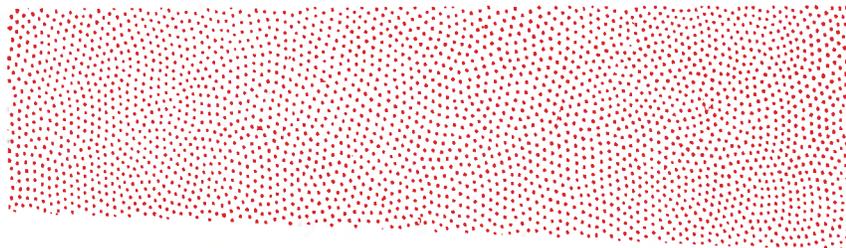
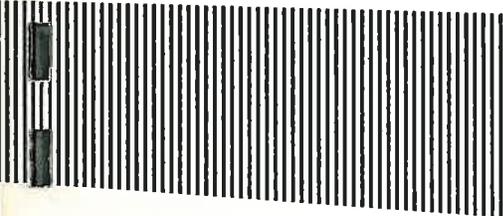
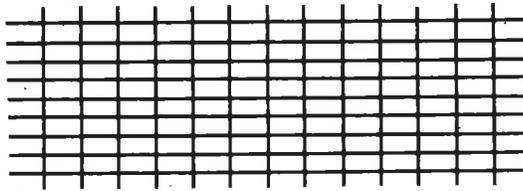


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20th ANNUAL CONVENTION
SASHO
LITTLE ROCK 1961

The Arkansas Highway Department and our Arkansas Highway Industry Associates have done it again!

For several years after the 1949 Convention held in Little Rock we were highly complimented for the well-planned and constructive technical meetings and for the wonderful entertainment provided for the delegates and their wives.

We were not *trying* to "out-do" the 1949 Convention nor those of the other SASHO member States - BUT WE DID. The Convention was superb in every way. The general and committee meetings, the family banquet and dance, the Industry dinner, the tour over interstate construction in the Little Rock area - and we musn't forget the ladies - their tour of Hot Springs followed by a luncheon and style show at the Arlington Hotel, those beautiful corsages hand-made by AHD ladies, the tea at the Governor's Mansion, the "Sip and Chat" room - everyone had a wonderful time.

The following quoted letter from Mr. Ralph Davis, Executive Director of the Florida State Road Department is one of many that we have received and is especially appreciated as the Florida people are past-masters in entertaining both SASHO and AASHO Conventions:

"On behalf of the Florida representation at the SASHO meeting in Little Rock, I wish to express our deep appreciation for the warm hospitality accorded us. Your program was exceedingly well timed and nothing was left undone to make everyone feel at home.

"Our ladies expressed on several occasions the fine treatment shown them, also the many courtesies extended them by every representative of your Department.

"We had a wonderful time in Arkansas!"

It was my high privilege to be President of SASHO but it is a much higher privilege to be associated with and to work with the wonderful people of our Arkansas Highway Department. I was so proud of all of you during the Convention that people must have thought me a braggart of the first order. You planned, you worked, you extended Arkansas hospitality and you thoroughly convinced our visitors that the Arkansas Highway Department is tops.

Mrs. Oliver and I both thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

J. R. Oliver



The first official session got under way in Robinson Auditorium where Governor Faubus is shown extending Arkansas' welcome. Others are, left to right: Raif Smith, AHD administrative assistant and secretary-treasurer of SASHO; J. C. Womack, president of AASHO and chief engineer of the California Highway Department; the Very Reverend Charles Higgins, Dean of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Little Rock; Director Oliver; Wilbur Mills, U. S. Representative, (D.-Ark.); and Little Rock Mayor Werner Knoop. Out of sight behind the rostrum is A. E. Johnson, AASHO executive secretary.

SASHO came to Little Rock the week of November 26-30, and in a BIG WAY!

Upwards of 800 persons from the twelve states in the in the Southeastern Association of State Highway Officials converged on the motels and hotels, particularly the Hotel Marion, which was convention headquarters. The twelve member states include Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia. Regions 3 and 6 of the Bureau of Public Roads with headquarters in Atlanta and Ft. Worth respectively, and portions of Regions 2 and 4 were also guests.

Director F. R. Oliver, president of SASHO for 1961, presided over the five-day event, during which he, other Highway Department officials, and personnel were on a round of activities. There were prominent men who made impressive speeches. There were committee meetings, forums, debates, assemblies, men's breakfasts, teas for the ladies, scenic tours, family banquets, industrial dinners, style shows, and what have you.

Mr. Oliver gave the Response and Annual Report to the assembly audience at the opening session in Robinson Auditorium. Other distinguished guest speakers included: Mayor Werner Knoop, Welcome to Little Rock; Governor Orval E. Faubus, Welcome to Arkansas; and major addresses by The Honorable Wilbur D. Mills, congressman from the Second District of Arkansas; Rex M. Whitton, federal highway administrator of the Bureau of Public Roads; A. E. Johnson, a former chief engineer with our Department and now executive secretary of the American Association of State Highway Officials; and J. C. Womack, president of AASHO, and highway engineer for California; plus many prominent members of the University of Arkansas teaching staff.

