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PICTURE OF THE MONTH



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PICTURE OF THE MONTH: The broad, flat terrain and Lake David in the foreground, make a perfect aerial shot of the Lake David Interchange on Interstate Highway No. 55 north of West Memphis. The road to the right leads to Marked Tree. The road in the lower right in No. 61 north, to Wilson. U. S. 77, the road at center left, leads to Turrell.

COVER PICTURE: The scene is the Buffalo River Bridge on Highway 14, just above the Buffalo River State Park near the Marion-Searcy County lines. The composite I-beam span is 570 feet long and was completed late in 1958.

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Bureau Man Named To Key Position



Raif M. Smith

Raif M. Smith assumed the duties and responsibilities of Administrative Assistant to Director F. R. Oliver on January 1.

Mr. Smith, who has had wide and varied experience in highway administration with the Bureau of Public Roads, was unfortunate in that his family was living in Mississippi in 1914 when he was born. His family made amends by moving across the Mississippi River to West Helena, Arkansas, when he was two years old. He attended the elementary schools there and was graduated from West Helena High School. He went on to Chillicothe, Missouri Business College studying accounting and commercial law. Also, he has taken several extension courses.

He was associated with the Chicago Mill and Lumber Company of West Helena before joining the finance division of the Corps of Engineers at West Memphis in 1936. His 20-year career with the Bureau started at Gatlinburg, Tennessee in 1938 as an accountant. In 1942 he was transferred to the Bureau's Regional Headquarters at Arlington, Virginia, which office at that time was in charge of the construction of network of roads for the Pentagon Building.

His service with the Bureau was interrupted in 1944 when he served in the Marine Corps during World War II. He was discharged as a private first class in 1946 and returned to the Bureau offices at Florence, Alabama. From 1953-1957 he was Chief of Internal Audit at Washington, D. C. For about eight months during that period he commuted from Washington to Worth, serving as Executive Officer for the offices there. He was Acting Chief of Administration, Analysis Branch from 1957-1958 and the position he held when he came to the Highway

Department was Administrative Officer of the Office of Research. These positions covered all phases of Bureau work.

Mr. Smith, whose first wife is deceased, has four children by this union. He has two grandchildren by a daughter in Falls Church, Virginia. He has a son in the army. His two younger children and the two children of the present Mrs. Smith, a secretary in the Bureau Offices in Washington, whom he married in January, 1959, will join Mr. Smith when suitable housing accommodations are located.



NEWS BITS....

Our Director, F. R. Oliver, entered St. Vincent's Infirmary early in January, for surgery. Happily, the operation was of a routine nature, nonetheless, he was out of the office for a couple of weeks. As a result, Mr. Oliver cancelled all his speaking engagements for the month of January.

On February 2 he will resume his speaking dates by appearing before the Student Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers at the University of Arkansas. He will discuss Iran and AHD activities.

When the snow came on January 5, it brought with it conditions which made any form of motion hazardous. The employees were treading gingerly on the walks leading into the building. Neill Bohlinger, legal administrative assistant, took a spill which shook him up some, and gave him a bruised nose, but fortunately, no other injuries were received and he returned to work the following day.

Carl Hosack, our handball exponent and enthusiast on the art of the strenuous game, will attend the Dallas Athletic Club's annual invitational tournament in that city February 12-14. Carl will play doubles with his partner of long-standing, V. L. (Red) Felix. The State A.A.U. Tournament will be coming up in March at the Y.M.C.A.

The annual meeting of shareholders of the Capitol Credit Union will be held in the Senate Chambers of the State Capitol Building at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, January 25. All shareholders are urged to attend.

MEET MR. MAINTENANCE...

Gerald Sisk

Maintenance Division, under the supervision of Lanky, who was then Maintenance Engineer. In July of last year, Gerald received his 15-year Service Pin and Certificate of Merit.

When Gerald was in Plans and Surveys his squad boss then, had this to say about him, "he was a very good designer and an accurate one; and he was reliable. I was curious to know how he would do in instrument work, with his handicap. I soon found out that he was excellent."

The handicap is the amputation of his right hand, the result of a 12-year-old boy's penchant for adventure. Gerald and one of his contemporaries were on a gravel trestle playing, when a gravel car backed down the slope, leaving Gerald on the track with little time for escape except to jump over the rails and hang on with his hands, one of which was run over by the oncoming car. After the accident, Gerald, dry-eyed in spite of the pain, left the scene before anyone could reach him and had started home. He was taken to a doctor who amputated the hand immediately. Gerald said that he went on about his business with hardly any change in his habits except for having to learn to use his left hand. The apparently indifferent attitude he displayed about the loss of limb then, has prevailed throughout his life, and certainly it has not curtailed much activity, and none of his work. Nor has Gerald ever expected any favors because of it.

Gerald is a devoted family man. He and Maurine, his attractive wife, live at 1509 Skyline Drive in North Little Rock, with their two sons who reflect the guidance of their parents. Jerry, 17, a senior at North Little Rock High School, was an outstanding player on the football team last season, playing center position. Tommy, 11, is a student at Park Hill Elementary School.

Maurine, a school teacher at the time of their marriage in 1938, was educated at the Joiner schools and Arkansas State College, Jonesboro, where she majored in education. After the Sisks moved to Little Rock in 1944, she started teaching again and was mistress of classes at Oakhurst and Fair Park Schools. This experience in the "Three R's" was a good background for the kindergarten she and a colleague have operated on Park Hill since 1949. Located on Ark-Mo Highway, the kindergarten has between 40 and 50 children twice a day, which leaves her little time for other activities. She and Gerald do little



Gerald Raney Sisk, assistant division head in the Maintenance Division, has many qualities which have made him a popular figure in the Department, however, there are two characteristics which are particularly outstanding.

One is his willingness to help the other fellow any time he can, and the other is his strong dislike for any derogatory remarks towards his fellowman. Nearly everyone knows and likes Gerald, but just for the record, let's give a few statistics about him.

Gerald was born August 24, 1909 at Newark, Independence County, Arkansas, to George and Mary Margaret Sisk. Two other sons and two daughters were born to this union, however, Gerald is the only remaining son. One brother was killed in an automobile accident and the other passed away in Ocala, Florida last May. His sisters live in Little Rock and Memphis. Gerald's father, a retired cotton farmer, and his mother, reside in Joiner where the family moved in 1918.

Gerald received his education at the schools in Wilson, Arkansas. He spent a brief time at Mississippi State College, and three years at the University of Arkansas studying engineering and business.

