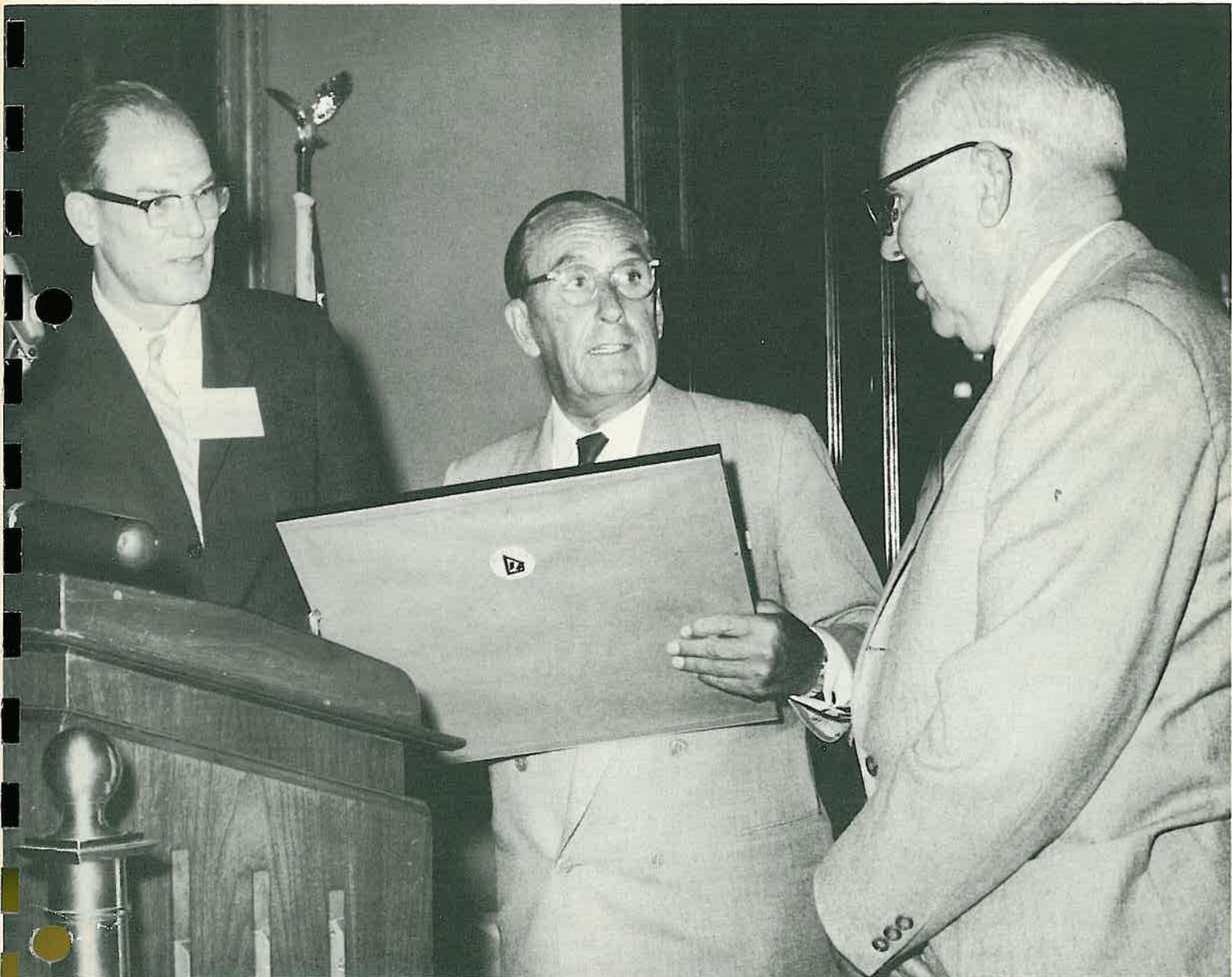


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# Arkansas Highways

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William S. Richardson, outgoing chairman of National Highway Users Conference and a director of the B. F. Goodrich Company, is holding the ward of Distinction which was accepted by Arkansas Highway Director F. R. Oliver (right), in Washington, on behalf of the Arkansas State Highway Commission. At left is Roy Battles, assistant to the Master, National Grange, and chairman of the Golden Milestone Award Committee. (Story on inside page.)

# AHD BIENNIAL REPORT WINS AWARD OF DISTINCTION

Arkansas was among six states given an "Award of Distinction" at the National Highway Users Conference, in recognition of "noteworthy efforts to encourage wider public understanding of highway development and progress."

Director Oliver accepted the award on behalf of the Highway Commission in Washington at the Eighth Highway Transportation Congress at the Hotel Mayflower, in connection with the Conference's traditional Golden Milestone Award Program. The text of the award certificate for Arkansas read as follows:

"The National Highway Users Conference, on behalf of the 48 State Conferences and the 2,000 organizations affiliated with them, is honored to present to the Arkansas State Highway Commission, its Award of Distinction.

"This Award is conferred for that part of the Commission's 23rd Biennial Report' which provides an effective summary of construction and maintenance needs on Federal-aid and state highways, as well as maps, charts and photographs showing progress.

"The Award of Distinction, in keeping with the NHUC Golden Milestone program, recognizes noteworthy efforts to encourage wider public understanding of highway development problems and progress. It conveys highway users' grateful appreciation."

These Awards of Distinction were introduced for the

first time this year "as a means of recognizing any outstanding feature or features of a state highway program report," Arthur C. Butler, director of the National Highway Users Conference, explained. The certificates were presented to representatives of the states by William S. Richardson, director of the B. F. Goodrich Company and chairman of the National Highway Users Conference.

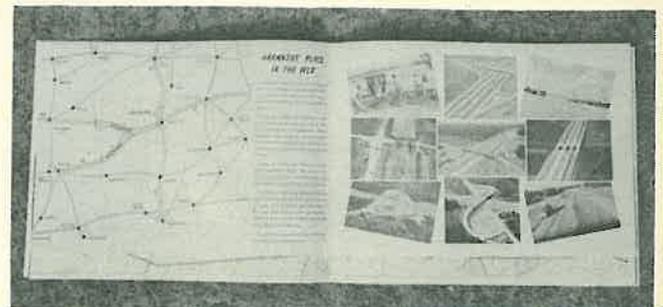
The biennial report covered the fiscal years of 1957 and 1958. The information for the report was furnished by all departments, however, the real credit goes to Planning and Research Division. The Finance, Economics and Statistics Section, headed by Bill Looney, carried the biggest share of responsibility. Other contributors such as John Hume, Logan Kissire, Marjarine Turner, Stuart Pattillo, Bill Smith, J. D. Patton, Jr., and B. C. Lewis, of that section, spent much time on the statistical research for the text, not to mention the attractive artwork done by Bill Moore and Leroy Beckett of the Mapping Section. J. R. Henderson is engineer of P&R.

The Highway Department is grateful to receive such an award, made possible only by the cooperation and ability of all employees who had a hand in it. Their efforts have gained favorable nation wide publicity for the Highway Department and the State of Arkansas.

When the report was in the making, several members of P&R said they were aiming for an award. Their words were very prophetic.



The cover (above) of the award-winning report is a dark green, and white. The scene is the Mablevale Interchange on Interstate 30, and is perhaps one of the most photographed highway scenes in Arkansas.



The entire report follows a simple, yet attractive format. Throughout the pages are pictures and clever illustrations which help tell the complete highway story in an easily-read manner. Two of the handsome inside sheets are above.

## A. C. Taylor, Regional Engineer Bureau of Public Roads, Talks to Engineers-In-Training

A. C. Taylor, regional engineer with the Bureau of Public Roads, addressed the current group of engineers-in-training and department heads on May 20 in the Commission Room.

Director Oliver, in his pre-introductory speech, said that the Department's training program was attempting to give the young engineers a complete review and experience in all highway phases and activities, and since the bureau and the highway departments work in such close harmony it would be beneficial and interesting for the engineers to learn first hand why the relationship is necessary and how it is worked.

Mr. Taylor stated that he was happy about the training program and thought it was a step in the right direction. The engineers, he said, should not overlook the fact that the highway departments cannot exist without the bureau and the bureau can't exist without the highway departments.

The Bureau of Public Roads' principal functions are the administration of federal aid to the states for highway construction, road-building in federal areas, and highway research.