The next several pages are devoted to pictures of the various activities scheduled for the five-day meet.



At the SASHO banquet Mr. Oliver presented T. C. Robbins, director of the Mississippi Highway Department with a plaque for having served as president of SASHO for 1959-60. The 1960 convention was held in Biloxi, Miss.



Mr. Oliver is shown here at right registering Commissioner of Highways Henry Ward, Kentucky Department of Highways, who is the next president of SASHO. The convention will be held in 1962 in Kentucky.



Registration for the arrivals began on Sunday, November 26. To speed up registering the more than 800 guests, AHD employees worked in pairs at desks designated for the various states. In the first picture is Brenda Sutton, who is greeting the arrivals. Lucille Dishongh and Delbert Van Landingham are the two nearest camera in picture at right. Below left are Virginia Tackett, Marie Rossing, and Jack Teasdale shown at the Information Desk with an unidentified gentleman.



Rex M. Whitton, federal highway administrator with the Bureau of Public Roads.



Three of the Arkansas Highway Commissioners get together with A. E. Johnson, executive secretary of the American Association of State Highway Officials, for a chat. From left are: Glenn Wallace, Mr. Johnson, Truman Baker, and John E. Crain, Sr.



Mr. Oliver at the opening session.



On behalf of SASHO, Mr. Oliver presented Mr. Mills with a plaque in appreciation for his outstanding contribution in providing adequate financing at the federal level. The presentation was made at the opening session.



Bureau of Public Roads representatives are shown here. A. C. Taylor, Region 6 engineer, is shown fourth from left, seated. John W. Courter, division engineer in Little Rock, is fourth from left standing in the second row.



More registration here. Joyce Spencer and M. B. Gentry are shown left at the So. Carolina-No. Carolina desk. At right are: Dora Davis, Amy Tedford, and Ed Orsini, at the industry registration desk. The gentleman is unidentified.

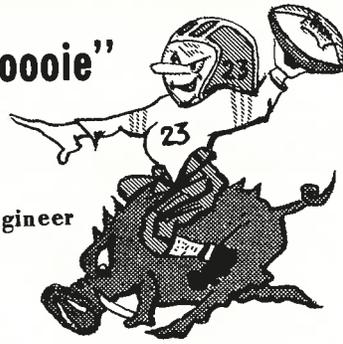


J. C. Womack, president of AASHO, is greeted at Adams Field upon his arrival by Dale Davison, Gerald Sisk, and Bill Moore, all of the Department.



A. E. Johnson, standing, was guest speaker at the Little Rock Engineer's Club luncheon at the Albert Pike Hotel on Monday, November 27. At Mr. Johnson's right are Ward Goodman, chief engineer for AHD, and Judge Arch Campbell.

"W-0o0o0-PIG!-S-ooie"



by BURT ROWND
Bridge Maintenance Engineer

One of the rules of good communication is to *say* what we mean, and *mean* what we say. That rule holds true in the task of rearing children, and in our relationship with our friends and business associates, but never was it more true than when we call our great football team, the Beloved Hogs.

Several years ago, when Arkansas played Ole Miss in Memphis, my brother-in-law and his wife went to the game with a couple from up North. When Arkansas started calling the HOGS, the northern wife asked in great puzzlement, "What are they saying?"

My sister-in-law, a southern girl who was raised on a farm answered, "They're saying, 'Woo, Pig, sooie'."

"Sooie? What does it mean?"

"Oh, you know. You say sooie to a pig, like you'd say 'huhey' to a cow."

With a look of blank amazement she replied, "Like you'd say WHAT to a cow?" displaying her complete ignorance of the entire subject.

Now *there* is the meat of the matter. Only a real hog knows what 'sooie' means, and only a Razorback fan can say it in such a way that those Hogs know that he means it. Now there may still be some "foreigners" who wonder at the meaning of our yell, but not many who have heard it doubt that it is the most effective war cry in the football world today.

Our "Wooie-Pig" is unique. There may be other Razorbacks, Hogs, Pigs in college football, but I don't know of them. It's such an unglamorous caption, but there is *nothing* unglamorous about their performance. Certainly, when we hear hog-calling here in the Great Southwest, we know it is for our Razorbacks - and everybody, but *everybody*, joins in.

Actually, we do more than *call* our Hogs. We call them with "Wooie-Pig," then we add, "Sooie." Now any of you who have lived on a farm knows that "Sooie" does not *call* a hog. It *sends* him. It means GO! get 'yonder' and in a *hurry*. And our own brand of Razorbacks heed both calls in a magnificent way. When we call, they are there, in the huddle, all together, ready for the feed, so to speak. Then when we say "Sooie," they *go*. They *go*, because they know we mean it when we say "sooie." How could they doubt it, when 40,000 fans rend the air with that shrill call? At most college games, the students are the ones who give out with the cheers, but for *our* team, we *all* yell.

