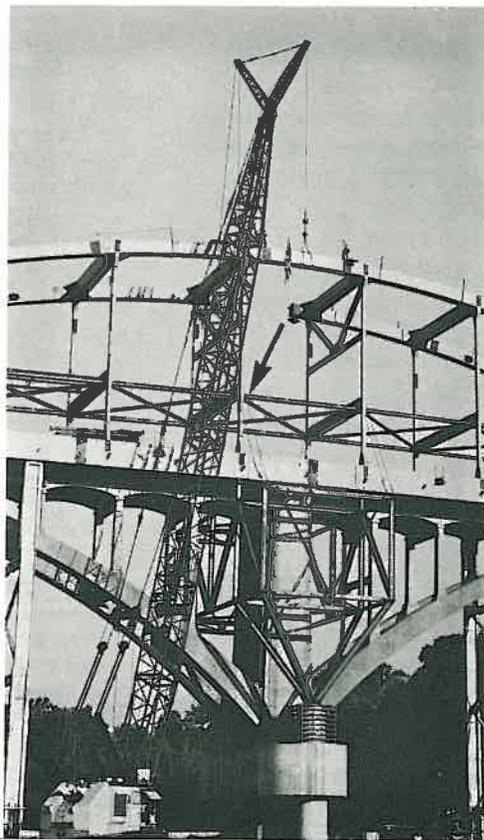
On its way up . . .

**T**HE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT presently has under construction four new bridges being built across the Arkansas River as a part of the River Navigation program. One other is undergoing major alterations, two more structures are scheduled for replacement by new bridges and one has planned repairs.

Construction of the four presently under way, located at Pine Bluff, Morrilton, Dardanelle and Fort Smith-Van Buren, and the one being altered at Ozark will cost approximately \$22 million. The ones planned for Garrison St. (Fort Smith) and Main Street (Little Rock) and repairs to the Broadway bridge (Little Rock) will cost an estimated \$13.8 million.



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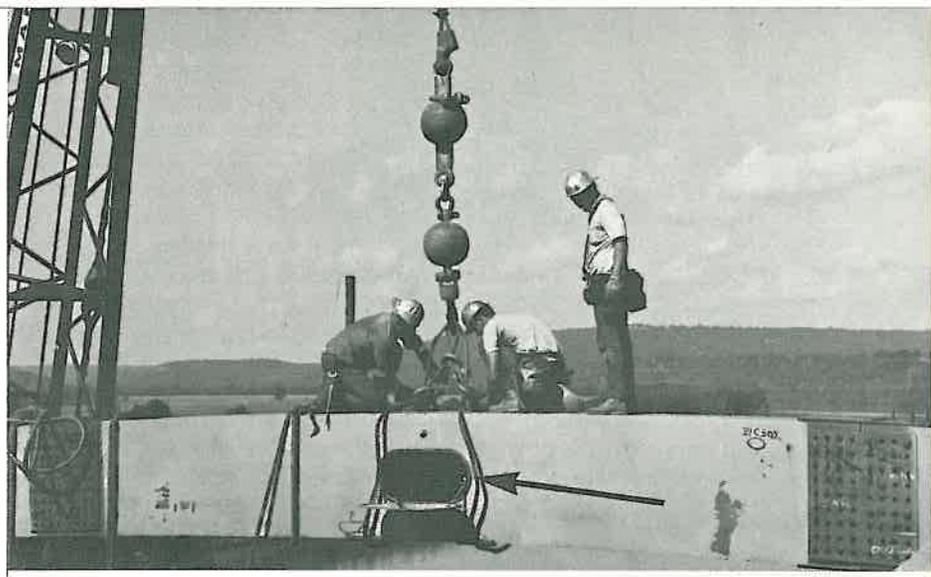


The gap is closed — on one side, that is.

While bridge alterations are in progress the traffic lanes will be temporarily raised to the height of the steel reinforcement shown at left (arrow).

# girdes - Bridges

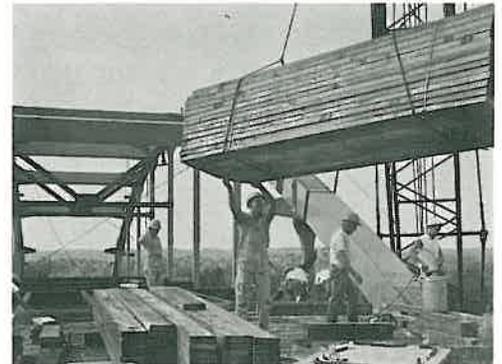
After being set in place, workers make a girder secure. The opening (arrow) is large enough for a man to crawl into and down the length of the girder to see whether bolts are safely installed at either end.