There are no highways in the United States, except in federal lands, that are constructed and maintained wholly by the federal government. In this we differ from other countries, many of which have national highway systems, and may regulate as they see fit the local roads and streets. The familiar US sign is simply a convenient means for route marking agreed upon by the state highway departments. It does not indicate a federally controlled highway, although practically all of the 150,000 miles of US routes are included in the 755,000 miles of road systems eligible for federal aid.

There is much history behind the present bureau administration and it has run into a few snags and changes before it reached its present smoothly-run operation.

### BUREAU CREATED IN 1893

It had its beginning in 1893 as the office of Road Inquiry. It was created as a small unit in the Department of Agriculture, directed "...to make inquiries in regard to the system of road management throughout the United States, to make investigations in regard to the best methods of road making, (and) to prepare publications...



A. C. Taylor, regional engineer in the Bureau of Public Roads, and Director F. R. Oliver, are pictured during Mr. Taylor's speech in the Commission Room.

suitable for...disseminating information on this subject." The entire organization consisted of a special agent and a small clerical staff. Prior to 1916 the surface road was the exception rather than the rule and by way of designating the roads, various colors or symbols were painted on telephone poles along the route.

After much consideration of various methods by which the federal government might participate on a continuing basis in highway development, the Congress enacted in 1916 the Federal-aid Road Act. An important stimulus in the act was the requirement that each state have a highway department capable of administering the funds provided - many states did not then have them.

Before the year 1916 and since that time, the bureau has undergone many changes. The unit became the Office of Public Road Inquiry in 1899, and the following years its name was changed to the Office of Public Roads (1905), the Office of Public Roads and Rural Engineering (1915), and the Bureau of Public Roads (1919). In 1939 it was transferred, as the Public Roads Administration, to the Federal Works Agency. The latter was abolished on July 1, 1949, and Public Roads was again transferred: temporarily to the new General Services Administration, and on August 20, 1949, to the Department of Commerce under its old title, the Bureau of Public Roads.

Public Roads is headed by the Federal Highway Administrator, under whom serves the Commissioner of Public Roads, aided by a deputy and several assistant commissioners. The Washington headquarters staff is responsible for policy formulation and general direction of Public Roads' operation in engineering, finance, management, and legal fields. Technical specialists conduct extensive research programs.

Public Roads has 9 regional offices and now that Alaska has become the forty-ninth state, there is an off-

ice there. Hawaii is under the San Francisco region. Each supervises the federal-aid program in from 4 to 8 states. The regions have district offices in every state and Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. It is through this field organization that most relations with the state highway departments are carried on.

Public Roads employees about 3200 permanent employees, of whom 800 are in the Washington headquarters. There are approximately 150 or more employees in foreign operations who are sent over to act as consultants and advisors to local governments. Presently there are groups in the Philippines, Liberia, Lebanon, Jordan, Iran, Sudan, Morocco, and British Guiana. Director Oliver, prior to coming to the Highway Department, was in Iran for two years acting as consultant with the bureau.

### 1916 AND 1956 MOST IMPORTANT YEARS

Legislation through the years since 1916 has provided increasing amounts of money, for almost every year since fiscal year 1917, but the original 1916 Road Act has remained the fundamental basis for the cooperative Federal-State highway program.

As dictated by experience and as required in facing new problems, however, important changes have been made from time to time. Perhaps the most important and significant year since 1916 was in 1956 when the great-

est public works program in history was launched by the federal-aid Highway Act of 1956.

Funds authorized in the 1956 act for the three fiscal years 1957-59 for the federal-aid primary and secondary systems were well above previous levels and, looking beyond 1959, the act declared the national acceleration of their construction. The most important provisions of the 1956 act, by far, were those assuring accelerated completion of improvement of the Interstate System.

The Interstate System has been planned as the trunk-line highway system of the United States. It will link together 90 per cent of the cities having populations of 50,000 or more, as well as many smaller cities and towns.

Mr. Taylor stated that the highway departments' obligations are to determine highway location, prepare plans, let contracts, and construct and maintain highways. The Public Roads reviews the state's actions and, if approved reimburses the state for Public Road's share of the cost. The bureau, Mr. Taylor said, wants to work with the highway departments in a cooperative manner, and the departments should state frankly any of their troubles to the bureau.

He further stated that Arkansas is the only state in Region 6 to be up on the Interstate System, with only \$120,000 left for the fiscal year. He expressed his pride in our engineering staff and said that it takes real team work to progress.

### BOYS STATE GROUP VISITS DEPARTMENT

Eighteen enthusiastic, and curious young men, all members of Boys State, invaded the Highway Department on Friday, June 3.

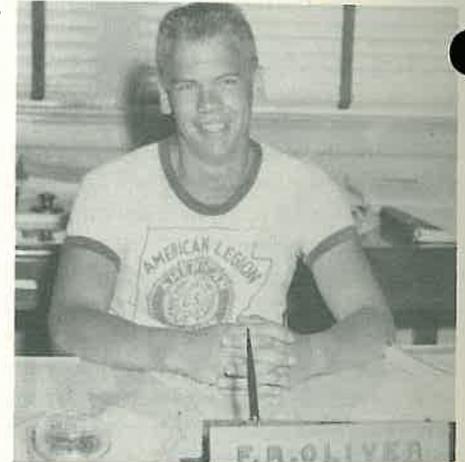
The boys were escorted around to various divisions by Fred Tanner, personnel officer. Fred stated that the boys were eager as only young boys their age can be and all showed an extremely keen mind and a profound interest in the Department. Each division they visited was explained to the group, and they were shown the new highway film by Johnnie Gray, staff photographer.

Ted Reutz, 1904 S. Van Buren, Little Rock, was elected Director of Highways for the week that Boys State was held at Camp Robinson. Others who were in the group were: Jewell Boyette, Carlisle; Woody Enderson, Blytheville; Rusty Collums, Bee Branch; Danny Rapier, Van Buren; Jimmy Lloyd, Hope; Charles Stewart, Magnolia; Doelas Landes, Lewisville; Bart Garrison, Russellville; Rodger Kline, North Little Rock; Marshall Davis, Jacksonville; Bob Moore, Little Rock; Jerry D. Blaylock, Clarksville; Jerry Keeling, Newark; William Mizell, Little Rock; Floyd Cartwright, Dermott; and Lee Stephenson, Heber Springs.

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Here, the group is pictured on the steps of the Central Offices with Chief Engineer Ward Goodman.

Boys State "Highway Director" Ted Reutz, seated at Mr. Oliver's desk.





## NEWS BITS....

Director Oliver and Chief Engineer Ward Goodman attended a Chamber of Commerce Highway Committee Meeting at Fort Smith last month.

On June 2, Director Oliver and Highway Commissioner Glenn Wallace attended a Chamber of Commerce luncheon at Texarkana.

Mr. Oliver attended the National Highway Management Conference June 8-15 in Michigan. The conference was conducted at Boyne Mountain Lodge near Travers City, Michigan.

Neill Bohlinger, legal administrative assistant, addressed the young men of Boys State at Camp Robinson the night of May 31. Approximately 800 heard Mr. Bohlinger encourage them on the value of ideals, just as he has done for the groups of Boys Staters the past four years. The speech was delivered eloquently and the response was most gratifying to Mr. Bohlinger, who stated that he came away feeling very humble.

Fay Wallace, chief appraiser in Right-of-Way, has many inquiries from persons owning land in new right-of-way. Quite a few of these inquiries come from persons not living in Arkansas who own property here, and many of them are in the form of a letter. Last month a Mr. and Mrs. Roy U. Dabbs came to Mr. Wallace's office to ask how much land held by the estate of Mr. Dabbs' mother was being taken for a new right of way south of Little Rock. After Mr. Wallace had answered the questions Mr. Dabbs thanked him and commented on the improvements in highways since his last visit to the United States 30 years ago. Mr. Dabbs had gone to England during World War 1 with the Army, married an English girl and lived in London ever since.

Dowell Anders, chief attorney in Legal Section, attended the Sixth Annual National Seminar of the American Right of Way Association at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C. on May 24-26. He participated as a member of the panel of two group discussions, the Federal Participation in State Condemnation Settlements and Awards and Leasehold Interests for Appraisal, Negotiations and Condemnation. While in Washington, Dowell was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States. He was accompanied on the trip by his wife, Mariestes, and they visited many places of historic interest.