It is a contagious thing, and because it is so effective, it has come to be almost the only one we use. It is all we *need*, for it puts over the point in an over-powering way. It is *ours alone*...for our Razorbacks *alone*, and how it has come to send chills up and down the spines of

loyal rooters - and possibly chills of forboding through the opposing team. They all know how the Hogs respond to our call. I have it straight from the snout of one of those Razorbacks that they love to play in Little Rock because to quote him, "Those people *really* call those Hogs, and they *mean* it!"

The Texas A&M Cadets are noted for their cheering and they do make a noise, but as far as I'm concerned, it's just that...NOISE. What do they say? It may stir the Cadets, but it can't send those players like our "Sooie" sends our Hogs!

What would happen if the other Southwest Conference teams tried to imitate our success with a yell that is specifically their own? Can you imagine Texas fans yelling "huhey" to their Steers? Or the SMU people giving out loud, syncopated "k-K-K" to their Ponies? What would the A&M fans say to their Cadets to really put them on the march? How would they convey to the Baylor Bears the idea that they must GO? Possibly, a "Who-Who-Who Ah Ya" would rally the flagging spirits of the Rice Owls, but how could the folks out in Lubbock tell their Raiders to RAID! And the T.C.U. Horned Frogs - now there is really a problem! How do you say "Sooie" to a frog? I think they might try to copy our success, but I doubt if they would ever come up with a yell that fits the situation so perfectly as does our HOG CALL.

There's the old story about the traveling salesman who noticed three neat holes cut in the farmer's new door as he walked up the rickety steps. Curious as to why the farmer would ruin a new door in such a way, he had to mention it before he could launch his sales pitch. "Well," drawled the old man. "It's like this, I've got three cats, and sonny, when I say 'Scat,' I mean SCAT."

When we say "SOOIE," brother, we mean "SOOIE." We *say* what we mean, and *mean* what we say...We really COMMUNICATE!

(Editor's Note: The clever article above was presented by Bert in speech form to the Hi-Noon Toastmasters Club not long ago. Since that time it has gained some prominence, having been viewed and aired by Bud Campbell over "Little Rock Today," and portions of it were used in a daily column in the Gazette.)

PATRICK CLARENCE FISHER

Patrick Clarence Fisher, 79, a retired employee of the Highway Department, died November 14 at a Little Rock hospital. Mr. Fisher began working for the Department in 1949 in District 6 at North Little Rock. He retired in 1958. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lenora Faulkner Fisher; a daughter, Mrs. Sid Haydon of Little Rock; a brother, Norman Fisher of North Little Rock, and two grand children. Funeral services were conducted November 15. Honorary pallbearers were employees of District 6.



Above, grouped around the table at the Bridge Engineer's Dinner in the Court Room at Hotel Marion are: Dr. J. C. Scalzi, structural design engineer with U. S. Steel; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Rownd; R. E. Hickey, U. S. Steel; and AHD Bridge Engineer L. P. Carlson. Above Right, also at the dinner are: Mrs. F. R. Oliver, Mrs. Ed Guinee, Mr. Guinee, with U. S. Steel; Chief Engineer Ward Goodman, Mrs. Goodman, and Fred B. White, U. S. Steel. At right, Chief Engineer Ward Goodman chats with the Mississippi Chief Engineer Eugene Johnson.



INTERSTATE TOUR



A police-escorted tour was arranged for the SASHO guests to inspect the Interstate Construction Program in the Little Rock-No. Little Rock area.



Abby Wolverton Hardy, Sr., of upper class pioneer stock, born and educated in Ardmore, Okla., and reared there and on the piedmont of Texas, will end a 25-year relationship with the Highway Department December 31, when he retires at the age of 68.

Hardy is one of two Right of Way men retiring because of the new ruling made earlier this year by the Highway Commission, which lowered the retirement age from 70 to 67. The ruling goes into effect on December 31. The other man is Fay McKinney Wallace, but more about him later.

The first and only utility engineer (until a replacement for him was named) in the Department, Hardy has literally "lived" his career since it began after he received an engineering degree from Oklahoma State University. A learned man, his thirst for knowledge seems to be insatiable and his academic record reads like a list of colleges and universities. Most of his subsequent studies have been review and advance courses and he still burns the midnight oil reading thick, technical tomes on such "light" subjects as analytics, calculus, chemistry, etc.

Hardy is more than a surname; it also denotes the rough and ready, the hard-driving active way he has spent his adult life. He loves to recount tales he heard "first hand" from the infamous Dalton boys, and his associates say that he can eat more chili, cheese, and peanuts than most men his junior with no apparent ill effects.

A registered professional engineer; past president of the Mid-South Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (Hardy has held every office in this organization except a national office); teacher of math; electrical as well as civil engineer; quasi-lawyer, perpetrator of utility agreements (often resulting he says, in his being called a few names other than Hardy), there is no doubt of his love for the "King's English," or his dislike for the mis-use of it.