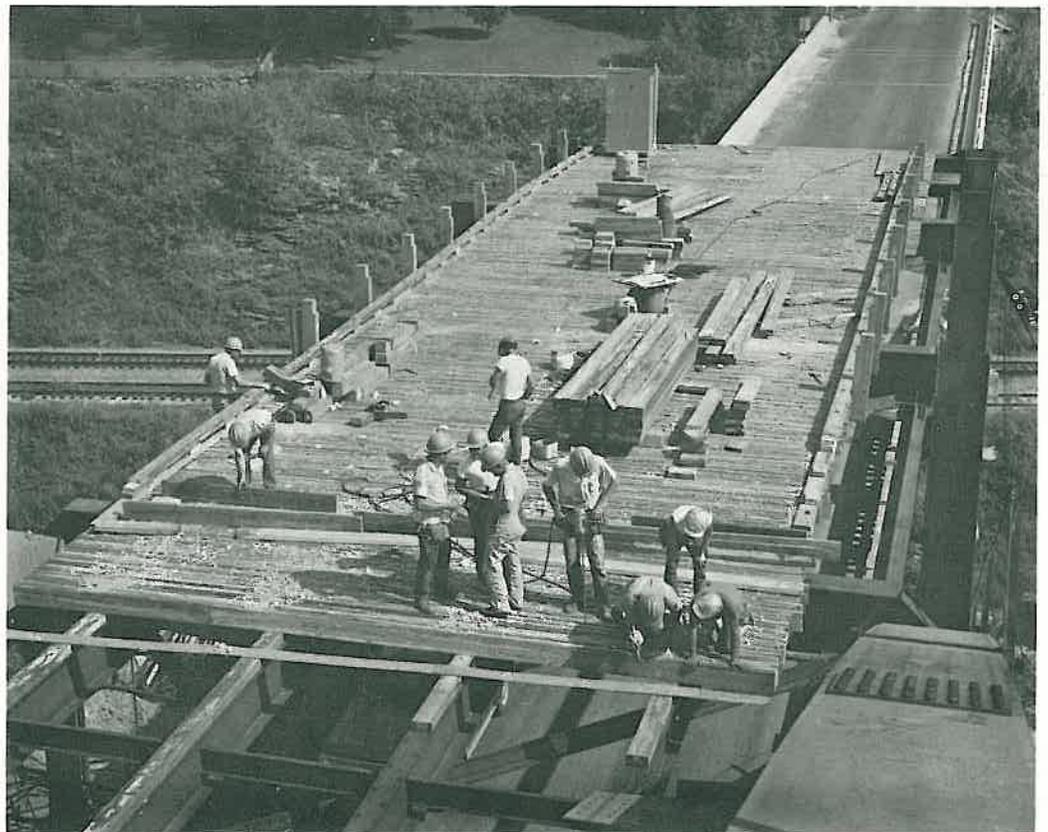
## “Topping Out” Ceremony at Ozark

“Topping out” ceremonies, the traditional way in which the Ironworkers Union denotes completion of their part of a construction job, were held at the Ozark bridge on Highway 23 on August 19. Alterations include the removal of two concrete arch spans for main channel clearance which will be replaced by a steel arch rib and tie girder span, and widening of the entire bridge. The “topping out” tradition evolved from an ancient Scandinavian custom of smearing chicken blood on the ridgepole of a house when it was about to be set in place during construction in order to appease the gods and frighten away evil spirits. Today members of ironworkers unions raise a tree to the roof of a building or a flag to the top of a bridge structure when the final girder of the superstructure is set into place as their expression of good fortune to those who will occupy the building or use the bridge.

Al Johnson Construction Co. of Minneapolis, Minn. has the Ozark contract which was awarded February 22, 1967 for \$2,152,966. Howard, Needles, Tammen and Bergendoff are consultants on the project.



A look at the treetops from the temporary deck shows the skyride atmosphere bridge users will enjoy while work is going on below.



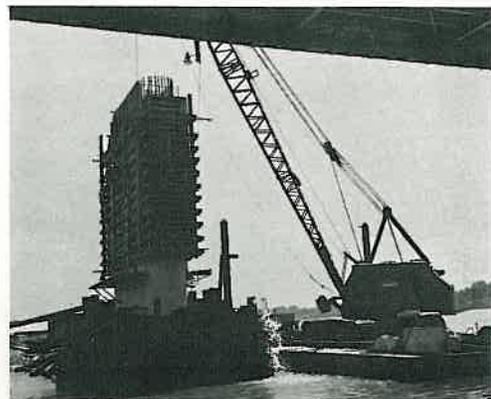
Wooden bridge timbers, laid side by side on their edges, will serve as a temporary deck.



Construction of piers for the new Highway 7 bridge at Dardanelle is under way by Foster & Creighton Co. of Nashville, Tenn. Photo below shows concrete being poured for piers.



Rosiek Construction Co. of Detroit is building the new Highway 9 bridge at Morrilton. (Below) The new bridge is being built just downstream from the present span.



## .... and more Bridges!

The present U. S. 79 bridge across the Arkansas at Pine Bluff, built in 1915, will soon give way to a modernistic structure like the drawing below. Brighton Engineering Co. of Little Rock designed the new bridge. The contract was awarded to San Ore Construction Co. of Houston

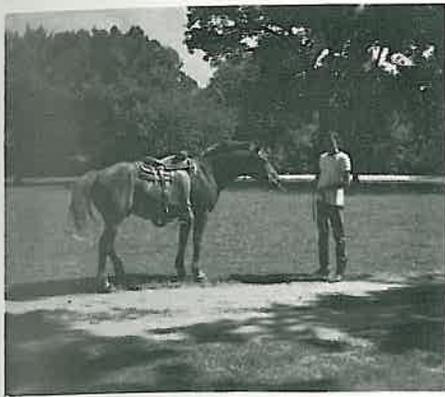


on April 24 of this year. The truss bridge (above) was designed to be a combination rail-highway bridge but the railroad was abandoned in a short time and thereafter it has been used altogether as a traffic bridge. K. F. Tyler of McGehee is the resident engineer for the Highway Department.



## ACCOUNTING DIVISION MILDRED HARNESS

Ken Gower and his wife, Juanita celebrated their 22nd wedding anniversary on September 4. Congratulations and many more of them.



Ronnie Lemmons is sporting a shiny new bright RED Mustang. He is shown above with another of his "hobbies", his quarterhorse, Jody. He will go a quarter of a mile, then stop and lay down, Ronnie says. We don't believe him, though!

Les Perry's family is growing up — his oldest son, Greg is beginning his first year of school at Landmark Elementary.

Mrs. Evelyn Jackley surprised her daughter, Mell Jones, by accompanying Mell's son, Lewis home from California. He will attend Arkansas Tech at Russellville.

Pat Koonce's son, Bob will be attending L.R.U. this year. Pat's brother, Darrell, his wife Ruth and their children visited Pat and her family on August 19, her daughter, Wilma's birthday. Her brother and his family live in Indiana.

Mrs. Diann Pitts, our cashier, is going to be a mother, so we gave her a potluck luncheon on August 24. Mr. McCarthy presented her a gift. On August 29 Sue McKelvey, Ola Hawkins, Alice Harrison and Lynda Winbury were hostesses for a baby shower during the lunch hour. Diann received many nice gifts. The centerpiece was made of tiny blue diapers fastened with gold pins. Chocolate cake and punch were served. Lots of luck, Diann, and come back to see us.

Frank Phillips is back at work after a sick "spell", looking in the pink, and we are so glad to have him back.

Lynda Winbury and Ernestine Tucker (of Weights and Standards) took their first plane trip on a flight to Atlanta, Ga. the weekend of August 23. They had planned so long to go, but sure did get quiet just

before flight time. I have a feeling they could have been talked out of it. However, they said they sure had a good time, you young things!

Don Griffin received his five year service award recently and Lee Wagner made the presentation. Punch and cake was served in his honor. Congratulations, Don.

Frank Scroggins paid us a brief visit not long ago. Sure was good to see him.

Georgia Cottrell's birthday on September 11 was noted with cake, lots of cards and many good wishes.



## BRIDGE DESIGN

BETTY CLAUDE

L. P. Carlson's daughter, Catherine of Huntsville, Ala., made him a proud grandfather for the second time on August 17. A boy, Charlton Kenneth, weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces. Congratulations to all.

We were sorry to say goodbye to Alice Joe on September 16. Alice moved to Memphis to attend MSU School of Engineering to obtain her Masters degree. We wish her the best of luck and hope to see her from time to time.