J. R. Henderson and Y. W. Whelchel, Planning and Research, Gerald Sisk, Maintenance and John Harris, Dis-

trict Engineer Pine Bluff, flew to Cedar Rapids May 17 for a study of methods and procedures being used in the Iowa Maintenance Study, a cooperative Research Project by the Iowa State Highway Commission and the Bureau of Public Roads. They also discussed the problems of truck weighing operations on the Interstate System and visited the site of one of Iowa's weighing in motion scales.

Frank Anderlitch and Jim Crawley of the Bureau of Public Roads Regional Office in Fort Worth were in Planning and Research May 20 to discuss progress on the Revised Interstate Cost Estimate.

J. R. Henderson, Billy Cooper, and Robbie Parker presented the findings and recommendations of a comprehensive Highway Route Study of the Magnolia-Waldo-McNeil area at a public hearing in Magnolia on June 2. District Engineer Hicks also participated in the program.

### Map At Civil War Centennial Draws Attention

One of the crowd-drawing attractions at Arkansas' exhibit at the National Civil War Centennial Commission's general assembly in St. Louis, was the huge (36x42) Civil War map that was displayed so effectively, and which was drawn free-hand by our own Bill Moore of the mapping section, Planning and Research. The map is perfect in detail.

Because of space limitations Bill was only able to show on the map 75 of the some 450 military engagements that took place in the state, but Bill said that eventually a map will be drawn showing all the engagements. Bill indicated with red stars where the battles and skirmishes were held. Other points indicated were mines, salt works, towns, roads, and forts. Visitors were surprised to learn that Confederate and Union armies had fought all over the state, and they admired the pictures of landmarks.

Delegates from as far away as Connecticut, New York, Michigan, and Colorado said they wanted to visit Arkansas battlefields during 1961-65. People from every state represented took our commission literature and asked for any more that might be published. Part of the literature available at the Centennial included a smaller drawing of the map mentioned above.

The national commission will continue to hold a general assembly yearly through 1964. Arkansas is the only state which thus far has officially bid for the 1962 assembly. That year Pea Ridge National Battlefield Park will be dedicated.



## NEWS BITS...

### Joe Magness Promoted in M&T



Joe D. Magness

Joe D. Magness was appointed staff specialist in the Materials and Tests Division to replace Henry W. Schneider, engineer of Materials and Tests. Mr. Schneider, became head of the division May 1, when E. L. Wales retired.

Magness is a 1955 graduate of the University of Arkansas with a Bachelors Degree in Civil Engineering. Also, he attended Arkansas Tech, Russellville, for two years. He came to the Department in June 1955 as a lab technician.

Magness, 26, is a native of Plainview, Arkansas. He is married to the former Bonnie Dell Morphis, and they have two children.

### Ott Tinsley Resigns...John Sanders Named District 10 Assistant Maintenance Superintendent

O. A. (Ott) Tinsley, a veteran of 35 years with the Highway Department, resigned June 1 from his position of District 10 maintenance superintendent. Tinsley began his long career with AHD on December 1, 1923 as chairman. Since that date he had served in various engineering capacities.

J. H. Sanders assumed the duties of District 10 maintenance superintendent. Sanders was transferred from District 3, Hope, where he was assistant maintenance superintendent. Sanders held this position since November 1959, when he was transferred from District 6, North Little Rock.

Sanders, 51, is a native of Conway. He started working for the Department September 16, 1953 as district maintenance foreman at Pine Bluff. He has had many years of experience in construction and maintenance

work having worked with various contracting firms prior to coming to the Department. He worked for the Texas Highway Department for three years back in the thirties. Sanders is married and has two children.

### THE OLD AND THE NEW



Shown above is the picture of a new bridge erected over the Ouachita River, east of Arkadelphia on Highway No. 51. The old bridge shown was built in 1903 by Vincennes Bridge Company of Vincennes, Indiana. The truss part of the new one was removed from Caddo River on Highway 67, north of Arkadelphia, and widened from the original 20 foot width to 24 foot width. The bridge will serve Highway No. 7 from El Dorado, Highway No. 8 from Warren and Fordyce, and Highway No. 51 from Donaldson. R. N. Reynolds and Sons were the contractors. The completed structure is 500 feet in length. The bridge and approaches cost \$188,800.

Raif M. Smith, administrative assistant, was elected president of the newly-organized HIGH NOON Toastmaster's Club, at one of the meetings held in May. Fred C. Tanner, personnel officer in AHD, was elected sergeant-at-arms. Several other employees in the Department are members, however, it is by no means limited to AHD personnel.

Other officers elected but not associated with AHD are: Bill Oaks, educational vice president; Joe Roehrenbeck, administrative vice president; John Breitweiser, secretary; and Bill Daugherty, treasurer.

Mr. Smith said that he was very pleased with the response and enthusiasm shown from the very beginning of the club, which is less than two months old. Memberships in HIGH NOON are limited to 40, and already there are 34, most of whom attend the weekly Friday meetings at Hank's Dog House on Roosevelt Road. Mr. Smith said that the lowest attendance record so far was 28.

HIGH NOON has applied to Toastmaster's International for its charter. Toastmaster's International has 3,000 clubs in the United States and 14 foreign countries.

## Employee Completes I.C.S. Course

Bobby Joe May, District 2 inspector, is an ambitious young man who is determined to become an engineer, and he is getting his engineering education "the hard way." At least it would be to many of us.

May recently graduated from the Highway Engineering Course of the International Correspondence School, which represents the culmination of 1500 hours of study and tests - all crammed in three years time. This, on top of his highway duties, and he graduated with a high A, 97 average.

May began his ICS course March 1, 1957, two years after he graduated from high school at Newport, his home town. He came to work for the Department in September 1955 as a chainman in District 1 but was transferred to District 2 in 1957. He now works with L. K. Howell in Carlisle where he resides with his wife and 16-months-old son. He will be 23 in July.

The highway course consists of two divisions, each of which covers 40 books to be studied and a test on each to be given. The first division in the highway course includes such subjects as mathematics, elementary surveying, and mapping. The second division has materials, advanced surveying, and highways. Those taking any of the 255 courses available at I.C.S. may set their own time limit, however, it is usually required that each division be completed in two and one-half years. May completed the two divisions in half the time. The grades are counted as follows: A, 95-100; B, 85-90; C, 80-85. Anyone making grades below those are out. In the last course, May made 30 A's, and 3 B's.

May plans to get back to studying in the fall, when he will start the civil engineering course. This, also, is comprised of two divisions. He has set a time limit for himself, and barring any unforeseen complications he hopes to complete the two divisions in two years. We sincerely hope that you can make your deadline, May, and the best of luck to you.



Chief Engineer Ward Goodman is presenting Bobby Joe May with his I.C.S. Highway Engineering Diploma from I.C.S. At right is Fred M. Sisk, International Correspondence School representative from Little Rock.

### I.C.S. OFFERS REDUCED TUITION TO EMPLOYEES

The I.C.S. courses are advantageous to the person who finds he can't attend college for lack of time, and the tuition rates are reasonable. There has been a cooperative training arrangement between the Highway Department and I.C.S. since 1942. This arrangement makes the facilities available to all employees at reduced tuition rates. During the past 18 years it is estimated that between six and seven hundred employees have taken courses from I.C.S. Mr. Goodman encourages employees to further their education by taking advantage of the services of I.C.S., which is fully accredited. The courses are prepared by leading authorities in each field. Many schools, colleges, and universities use I.C.S. textbooks for classroom instruction. No entrance examination is required to enroll for an I.C.S. course.

Another new engineer-in-training in the Department is Dale Clinton Spencer, who began June 1 in the Construction Division as an engineering technician.

Spencer, 23, is a native of LaHarpe, Kansas. He attended Iola Junior College, Iola, Kansas, and graduated from Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas, with a Bachelor's Degree in civil Engineering. He received his early education at Welda, Kansas, where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elvin R. Spencer reside.

Spencer's work experience includes instrument work with the Missouri Pacific Railroad at St. Louis and inspecting, party chief, field notes, and surveying, with a firm in Independence, Missouri.

He is unmarried.

**CORRECTION:** In the last issue under the picture of the new graduate engineer (page 4) we misspelled his name. It is CAHOONE, and not Cahonne. Sorry, Cahoone.