Gerald's career with the Department began in 1944 in Plans and Surveys as a designer. He stayed until May, 1948, when he resigned to go into business for himself, but he was back in the same department five months later.

Gerald hadn't received his degree in college, but at the encouragement of Lanky Rives who had faith in his ability, he furthered his education at the University Graduate Center at night, to prepare himself for the Registered Professional Engineer's examination. His determination was reflected by his grade and Certificate. Shortly after, he was appointed to his present position in

entertaining for themselves, however, the house is usually overrun with kids from the ages 11 to 17, an indication of their devotion and interest in their sons.

The Sisks belong to the First Methodist Church of North Little Rock. Gerald is a member of both the National and Arkansas Societies of Professional Engineers, Park Hill Lion's Club, and is a member of Theta Tau, a national engineering fraternity.

Before AHD got its big break in 1944 when Gerald joined the ranks, he had done a variety of things, among which were farming, working with construction firms, plus the business for himself.

His personality is such that he makes one feel very much at ease, and he has a good sense of humor, though he is sometimes reserved. He also is rather close mouthed around those he doesn't know well, yet he maintains his friendliness.

Perhaps Gerald can best be summed up by one sentence made by Lanky when asked about him, "he's all wool and a yard wide." This writer said that while she had heard the expression all her life, she had never quite understood the true meaning. Lanky said, "it means TOPS."

EMPLOYEES ENJOY HALF-DAY OFF DECEMBER 24

The Highway Department employees welcomed the half-day off on Christmas Eve, however, it must be stated in all honesty, that those who were here did little work since everybody was in the holiday mood and working was not in the general scheme of things at the moment.

Besides, there were some parties going on in several of the offices, and since our big bosses were in expansive, holiday moods also, the temporary laxity was good-naturedly sanctioned for a couple of hours.

The day before Christmas at the Department got under way with the showing of colored slides made by Director and Mrs. Oliver in the Holy Land, when they visited the birthplace of Christ last year, and in Iran where the Olivers lived for two years while Mr. Oliver was with the Bureau of Public Roads.

Lovely in color and awe-inspiring, many of the slides were scenes of the actual places in the ancient land where Jesus was born and lived - the Manger scene; the Church of the Nativity; the location of the Holy Cross, plus many others.

Most of the employees enjoyed the good fellowship and delicious refreshments at the parties. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver were gracious hosts to one

held in the Commission Hearing Room on the first floor. The coffee and assorted sweets which included cookies of all descriptions, fruit cake, candies, nuts and other tid-bits, were delicious. Helping to pour and serve were Joyce Spencer, Marie Rossing, Dorothy Switzer and Pat Koonce. Marie Rossing made a hit with all those who tried her cheese straws and since there have been requests for the recipe, it's being printed below.

Chief Engineer Ward Goodman and his lovely wife Mamie, received visitors to the open house held in Mr. Goodman's office. There, also, a long table was decorated in the holiday motif and loaded with refreshments, which were served by Ferol Jones and Mrs. Goodman.

Other parties were held in Purchasing, Right of Way, and Planning and Research, but I'm sorry to say that this writer couldn't make them. I had my quota for the day.

CHEESE STRAWS

Combine in the bowl of an electric mixer: 1 teaspoon baking powder, ½ teaspoon salt; 3 cups sifted all purpose flour and a couple of dashes of red pepper; 1 pound of grated cheese (yellow hoop or mild cheddar); ½ pound of margarine. (Two sticks)

Both the cheese and the margarine should be at room temperature. Mix at medium speed until thoroughly blended and the mixture becomes doughy and cheesy.

Put the dough into a cookie press and using the star plate, force the dough out of the press and lay it in long strips on a cookie sheet. Mark the dough off in about two inch lengths with a knife before baking. Bake in a 400 degree oven for about ten minutes. This will make 100 cheese straws.

Recipe for Confusion

by Dr. Sylvia Sorkin

Here are 10 easy ways to make life like hell for your office.

1. Assume your organization cannot get along without you.
2. Believe everyone is off the beam but you.
3. Don't be ashamed to admit that you know more than anyone else.
4. Start a whispering campaign about respectable office associates. If the flame doesn't light, fan it with a little gossip.
5. Tell everyone else how to do his job. Spend so much time at it that the others will have to help you complete your work on time.
6. Criticize everyone.
7. Procrastinate every time.
8. Never follow through. But promise everything.
9. Be suspicious of everyone's else's motives.
10. Expect the worst because, by following these rules, you are bound to get it.

CONTROLLED ACCESS

EMINENT DOMAIN VERSUS POLICE POWER

(Continued from December Magazine)

The following paragraphs from the Supreme Court opinion are particularly pertinent and interesting (Citations omitted):

"We consider first the Commission's appeal from the portion of the judgement, adverse to it, which provides that the restrictions upon access to defendant's properties constitute a taking thereof which must be condemned and paid for.

"It is now well settled in Iowa, and we think in most jurisdictions that real property consists not alone of the tangible thing, but also of certain rights therein sanctioned by Law, such as the right to access...ingress and egress. It is clear owners of property abutting a street or highway cannot be deprived by public authorities of all access thereto without just compensation. As the Commission concedes, such deprivation amounts to a taking of the property."

"There is no claim defendants have been totally deprived of access to either tract. However, we have said several times that the destruction of the right of access or the substantial or materials impairment or interference therewith by the public authorities is a taking of the property.

"In reliance upon what we have said in these cases defendants contend there is such a substantial impairment or interference with their right of access as constitutes a taking of their properties for which compensation must be made. This was apparently the view of the trial court. Although we have no thought of receding from these precedents we do not regard them as controlling here.

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"None of these precedents considers the extent of the right of access to property from an adjoining street or highway. Certainly none of them holds an abutter is entitled, as against the public, to access to his land at all points between it and the highway."

"It seems fairly well settled that, while access may not be entirely cut off, an owner is not entitled, as against the public, to access to his land at all points between it and the highway. If he has free and convenient access to his property and the improvements on it and his means of ingress and egress are not substantially interfered with by the public he has no cause for complaint.

"In accordance with what is said in *Wegner v. Kelley*...and other authorities above cited, we hold defendants are not entitled to access to their properties at any and all points along Hubbell Avenue. But they are entitled to reasonable

access or, as *Wegner v. Kelley* and other Iowa decisions say, to 'free and convenient access' to their properties and the public may not deprive them thereof without just compensation."