Frank and Barbara Harrison and two daughters visited "Dogpatch, U.S.A." recently and they were real impressed with the project. Wayne and Kay Major spent a week in El Dorado and guess what Wayne did all week long? *Golf, Golf, and more Golf.*

I received my five year pin from the Department and along with it a beautiful red carnation corsage and a book "Leaves of Gold" from fellow workers, plus a real delicious cake served to all fellow workers on the fifth floor. Needless to say I was pleasantly surprised.

Eddie Williams and Doc Bonner came by to see us and both looked hale and hearty. Eddie was getting ready to make another trip to Florida. He loves that sand and salt water, doesn't he? We are always glad to see our former fellow workers.

It's time to call the hogs again, so let's give them our strong support this year.

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*Dan: "I saw you running to school alongside your bicycle this morning. How come?"*

*Tim: "Well, it was late, and I didn't have time to get on."*



## COMPUTER SERVICES

FAY SULLIVAN

Several of our crew were on vacation this month.

Billie Ratliff and her sister went to Florida for a few days in August.

On her vacation in August, Rita Hardcastle and family went to Gulfport, Miss. for a week. She reported that the scenery there was beautiful, and that it was one of the nicest vacations she had ever had.

Al Comeau was away for two weeks during the latter part of August.

On Labor Day weekend, Suzan Harville and her husband went to Astroworld in Houston, Tex.; and to Hemisfair in San Antonio. While at Hemisfair they visited the Arkansas exhibit there and had some nice things to say about it.

We welcome two new key punch operators to our group. They are Patricia Harness and Bobbie Lee Jackson.



## EQUIPMENT AND CENTRAL SHOP

HINES and LATTURE

The school season has started again. Sue Fuller's daughter, Susan, has begun her first year at Warren Dupree, and Jo Ann Wolfe's daughter, Paula, is also in the first grade at Wakefield. We know they will have a lot of new experiences to tell.

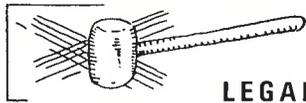
Several in Equipment have enjoyed vacations during the months of August and September. Clyde Holmes was on vacation the first week of September and just enjoyed being home.

Sue Fuller and family were on vacation in August and visited the Astrodome in Houston and the NASA Space Center. They also went to Galveston and saw Marine Land. Sue says they really had a good time but all this ended when they returned home and Susan was bitten by a bear which was caged in a picnic area. Luckily, she was not harmed and only had a tetanus shot.

Jo Ann Wolfe and husband were in Memphis, Tenn. the weekend of August 24, where they attended the wedding of a cousin, Barbara Farris. Jo Ann's six year-old daughter was a flower girl.

This reporter and family recently drove to Shreveport, La. over the weekend to

see the new baby in our family. My brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Judy Bradford, are the proud parents of a daughter, Melonee Elaine, born August 22, at Doctors Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds 1 ounce, and we must admit she is a real cutie.



## LEGAL DIVISION

JOYCE PORTER

Ethyl Harrison had an unexpected and uninvited visitor at her home one day while at work. Someone entered and ransacked her house. They didn't take anything but sure left it in a mess with all the drawers turned out on the floor.

Condolences to the family of W. D. Kelly on the death of his mother, Mrs. Mary Ever Kelly of Stamps.

My sister-in-law, Wanda Porter of Jerusalem, Ark. was married to Jimmy Austin of Morrilton on August 21 at the home of Rev. John Simpson in Morrilton. Wanda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loy E. Porter of Jerusalem and Jimmy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Austin of Morrilton. He works out of the District 8 office. After a short honeymoon at Bull Shoals they will be at home in Morrilton.

**BIRTHDAYS for September:** Phil Gowen, Jimmy Dowell and George Green.

Our sympathies to the family of Hazel Carraro on the death of her uncle, Lee Sayre of Stuttgart.



Left to right - Kelly, Keys and Schmidt

We had a three-way birthday party for Thomas Keys, W. D. Kelly and Herman Schmidt whose birthdays were all on August 11. Cookies and punch was served. As it turned out it was actually a four way party. Mr. Keys gave me my five year pin and certificate. I sure am proud of it.

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*A typical Miss America is a girl old-fashioned enough to be afraid of a mouse, but modern enough to handle a wolf.*



## MAINTENANCE



SHIRLEY DUNEGAN

Well, summer vacation is over and school has started with fall and winter activities beginning to fall into place. I noticed signs up in the elevators about the bowling leagues forming, also football practice has started which means chilly weather is not far off, putting an end to the gorgeous summer sports. Everyone sporting a fading suntan, dry peeling skin, unruly hair and sore muscles is looking forward to a period of recuperation and adjustment for the up-coming season.

Almost everyone's vacation is over, with yours truly being one of the last with a wonderful week at Galveston, Tex. and Six Flags. We went deep-sea fishing two days and really caught a large number and variety of fish. (*I've the movies to prove it.*)

Maint. Engr. Jim Lowder attended a Landslide Seminar at the University of Tenn. in Knoxville the 17th of September.

Jimmie Farnam has let her oldest son Tony leave the nest, sending him off to his first year of school on the bus. This is a very sentimental experience but we all survive, Jimmie.

Communications Supvr. Clarence Page spent four days in Indianapolis, Ind. attending an AASHO Communications workshop.

A birthday party was held in the Maintenance office for those who had birthdays in August. Those celebrating with cake and coffee were Gerald Sisk, J. C. Perkins, J. M. Smith (*Smitty*), Jim Francis and Raymond Holland of Roadside Development.

Bennie Robbins and her family attended the annual Prison Rodeo at McAllister, Okla. for a rather unusual and enjoyable experience.

Raymond Behrens of Roadside Development and his family recently motored to Corpus Christi, Tex. for a week of vacation.

Chuck Stewart, one of our radio technicians, will be leaving us the 15th to attend school full time at the University in pursuit of his Engineering degree. Chuck has been with us since 1966 and we all wish him the best of luck.

*Bye now!*

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*Salesman: "Are you sure your boss isn't in his office?"*

*Secretary: "Are you doubting his word?"*



## MATERIALS & TESTS

SIBYL MADDOX

The piped in music was extended to our building recently and it is *so-o* enjoyable.

Congratulations are in order for Jim Brewster and me. We received our five year certificates and pins in September. Raybon E. Camp received one for 10 years.

Our seven summer employes have resigned and returned to the halls of learning. We enjoyed having them with us this year.