Spencer

## H. B. "Fat" Matthews ....

One of the unpredictables of learning engineering work is that you may wind up as assistant engineer of the Construction Division, in AHD.

Which fits the case of H. B. "Fat" Matthews to a "T." And that "ain't" bad for a fellow who started learning engineering while in North Little Rock High School; after school hours, and on Saturdays, working with George T. Foster, now of our Right of Way Division, but at that time city engineer of North Little Rock.

During those early years of learning engineering, Fat played tackle on the high school football team and was one of the star players. He graduated in June and began work with the Department in August of that year, as location engineer in District 6 under Foster, who had by that time, joined AHD. The party was surveying Route No. 7 in the vicinity of Bismarck, Arkansas. Fat remained on location and when first contracts were let, moved to Benton on the construction of two jobs there.

In 1932 when the general cut-off hit the Department, Fat decided that Highway Department work kept him away from home too much and since he had married the former Miss Gladys Turnipseed in 1931, he gave up his engineer work for perhaps, a more lucrative (?) one - a Watkins Products route. This didn't last long, but Fat got a good job for Gladys at \$65 per month and he sat back - since there wasn't much else he could do - work just wasn't there.

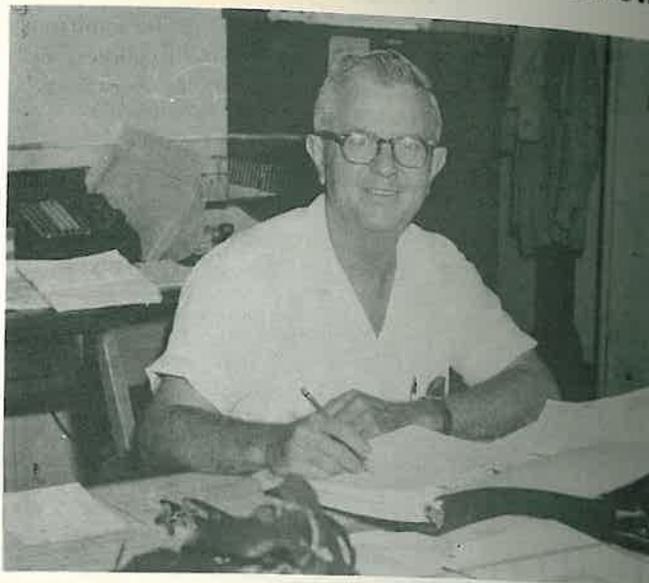
In 1933 he was back on location with Foster making city connections surveys at Cotter, Arkansas. Foster missed him one morning and was told that a long distance call had come through in the night that the stork was visiting at Fat's home in North Little Rock. This was the advent of the eldest daughter, Margaret, who is at present Mrs. Margaret Murry, living in Tennessee and has one son, Matthew Edward, or "Matt," for short. Another daughter, Judith Ann, lives at home with her parents. She graduated in May, from North Little Rock High School with honors. Judy plans to attend Henderson College at Arkadelphia to become a teacher - her ambition.

The Highway Department back in Fat's early career was not operated as smoothly as it is now. There were few stenos, and much of the paper work was done by the engineers. (He's an excellent typist right now!) The equipment was inadequate and far from modern. At one time there was no room in the offices so Fat helped Foster make a set of plans for Highway 270 on the dining table and two bridge tables in the Foster home. But, this was better than being laid off indefinitely.

The year 1941, however, brought about steel shortages which virtually closed down all bridge construction work, so in August 1941, Fat resigned and worked on war projects, including Jacksonville Ordnance Plant, and in Terre Haute, Indiana.

The Matthews are a closely-knit and happy family. Fat's favorite pasttime is watching television except on Saturdays, which are spent almost entirely in the yard; mowing, trimming, and doing a general clean-up. A portion of this outside work is spent diligently trying to get shade trees to grow around 1818 Poplar, North Little

## Assistant Engineer of Construction



Rock. When life seems dull and Fat wants entertainment, that is when all the pattering and tinkering begins, after which, satisfied, he then goes over to Central Baptist Church to take care of the necessary odd jobs there.

The Matthews family are active members in the church. He is a teacher of young adult men and president of the Adult Training Union Organization. He is associate chairman of the Deacons; member of the finance committee; building committee; and firmly believes the first tenth of his income belongs to his Lord. Fat is a registered professional engineer and a member of the state and National Society of Professional Engineers.

Fat is a native of Bernice, Louisiana, but the family moved to North Little Rock when Fat was a youngster. He also attended Clendenin Elementary School and Fourth Street Junior High School of North Little Rock.

Gladys, who works as receptionist at the Veteran's Hospital on Roosevelt Road, has been a great helpmate to Fat through the good and bad years. She also gives unselfishly of her time to others and the church. Her favorite hobby is shopping for the church on Tuesday nights and cooking and serving for the Wednesday night suppers which they attend without fail. Fat says she is one of the best cooks, when time permits. Gladys is a native of Little Rock but rooted for the Pine Bluff Zebra when she was growing up. She is a former P.T.A. president and is a rabid football fan.

Haskell Ben (how many of you readers knew his real given name?) received his nickname from Foster when he was 18 years old. This was a tender term of endearment, because Foster felt very close to Fat and encouraged him in athletics and other things. At that time he hit the scales at 190 pounds and was strickly square. When Fat graduated from school and started working with the Department he gained another 30 pounds! Evidently the work was agreeing with him. The sobriquet would hardly fit now since he has trimmed down to a cool size, but the name will always stick.

It's been fairly smooth sailing for Fat, career-wise, since his return to the Department in 1945, at which time he had the title of Office Engineer. His varied field experience of location on city connections, primary and secondary road jobs, and construction of all types of roads and pavements, has gained promotions for him through the years. And, his many friends agree, it couldn't happen to a nicer guy.

## 1960 ARKANSAS TOURIST MAP OUT

The 1960 edition of the Arkansas Tourist Map has been distributed to the public. If the demand for this map follows the pattern of previous years, approximately 300,000 copies will be distributed this year to those desiring information about Arkansas highways.

The map has been completely revised and is more pleasing to the eye and more easily read. For the first time, the Interstate System in Arkansas is shown, by sections completed, under construction, and proposed. A new mileage map shows the shortest distance by paved highways between centers of 93 cities in the State. A new and larger map of the Little Rock-North Little Rock area shows suburban development and the proposed highway network, excluding the Interstate West Bypass but including the Expressway through the two cities.



## Pleasure Driving! What's That?

The primary purpose of driving an automobile, for most Americans anyway, is supposed to be pleasure. Actually, the modern motorist is a gambler...with his own life as the stake.

William J. Toth, a New York University researcher, made a 15,000-mile tour recently making radar speed checks and other safety observations, chiefly in the north-eastern states. His conclusions suggest that it is a wonder our national accident toll isn't much higher.

Among the illusions shattered was the one that women are slower and more cautious drivers than men. His check showed that 53 percent of the speeders in one New England State were women. This seems to confirm a recent estimate showing that the national accident rate slightly favors the men.

But that sex factor is secondary to Toth's observation of wholesale disregard of the most elementary traffic rules; constant speeding and recklessness; speeds increased at night when they should be lowered, and some drivers clocked as high as 96 miles an hour.

No wonder Toth declares there were times "when I'd have given up driving entirely and retired to a farm, if that were possible." The only time he had any feeling of security was when he had "parked the car for the night."

Driving can be pleasure. It ought to be pleasure when there is sufficient law enforcement to crack down on those who seem to go off their rocker as soon as they get behind the wheel of an automobile.

## VACATION REMINDER

As we approach the summer holidays, more and more of us will be taking to the road. May I suggest that our chance of a happy vacation and a safe return home would be more certain if we are courteous at all times. Courtesy is a small price to pay for safety.

James J. Metcalf summed it up in his poem: "The courtesies of driving are...So simple and so few...That everyone should follow them...Without the least ado...The signal for a sudden stop...Or turning left or right...The cutting down of lamps that glare...When passing cars at night...The patience to remain behind...Upon a hill or curve...And holding back the epithets... The others may deserve...They are the courtesies that keep... Unpleasantness away...And usually they also are the laws we should obey...But more importantly they are...The courtesies we give...That all of us who drive may have...A longer life to live."



BILL HAYS RESIGNS FROM DEPARTMENT

Bill P. Hays, assistant to Fred Tanner, personnel officer, resigned from the Highway Department June 15 to accept a position as Personnel Director for Arkansas General Industries, a new firm going in at Forrest City.