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"About the same result is reached by considering the Commission's rights. It has the undoubted right, in the interest of public safety, to regulate the means of access to abutting property provided its regulations permit.

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"In determining whether limitations placed by the Commission upon the number and location of access connections are reasonable the judgment of the Commission is entitled to deference because of its superior knowledge of highway and traffic matters. But the Commission's authority is not its superior knowledge of highway and traffic matters. But the Commission's authority is not above that of the courts."

"No hard and fast rule can be stated as whether an abutting property owner has been denied access that is reasonable or, as we have said, 'free and convenience'. In most instances the question is one of fact, not of law, and its determination depends largely upon the evidence in the particular case."

"We have no difficulty in disposing of defendants' appeal from the part of the judgement holding the prohibition of crossing the highway, left turns and U-turns except at designated points where there are no raised 'jiggle' bars. (These things do not constitute a taking of defendants' property within the law of eminent domain.) ... Such regulations as are imposed here on the movement of traffic are almost universally regarded as reasonable."

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"Insofar as the regulations may divert some traffic from the defendant's filling station they have no legal cause for complaint. They have no vested right to the continuance of existing traffic past their establishment. The requirement that defendants cross the highway only at designated places is imposed upon all members of the public. Once upon the highway, defendants are treated no differently than all other motorists."

(Next: The Extent of Police Power)

Lots of people aim high but forget to load their guns.

Snow Comes To Arkansas

January 5, 1960, was a day to be reckoned with, weatherwise.

It was the day the switchboard in the Central Office saw plenty of action, creating havoc to the nerve cells of Birdie Wright and Jackie Wallace, operators, and to the Maintenance Division personnel who were kept busy giving out road information.

The calls ranged in variety, from anxious spouses needing reassurance that their mates would be cautious, to those calling about arrangements to get home. Many of those trying to locate tire chains, decided, on sober, second thought, that they'd try to make it without them, since the prices were doubled.

To the young at heart, who were looking forward perhaps, to snowball fights, snow ice cream, or just being able to reminisce about the snows of by-gone days, the lovely element of Mother Nature was a delight. To those who face life more realistically, it meant shoveling sidewalks, hazardous driving or walking, and ugly black slush eventually.

But, it was the day that the employees were permitted to leave at 3:30 p.m. in order to reach their homes. Except for some slippin' and aslidin' there were no casualties reported, happily.

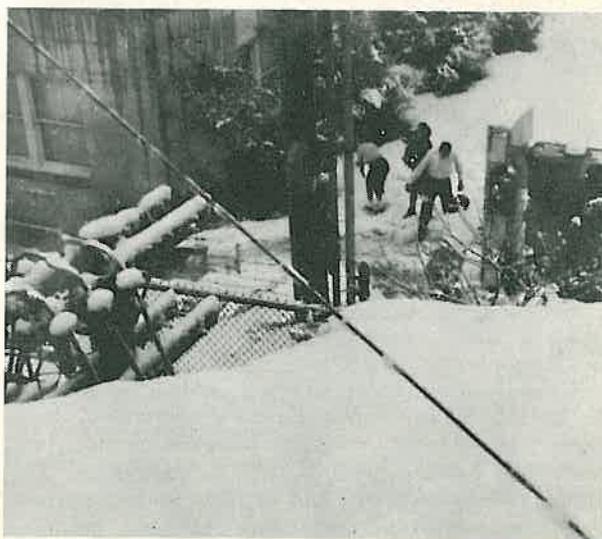
To the school kids, it meant a whole day out of school to build snowmen, throw snowballs to unsuspecting victims, or just cavort around in the ankle-deep fluff.

To the mothers of the above children, it meant wet clothes, muddy-tracked rugs, and more work.

All in all though, it was a truly beautiful sight around our Capitol Mall and here are some pictures to prove it, thanks to Nathan Garrett of Right of Way, who took them.



The Capitol Building and grounds, beautiful at any time of the year, was a spectacle as the above picture shows.



Nathan caught three employees in the middle of a big snowball fight. Left: Taken from the hill by the old building, this scene shows the Game and Fish Building and lake in the background.

FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION

by H. W. Schneider, P.E.
Materials and Tests

The increased standards of loading and safety requirements of the interstate highway system have brought about the necessity for bigger bridges, higher embankments, and more durable surface courses. All this has played a part in intensifying interest in the soil and rock that serve as a support for these various structures. If the bearing capacity of these sub-surface materials are greatly over-estimated, settlement and cracking could cause severe damage. On the other hand, underestimation of the strength characteristics of the soil will result in over-design at needless cost. In either case data from sub-surface investigations will probably save considerable expense.

To make sub-surface investigations the Arkansas Highway Department has obtained a rotary drill rig, capable of boring a 6-inch hole to a depth of 500 feet. A hollow drill rod equipped with the proper bit for the type soil encountered is mechanically rotated and forced downward by hydraulic pressure. Simultaneously water is pumped through the drill rod and bit, bringing a mixture of cuttings and water to the surface where it is directed to a settling basin. Here the water is picked up by the pump and recirculated through the drill rod in a continuous operation.

There are normal losses of water in this process that can be replenished by an auxiliary water tank. Where these water losses become excessive or the walls of the hole cave, it is necessary to mix drilling mud with the water, the amount varying with the conditions encountered. The mixture of water and drilling mud forms a gelatinous substance that will tend to seal the wall of the hole and prevent caving. In extreme cases, where the use of drilling mud is not effective, it is necessary to case the hole by driving steel tubing as drilling operations progress. Our sub-surface investigations with this equipment are made primarily to obtain the strength characteristics of foundation soils for structures and to determine the safe heights of embankments. The soils are usually explored to depths of from 40 to 70 feet, or in any case, to sound or uncompressible foundation layers. The number of borings and their proximity to each other depends on our experience and observations in a particular location and the information we accumulate as drilling operations are in progress. When unusual soil conditions are encountered, additional borings are usually made to approximate the extent of these conditions. Under ordinary circumstances, test holes are located from 2 to 300 feet apart. The field investigation of sub-surface soils consists of drilling to various elevations below the surface, recovering undisturbed samples by use of the shelby tube, making in-place strength measurements by use of a 2 x 4 inch shear vane, and standard penetration tests by use of a split spoon sampler.

The shelby tube is a thin walled steel tube 2 inches in diameter and 2 feet long. This device is designed to recover a sample of soil below the surface to simulate as nearly as possible its natural condition in place. To recover an undisturbed sample, the test hole is drilled to the desired elevation, the drill bit is removed from the drill rod and replaced by the shelby tube. The shelby tube is then lowered into the hole and pressed into the soil by means of hydraulic pressure applied through the yoke of the drill. After removal from the hole, each end of the tube is sealed with wax and submitted to the laboratory for testing.