We are glad to report that James Taylor of Walnut Ridge is able to be back at work after being hospitalized at Memphis and Jonesboro recently.

Edwin A. Wilkinson is back at work after recuperation from a heart attack last March. Glad to have you back at work, "Sonny".

James E. Garner and James L. Owens are to be congratulated for having been recently certified as Senior Engineering Technicians by ICET.

Our Division was saddened by the death of co-worker R. M. Newsom who passed away August 16.



## PERSONNEL

DOROTHY LEHMAN

In June Jackie Wallace had to take a trip to Heber Springs for an unhappy occasion, the funeral of her sister's father-in-law, Mr. Tom Gregory.

During July Shirley Bain vacationed in Odessa, Tex. with her brother and his family. Angela had traveled out a week before to enjoy a visit with her cousins. Then all of them drove to Bodcaw, Ark. for a reunion with Shirley's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Whitten. It had to be a happy occasion, for it was the first time in about eight years that Shirley, her two sisters and brother had been together with their parents.

Miss Laura Newsham, here from Durham, N.C., enjoyed her stay with Frank and Ceil and we had the privilege of meeting her. Frank's sister is a major in the Salvation Army and head of the Salvation Home and Hospital there in Durham.

Frank and Ceil have had family and house guests just about all summer. Deanie and Pete Snider and children Russ, Liz, and Sandy were here from Lincoln, Neb. for two weeks. Deanie is the oldest of the Newsham's three daughters. Frank and his son-in-law got in rounds of golf and their share of fishing too. Laura Malat, their daughter from Menomonie, Wisc. is "banking" on spending Christmas here with her parents. Now don't laugh, it won't be long before we'll be counting off those days, eh, Jackie?

Denise and Ben McCool have been doing a good bit of fishing this summer and Denise has been bowling through the summer. Her team tied for first place with another team and in the roll-off Denise's team lost by only seven pins. However, they still ended up in the money. I think April Ray and Shelia Wetherington were spectators a time or so when Denise bowled.

We have enjoyed April and Shelia so much this summer and we really hate to see April leave for college days at State College of Arkansas in Conway. She is majoring in physical education.

Shelia has been working in several different departments this summer, which has been an interesting change for her.

This reporter had the vacation to top all vacations for some time, a trip to Las Vegas! Route 66 from Amarillo made an easy trip and the weather was ideal. Tucumcari, Gallup, Old Town in Albuquerque, Hoover Dam and then Las Vegas was the icing on the cake! For me, the shows were the highlights — Vic Damone, Patti Page, Rusty Warren and Barbara Eden were my favorites. Friends had told me about the fantastically lighted signs but seeing was believing.

August found Jackie Wallace at Calico Rock in northeast Arkansas. This is a favorite spot of many and especially known for rainbow trout fishing.

August 15 was a red-letter day for Tim Daley when he was honorably discharged from the Army. Tim is Sib Cox's son-in-law and is now with the Little Rock Fire Department.

Recently Sibble had an opportunity to visit Dora and Floyd Davis in Hot Springs where a weekend of fishing was enjoyed. Dora worked in Maintenance several years ago but since retiring, the Davises have lived on Lake Hamilton. They have a son, Gary, a musically talented young man, who is a student at Hendrix College.

We want to take this opportunity to announce the arrival of Tommy Ray Hart-

ley, Jr., 7 pound 10½ ounce son born to Marie and Tommy Hartley on Tuesday, August 27 at 12:55 p.m. at St. Vincent Infirmary. Marie and Tommy's new address is 7325 Mabelvale Pike in case any of you would like to send best wishes to the new parents.

Johnny and Mitch Greenlee left about the middle of August for Waverly, Tenn. for a visit with their grandmother, Mrs. Beulah Hooper. Over the Labor Day weekend Gerald and Jane drove to Waverly and after a visit with Jane's family and "Mammy" (Mrs. Sadie Stribling), Jane's grandmother, they were back home for the opening day of school.

Ron, my son, really will be missed when he leaves for Arkansas State University in Jonesboro. He has transferred from the University of Arkansas and will be a junior this year. Shirley, Jane and I rather dread getting back into the routine of school schedule. But the youngsters are surely ready, so I guess we better get set, too!



My apologies to Chester Willis for having forgotten to mention last month that he had received his 15-year Certificate of Service Award. We hope he will accept our apologies and belated congratulations. Members of his Section served cake and coffee to everyone who dropped in. Chester is one of our faithful fieldmen.



Willis receives award from L. R. Jester

Ruby Crouse, Ernestine Tucker, and Lynda Winbury flew to Atlanta, Ga. via a Delta jet. Ruby's husband, Billy Ray, was there attending a two-week school in conjunction with his new job. They saw all the sights and ate in some fancy restaurants and really sounded as if they had a good time.

Genny Gunn and Bob West were married August 25 in a North Little Rock Church. The girls gave Genny a gadget shower before her retirement to a housewife's position in St. Louis, Mo. Libby Brockinton provided cake for the occasion. Our best wishes to them.

Fernie and Jim Speights took a day recently to drive to Cave City to see, and let Shane see, his relatives. Shane is their white toy poodle (*does she know that that dog is a dog??*) and they were curious about his ancestors. The entire trip was a disaster — Shane was sick all the way and his relatives were unpleasant.

Archie Wyatt has had surgery. Chester Willis, Carl Bratcher, and Graham Noble have been sick also. We are glad that they are all doing fine.

The Bart Bartholets have adopted a son, Walter Allen, who was a week old when he arrived at their home.

Except for Pat Hicks, our summer help has "retired" and they are probably enroute to college. We will miss all of them but especially Pat who brought such delicious cakes.

The Highway Department's Invitational Four-Ball Golf Tournament officially got underway on September 1 at War Memorial Golf Course. Charlie Rain had quite a thrill when he scored a hole-in-one during a practice round. There are 17 teams entered in this tournament.

W. K. Bartleson has retired because of his health. Bart's retirement leaves a gap around here. To say that he will be missed by his fellow workers is an understatement. We hope that he will come to see us when he can.

Howard Snow spent two weeks in Charleston, S.C. on active duty with his Naval Reserve Unit. In spite of the hot weather, he had an enjoyable time fulfilling his two-week active duty obligation.

Martha Cushing brought her pretty daughter, Charlotte by one day recently. She is a sweet young lady with long, curly hair.

The Vandenberg's daughter and grandson, Ann and Scott Colvert from Port Arthur, Texas, visited them recently. They came out to the office with Mrs. Vandenberg and 2½-year-old Scott charmed everyone. He is indeed a fine youngster.