For one reason or another, and other than through affection, A. W. has earned and answers to several nicknames: "Judge," probably results from his admiration of the printed word and his love for a good argument; "Andy," from his "namesake" in the movies and our chief engineer's favorite form of needling; and "Pops" from the fairer sex, and probably a corruption of the term "Daddy".

Right-of-Way Men Retire

And speaking of the fairer sex, a pretty girl passing by can put a twinkle in his eye but no girl could ever take the place of his wife, the former Miss Lurlene Hutcheson, whom he married at Texarkana in 1924. Of her he says: "She's the best little gal in the world." He met her when he was working in Magnolia for an oil company and she was employed in the postoffice there. During all the years Hardy has worked in Little Rock, he has maintained living quarters there, but driving to his home in Magnolia on the week ends. The Hardys had three children. Their son, A. W. Hardy, Jr., is assistant resident engineer with the Highway Department, and a daughter is married, living in Oklahoma City. Another daughter died about five years ago.

Hardy, who's engineering has taken him to at least a dozen states, has had a long, active association in the Mid-South Section of AASHO; he is a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers; the American Society of Civil Engineers; the American Concrete Institute; and others. His career has included building two dams, one hydro-electric and one steam plant.

Contrary to what many people may think, Hardy feels no resentment at having to retire from the Department. As a matter of fact, several have affectionately told him (including his wife) that the knowledge of his impending retirement has mellowed his disposition. Hardy plans to rest for a couple of months at home when he retires, then take his wife on an extended trip through the southeastern states. After his return he will go into consultant work in Magnolia.

Hardy's leaving is akin to a graduating student and commencement exercises, which is a demarcation ending some of his struggles to achieve his goal, parting him from his past associates, placing past pleasant activities into memories, but turning toward a broader, more exciting era.

And so, A. W., we hope you have the joys and memories of your associations and achievements, and please take with you our best wishes for a long, good, new era in your fruitful life.

FAY WALLACE

When Fay McKinney Wallace retires December 31, it will make his second retirement within four years. When he came to the Highway Department in August 1957, he had retired from the U. S. Corps of Engineers, after a 10-year career. In fact, he retired from the Engineers to organize and supervise the Appraisal Section in Right of Way.

A native of Aplin in Perry County, Wallace got his start in the business world with his father in the D. M. Wallace and Son Mercantile Firm, where he sold everything from straight pins to sawmills and harvesting machinery, plus bookkeeping, appraising land, crops, livestock, and timber. He was principal and taught school one year at Aplin High School, and one year in Perryville. After that he became candidate for office



Mr. Wallace

of county and circuit clerk and recorder, while he was cashier in the Perry State Bank.

When he was elected to the office of circuit clerk he served four years (two terms) then gave it up as too confining and didn't offer to run again. During the depression years he was a farmer and a trader, buying and selling land, after which he went to work for the Game and Fish Commission. While with the agency he was supervisor of wardens, sold license, was a public relations man of sorts, and after eight years he was "governated," as he put it. During World War II he went to work at the Maumelle Ordnance Plant as a guard, then to the Corps of Engineers.

Wallace has a masters degree in business accounting from Freed-Hardman College at Henderson, Tenn., and took a short course in appraisals at Michigan State. He served as a private during World War I.

He and Mrs. Wallace, the former Miss Vestal Dooley, have a son who resides in Stuttgart, Ark., four daughters, and nine grandchildren.

His retirement won't automatically bring idleness, he said, adding that he was afraid there wouldn't be as much time to do all the things he has planned. He will probably consider one of the propositions he's been offered by several engineering firms to act as appraisal consultant, and he has 240 acres of land and about 40 head of cattle in Perry County. Whatever he chooses to do, we wish him good luck and many years of contentment.



Disease Ahead?

by Dale Davison
Personnel Officer

Family sickness is one of the greatest problems each of us face every day. This has greater significance if the person becoming ill is also the bread-winner. Add to this a disaster area where the normal needs of a sick or injured person may be cared for and you have many heartaches.

We in Arkansas have been most fortunate with only one major disaster in a congested area in the past year. Some other areas of the country have not been so fortun-

ate. The present nuclear age has increased the possibility of a disaster. There are many things that can be done to minimize some of the dangers we know of today. In any disaster the probability of widespread disease is great. Communicable diseases are many and varied--some are spread by physical contact; others such as diphtheria, typhoid, or tetanus are primarily received from inert sources. Some of these diseases may be controlled with timely inoculation.