The shear vane is a device to measure the in-place strength of sub-surface soil. To make an in-place strength measurement, the drill bit is removed from the drill rod and replaced by the shear vane. The shear vane is lowered into the hole and pressed into the soil until the vane is completely covered. The strength of the soil is measured by recording the maximum torque required to turn the shear vane in the soil.

The shelby tube sampler and the shear vane are only adaptable to the clay and silt clay soils. The standard penetration test, which is made with the split spoon sampler, can be used in the granular and gravelly type soils in addition to the clay and silt clay soils. It is also a measure of the in-place strength of sub-surface material. The split spoon sampler is 2 inches in diameter and 2 feet long. It is similar to a solid tube sampler but the barrel of the sampler is split longitudinally and assembled for use by a drive head on one end and a penetration shoe on the other.

To make a standard penetration test the drill bit is removed from the drill rod and replaced by the split spoon sampler. After properly seating the split spoon in the subsurface material, a drop hammer weighing 140 pounds and falling 30 inches is used to drive the split spoon 1 foot. The number of blows required to produce this foot of penetration is a measure of the in-place strength or bearing power of the material. A sample of the material penetrated is recovered from the split tube by removing the drive head and shoe and parting the tube. These samples are submitted to the laboratory for classification tests.

There are cases where the consistency or type of material is such that the 140 pound hammer will not drive the sampler the full 12 inches and refusal is reached. Refusal is usually defined as a penetration of less than 1 foot for 100 blows.

Rock and other highly resistant materials are drilled by use of a double core barrel and diamond bit. This device cuts an annular ring in the rock and leaves a central core that enters and is retained in the inner core barrel. The

FIVE VACANCIES IN TOASTMASTERS CLUB

cuttings are forced to the surface by the drilling fluid which is circulated through the drill rod and between the inner and outer core barrel to the drill bit. Rock cores up to 10 feet in length and 1½ inches in diameter can be recovered by this method. The total depth to which the hard formations are penetrated is governed by information desired.

It is the purpose of the field operation to furnish as much data as practicable with which to evaluate the strength characteristics of the soil in the entire vertical profile of the boring. The usual sequences of sampling and testing are shelly tube sample, shear vane test, and standard penetration test. It generally requires a 5 to 6 foot section of hole to complete one sequence. This procedure is flexible, however, and both the sequence and type of test may be varied to fit the soil types and conditions encountered as drilling operations proceed.

Tests are made in the laboratory on the shelly tube and split spoon samples. From the shelly tube samples we obtain the in-place wet and dry density of the soil, natural water content, the ratio of voids to solids, unconfirmed compressive strength, and soil classification tests. Split spoon samples are tested for soil classification only.

By evaluating the strength characteristics of the soil obtained from the unconfined compression tests, shear vane tests and standard penetration tests, the allowable safe load due to a structure or embankment that can be superimposed on the sub-surface materials can be reasonably determined. From the physical characteristics of the soil and the load to be superimposed on it, settlement can also be closely approximated.

In general, predicting the behavior of soils from sampling and testing is quite different than for common structural materials. Soils vary widely in character and their properties are markedly affected by external conditions such as variations in moisture content, and by the treatment to which they are subjected. Past experience and good judgment are therefore necessary to intelligently evaluate soil from generally accepted methods of sampling and testing.

Dieter's Lament

*How it hurts me to turn down
Apple pie, so golden brown,
If I raise it to my lips
'Twould add inches to my hips.
Must I always face defeat
When I see good things to eat?
Is there any way to beat it,
Have my cake...and also eat it?*

-Clarice Williams.

Knowing of the very great service that Toastmasters International has been to many individuals, Chief Engineer Ward Goodman calls to the attention of Highway Department employees that there are five vacancies in the membership of the Twin City Toastmasters Club here in Little Rock. This is a group of men taking part in a speech self-improvement training course. The cost is most reasonable, and the rewards are excellent for the member who completes a Basic Training Course provided by the Club.

If you are interested in improving your own personal "lines of communication", your speech ability, developing poise and confidence before groups, then it would be to your distinct advantage to look into Toastmasters. Check with Bill Moore in Planning and Research Division for more details.

MR. AND MRS. MARCUS FRY

Marcus Fry, brother of Roadway Design Engineer, George Fry, and Mrs. Marcus Fry, were fatally injured December 27, in an automobile accident in Mississippi.

Mr. and Mrs. Fry were Memphis residents.

CARL EDWIN HOSACK

Edwin Wilbur Hosack, 92, father of Carl Hosack, car pool supervisor, passed away in a Little Rock hospital December 18.

Mr. Hosack was a retired teacher. He began the teaching profession in 1905 when he accepted a position at Little Rock Central High School to teach Arkansas' first course in industrial arts. At Central, he also had served as acting principal and dean of boys before leaving the school system to work with the Federal Government. He later returned to head the Industrial Arts Department late in World War II.

Mr. Hosack made his home with Carl at 417 West Scenic Road, North Little Rock.

Goodman Reviews AHD 1959 To Engineer's Society

Highlights of 1959 in the Highway Department were reviewed by Chief Engineer Ward Goodman at a meeting of the Society of American Military Engineers on January 6, at the Sam Peck Hotel.

Mr. Goodman stated that the year set records for accomplishments by the Department; discussed the current work load; and gave his listeners a glimpse into the future.

The news story of January, 1959, was the resignation of former director, Herbert Eldridge. Also that month, and in February, the State Legislature was in session, during which nothing was taken by the Department; angle parking was vetoed; and the one-cent raise on gasoline tax which had been proposed, was not approved.

In the meantime, R. B. Winfrey, maintenance engineer, was appointed acting director.

April brought realization of a 25-years-long plan, the construction of the Helena Bridge. The work order was written on this vast project.

Bonds for the bridge were delivered to Ft. Worth by Mr. Goodman in June of last year.

The new Highway Director, F. R. Oliver, a former Bureau of Public Roads figure, took over the front office on August 1.

September was the month of gloom for many commuters in the Greater Little Rock area as it meant that the completion of the Freeway Bridge would be delayed due to the steel strike which went into effect. That month the federal gasoline tax was raised one cent per gallon.

The five districts and ten divisions of AHD merged in November, creating ten districts, the same plan used several years back. This was an economy move.