Carrol McChesney's mother- and father-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Winters from Monrovia, Liberia, Africa, recently visited here. The Winterses are in Africa on temporary assignment with a construction company.

Welcome back to Bob Faulkner who has been attending Texas A & M, obtain-

ing a Master's degree in Traffic Engineering. His family has increased to four by the addition of an apricot poodle. Wonder what his German shepherd thought about that?

Jim and Jan Barnett have moved into a new home in Leawood Heights.

A visit from Charles Frazier, formerly an artist in our Mapping Section, was of interest to all who worked here then. He now works for the Kentucky State Education Department and lives in Franklin, Ky.

**Vacationing:** Dave Conner spent his time just enjoying central Arkansas. Bob Kessinger and family visited points of interest in Texas. Wilbert Chapman and his family flew to San Antonio and visited Hemisfair. Lee Gibbons and his family spent some time at Astroworld in Houston. Brenda and Paul Kirkpatrick enjoyed their trip to Six Flags.

Don Mount was finally able to take time away from his retirement rocking chair to visit with us. He says he loves his new routine and looks as though it is really agreeing with him.

Bill Headrick is attempting to make a batch of muscadine "champagne." He is really only certain that one thing will result from his efforts with muscadines — jelly. How about a batch for our Christmas party — champagne, that is??



M. L. Beckett presents certificate to Sue.

Sue Walls was presented her five year certificate of service award by her boss, M. L. Beckett. Sue handles map sales and looks after our mail.

Larry Johnson returned from his vacation to Canada and points of interest along the way, such as Washington, D.C. and Niagara Falls. His mother and father, Marcia and daughters drove over 3,000 miles in a truck-camper. They must have had a great time.

Former employe Bill Smith came by to see us. He now lives in Dallas, Texas,

where he will no doubt see the Dallas Cowboys' games frequently. We certainly enjoyed visiting with him.

Henry Mercer's daughter made him a grandfather with the arrival of a baby boy on September 6.



#### ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

Gip and Patsy Robertson entertained the Section with a fish fry-swimming party at their lake. The food was delicious and the children really enjoyed the swimming.

A. C. Ledbetter and family went to Dogpatch and Eureka Springs. The children had a very nice time dragging Daddy and Mother around Dogpatch.

Gip and A. C. are both driving new Fords. Gip's is a yellow Fairlane 500 station wagon. A. C.'s is a blue Galaxie 500.

Retha Griffin recently moved into a new apartment. She says moving is strictly man's work — too much for a woman.

Kay and Doyle Jones spent the Labor Day weekend visiting friends in Houston, Texas. They spent one day at Astroworld and had a great time.

#### APPRAISAL SECTION



Merritt, left, and Hooten.

We offer our most sincere congratulations to J. C. Merritt upon being transferred to Acquisition. He has worked in Appraisal 10 years as appraiser, reviewer, and assistant chief appraiser. We, in Appraisal, certainly miss J. C. but we're very proud for him. The section surprised him with a party on August 16 with a decorated cake and punch. Herbert Hooten, Chief of Appraisal, presented J. C. with a desk lighter from the section and also another gift, which will just have to be described here as "quite humorous." J. C.'s

pretty wife, Avanelle, attended the party and we all enjoyed visiting with her again.

Evalena Squires, who had been with AHD 10 years, resigned August 23 to be a full time housewife. Evalena and Joe's little girl, Shannon, will be starting to school in September. The girls in Right of Way treated Evalena to lunch Friday and presented her a pretty pair of Capri pants and matching blouse. The section surprised her with a party Friday afternoon. Cake and punch was served. Herbert Hooten presented Evalena with a plaque in the shape of the state, with her name, dates of service and each employe's initials engraved. She was also presented a pair of lovely blue pajamas.

#### ENGINEERING SECTION



Janie Keehn

Carl Keehn's wife Janie was honored at the Second Annual Boss Night Dinner of the Pearl Charter Chapter of the American Business Woman's Association at the Arkansas Arts Center on August 10 by being selected as Boss of the Year.

Joe Purcell, Arkansas Attorney General, was guest speaker at the annual affair. His speech on "The Rule of Law" was very enthusiastically received by the guests.

Carl and Janie were guests of Mrs. Ruby Verdock, who was also honored by being selected as Woman of the Year by the Chapter. Mrs. Verdock and Janie are employes of the Corps of Engineers, Janie being Chief of the Cadastral Section, Real Estate Division.

There were several vacationers in our Section during the month of August and first part of September. They are Carl Keehn, Fred Williams, Ellen Gross, Shirley Childress, Bill Courtney and Ted Mitchell.

Fred Williams and wife Nina had to postpone their vacation a few days be-

cause their youngest son, Kyle came down with the mumps but when they finally got away they had a real nice vacation. They visited Dogpatch and Silver Dollar City both in the same day, then went to Prescott the next day where they camped on Lake Greeson for two days with Nina's family. Fred reports they had a lot of fun swimming and water skiing.

Ellen Gross took a few days off to get her oldest son Jimmy started to school. This is his first year.

Shirley Childress and family made a five day trip to Gulfport, Miss. September 15, visiting friends and sight-seeing.

Carl Keehn and wife Janie made a trip to Wisconsin the first week in September to visit Carl's mother and father.

Bill Courtney took a week off and spent it with his daughter here on vacation from Texas City, Texas.

Ted Mitchell, at this writing, is in Palm Beach, Fla., *lucky dog*.

Our sympathies to Ellen and Roger Gross in the loss of Ellen's grandmother, Mrs. Bronnie Hale, September 7 at Little Rock. Funeral services were held September 9 at Ruebel Funeral Home.

#### UTILITIES SECTION



Glenda Brown

Glenda Brown, who has been a member of our group for over a year, has accepted a position with the Arkansas Publicity and Parks Commission and began her tour of duty on August 15. She left immediately for San Antonio where she will be an Arkansas representative (along with three other girls) at the Hemisfair. Her duties will include greeting visitors, telling them about Arkansas' attractions and opportunities and answering questions about the state.

After October 6, Glenda will work in the Commission's office at the State Capitol until January 1969, when she will begin traveling to the various tourist and travel shows over the United States. These shows are usually held in the seven

states most heavily visited by tourists, of which Arkansas is one.

The Right of Way girls treated her to lunch in the cafeteria on her last day of service, August 14 and presented her an engraved gold charm in the shape of Arkansas.

Later that same day, our section had a small party in her honor and she received a floral print weekend bag presented by Frank Wiggins. We figured she would need it in her travels. The party turned out to be a gay affair with different ones dropping in to bid Glenda farewell. We all hated to see her go but realize that her new position will be one that will offer an opportunity not only to travel but to meet all types of people. Her winning personality will make her a very good representative for our state.