Director of Highways, F. R. Oliver, has asked the Personnel Officer to work with the Arkansas State Board of Health to establish a program of immunization for all employees and their families. Preliminary reports indicate that the following inoculations are recommended:

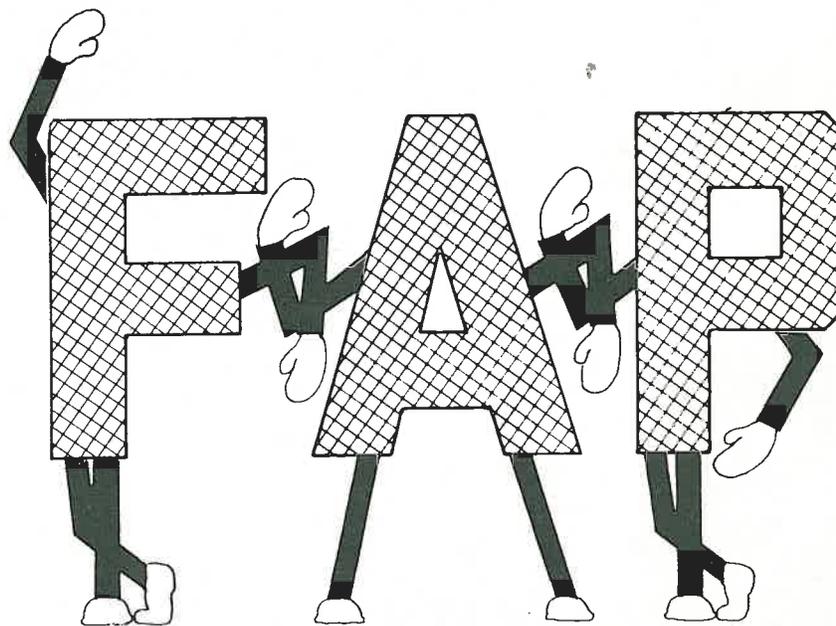
- Smallpox - every three years
- Diphtheria -- Tetanus -- every five years
- Typhoid - Paratyphoid -- three shots followed by booster each three years.
- Poliomyelitis -- full course -- three doses

Inoculations in themselves do not guarantee an individual will not contract any disease. It has been proven however that with proper immunization the chances are greatly reduced at any time.

It is the desire of the director that all employees and their families be provided the greatest protection at the lowest cost.

When more information is available, an official notice will be published.

DON'T FORGET THE



SASHO Family Banquet, Open House ("Hi-Y'all"), Women's



Activities, Industrial Dinner, Etc....



1. and 2. Greetings from Mr. and Mrs. Oliver and Mr. and Mrs. Raif M. Smith, shown behind the ice cut-outs which stand for Associated General Contractors, sponsors of the Industrial Dinner on Wednesday night.

3. Mr. Oliver, back left, Henry Ward, Kentucky Commissioner of Highways, and vice president of SASHO, who will be president in 1962; R. D. Jordan, Alabama; M. L. Shadburn, Georgia; S. N. Pearman, So. Carolina, and B. A. Sawyers, West Virginia.

4. Mrs. Oliver at the luncheon in Hot Springs.



5. Mr. Goodman addresses the crowd at the Family Banquet on Tuesday night. Others at head table are Mr. Parkin, Frank Caple, Governor Faubus, and Mr. Oliver. In front are Mrs. Goodman, Mrs. Parkin, and Mrs. Caple.

6. John S. Harris, Mrs. Raif Smith, and Mrs. Harris.

7. Ladies are waiting for the buses to return them to the hotel after the tea in the Governor's Mansion.

8. Mrs. Oliver

9. The crowd at the Family Banquet

10. Pouring at the tea given in the mansion is Mrs. C. A. Shumaker. Standing are: Mrs. L. A. McCain, Mrs. Otha Hewitt, and Mrs. Jim Meredith.

11. Mrs. Goodman pins on a corsage of Arkansas products made by Mrs. Oliver and her committee members.

12. A switch. Johnnie Gray, staff photographer, gets his picture snapped with Chief Goodman.

13. Mrs. Johnnie Gray hands C. Don Hayes a cup of coffee. Watching are Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Meredith, and Mrs. Y. W. Whelchel.

14. Mrs. Smith, Mrs. August Schofer of Hagerstown, Md., whose husband is Bureau of Public Roads regional engineer for Region 2, and Mrs. Dale Davison.

15. On the Governor's Mansion staircase are, going up: Mrs. Faubus, Mrs. Parkin, Mrs. John E. Crain, Sr., Mrs. Glenn Wallace, Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Henry Ward, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Goodman.

16. The Ladies Tea in the Governor's Mansion.

17. The Industrial Dinner at Robinson Auditorium.



THE UNCERTAIN SOUND

Taking a mixed-up signalman at par value almost got Dauphie and me obliterated the other afternoon.

We were going north on Highway 67, just starting the 20-mile stretch of cautious driving necessitated by the road building now in full swing between Newport and Walnut Ridge, when, blooie! it almost happened.

It was near sundown on a beautiful October day and everything seemed tranquil. I had just rounded the bend on the first detour around a missing bridge. There, at an intersection, stood a member of the highway crew, with a red flag, directing traffic.