December: Work resumed for a while on the Freeway Bridge, though the steel strike was not to be settled until January, 1960.

During the year \$55 million were let in contract awards. Jobs completed in '59 totaled 121. Jobs carried over numbered 98. Below is the breakdown on the money spent.

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT OFFICE ENGINEER CONTRACT AWARDS - CALENDAR YEAR 1959

	Contract Amount	Plus 10% E & C	State Funds Committed
Secondary Projects (50-50)	\$ 9,160,917.17	\$ 10,077,010.00	\$ 5,038,505.00
Primary & Urban Projects (50-50)	7,750,092.10	8,525,100.00	4,412,550.00
Interstate Projects (90-10)	23,419,931.48	25,761,920.00	2,576,190.00
Corps of Engineer's Projects (100% Fed. Funds)	702,461.00	772,710.00	NONE
State Projects (100% State Funds)	164,184.10	180,600.00	180,600.00
Sub-Totals	\$ 41,197,585.85	\$ 45,317,340.00	\$ 12,207,845.00
Helena Bridge (Mississippi River)	9,138,080.00	10,051,900.00	
TOTALS	\$ 50,335,666.35	\$ 55,369,240.00	\$ 12,207,845.00

Note: The above costs do not include costs for Preliminary Engineering, Right-of-Way or Utility Adjustment.

Present work in the Department is building primary and secondary roads, to the tune of \$35 million. The sufficiency rating formula for roads is based on population, area, traffic, and needs. The Department also is making a cost study of the Interstate System.

The future plans, according to Mr. Goodman's predictions, will include \$40 million for the construction of three freeway bridges south to Pine Bluff.

The Highway Department is indeed one of Arkansas' biggest industries.

Mary M. Hill, E&P Secretary, Resigns After 18 Years



Mary M. Hill

Mary McLane Hill, secretary to Equipment and Procurement Director C. Don Hayes, resigned for reasons of health on December 31, 1959, after serving with the Department almost 18 years.

Mary's association with the Department began in 1942 when she went to work in Central Shops as stenographer. In 1943 and again in 1945 she was out for several months having been terminated, but since July, 1945 she has been employed continuously.

A native of Clarksville, she attended the elementary schools there and graduated from Clarksville High School. Since her retirement she has returned to Clarksville.

"Girl Friday" to Mr. Hayes, Mary will be missed by her co-workers, who join the other personnel in wishing her good luck and better health in the coming years.

FOR SALE - A BARGAIN: Five-room, two bedroom, brick house, located at 329 North Schiller, on a 50x140 foot lot. Price: \$10,750. Call E. L. Wales, engineer of Materials and Tests. Telephone Ext. 258.

Pathology: The science and study of Paths, Byways, and Highways.

Psychopathology: The scientific study of the drivers and operators of machines which are sometimes seen on these Paths, Byways, and Highways.

The depression that has caught most men is the cute little dimple.

Around The Departments

OFFICE ENGINEER

Leontee Connelly

Goodloe Hampton, assistant office engineer, and Mrs. Hampton, spent the holidays in Fordyce.

W. I. Rainwater visited his parents in Tulsa over the holidays and reported a wonderful time...Bob Andrews and family drove to Texarkana to spend several days visiting Mrs. Andrew's relatives. The always-smiling Bob came back telling us the same old story of his Pontiac passing all the cars on the road.

The Hubert Hollands and little son, Russell, spent his first Christmas in Heber Springs with relatives... The C. E. Connellys (Leontee) and family, spent Christmas in McComb, Mississippi, visiting Mr. Connelly's mother.

On December 23, this office was pleasantly surprised when Mrs. W. C. Johnston, wife of the Office Engineer, came in with a lazy susan filled with Christmas fruit cake and home made cookies, ect. The table was decorated in ivy and kumquats and we all had a wonderful get-together. The girls in the office, June Dillon, Virginia Deckard, and this reporter, assisted by serving hot coffee and arranging the table. We welcomed Mrs. Johnston and invited her back again next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Ashford (Jean) spent the holidays in McGehee with their parents. Katherine Jones and mother drove to Austin, Texas to spend the Christmas holidays with her son...The Jack Keilchs spent the holidays in Dardanelle with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel (Pete) Daggett and daughter drove to Orange, Texas to join Pete's son and family for the holidays.

Another holiday party was the one our Chief and Mrs. Goodman had on Christmas Eve morning in Mr. Goodman's office. The party was an open house for the divisions of the Department. "Miz Jones," (Ferol) assisted. The serving table was festive with a centerpiece of colorful fruit, flanked by red candles in wrought iron holders. Holly encircled this arrangement. The employees who dropped by were served coffee, cookies, nuts, hor d'oeuvres of salami, crackers and cheese tidbits. Also helping to serve were Rachel Simmons, Hess Gordon, and Daisy Connelly.

EQUIPMENT AND PROCUREMENT

Avalee Padgett

Mrs. Mary M. Hill, Mr. Hayes' secretary, retired December 31, after many years of faithful service to the Highway Department. We would like to take this opportunity to wish her good health and a rich life ahead. We will all miss her.

G. S. Imbery, mechanic in Central Shops, also retired December 31. Mr. Imbery had been with the Department since 1947 and was well liked by all his associates. Our best wishes go with him, also.

Bonnie and Bob Hill spent Christmas with Bob's mother and father in Indianola, Iowa.

Kay Bonnell will enter St. Vincent's Infirmary this month for surgery. We wish you the best of luck, Kay, and hope you will soon be back with us.

Our sympathies are extended to Herbert "Doc" Burns, whose brother, Dr. J. A. Burns passed away in Little Rock on December 17. We extend our sympathies to Mary Hill on the death of her brother, Mr. F. G. McLane, January 3, in a Russellville hospital.

PURCHASING

Amy Tedford

It's back to work for the Purchasing Department, but everyone is glad. All our employees have reported they had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's holiday, but are glad it is all behind them.

Many things have happened since our last writing; Jon Shaw, whom we all remember as being an employee of this office for about 5 years has been blessed with a 7 pound boy, James Richard "Rick" Shaw. Little Rick made his appearance on November 16. Jon came by to "show him off" when he was about 3 weeks old. He sure is a fine looking young man.

Mildred Sanderson Olstein, also a former employee of this department, has an 8 pound, 8 ounce boy. Mildred, Arnold and the new addition are living in Florida.

John Plegge, now employed by the General Adjustment Bureau was by to have a cup of "good coffee" recently. He is very pleased with his new job, and reports that his family are all fine.