Bill, a graduate of the University of Arkansas with a Bachelor of Science Degree, majoring in personnel administration and industrial relations, came to the Department in 1954. He was field auditor in Accounting Division until his call to the Navy in 1956. He served in the Navy as personnel man, second class, until September 1958 when he was honorably discharged. He returned to the Department that month in the Personnel Office.

The new firm will manufacture various items in its operation, and employ between 500 and 700 people, all of whom will be hired by Bill. He feels that the knowledge and experience he will get will supplement his Highway Department accounting and personnel administrative experience, enabling him to better qualify in the personnel-industrial relations field. Bill said that he would always retain a keen interest in the Department and its employees.

Our best wishes go with Bill and we all hope he will be happy and successful in his new job.

## Around The Departments

### ACCOUNTING

*Jimmy Meyer*

Congratulations go to Olen (Randy) Randle on receiving her 15-year Service Pin and Certificate of Merit. The awards were presented by Lee Wagner after which we had a little party with cake and drinks.

Jonny Beavers, our "celebrity," had his picture in a local paper on May 14 representing the DAV as past-commander. The DAV met at the Lafayette Hotel for two days to discuss a new project which will enable members to find employment, and also to take in old clothing to be reconditioned and sold. Jonny has also been accepted to take the CPA exam. He took one on May 17-19. The exams are given semi-annually and once a person has been accepted to take it he may continue to take it until he passes. They are extremely hard but we know that Jonny will pass it sooner or later. Good luck, Jon.

Margie Wallace and Peggy Keedy went to Hot Springs with friends one week end recently. They stayed at the lodge at Crystal Springs on Lake Ouachita and both said they had a marvelous time.

Jim Stringer transferred to Data Processing Center. We are sorry to loose him and hope he has the best of luck.

Margaret Allen took a week of her vacation May 23-27 to be with her son, John Allen, Jr., and family from Houston who visited the senior Allens on Park Hill.

Rayma Fisher and husband, Joe, had visitors from Chicago, Illinois: her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Sharp whom she hadn't seen since before Christmas.

Welcome to Orville Thomas Dixon, who joined our office force June 1. Orville graduated from Arkansas State at Jonesboro, his home town, May 27.

### BRIDGE DESIGN

*Virginia Tackett*

It has been over a month since we had our fish fry in Mr. Carlson's back yard, and we are beginning to be catfish hungry again. At that time there were over 50 of us present, Bridge Designers, ex-Bridge Designers, families, and guests. Mr. and Mrs. Goodman and Mr. and Mrs. Winfrey were with us, and we had buffalo ribs especially for Mr. Winfrey. Jim Matthews, Reid Beckel and Virginia Tackett were presented with 5-year Pins by Mr. Carlson and were pleased that he made such an occasion of our receiving them. Our newest recruit, Dallas Vire who transferred from Construction, wasn't able to be there as he had planned something with his family that night which couldn't be cancelled, but Lem Tull, who has since transferred to the Construction Division, was there cooking on both burners. He, Jake Knott, Frank Battisto and Adell Mattox with an assist from Bob Mattox, cooked the fish and hush puppies. Flo and John Hall, who usually bring their big coffee pot and make the coffee were kept home by family illness, but John sent the coffee pot along. It was our first fish fry since John returned to work with Bridge Design Division. Alice Joe Dong was there; she has since had her little boy who weighed 6 pounds 11 ounces and whose name is Tunney Allen. He is a beautiful boy and we've heard he's already received two fishing rods and a baseball mitt.

FLASH! It's a BOY for the Frank Battistos. The husky baby weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces, and arrived at Baptist Hospital on June 2; just in time for this announcement. He is their fourth.

Reid and Sally Beckel won first place in the Serpentine Rally at Pine Bluff a couple of weeks ago. The Serpentine, sponsored by the Sports Car Club of Southeast Arkansas, was a 135 mile event, which features calculation and maintenance of speed. Sally drove their 3000 Healy and Reid served as navigator. They brought home a couple of handsome trophies. Lem Tull in his MG won best-time-of-the-day trophy at a sports car driving event one Sunday recently at Jacksonville.

### DATA PROCESSING CENTER

*Lana Holland*

Four of our employees took vacations in May. Billie Ratliff spent a week travelling to different places in Arkansas. Erma Jetton spent two weeks at their cabin on Lake Conway taking it easy. Joyce Fryer, who went to Lake Hamilton and tried her luck on water skis - but almost broke her leg. Happily, we report that she didn't

suffer any ill effects. Jimmy Stringer and wife gave glowing reports of their trip to Panama City, Florida where they swam and lolled on the beach.

Billie Jean Oholendt and husband, Robert, are planning to move in their new home right off Geyer Springs Road within the next week. We are happy for them.

Sue Plunkett, Gladys's daughter, graduated from the University of Arkansas on June 5. Sue plans to be a home economist.

Nedra Barton, our baseball player, came to work one morning with a broken nose. It looked as if her husband had socked her one - but her son had hit a line drive right square in the middle of her nose. Nedra is all right now.

### PROCUREMENT

*Amy Tedford*

The J. G. Merediths attended Jeff Davis Junior High School Promotion Exercises May 27 in which their son, Conley, participated. (Conley was pictured in the last issue with his clarinet at which time we spelled his name incorrectly.) He is feeling a bit nostalgic at the thought of leaving his old Alma Mater but is excited in knowing that next semester he will move on to North Little Rock High. We, in Procurement, think the Merediths have something to be proud of in Conley.

Hilda Shirley is about the only one in this office lucky enough to be getting in some fishing. She usually reports very good catches with her new Spin-Cast, however, there hasn't been an invitation for a fish fry. Hilda's a bit sunburned from her first swim of the season.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wade (J. B. is a former employee of AHD) of Alabama, are visiting Lewis Wade and family for a few days. It seems they came here to repaint their home and Lewis got in on the deal. He says he can hardly move his arm it's so sore from scraping off old paint and putting on new.

Linda Vassaur, along with her fiance Fred Schmidt, and her mother, attended Decoration Services on Mother's Day at Delaware, Arkansas. Also, they visited Linda's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Farnam, who live in Delaware.

Your reporter and family visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Marshall of Humphrey on May 28. It is always good to go there this time of the year when all the vegetables are just right for gathering. We usually come home loaded down with lots of good things to eat.

Jon Shaw and family were here on a visit the week of Mother's Day. She came by the office for a little visit and brought her daughter Toni and son Rick. Rick is about 5 and ½ months old and when he was here weighed around 22 pounds. Oklahoma must really be agreeing with him.



Lee Wagner presents Olen (Randy) Randle with her 15-year Certificate of Merit and Service Pin.

## EQUIPMENT

Avalée Padgett

Vacationers this past month were Patsy Navens, N. E. Stewart, Ray New, and Shirley Healy. All had a good time, they said.

The Lem Kirkpatricks were on hand for daughter Kitty Wade's graduation from Texas Women's University. Congratulations to the parents as well as Kitty.

The seven children of Mrs. J. B. Kirchoff and their families gathered at Mrs. Kirchoff's home in Paragould for a Mother's Day reunion. The visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kirchoff, Mobile, Alabama; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Kirchoff, Paragould; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Kirchoff, Galveston, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Kirchoff, Little Rock; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Robbins, Wood River, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Kirchoff, Washington, D. C.; and Mrs. Harry R. Swanson, Falls Church, Virginia. Mrs. Kirchoff is 88 years young and she and the 'kids' spent a very enjoyable week end together.

Bruce Hardcastle resigned in May because of ill health. Clem Poole retired in April. Both were night watchmen at Central Shop. We welcome our two new watchmen, Emmett C. Price and C. H. Freeling.

We extend our deepest sympathies to the W. W. Yancey family on the loss of his brother, who passed away May 31. W. W. Yancey is in the equipment division.

## MATERIALS AND TESTS

Julia Halliburton

The Melvo Pledgers have a new addition to the family, a big fine baby boy. Melvo is one of our inspectors.

Had a nice letter from our ex-boss, Mr. Wales. They are enjoying their new home and fishing down in Florida, but admits there will never be another Little Rock for them.

Maureen Rodgers and family spent the Memorial Day week end at their cabin on Lake Conway.

Norbort Kordsmeir, Jr. will work again for us this summer, just as he has the past two summers. He is attending Christian Brothers College, Memphis, Tennessee.