I noticed that he had stopped the south-bound traffic with an outstretched hand. As he looked at me, the nearest driver to him in the north-bound traffic, he kept waving his still furled flag up and down, vertically. I thought he meant for me to come ahead, and that's what I was doing.

Suddenly he began to yell at me to stop, still waving his flag stick up and down. I jammed on my brakes to discover I had almost driven into the path of a monstrous gray highway truck with its tons of sand. The driver of the truck stopped about the same time - much more suddenly than he was accustomed to. I found myself the center of the combined ill will of both the truck driver and the signalman.

"You are supposed to watch the road!" roared the signalman.

"I was watching you," I replied, loud enough that he could hear me without cupping his hands back of his ears. "And I could not tell what you meant by your signals."

After a few seconds of glaring, the truck driver proceeded on his way, across my path. The traffic

director indicated that I was to proceed. And he was waving his stick up and down the same way he had been waving it when he meant for me to stop! I was tempted to stop and give him some instructions in signaling. But I decided I was probably not the one to do it under the circumstances.

It occurs to me that there are a lot of traffic directors in our society today who either do not know what the signals are, or they are mixed up on how to give them. And I am even more mindful than I used to be that you can get yourself splattered by following the direction of a mixed-up signalman.

"...if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?" (1 Cor. 14:8)

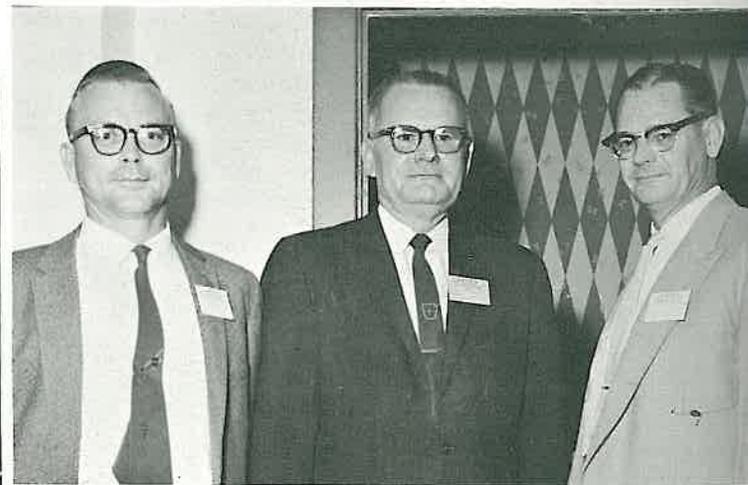
...Erwin L. McDonald

(Editor's Note: The above article, written by Mr. McDonald, who is editor of the "Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine," appeared in the October issue of that magazine, under Mr. McDonald's column, "Personally Speaking." A Department official suggested that we reprint it in the hope that future situations such as this one can be avoided. The following information came from the Planning and Research Division.)

The Highway Commission on September 6, 1961, by Minute Order 4262, adopted the national "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices," which includes a section on FLAGGING TRAFFIC under Part V, entitled, "Traffic Controls for Highway Construction and Maintenance Operations." This manual had been distributed to division heads and district engineers with instructions from the chief engineer to carry out regulations contained therein.

As a result of this action, flagging practices and traffic controls for construction and maintenance operations will be more uniform not only in Arkansas but also nationally.

More SASHO



At left standing by A. E. (Alf) Johnson, center, are: Fred Herring, retired, L. V. Witherspoon, R. B. Winfrey, and Otho Hewitt, all of AHD. Above: J. C. Sears and John Courter, Little Rock; and Wendell F. Barnhart, Ft. Worth, Tex., all of the Bureau of Public Roads.



Governor Faubus at the Family Banquet



Leon Sneed, Mrs. Bert Rownd, Don Hayes and Mrs. Bill Moore, pouring.



Sneed, Mrs. Sneed, and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Head



Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dixon, Warren, Ark.; and Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Hill, Little Rock.



Top pic: Joe Kunkel, Armco, Ft. Smith; E. E. Hurley, AHD; Conrad Longfellow, Armco, Little Rock; W. B. Jackson, Mississippi Highway Department. Middle pic: Marty Carter, Armco, Jackson, Miss.; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Brownlee, Mississippi; and Y. W. Whelchel, AHD. Bottom: F. L. Hutchison, No. Carolina Highway Dept.; Robert C. Odle, and C. S. Harmon, both of Tennessee Highway Dept., Nashville.



Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. A. C. Rives, Mrs. Meredith, Mrs. John Tallant, (back to camera), Mrs. Jonathan Beavers, and Mrs. Gray.



← Mr. and Mrs. Lee Tedford, Linda Schmidt and Ruth Foll

AROUND THE DEPARTMENTS

ACCOUNTING DIVISION

Smith & Koonce

Frank Phillips was presented his 15-year service awards the day before Thanksgiving. We gave him a party and had a beautiful cake.