"Widow" Gray's mighty glad to be back on the job after a 5 day vacation. Standing over a hot stove and dishpan all hours of the day and night doesn't set so good with her. However, she had someone special to do all that work for; her son, Roger Carroll, was home on a 20 day leave from the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Tuscon, Arizona. Roger stopped by to tell us about some of his experiences since he became a member of the Air Force. He didn't stay too long because as he put it, "there are so many things to do that are much more interesting and intriguing than sitting in an office." Don't we all agree??

The employees of this office are right proud of our boss. He was first place winner in outside decorations at Christmas in the Lakewood area. He had some choir boys, angels, organ pipes and a red door with silver wreath. There was Christmas music wired outside which made the decorations very effective.

BRIDGE DESIGN

Virginia Tackett

Even though the holiday vacation is over and everybody is glad to be back at comparatively quiet jobs, we still seem to have lots going on.

Ben Hogan, one of our designers, was married to Jeanne Morden on Friday January 8 at the Bethel Methodist Church in Olmstead, Arkansas. Ben and Jeanne spent a few days in Hot Springs and then moved into their apartment in Little Rock. Congratulations to both of them.

Then too, we're in the middle of plans for the annual duck and coon dinner supplied by L. P. Carlson, which we look forward to in January every year. Although as anyone knows who moves in duck hunting circles, hunting was very poor this year, Mr. Carlson managed to kill enough to feed our crew.

For a week in January we have had two very interesting visitors, Engineers Topolnik and Pachenko from Yugoslavia, who are studying American methods under the sponsorship of the Bureau of Public Roads. In Yugoslavia the highway system is operated under a Bureau of Roads which hires private consultants like Mr. Topolnik and Mr. Pachenko to do their engineering work.

For safety's sake you should always observe the rule...To yield the right of way to any driving fool.

RIGHT OF WAY

Betty Grimes

The "new" girl in Legal is just our Linda Colbert, sans the maternity jacket. She has returned to work after the birth of a son, David Lawrence. Tommie Parish has resigned to await the arrival of her first child.

Santa Claus brought some strange gifts (?) this year. Retha Griffin's son popped out with chicken pox; Fred Williams' son with the measles; and Nancy Sipe's youngest daughter is all puffed up with mumps. A daughter of this writer's was confined to bed during the entire school holiday with a re-occurring fever and sore throat infection. Their unanimous comment: "Some Christmas."

Two new members among our personnel are Mary Beth Walton as file clerk and Paul Johnson, trial attorney. Welcome.

Remond and Norma Schafer are enjoying a visit from his mother, Mrs. Ruby A. Schafer, who lives in Burbank, California. "Colonel" said she had originally planned to stay a month but she is so intrigued with their color television that she may extend her visit indefinitely.

Coffee, cake, candy, and other holiday knickknacks were served at our Christmas party, which we all enjoyed immensely. The conversation piece was a handsome tray of marzipan, a French delicacy, prepared by Bob Johnson's wife. It is a sweetmeat of a paste of pounded almonds and sugar. Mrs. Johnson had formed the rare treat to resemble a small fruit. It was beautiful and unusual, and we know that much time was spent in preparing it. Dowell Anders presented gifts to Mr. Nelson, head of our division.

Dan Parnell spent Christmas in Texarkana with his mother.

Mary Beneux had daughter Carol home from Ft. Smith for the holidays; she and the family went to Rogers for New Years with her parents.

Linda Colbert had her brother and sister-in-law as holiday guests.

Carolyn Wilkerson and her beau, along with another couple, attended the Gator Bowl game in Jacksonville, Florida. They said they couldn't have won the game without their support.

Handball has replaced snooker playing. The group, Dowell, Les Eviatts and Bill Demmer, play after hours though instead of during the noon lunch period. They are still short one Bill Donham.

Snow may inspire the poets to great heights of literary work, but not this writer. During the recent one all she wanted to do was crawl back into her "cave" and hibernate until spring, however, many got out to frolic in it.

Highway Patrol cars in some states carry big signs on the backs showing the present traffic fatality toll in the state for the year, for instance, "195 in 1959."

The other day, when a patrolman stopped at a traffic light in a village in one of these states two small boys walked toward the rear of his car. One of them said, "Let's see how many this one's killed!"

Nobody ever pulled a rabbit out of a hat without carefully putting it there in the first place.

Statistics show that the general run of pedestrians a little too slow.

It wouldn't be so bad to let your mind go blank if someone would just turn the sound off.

MATERIALS AND TESTS*Julia M. Halliburton*

Everyone in M & T enjoyed a nice holiday season. Enjoyed having Mr. Oliver over for our little party on Christmas Eve.

We have heard from R. C. Turney and family, who are visiting in Belgium. They are having a good time and are planning a trip to Holland.

George Knight and Norbert Henry Kordsmeier, who are away at college, visited us during the holidays. They are former employees.

Several of our employees finished their vacations during the holiday season. Among them were: L. G. Willcockson, Carter Howard, Grady Putnam, C. H. Tullos, Doyle Havens, and Billie Wood.

DATA PROCESSING CENTER*Lana Holland*

Data Processing would like to announce a wedding that took place December 26. Gail Thearl, of the Computer Center, and Eugene Hamm, were married at the First Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Arkansas. They spent their honeymoon in Shreveport, Louisiana. Much luck and happiness to both of them!

Gladys Plunkett's daughter, Sue, who is a senior at the University of Arkansas, won the honor of "Outstanding Student" in her 4-H House. We are real proud of her.

Robert Jetton, Erma's husband, flew to Jacksonville, Florida for the Gator Bowl game, while Erma watched the big event on television at home.

Joyce Fryer and her husband made a trip to Morrilton over the Christmas holidays in their new Volkswagon.

Wade Graham, one of our newcomers, spent Christmas with his parents in Camden, Arkansas. Another of our employees, Nedra Barton, with husband and son Tony, spent Christmas with their families in Centerpoint, Arkansas.

Even though the snow was rather dangerous, our gang made the best of it by making snow ice cream, indulging in snowball fights, and making a snowman at the side of our building.

ROADWAY PLANS*John Dunn*

Joe Hicks enjoyed a day of deer hunting during the season, but he was not among the lucky ones. He saw several, but too far away to shoot. Still, he enjoyed the day and had venison for supper.

This reporter enjoyed the Christmas week end in Scranton, Arkansas.