Shelia Wetherington

Shelia Wetherington transferred to our section from the Personnel Division to take Glenda's place. Shelia started to work for the Department June 7, and until being permanently assigned to Utilities, had worked in several different offices. Therefore, she is well known around the building.

Shelia is well qualified since she has completed a two year secretarial course at Henderson State College in her hometown of Arkadelphia. Prior to that she had completed a cosmetology course and worked as a beautician. So we not only have a new secretary but our own beautician as well. If we can't keep Shelia busy typing and filing, maybe we can coax her into a little hair styling.

Single guys, *beware!* This girl is unattached and on the prowl. One of you may be her next conquest.

Frank Wiggins just recently purchased a self-contained, 18-foot travel trailer which will sleep five people. On two different weekends he and his family went

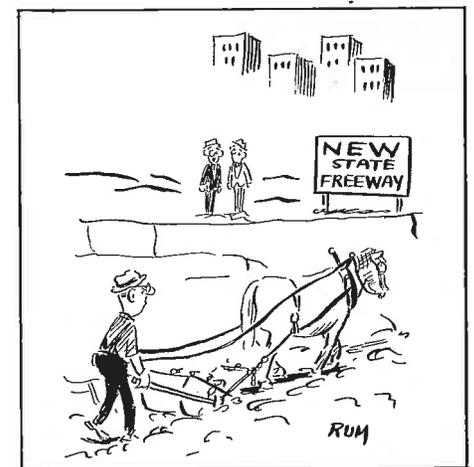
to Greers Ferry and in the months ahead, we will probably be reporting more of their weekend trips.



Darryl Thacker

Marilyn Thacker brought little Darryl, one month old, by to visit us one afternoon. Papa Doug had been telling us that Darryl favored him — why he thinks that we'll never know. Darryl is a fine looking little boy. We all enjoyed visiting with Marilyn and seeing the baby.

**Labor Day highlights:** B. A. Van Patten and family and Frank Wiggins and family enjoyed the pleasures that the Greers Ferry area has to offer; Jim and Wynona Bartlett visited his father in Appleton; James Burge and family had visitors from St. Louis; Carl Petz went dove hunting; George Ivey and family visited in Florence, Ala.; Marvin Cazer stayed home; Doug Thacker worked all weekend and Shelia Wetherington visited her folks in Arkadelphia.



"Says he got the contract in 1916 with no completion date."



## ROADWAY DESIGN

### VIRGINIA NEIGHBORS

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Glenn Trammel who is recuperating from surgery. He is at home now and feeling better so maybe it won't be too long until he will be able to rejoin us. At least, we hope so because we miss him.

Stephanie Butler, Richard and Beth's little girl, suffered burns on her hand recently when she fell into the camp fire while they were camping at Greers Ferry. Her hand is much better now.

The Paul Haydons vacationed in Bruton, Ala. for a few days the earlier part of September.

Frank and I drove to Dallas, Texas the Labor Day weekend and visited his sister, Mrs. Lucille Irwin.



Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Martin

Miss Jeannette Pulliam and Ronald Scott Martin were married August 28 in St. Andrews Presbyterian Church of Little Rock. Rev. James Daughdrill performed the ceremony. Miss Pulliam is the daughter of Fred Pulliam, one of the squad leaders in Roadway Design, and the late Mrs. Pulliam.

A reception was held at the Lamplighter Restaurant of Heritage House Motel. After a honeymoon they are now at home at 6600 Lancaster Road.

Since I always give our bowling team such a hard way to go when they are losing, I feel that it is only fair that I brag on them for a change. They started the bowling league off with a bang by winning all four games the first night, so even if it is for only one week, we have the NO. 1 bowling team in the Highway

League! Keep up the good work, guys. This year our members are: Brooks Nichols, Bill Hurt, Bob Mize, Paul Haydon, Richard Butler, Rick Henrikson and Jim Trost.



## SECONDARY ROADS

BARBARA OLDHAM

We are happy to have Lindsey Bellomy back with the working crew. Lindsey recently was away due to illness but is back now and going strong.

Everyone seems to be interested in either golf or bowling. I don't know what has happened to their interest in girls. Most of the golf is played at War Memorial Golf Course and most of the bowling is performed at Pleasure Lanes. John Adams is the bowling league secretary this year and Max Hall is the vice president. We are proud of both of them. You know it is just like the male, they golf or bowl, come rain, sleet or snow.

We want to extend to our former boss, John Tallant, congratulations again on his promotion to District 3 Engineer at Hope. We hear that he was honored with a birthday party the second day on his new job.



Secondary Roads employees at going-away party for boss John Tallant: Front row, left to right, John Adams, LeRoy McLain, Ronald Brown, Jerry Bobeck and Charles

A party was given in our Division on Friday, August 30, to give Mr. "T" a send-off to his new job. Mr. Tallant's wife, Lucille and daughter Kay attended the party and Mrs. Mary Hall and Mrs. Mary Teasdale helped with the serving. Mr. Tallant received a rod and reel and some cute little flies to use in the spare time he will have as District Engineer.



Max Hall (right) holds the box while John Tallant looks over his gift fishing rod.

Football season is here again. *Yea!* Go out and support our Razorbacks and of course we must let out a good "Woo-Pig-Sooie" for luck. Bye 'til next time.

Rain. Back row, Max Hall, Marvin Griffin, Tallant, Jack Teasdale, Lindsey Bellomy, Melvin Hall, Jim Waddle, Don Potter and Barbara Oldham.

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*Chaos changed to quiet when the next-door neighbors, a family of nine, went on their vacation. A few days after they left, the stay-at-home neighbors received a colorful picture postcard asking, "How are you enjoying our vacation?"*

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*Three-year-old Dick did not like soap and water. One day his mother was trying to reason with him. "Surely you want to be a clean little boy, don't you?"*

*"Yes," tearfully agreed Dick, "but can't you just dust me?"*



## DISTRICT



JANET McELDUFF

Well, gosh, we've had vacations, trips, tall fishing tales, and somehow I missed reporting John Henry Andrews and his family going down on the coast, all the way to Palm Beach, seeing the ocean for the first time, visiting Governor Wallace's grave, as well as Hank Williams', then driving back up through Mississippi and seeing family on the way. Sounded like an interesting trip. Then, Howard Johnson took his family up through the Smokies for a long weekend, and we didn't get that in either . . . we envy you both your vacations! And the boss, Charlie Matthews, and Hazel and Mot, along with another daughter, Nancy and family from Camden, all journeyed to the Astrodome for a weekend of ballgames, and that sure sounded like fun. Oh, and Tippy Wilkins, to Williamsburg and Nags Head and all the wonderful places to and from, and good food, good food!