Frank Phillips

Some of our folks took a day or so of vacation leave for a longer Thanksgiving week-end in order to visit relatives. Joe Schamer went to Memphis, Carl Morris to Arkadelphia, Betsy Morrison to Camden, Olin Randell to Fayetteville, and Margaret Allen to Huntsville, Texas. Irene Hawkins made a trip to Dallas earlier in the month.

Carol Wilson left us to return to Washington, D. C. where she will work for the FBI again.

We welcome two new employees - Joy Marshall and Tyronza Bradford.

Tom Dixson is the proud father of a second son. We presented him with a gift by way of congratulations.

Former employee Peggy Yielding had her baby on November 16th - a girl! We know she and Travis are positively beaming.

As in all other central offices, we are happy to have been a part of the SASHQ Convention.

BRIDGE DESIGN

Virginia Tackett.

Because we hadn't had an office get-together for quite some time, and because Veral Pinkerton had a 5-year service award coming up, the Bridge Design Division planned a potluck sup-

per just before Thanksgiving. We reserved the Levy Legion Hut, which is rather rustic, but big and sturdy enough to take care of all our children. There is a wood-burning fireplace and the men sat around and talked while the wives got the food on the table. The food was wonderful! We had Javanese shrimp, Seafood Gumbo, fried chicken, Spanish rice, ham loaf, and the gustatory sensation, lasagna, along with vegetables, salads, hot rolls, and coffee and cakes - three beautiful ones. The company was excellent. Every bridge designer who could possibly make it came with his family and we had as guests: Catherine Carlson Rochester, the Olivers, the Goodmans, the Winfreys, the Mattoxos, and the Rownds. Bert Rownd was prevailed upon to deliver his now-famous "Wooooo-Pig-Sooioe" speech, and it occurred to several later that considering the amount of eating that had gone on just prior to it, the speech was highly appropriate.

The next big event, of course, was the SASHQ Convention, where Mr. Carlson presided over the Bridge Committee of which he has been chairman for the past year. The delegates were unanimous in their opinion that it was one of the best meetings yet.



Shown at the Levy Hut are, top: Robert Venable, standing by his dad, Charles Venable, Jim Matthews and Jim Hillis. Bottom: Mr. and Mrs. Oliver, Virginia and Lowell Tackett, and Mr. and Mrs. Goodman.

DATA PROCESSING CENTER

Carolyn Reddin

We are all glad to see our boss, Art Johnson, back at work, after being off a couple of weeks due to surgery, in Cleveland, Ohio.

Nedra Barton was in St. Vincent's Hospital with undulant fever but has returned home.

Erma and Robert Jetton spent a week end recently in Trimble, Tenn. visiting Robert's mother.

Grover Smith (better known as Smitty) took a week off in November. He and Mrs. Smith took in the Ark-SMU game at Dallas.

Carolyn and Jimmy Reddin spent the Thanksgiving holidays visiting their parents in Hampton.

The girls in Data Processing were invited for cake and coffee in the Microfilming Section by Verna Daes and Sarah Neel, who honored Betty Graham with a small stork shower. We presented Betty with a baby gift and we enjoyed the cake and coffee.

We are glad to have Dale Hoggard with us. Dale transferred from the Mail Room December 1.

EQUIPMENT DIVISION

Doris Healy

As usual, our boss, C. Don Hayes, bagged his deer during the first deer season. He went to Ouachita County where he had such good luck last year.

Carol and Charles Hilton have a new 1962 Ford Galaxie which is a beautiful sand-shell beige. They sported around town, Charlie's mother and father, who visited them during the Thanksgiving holiday week end.

In our last month's news we failed to mention Mrs. Mayfield's new red 1962 Ford Falcon Ventura, and we extend our apologies to her for our oversight.

Patsy Navens spent a week in Memphis visiting her sister, Mrs. Farley Hill, and enjoyed it.

Delbert Pearl, Equipment Division's bookkeeper, and most eligible bachelor, is taking his vacation at this writing. We're sure that upon his return that he'll have many tall tales to tell of his extended tour to parts unknown.

Bonnie and Bob Hill went with friends to see the Hogs play Texas Tech and what a game it was! Rayma Fisher and husband also went to that game.

Bernie Cox and Frank Pitts made a trip to Houston, Texas, to see the Razorbacks beat Rice 10-0.

We are sorry to have lost James Alexander who resigned due to his health. We wish to thank him for the nice box of candy he brought us.

FREWAY BRIDGE

Patsy Willis

December already, and by the time this issue is out everyone will be wishing they were making preparations to go to the Sugar Bowl to see the GREAT HOGS play...Pat Thornton attended the SMU game in Dallas.

R. V. Mallett visited his wife and family in Abilene, Tex. over the Thanksgiving holidays. Renee Lambert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mendall Lambert, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her parents. Renee attends Arkansas Tech. She previously worked for Dave Moore. Her father is engineering technician for Ralph Jones.

Job 6595, South Terminal Interchange, was sold in November. All the work has been completed except a little office work. On November 3, two lanes of the relocated Highway 5, below Park Hill in North Little Rock, were opened to traffic. This eliminated the stop light and detour that had been in existence since the job began. The resident engineer reported that the solemn stares from the motorists have now turned to smiles.