Roadway Plans personnel extend sympathies to our boss, George Fry, whose brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Fry, were among those killed on the highways during the Christmas holidays. They resided in Memphis.

Moscow Radio says the United States is a hysterical, topsy-turvey country where people eat upside-down cake, doors go round in circles and everybody has an inside out-house.

Life is easier to take than you'd think; all that is necessary is to accept the impossible, do without the indispensable, and bear the intolerable.

ACCOUNTING*Jimmy Shores*

Lee Wagner's wife, Jo, had a very nice article in the Arkansas Democrat about her being a homemaking artist. In the article they listed some of her recipes that are exceptionally good. In spite of the article's giving the credit to Jo for being the expert in the home, Lee insists that it was he who brought her to fame. He says she couldn't even cook when they got married.

We of the Accounting Division had a combination potluck "gag" gift Christmas party. Mr. Oliver was a guest and received a comcoq pipe. We all had a wonderful time.

Johnny Beavers and family visited friends and relatives in North Arkansas and South Missouri over the holidays.

The girls in our group who are bowling on a league, bowled their first game January 7, and we are proud to report that they won all three of their games.

PERSONNEL*Sarah Neel*

Christmas was a big time for every one in the Personnel Office. So many were out of town or either had their families home for the holidays...but there was some unpleasantness to mar the festive occasion. Jim Zinn spent a few days of his vacation leave at home sick with virus. Also Birdie Wright, who usually takes her vacation at that time of the year, was pretty sick herself and most of the time off was spent in bed. Birdie's back with us though and feeling much better.

After Christmas, Bill Hays was off for a week with a bad case of poison ivy. Bill was planting pine seedlings on his lot over at Lake Katherine when he made contact with the pesky plant. Bill took shots for the uncomfortable ailment.

Sibble Cox is a "grandma" for the second time. Her son, Robert Cox, Jr., and wife, Wava, have a new son born December 12 at St. Vincent's Infirmary. The little one is named Michael James. At this time Sibble has a house full from Massachusetts.

Ruth Foll was with her folks in Mountain View over the holidays. Carma Dunn was in Bradford visiting her parents. Jackie Wallace visited her grandmother in Heber Springs for a few days over the holidays and over New Year's Day she was in Memphis...This reporter and husband Walter, spent part of the holidays in Memphis with son W. B. Jr. and family. They had a big time with grandchildren. They also visited Dr. and Mrs. M. A. Neel at Hazen and Mr. and Mrs. Will Anderson in West Memphis.

Betty Ray flew to Baton Rouge again to visit friends, then she spent Christmas with her family in Mount Vernon, Arkansas...Marty Adams, with husband, Harry, and son Jimbo, got in a couple of duck hunts. One time, no luck. Another time they got five with Marty shooting one of them.

The Southwestern Bell Telephone Company gave a dinner in the lounge of the building at Seventh and Louisiana on December 17, for PBX operators and their bosses. Birdie Wright, our switchboard operator, along with Fred C. Tanner, attended the event.

Sorry to lose Carma Dunn, who was transferred to the Maintenance Division recently.

Our major cities have become so congested with cars and trucks that there are only two kinds of parking left....illegal and no.

CONSTRUCTION

Lucille Dishongh

We were pleasantly and delightfully entertained with a Christmas luncheon given by Mr. and Mrs. Shumaker in their home on December 23. We are very grateful to Mrs. Shumaker for preparing such a delicious luncheon for us.

H. B. "Fat" Matthews' daughter and her husband and son (Margaret and Harlan Murray), visited the proud grandparents during the Christmas Holidays. Uncle Fat brought "Matt" to see us and we all enjoyed having Matt right here in the office! Grandmother Gladys enjoyed all her family at home for the first time in three years.

A surprise Birthday Party was given for our Boss during coffee time Friday morning January 8. Actually a little bit ahead of his real birthday date - January 10, but necessary since the tenth fell on Sunday. Ice cream and cake were served and we had as our guest E. E. Hurley.

DISTRICT 3

Olive Jackson

We are happy to have Marie Lively as a new member of our office staff. Marie is secretary to J. E. Lowder, district engineer.

Georgia Whittemore, fuel clerk, spent the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Joe Bailey and family in Prescott.

Arvin Jones, one of our truck drivers, has resigned to accept a position with the Ark-La Company in Emmet. We wish Arvin the best of luck on his new job.

Edna Lewallen, payroll clerk, reports a wonderful visit during the holidays with daughter, Cissy, and husband, Bob Stephens, and little grandson Russell Edward, in Dallas. Edna was joined there by her sister, Mary Jones of San Francisco, who later visited Edna in Hope.

Congratulations to the following employees who received Service Pins and Certificates of Merit: Otha Ira Black, Elva D. Fedd, Kermit W. Glasgow, and Cleo Wesley Powell, for 10 years; and J. D. Halcombe for five years.

Your reporter visited sister, Beth, and husband, Hugh Petty in Marianna, and the Bob Fleishmans in Memphis during the holidays.

We are glad to report that Jim Edgerington, who recently had an operation in Texarkana, is now recuperating at his home.

DISTRICT 5

A. L. Moser

Our Director, F. R. Oliver, paid us a visit recently. We were glad to have him. Also, R. B. Keene, auditor out of Little Rock, was in our Office.

Bernard Bice and C. L. Bradberry were on vacation this month doing some bird hunting. They report good luck. G. C. Anderson and Ralph Rollins report plenty of quail this season. They got their limit two days in a row. Good going, boys. Freece Kimmer, our book-keeper, and his father, George Kimmer of Memphis, reported good luck bird hunting.

Brooks Barnes and his wife were in the hospital last month but both were out in time for Christmas.

Your reporter and wife, Mrs. Moser, spent the holidays in Little Rock with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Moser.

The last deer season wasn't very good for the Highway Department boys in District 5. No luck anyone. V. C. Nast bagged a 35-pound bobcat, however.

Freece and family spent the Christmas holidays with his father and mother in Memphis.

George Kirkdoffer and wife spent Christmas with their daughter and family in Conway.

Bert Rownd was another visitor this month.

DISTRICT 8

Netha Brown

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Turner spent the Christmas holidays with their son, Bob, and his family in Garden Grove, California. Bob and Rosemary have two children, Jan and Matt, pictured on this page. The Turners were delayed in Amarillo, Texas for 36 hours because of unfavorable weather conditions, but, aside from that, they reported a wonderful trip.