For other recent news, Floyd Harrell of Wynne married this summer to Miss Faye Small of Norfolk, and looks happy, happy. Lewis Carter, Woodruff County area foreman, was all smiles over the birth of a little daughter, Mary Diane, at the Cross County Hospital. Mary Diane weighed 10 pounds and 11 ounces, and her daddy is *SO-O* proud of her. No more proud than Tex Lewis of his grandson, Anthony Lee Patterson. We've had one picture of this little feller, but Tex says this is the youngest fisherman in Arkansas and we can't help but agree.



"Now, if I can just find that bait can . . ."

This summer's service awards include quite a few "Oldies" and we're proud to list the following: For 20 years' service

we have Erby Melton; for 15 years, T. A. Fiser, Jr., Oscar Sutherland, Jack Lindley, C. D. Simpson and Wm. L. Moore; for 10 years' service, Virgil Parr, L. D. Crye, and C. W. George; and for 5 years, L. F. Baskins, W. W. Doss, and Evelyn F. Wilkins (*that's Tippy*).

And that's about all the summer news. It was here and then suddenly it was gone . . . just yesterday our girls descended on us with all the junk that two college gals can accumulate. I've raised Cain all summer about getting it put away, but yesterday it was all gone again, much of it never unpacked . . . they were smarter than I. Janet, the oldest, happy and excited over being a senior, back to SCA to room with her good friend Janis McSpadden, a summer AHD employe in Batesville . . . and Ellen, in her second year and leaving early to be a counselor at Southwestern, equally happy and excited . . . do you detect a tear in ol' mama's eye? I don't think I will fuss at all next summer when they come piling in!

Yawl come . . . pretty soon we can zip from L. R. to Memphis on I-40, and then you'll have no excuse at all!



## DISTRICT



SHARON BAILEY

**Sad, sad** are we for having lost our boss, Bob Mattox. Everyone down here hated to see him leave but we are happy that he did get a nice promotion and to be sure, a much prettier place in which to work. We were lucky though and got John Tallant for our new boss, and from what I have heard via the grapevine, he's really a nice guy. At this writing he has been here a week and I have decided the grapevine was right for a change. I really have an inferiority complex though, since this is my third District Engineer in 3½ years with the Department. People are beginning to wonder what's wrong with me and so am I.

We had a dinner for Mr. Mattox at the Town and Country Restaurant in Hope, Thursday, August 29, with 47 of our employes attending. Mr. Tallant and his lovely wife and daughter attended, so it was also a get-acquainted dinner. We were sorry that Mrs. Mattox and the boys couldn't come but they were tied up with moving and couldn't make it back down here. We were happy to have Judge Stokes from Pike County, too. Everyone went through the buffet and after eating to capacity, we were enter-

tained by Mr. Mattox and Mr. Tallant. Ted Maryman, the master of ceremonies, made a lovely speech and presented a box of golf balls and a pair of golf shoes to Mr. Mattox; but, the two bosses really stole the show. Cool, calm Mr. Mattox just wasn't — but we attributed this to his being under such a strain in getting everything lined up in the office and then moving his family in time for school. Mr. Tallant was thoroughly entertaining, and revealed a real flair for speaking. He can expect to be called upon often to "*say a few words*" anytime an opportunity presents itself.

Friday, August 30, coffee and doughnuts were served to the office employes for a small farewell get-together for Mr. Mattox and Betty Penny. She and her family are moving to Ashdown where her husband is now employed. Betty was our fuel clerk for three years and had just returned to work after being on maternity leave. A permanent flower arrangement of yellow roses was given her. We all wish them the best of luck and know she will enjoy being home with the new baby and their older son, Clay.

Wednesday, August 4, was Mr. Tallant's birthday so we had a surprise birthday cake for him. At least, it was supposed to be a surprise but one of our visitors at the time saw us preparing for it and let the cat out of the bag before we were ready. We'll forgive him though — at least the cake was delicious and the fellowship good.

Now with all the parties we had, you would think that someone would have thought about taking some pictures — but — not a one was taken. I guess we might as well face the fact that there just aren't any camera bugs around here.

Don Teague, who is 23, single and lives at Buckner, was hired to take over the job of fuel clerk. We hardly ever see him since he is so busy learning his new work in the back office. However, we want him to know that we are glad to have him with us.

Congratulations go to those who received service awards: Melvin Wylie, Oscar Mitchell, Woodrow Brown and William Aylett, 15 yrs.; Clifton Sharp and Thomas Earl Hampton, 10 yrs.; and Douglas Waters and James Karnowski, 5 yrs.

Those hospitalized that I know of were Eldrege Lee and Pierre Malardier who are now back at work and Clyde Tullis who is at home and on his way to a full recovery. Tim Maroon from Hope, one of our NYC Boys, sustained a cut leg from a

power saw while helping hold back some tree limbs. At last report he was doing fine even though he couldn't come back to work this summer.



## DISTRICT



### BURNHAM & CAMPBELL

Service awards were presented the following employes at Arkadelphia: John Wright Helms, patrol operator, 20 yrs., Clarence Walton McCaskill, Edward Pullen Carter, mower operators, and Johnnie James Bradshaw, truck driver, 5 yrs. Patrol Operator John Wesley Glass, Jr. of Magnolia received a 10 yr. award and Earnest Ponder, bridge carpenter at Camden, completed 5 years.

Carolyn Milner attended the wedding of her niece, Jean White to Ronald Vice, an event of August 22 at Calvary Presbyterian Church in Dallas.

Mark Campbell, 6 yr. old son of District Engineer Coy Campbell, underwent surgery at the Wadley Hospital in Texarkana on August 12. We are happy Mark is now home and improving steadily.



Master Jeff Caudle

We would like for you to meet Master Jeff Caudle, the only grandchild of Sam and Dortha Huckabee. Sam is our office manager. Jeff is 5½ months old and as you can see from the picture, a real charmer. He was born here at Hope but the Caudles have since moved to Las Cruces, N. Mex., much to the Huckabees' dismay. I'm sure that many a trip to that city is being planned for the future.

That's all the news for now. I sure hope I hear from you all in District 3 – surely some of you were lucky and got to take nice vacations, had a wedding or had an addition to the family. I can use all the help I can get, so how about it?



Mark Campbell

We are glad to have Engineering Aide E. A. Beasley back at work after having been hospitalized at Fayetteville a couple of weeks. We hope this will be your last trip, Eddie.