James Little, engineer-in-training, will marry Barbara Ann Cooper June 12 at the First Baptist Church of Fouke, Barbara's home. Barbara is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Cooper of Fouke. They will honeymoon in New Orleans. We wish them much happiness.

Mrs. Alice Claessens of Willebroek, Belgium, is visiting her daughter and son-in-law, and family, the R. C. Turneys. This is her first visit to the United States and we hope she enjoys her stay in our fair land.

(Julia entered the hospital for surgery in June. Sure hope you're up soon, Julia.)

## PLANNING AND RESEARCH

Marjarine Turner

The Traffic Engineering Section recently completed a Bridge Location Study for a bridge over White River in IZARD County. A story about the study was carried in the May 22 issue of the Gazette.

Bill Headrick is teaching a First Aid Course at the Pulaski County Chapter House of the American Red Cross.

Bill Trickett entered St. Vincent's Infirmary recently for various tests to determine the cause of his severe headaches. After four days of tests, he was released and assured that his X-Rays showed nothing!!!!?

Bea Davis was called to Helena recently because of the serious illness of her mother-in-law.

The Don Mounts visited their daughter and her family in Monticello over the Memorial Day week end.

There's music in the air at the Pete Bentz home. They now have six canary birds.

With the return of warm weather, we are beginning to think of "getting away from it all." Barbara Rider did. She has just returned from a most enjoyable week in Florida.

## RIGHT OF WAY

Betty Grimes

The Right of Way Fish Fry was cool, man, cool! In fact, it was down right frigid that evening. Everyone crowded round the fire and had a wonderful time in spite of the cold weather. The low temperature stimulated the appetite, kept the mosquitoes away and didn't seem to dampen anyone's spirit. Two of the many guests were AHD personnel, Bill Rainwater and Birdie Wright.

Norman McLeod was able to return to work May 23. We are all happy that Mac has made such a splendid recovery from his heart attack and is able to be back at the "grind."

Biddy Holiman has resigned so that she can stay at home and enjoy her new home. She plans to paint, make curtains and says she is going to learn to make sport shirts for Raymond. Her position has been filled by Carolyn Halbert who was formerly employed by a Little Rock attorney.

Don Reed has transferred from Surveys to the engineering section of our division. Glad to have Don with us.

There are two other new employees this month, Carl Fowler in Utilities and "Bob" Yada in Engineering. We are happy to welcome Carolyn, Carl and Bob to the Right of Way Division.

No, that is not a new TV celebrity in the Engineering Division; it's just Glendol Jackson. He has had such phenomenal luck fishing in Lake Conway that his pic-

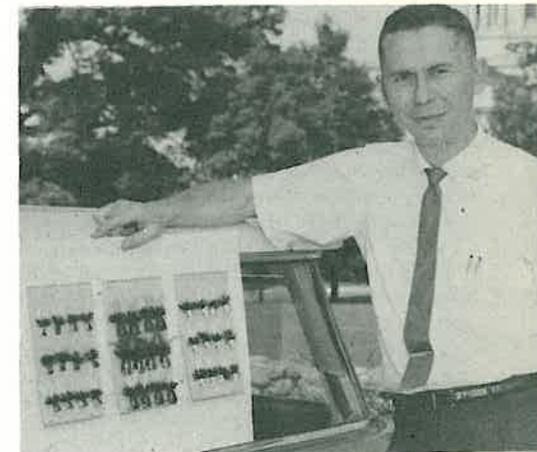
ture has been in the Sports News with his catch twice in the past month. Tell us your secret, Jack.

This reporter enjoyed a visit to Russellville May 20-21 where I was the guest of the Rev. and Mrs. George Meyer. While there I attended the banquet and dance of the Annual United Commercial Travelers Grand Council Convention with David Bizzell of Little Rock. Jimmy and Grace Zinn from Little Rock, Netha and Loren Brown of Russellville also attended the banquet and dance. David and Jimmy were among the delegates from the Little Rock Council, and Loren a delegate from the Russellville Council.

Charles Walther, Disbursement Accountant in Right of Way (Luton's man "Friday"), has a most unusual hobby that should be of interest to the many fishermen in the Highway Department. He makes flies, all shapes, sizes and colors. Charles said the most frequently used materials are cork, thread, feathers, wax, glue, lead, lacquer and patience. It is sometimes necessary to use as many as 12 coats of paint to achieve the desired pattern and finish, which he applies with an air brush. Charles first became interested in tying his own flies when he was 10 or 11 years old. He first remade the flies he had bought; then he began to make them from "scratch." Through the years he has accumulated specialized equipment which includes fly-tying vices, clamps, X-acto knives, a lead furnace, a waxing machine and numerous other devices to accomplish the special effects necessary for the professional finish that his flies display.

Since he is studying law and attends night courses at Arkansas Law School, he has found little time to devote to his hobby, much to the disappointment of his friends who like to fish with his finished products.

He has sold only a few of his flies but has given away or lost most of those he has made. Charles said if he tried to make them in quantity, the fun and relaxation he enjoys would be spoiled and he prefers fly-tying to remain "just a hobby."



Walther with some of the flies.

## ROADWAY DESIGN

John Dunn

Some folks are lucky enough to get new cars. Four of our group are sporting same. Joe Hicks has a new 1960 Oldsmobile, ditto Frank Huchinson; Fred Pulliam has a new Pontiac; and Arlo Waggoner has a Chevie. Happy driving.

We are glad to have Russell Berry in our office for his stint in the training program.

The Pat Thompsons are vacationing in Panama City, Florida. Pat and Jane Witherspoon just returned from a week's visit with friends in El Paso, Texas. While in the vicinity they toured Mexico and New Mexico.

John Hick's wife Peggy, is recuperating from a recent operation.

## PERSONNEL

M. A.

We have a new employee in our office. Carolyn Reddin started on June 1. Carolyn is a native of Hampton, Arkansas where she received her education. Her husband, Jimmy, is employed by Dixie Equipment Company. We hope Carolyn will have a long and happy relationship with us and the Highway Department.

We are enjoying Dave Johnson in our midst. Dave has been working with us for several weeks now - checking personnel cards with IBM sheets at first, and now learning some personnel work. We hope to have him with us until fall when he may return to Little Rock University.

We celebrated Fred Tanner's birthday May 12 with a delicious angel food cake (baked by Jim Zinn's spouse, Grace) and coffee, Jim Meredith and Raif Smith joined us for the observance. The office force gave him a pair of Bermuda shorts and he wouldn't even model them for us! That's gratitude. We're only kidding, of course, but we're not kidding when we say we wish him many more happy birthdays.

Jim Zinn is working in the permit section while Nathan Whitehead is recuperating from a heart attack. We all miss him being up here with us but we do see him occasionally. Hurry home, Jim. And Get Well, Nathan. Jim was in Russellville May 19-21 as a delegate to United Commercial Travelers. Grace, who is a grand officer in the UCT Auxiliary, went along too. They did a lot of committee work while there but there was some fun too, in the form of a barbeque and dance.

Verna Daes, who works in the micro-filming section, is going to be off all summer on a leave of absence to stay with her son Rickie.

Jackie Wallace had to take off one day due to a complicated wasp sting which she got while picking posies at grandmother's house in Heber Springs.

Dave Johnson spent the Memorial Day week end at Lake Hamilton water skiing

and just having a good time. Betty Ray went home to Mt. Vernon and Ruth Foll went home to Mountain View over the week end.

Pat Wheat, vari-typist on the magazine, who replaced Billie Ruth Hatcher, will not be with us much longer for the same reason Billie left. She will have a visit from the stork in November. Billie Ruth had an 8 pound, 7 ounce (!) boy on April 26.

Sibble and Robert Cox with daughter "Puddin," were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Lauderdale on their houseboat on Pepper's Eddy, which is near White River, in May. While there the weather was stormy so fishing wasn't too good.

We're all going to miss Bill Hays when he leaves June 15. Good luck, Bill, in your new job.

Hazel Hicks, a former employee of the Personnel Office, her husband, Randle, and children, Sonny and Nancy, visited friends and relatives in Little Rock over the Memorial Day week end and until the following Wednesday. Haz, many of the readers may remember, was with the Department for over 7 years. She now lives in Long Beach, California, where "Hicks" is stationed with the Navy. While she was here, several of us around the building took her to lunch. It sure was good to see all of them and this writer hated to see them leave. Other week end guests of this writer were sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Stanford, Jr., and daughter Rinda, from Memphis.