The employees and their families of this district, met in Russellville before Christmas for a bit of fellowship and refreshments. Coffee, chocolate milk and cake were served to over 200 men, women and children. Several employees who have retired from the Department came to renew old acquaintances. Musical entertainment was furnished by employees from Johnson, Yell and Pope counties. Everyone had a fine time.

C. Don Hayes, Frank Caple, and "Red" Shaw visited our office January 5. They had come to Russellville to attend the funeral of Mr. Graham McLane, a brother of Mr. Hayes' former secretary, Mary M. Hill.

Joe S. Hall, area foreman from Clinton, retired December 31. Joe has worked for the AHD since February, 1947. Noah Moody, a member of the V. Buren County crew, is our new area foreman at Clinton.

Guy H. Edwards has returned to work after several months of recuperating from a broken leg. He was injured last May 5, 1959, while on the job. It is nice having him back with us.

We appreciate all the Christmas greetings sent to our district. The beautiful cards were posted on the bulletin board for all to enjoy.



Matt and Jan Turner

DISTRICT 9

Edris Hulsey - Shirley Morton

THIS'LL KILL 'YA...

by Jimmy Zinn

A Christmas party was held at District Headquarters for all employees and families on December 24. A regular feast was served of ham, and trimmings, cake, coffee, ect., to about 175 men, women and children, from all counties in the District. H. R. Lucas, our District Engineer, made a fine pre-dinner speech welcoming the personnel and the invocation was given by Ertie Lawrence.

Henry Coe spent the holidays in Tuckerman with his family and friends...Raymond Cantrell and family motored to Newark, Ohio for a visit with a daughter. Troy Pruitt, Henderson Ferry supervisor, enjoyed his vacation during the holidays, ditto Raymond Holland. We understand also, that Bill Hawkins enjoyed a big Christmas.

Minnie Shinn had as her guests over the holidays, her sister and brother-in-law, Lt. Col. and Mrs. John G. McCurdy from Ft. Knox, Kentucky, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Boos of Des Moines, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Boos have remained in Harrison for an extended visit with Minnie.

W. H. "Slim" Porter motored to Dallas with his children for a short visit and made his first plane trip via Central Airlines on his return trip.

Recent visitors to our District were R. B. Winfrey, Bert Rownd, Bill Baugh, and Ronald Keene.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Crouse are the proud parents of a baby girl, Lois Gail, who arrived on December 8. Congratulations.

Happy Birthday to Gary Godfrey, who celebrated on December 31, and to Jewell Whitaker, January 5.

Lee Hudson has returned to the District as engineering assistant on the War Eagle Creek bridge job and has his headquarters in Huntsville. Clide Bailey has been re-employed to assist Lee on the project. Welcome back, fellas.

Russell Burleson had a short stay in the local hospital, but is reported to be improving. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope he will be back to work soon.

Ellis Stewart's wife, Verna Faye, has been very ill with pneumonia but was able to leave the hospital during the holidays to convalesce at home.

Donald Lee Tilley, son of Roy Tilley, pilot at Henderson Ferry, suffered a gunshot wound in an accident in November and after a stay in the Boone County Hospital, is back at his home. We hope he will be up and around soon.

Edris Hulsey became a very proud aunt when little Stephan Anthony made his arrival at Lubbock, Texas on December 2. The equally proud parents, Luke and Chris Hulsey, motored to Green Forest for the holidays to introduce their fine son to "Aunt Edris" and other members of the Hulsey clan. Their sister, Lu, of Houston, Texas, was at home for the holidays also.

The offices of District Headquarters buildings have been freshly painted with a nice new off-white color, new light fixtures were installed, and the results are very pleasing to the eye. Also, taking on a 'new look' is the paint and carpentry building, where the large room on the east has been redecorated and made into a very pleasant office for Ertie Lawrence, bridge foreman, Boone County Area Foreman R. A. Milum, and Raymond Holland. The professional touch of Paul Byrom, Dwight Cantrell, Ora Robbins, Paul Bailey and others can be noted throughout both buildings.

The recent snow sure made beautiful scenery, but more work. All crews are to be commended for the well organized and efficient job in keeping the highways open and clear.

The roustabout, although quite interested in girls, was an extremely shy young man. To make progress with the fairer sex, he was anxious to improve his lovemaking technique, but was much too bashful to discuss his problem with his friends.

So, while browsing in a bookstore, he was overjoyed to discover a volume entitled, How To Hug. The price was steep, but he bought it and rushed home. Only then did he discover that his purchase was Vol. IX of an encyclopedia.

A Dallas woman, dog-tired apparently, advertized in the Times-Herald. "My husband's \$50 puppies for a lot less. If he answers, hang up."

"The weather here in Florida is so wonderful," said the old lady, "how do you tell summer from winter?"

Replied the hotel clerk, "In winter we get Cadillacs, Lincolns and stuffed shirts. In summer we get Chevrolets, Fords and stuffed shorts."

The young lover was trying hard, but the sweet young thing was unimpressed.

"Those lovely soft hands," he sighed. "Your warm lips. And those beautiful eyes. Where did you get those eyes?"

"They came with my head."

One blistering hot day when they had guests for dinner, a mother asked her four-year-old son to say the blessing. "But, Mother, I don't know what to say," he protested.

"Oh, just say what you've heard me say," she told him. Obediently he bowed his head and said, "Oh, Lord, why did I invite these people here on this hot day?"

"Pull over, mister," said the traffic officer. "You haven't any tail light."

The motorist got out for a look and was speechless with dismay.

"Oh, it isn't that bad," said the officer.

And the motorist quavered: "It isn't the tail light that bothers me, but what became of my trailer?"

A three-year-old's mommy sent her for a switch to be punished with. The little girl was gone a long while and when she finally came in, her mother asked her for the switch.

She sobbed a little and said, "The tree was too big for me to reach, but here's a wock you can frow at me."

A recently ordained minister was explaining to the bishop why he had resigned from his first charge. "There were 34 girls, old maids, and widows there, all eager to marry the pastor," he said.

"Well," said the bishop, "you know there's safety in Numbers."

"Not for me," replied the minister. "I found it in Exodus."

Large Lady: "Little Boy, can you tell me if I can get to the park through this gate?"

Little Boy: "I guess so, lady. A load of hay just went through."

The hillbilly took the pen from the hotel clerk and signed the register with an "X," around which he drew a circle.

The clerk looked at it and said, "I've seen lots of people sign with an 'X' but this is the first time I've seen it circled."

"Tain't nothin' odd about it," replied the man. "When I git away from home for a little celebratin', I don't use my right name."