John Russ, husband of Mildred Russ our fuel clerk, has given us a beautiful pastel of magnolia blossoms. John is a very talented artist and the picture is quite attractive in our business office. Many thanks to you, John.

Sula and Harlan Burnham are taking their daughter, Susan, to Fayetteville where she is a senior at the University

majoring in Spanish and minoring in English. The Burnhams have had as their guest, Tom McDonough of Irving, N.J. He has just returned from 18 months duty in the Phillipines and Korea.

Birdie Guesner, wife of Richard Guesner, heavy truck driver, is convalescing at home after an extended stay in St. Vincent Infirmary in Little Rock.

Norman and Bobbie Pumphrey and family spent their vacation in Houston, visiting the Astrodome and Astroworld. Charles and Opal Rampley and family also vacationed in Houston. Mary Nell & Joe Carlson and family visited relatives in Kenosha, Wisc.

Jesse and Birdie Parker and daughter had a nice vacation, visiting the Gila Indian Ruins in New Mexico and the Meteor Crater in Arizona. After visiting relatives near Los Angeles they picked up their son at the Navy Base in San Diego and toured the White Sands Monument in New Mexico before returning home. Kenneth Carl Parker, fireman apprentice with U.S.N., is on a short leave and will be stationed at the Great Lakes Training Center in Illinois for a six weeks course.

Ralph and Mamie Toward vacationed in San Antonio where they visited the Hemisfair and the Alamo. But those were side trips. The real highlight of their trip was a visit with their son, Ed and his family where they made the acquaintance of a new granddaughter, Tina Louise. Ed and his wife also have a son, Ed, Jr.,

We have several happy and excited first graders this year: Denita Hollis, daughter of Larry Hollis; Lisa Castleberry, daughter of Harry Castleberry; Mark Campbell, son of Coy Campbell; Trent Sneed, son of Gerald Sneed and Bill Campbell, son of Althea Campbell. Their experiences are innumerable.

Mary Lane's daughter, Sherry, is working after school and weekends as a nurses' aide at the Ouachita Hospital in Camden. Sherry is an ambitious senior at Camden High School and is considering a career in nursing.

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*A lovely young model was looking very glum. "What's the matter, Joan?" asked the photographer.*

*"It's my boyfriend," Joan explained. "He's lost all his money."*

*"Ah," the photographer was sympathetic, "and I'll bet you're sorry for him."*

*"Yes," said the model wistfully. "He'll miss me."*



"Watch that backlash, Charlie."



## DISTRICT



SHIRLEY MORTON

M & T assistant J. L. Owens is nursing a badly bruised left hand caused by an accident at his farm. Luckily no bones were broken but we know it has been very painful.

J. M. Tate, Area Foreman of Marion County, is back on the job after surgery and several days' confinement in the Boone County Hospital.

V. O. "Jim" Selby, resident engineer at Fayetteville, took a few days' leave to accompany his family to Six Flags and other places of interest in Texas and Oklahoma.

Audrey Andrews, clerk at Springdale, enjoyed several days' vacation in August. Ray Duffy and family motored to Lawrence, Kan. recently for a weekend visit with relatives.

Edris Braswell was on vacation the first week in September. She also celebrated her birthday and that of her baby daughter, Carol, who was one year old on September 6.

Jeff and Bea Davis attended an evening meeting of their chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star at Rogers. Jeff spoke at the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Davenport announce the arrival of a baby boy, Tony Ray, who was born July 22 at a Yellville Hospital. Congratulations to the Davenport family!

Edwina Fleshman brought her baby son, Mervin Clarke, by the office one afternoon for his first visit with us. We all agreed he is a little doll!

Ruben Hurst and crew at Martin's Ferry at Norfolk, assisted by the Little Rock Bridge Crew, are busy moving the ferry and making repairs to provide better ferry service.

Service awards were presented in September to Marion Downs who has completed 15 years with the Department. Five-year service awards went to Donald Joe Creech and Duwayne B. Reed. Congratulations, fellas!

Try this one . . .

*It's funny but it works. Take your house number and double it. Add 5, then multiply by half a hundred. Add your age, then add the number of days in a year (not a leap year), and subtract 615. The last two figures will be your age; the others will be your house number.*

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ISABELLE PSALMONDS

Those who received service award certificates in September are Eddie Smith, patrol operator at Walnut Ridge, 20 years; Maint. Supt. John H. Sanders, 15 years; Job Supt. Rex L. Hall, 10 years; Billy W. Arnold, bridge carpenter; Richard V. Hays, Engrng. Aide IIB; Lester S. Wycoff, Engrng. Aide IIB; and Robert W. Thurman, tractor operator, all of Paragould, 5 years. *Congratulations!*



Dist. Engr. Sam Smith presents certificate to White.

Job Supt. W. L. "Buck" White received his 20 year pin in August and on the 15th, when the Area Foremen and Job Superintendents came in with their payrolls, there was cake and coffee to help Mr. White celebrate. We were glad to have Gerald Sisk from the Little Rock Maintenance Office and Larry Gaines, a new engineering employe presently in the Department orientation program, visit us on that day too. It was good to see Mr. Sisk again and to meet Mr. Gaines.



"Buck" cuts his cake.

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*Before criticizing your wife's faults, remember that it may have been those very defects which prevented her from catching a better husband.*



Smith, White, Sisk and Gaines.

Sandra Denise Pillow, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. "Babe" Pillow, made her appearance on August 3. Congratulations! Babe, Greene County area foreman, says sister Penny is real happy.

The vacation season is over and school is the order of the day. New first graders are Matthew Troxel, son of June, stock clerk; Selena Gregory, daughter of Carolyn, fuel clerk; and Chris Carlile, son of JoAnn, radio operator. The experiences of these first graders make our coffee breaks much more interesting.

District Engineer Sam Smith's son, David, broke his left little finger while playing football with his dad. Hope it heals quickly, David.

Mary Herndon, editor of this Magazine, and her husband came by the District office on August 30. We were glad for the opportunity to meet you, Mary, and say "Welcome" and "Come Again." We invite any of you to come see us.

Dist. Maint. Supt. John Sanders took a few days off and went on a White River float trip. He says the fish they caught were small but there was lots of them and they had a great time.



*You better have that motor checked - it keeps making sounds like a policeman's whistle.*



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*Where is it?*



**LAST MONTH'S WHERE IS IT** was Sugar Loaf Mountain as seen from Greer's Ferry Lake. It was identified by two people, Pat Koonce of Accounting and John Hicks of Roadway Design.