Lucy Rhodes of the Buildings and Grounds was presented her 5-year Service Pin and Certificate of Merit May 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Commission Room by Norman Smith. Coffee and cake were served. Raif Smith and Jim Meredith were guests for the presentation. Congratulations, Lucy.

See y'all next month. Hear???



Lucy Rhodes holds her 5-year service awards presented May 19.

## DISTRICT 2

Ouida Grimes

We send our best wishes to Se Chavis, who is in the Davis Hospital recuperating from surgery. Also, to Robin Hooks, who had a tonsillectomy recently. He is the 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hooks. William O'Briant had surgery in the Monticello Hospital recently.

We enjoyed having Red Morgan and Blonny Goins, both retired, to come by and see us recently, and we're glad to see R. C. "Bob" Warren, retired, when he stops in for a visit.

## DISTRICT 3

Olive Jackson

We enjoyed having a visit from Carl Hosack in May. Carl, who is organizing a safety program, talked to the employees at district headquarters.

Donald Archie Embry, who is reporting to Uncle Sam's Armed Forces, will leave June 6. Good luck, Donald.

We are glad that Charlie Carter, who has been ill with pneumonia and in the hospital in Murfreesboro, has now returned to his home where he is convalescing.

John W. Graham, employee in Hempstead County, retired from the Department on May 31. Mr. Graham has been employed in the Department continuously, except for 6 months, since May 1949. We shall miss him very much and wish the best of everything for him in his retirement.

Jimmie Lewis attended a rifle range in Little Rock for 2 days on the week end of May 21.

Alton Self is in the Veteran's Hospital in Little Rock. Get well soon, Alton.

Congratulations to John William Barham and Oren Mack White, who have received their Service Awards for 5 years of service.

Earl "Mutt" Hampton, mechanic in our district shop, had the misfortune of being hit on the forehead by a tool which almost knocked him out. We are thankful it was no more serious and he is now able to be back on the job.

## DISTRICT 5

A. L. Moser

Service Pins and Certificates of Merit were presented to the following in May: Ludie Massey, 15 years; Gilmore Birgel Peel, 10 years; Jeff Duane Egner, William E. Farra, Loyd J. Goff, Winfred Hadley Leonard, Robert Howard McDoniel, Oliver Zebdee Stephens, and Oscar Darrell Syfert, 5 years.

Mrs. J. N. Carter, wife of one of our mechanics in District 5 shop, suffered a heart attack and was hospitalized for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Moser spent Mother's Day in Little Rock with their son and family. Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Moser.

B. Love was on vacation the first part of May. The Loves visited relatives in Chicago.

G. W. Stanford, R. B. Keene and Ed Orsini, out of the Little Rock office, spent a week with us in May. They are always welcome.

Ray McKinney, welder, was on a 10-day vacation. While off he moved into a new home on Ramsey mountain.

Delbert Reynolds was fatally injured May 26 on Highway 9 between Melbourne and Sylamore, while operating a front end loader. Our sympathies are extended to his survivors who include his wife and four children, and his parents. He had been with the Department for a year.

Our sympathies go to the Lester McGinnis family and the Norris family in the death of Mrs. McGinnis' father, W. S. Norris of Poughkeepsie.

## DISTRICT 6

*Edith Greene*

Paul and Charlotte Ann Mahoney are the proud parents of a son, Randall Wayne, who arrived May 14. Congratulations! Charles Bland, permit clerk, and Barbara Ashworth, will be married June 16 at the First Christian Church in Pine Bluff. We wish Charles and Barbara much happiness.

Delbert Vanlandingham is working in our district as one of the engineers in training. We're glad to have Delbert.

Jesse Coins' son, Bubba, is recovering from a tonsilectomy.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hurley own a new white Mercury with a blue interior, all power - and air conditioned. It's mighty pretty and they are very proud of it.

W. T. Jeter just recently bought a home at 2900 Dalewood Road and is waiting anxiously to move in. The Jeter oil wells must be gushing because he is also the owner of a new boat motor and it is believed that he has a new Volkswagen in mind. We're sure that J. C. will confirm this.

James Pay and family purchased a farm on Highway 5 near Jacksonville and have recently moved into the new place.

Coy Pruitt, motor patrol operator, whose back was injured recently, is in critical condition in St. Vincent's Hospital due to a spinal injection which caused temporary paralysis of the heart. We are all pulling for Coy.

M. O. Thornton, resident engineer at Malvern, suffered a heart attack recently, and is hospitalized there. Our very best wishes for a speedy recovery to Thornton.

Edith Greene's brother and niece from Oklahoma, spent the Memorial Day week end visiting with her and sister at Poyen.

## DISTRICT 7

*Burnham and Campbell*

Director Oliver and Chief Engineer Ward Goodman were in Camden attending a Chamber of Commerce meeting. While here they visited the district offices and also inspected the proposed by-pass route.

Marvin Melton, president of the State Chamber of Commerce, held an organizational meeting in Camden for the beginning of a movement to clean up and dress up the right-of-way on roads and areas adjacent to the right-of-ways. The meeting was attended by public officials and group leaders from surrounding counties and by representatives from the state police, state, county and city departments. The work is planned for the purpose of attracting industry to the state by using the public roads as show windows for selling Arkansas to those who are seeking factory sites.

Armco Culvert Company has completed construction of a metal pipe culvert on Highway No. 82 in the west part of El Dorado. The company jacked the culvert through the roadway embankment without disturbing traffic movement. State forces have finished installing a metal culvert on Highway No. 57, south of Mt. Holly, to replace a timber bridge that burned during a forest fire.

Boyd Hatridge and Eddie Beasley have been transferred from Maintenance back to their former jobs as rodmen under J. C. Webb, resident engineer. John Livingston, who has been temporarily assigned as fuel clerk in Maintenance, will return as inspector under Webb on June 1.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hicks' daughter, Virginia, will fly in for a two-week vacation with her parents, and the Hickers are eagerly awaiting her arrival. We are expecting a visit from her on this trip. Another daughter, Judy, has been chosen manager of the Pantherettes for the next school term. The Pantherettes is the Girls' Pep Club at Camden High School.

Mrs. Jewel Prince is at home from the hospital and recovering from a recent illness.

The Hugh Andersons spent the last two weeks in Orlando, Florida visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Benton and family. Hugh said he didn't spend any time fishing - saved that for all the good places in Arkansas...maybe you have guessed where he was most of the time; leisurely walking the beaches and enjoying the scenery.....And OH what scenery.

G. E. Nunnally, district maintenance superintendent, visited his parents in Strong over the week end of Mother's Day.

This reporter and husband drove to Magnolia where they watched the baseball game between Monticello A&M and Southern State. Son, Robert, plays right field for A&M where he is a Freshman this year.

Mr. and Mrs. M.V. Bradshaw, El Dorado, motored to California via Mexico and gave

us glowing reports: "The scenery was beautiful and the California weather wonderful, but we are glad to be back in good ole' Arkansas, especially Union County."

Levan Outlaw announced his engagement to Miss Sandra Owens of Warren on May 20. Congratulations!

Arlene Davis and Jimmie Gilbert have been fishing every week end and you should hear the fish stories on Monday mornings...but no proof has been produced from either of them.

Rumors are going around about another barbeque...hope to see the meat on the table real soon. Maybe the person responsible will take the hint as he reads this. Hope so.

## DISTRICT 8

*Netha Brown*

R. E. Batson is recovering nicely from a recent illness. He hasn't returned to active work, but he visits the office often and keeps informed on the progress of Maintenance in our district.

It is with regret that we tell Verna Hopper goodbye. She has resigned as Mr. Turner's secretary, and is leaving the state with her family. We hope she is happy in her new surroundings and will keep in touch with her Arkansas friends. We welcome Celia Riney, who will replace Verna as secretary. Celia is married and has two teen-agers, Patrick and Donna. Her husband, Don, is employed by the R.E.A. and travels the surrounding states. Celia is a native of California, but she fits into our southern way of life beautifully.

Recent visitors in our office have been A. G. Rives, Otha Hewitt, J. P. Clayton, and Bill Baugh. The welcome mat is always out, so why don't all of you stop by?

Our sincere sympathies are extended to Roy Hollabaugh and Gene Burris. Roy's son, James, was one of the victims killed when the jet from the Little Rock Air Force Base crashed in Little Rock during the early morning hours of March 31.

Gene Burris' father died at his home in Russellville in April.

## DISTRICT 9

*Hulsey-Morton*

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Lucas entertained his sister, her son and daughter-in-law of Wichita, Kansas recently. They spent a few days at the Lucas' cabin on Lake Norfolk and had a very fine time fishing and boating.

Mack McChristian, rodman at Fayetteville, was on the sick list for several days, but is back at work now. now able to be back at work.

WELCOME to AHD: J. O. Saylor, William F. Frame, and Fred Billings, (Turn page, please.)

Marion County; Roy Brasel, Leonard Edgmon, and Norman Salmon, Newton County; Miles Armer and Buford Taylor, Carroll County; Don Cox and Marvin Williams, Baxter County; Buster Murdock and Devoy Horton, Searcy County; Jerry Moore and Lynn Tatum, Boone County; and Toy Montgomery, bridge crew.

Congratulations to R. A. Milum who became grandpa on April 15, when little Michael Con arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Connie Mack Milum in Fayetteville.

Oral Young took off a week to move into the new home. Geter and Lois Williams also moved into a new home recently.

Roy Brasel, truck driver, was married recently. We wish Roy and Carolyn much happiness.

Walter and Lenora Kirk who were hospitalized, are now convalescing at home.

## DISTRICT 10

*Essie Sims Porter*

Congratulations to Junior and Mary Wycoff who are most happy to announce the arrival of a bouncing baby girl into their home, and whom they have named Kathryn Lee. She was born May 4 and weighed in at a hefty 10 pounds!

Those receiving Certificates of Merit and Service Awards for 5 years during the past month in District 10 are: Louis M. Counce, Richard Thad Crowley, Daniel Jones Dale, Cecil A. Edwards, Lambert Lenzy Miller, Robert Clinton Rushing, and Ben Luther Sherfield.

We welcome to our district John H. Sanders, who will be our new district maintenance superintendant. We wish him the best of luck and happiness in his new assignment and hope he and his family will be happy living in Paragould. Mr. Sanders replaces O. A. Tinsley who retired May 31 after 35 years of service.

Congratulations to another couple who have a new addition. George and Shirley Moss welcomed Marion Gail on Tuesday, May 3. The little one weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

We deeply regret the passing of Richard E. (Dick) Hughes who passed away May 4. Mr. Hughes, 63, whose home was in Pochontas, was an inspector in E. W. Smith's crew in Pochontas. He had been employed with AHD for 14 years.

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A fabulous husband,  
Remarkable man,  
Come, show me his equal...  
I doubt if you can.

When his wife had a smash-up  
And phoned from afar,  
He asked, "How are you, dear?"  
Then, "How is the car?"

-Richard Armour

## OBITUARY

### DELBERT REYNOLDS

*Delbert Reynolds, front end loader in District 5, was fatally injured while working on Highway No. 9, May 26.*

*Mr. Reynolds was 40 years old and a native of Brockwell, Arkansas, but made his home in Melbourne. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ednas Marie Reynolds, and four children.*



Recognize any of the gentlemen here? Twenty two years haven't made too much difference in at least three of them, except maybe some added avoirdupois. The fourth, and not known by this writer, is Ben Dees, a former member of Bridge Design and now with a consulting firm. Others are: Harold Bastian, L. P. Carlson, and L. A. McCain. Mr. McCain who supplied the old print, said that they got the nod from the game warden by only two fish, caught at Carpenter Dam, May 15, 1938.

## ONE WAY STREET

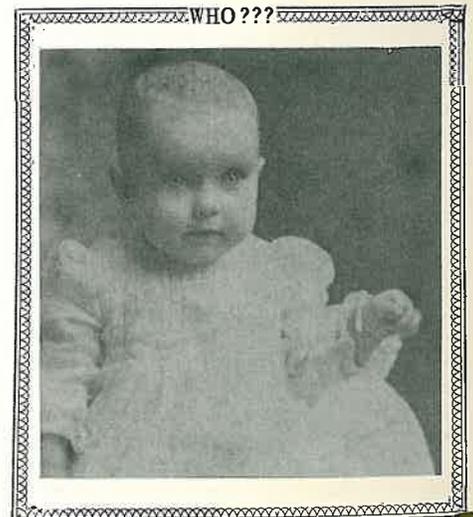
*I turn happily,  
Snappily,  
Into a street,  
And suddenly meet:  
Drivers glaring,  
Horns blaring,  
Pedestrians staring.*

*I fear,  
The end is near,  
I want to hide,  
But instead, decide:  
All I can do,*

*Is U*

*WHEW!*

*-Colleen Stanley Bare*



CLUE: She has worked for the Department for almost 7 years. Is over 30 years old and at one time worked on the second floor.



## LETTERS

May 16, 1960

Dear Sirs:

As manufacturers of concrete, road and earth-moving equipment, mobile asphalt and tar-macadam hot mixing plants, mechanical curb and gutter pavers, plus other equipment, your publication has always been one of the more informative and interesting of the innumerable trade publications we regularly receive and read.

However, the copies we are able to occasionally peruse are very few and far between, to say the least.

Therefore, if at all possible, we would sincerely appreciate the insertion of our company's name and address in your mailing list, so that we may be confident of always receiving future editions.

In anticipation of your cooperation in the present instance, may we truly say...thank you.

Most cordially and respectfully yours,  
*SIMESA dell'Ing DOMENIGHETTI*  
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## THIS'LL KILL 'YA...

by Jimmy Zinn

One poney-player met another on the street and the first asked, "What makes you look so sad?"

I had a hundred bucks stashed away for betting on the ponies today," he explained, "but when I went to get it this morning, it was gone."

"Well what happened?" asked the first sportsman.

"The wife found it and blew it all in on the rent and groceries."

A dilly of a dunning letter: "Dear sir: You have been on our books for a year. We have carried you longer than your own mother did..."

The TV director opened the door of his house at 7 a.m. to find a furious wife who had waited up for him all night. The TV type didn't mince words. He spoke right out: "I stopped in for a drink on the way home last night and got to talking to a beautiful blonde in the bar. She invited me up to her apartment and finally she invited me to stay all night. I did."

The seething wife narrowed her eyes to slits as she glared at her wayward spouse. "All right," she growled, "how much did you lose in the poker game?"

Definition of a bachelor: A man who believes in life, liberty, and the happiness of pursuit.

The handsome attorney arrived at his office all tired out. He'd spent the night trying to break a widow's will.

An airline pilot who lived for years in Hong Kong recently returned to the States. He brought back his Chinese houseboy with him to act as Valet and general handy man. The pilot explained to the boy his duties would be just exactly the same as they had been in Hong Kong - even though the pilot was moving back with his wife.

Everything seemed to go along fine the first day, but the following morning the houseboy bustled into the pilot's bedroom. He shook the wife gently until she was awake then said, "Okay, okay, it's time you go back to town."

A patient consulting a phychiatrist, learned that the fee would be \$50 an hour, so in advance he drew a \$500 check for 10 hours' treatment. When the psychiatrist looked at the check he was amazed to see it signed "Napoleon."

"Of couree," said the patient. "If I signed my real name - would I need you?"

The wild-eyed hillbilly pulled out a pistol, pointed it at the tenderfoot tourist and bellowed, "Take a swig outen my jug!" The hillbilly thrust a jug of white lightning corn squeezin's into the terrified tourists arms.

The poor tenderfoot chocked down a drink then gasped out: "Wow! what awful stuff that is!"

"Yeh, ain't it," agreed the hillbilly. "Now you hold the gun on me."

He: "Be careful of that cowgirl. She's totin' 38's."

Him: "Yes, and she's got a gun, too."

"What's the matter, Joe? You look pretty terrible!"  
 "I've got seenus."

"You mean sinus, don't you?"

"No, I mean seenus. I was out with a married woman last night, and her husband seenus."

In a school examination paper appeared the question, "Give an account of the creation of man."

One little girl answered: "First God created Adam. He looked at him and said, 'I think if I tried again I could do better,' Then he created Eve."

For many years the editor of a small town newspaper had a sign over his desk that read, "Obituary Editor."

Recently his son took over the post and promptly had the sign changed to read: "Son of Obituary Editor."