George Burris, rodman, is handing out cigars these days. His wife, Ann presented him with a 7 pound, 13 ounce girl on November 3. Katherine Ann was born at Baptist Hospital. This is their first child. John Helgen, field clerk

Ralph Jones, is also proud to announce the arrival of a new red-haired granddaughter, Tracy Lynn, who was born November 5 at Stuttgart Hospital. This is the fourth grandchild for the Helgens.

George Peevy has been getting to do a little more baby sitting than usual lately. His wife had the mumps, so George got in some overtime.

O. S. Benning and Robert Benning have been transferred from the North Terminal Interchange on the Freeway to District 6. We will miss them. John Sage, engineering technician, has been transferred from Construction to Materials and Tests in accordance with his training program. Sidney Elam, rodman, left for the service November 19. Good luck, Sid. Sid will be at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Tex.

The first day of squirrel season found Ralph Jones, Bill Price, and Jim Rives out in the woods. Among the three, 23 squirrels were killed. Pretty good shootin', boys. Jim Little spent his vacation deer hunting. Last report was he was hunting for the horns of a deer. Woodrow Crabtree went deer hunting down in the southern part of Arkansas and they say a deer almost stepped on him.

We talked to PeeWee at Mr. Perkins' office and he said that Earl Thomas and Bonnie Liner got married over the week end of November 25. Our con-

gratulations to the happy couple. We assume that Earl will be leaving us soon, and we will really miss him as he is a great guy, and everyone likes him.

We were sorry to hear that Woodrow Crabtree's mother passed away. Woodrow works out in George Peevy's office.



The men who went squirrel hunting are pictured with their "catch" on the first day of squirrel season. Top are: Ralph Jones and Bill Price. At bottom is Jim Rives.

HENDERSON FERRY

Plas B. Lovelady

Although there were several of the boys deer hunting, only one brought back a deer. Cleo Copeland killed an 8-point buck. Since Cleo doesn't have his new dentures yet we may have to eat it for him...Most of the boys are getting ready for bird season to open. Owen Montgomery, James Montgomery, Hugh Perryman, and Thurman Snelgroes have young bird dogs to train out this season.

Charles Sherman finally gave up his happy bachelorhood and freedom when he took a wife. The bride was the former Miss Janice Boles.

J. W. Bryant bought a farm a few months ago and is now building a new house on it, which we believe is about ready to move into.

Hayden Snelgroes, who has been hospitalized in Little Rock, was able to spend the Thanksgiving holidays at home but had to return to Little Rock on the following Saturday.

We have had quite a few cases of rabies in the last few months, so be on guard. Roy Tilley's three dogs were bitten before they finally killed a rabid fox. The test on the fox proved positive.

We have three men who will be retiring at the end of the year: H. K. Scandrett, Owen Montgomery, and Arthur Crawford.

MATERIALS AND TESTS

Julia Halliburton

To begin our news we will say hello to our new employee, Clark Salley, and our two engineers in training, Bobby Parker and J. Owens.

We were sorry to lose Roy Rosin, who resigned to move to Heber Springs where he will be engineer and management coordinator for a proposed resort development there. Roy is also a partner in a consulting engineers firm.

Another employee who resigned was Frank Lambert, and Robert Bracknell was called to the service and is in a camp in Alabama.

Vacationers recently were Henry Dreher, Raybon Camp, Wendell Williams, J. W. Chapman, Jake Clements, and Frances Roller.

Neal Roach, R. C. Turney, and Bobby Parker were happy when deer season arrived and proved it by each killing their limit.

Johny Dunbar journeyed to Fayetteville to see the Arkansas-Texas A&M game on Homecoming Day.

This reporter had an automobile accident October 28. Finally got my old car back and it's just like new.

Frances Roller tried carrot juice but to no avail. She had to get a pair of eye glasses after all.

Carroll Guffey came in one Friday passing out cigars and all he could say was "boy."

Smokey Wood went fishing for crappie not long ago and caught a 5 pound bass.

Will Banks tried to make it home November 24 but an accident on Highway 167 prevented him from making it there. He was not seriously injured but his car was demolished.

PERSONNEL

M. A.

Several of our folks were caught up in the excitement and activity of the SASHO Convention when it was held

late last month in Little Rock. Ruth Foll and Shirley Bain were among those who helped register the guests at the Hotel Marion for a couple of days. Dale Davison, Personnel officer, Jim Higgins, and Hoyt Thomas were also in and out of the office during the meetings, helping make arrangements, etc., and meeting distinguished guests at the airport upon their arrival.

The magazine section has been moved, but not very far. We took over a part of what was formerly the library. Sections of the top wall were knocked out and replaced with glass, and a door was installed, so we are now to ourselves. The move probably makes the others in the office happy since it eliminates the noise of our vari-typer, which can be distracting. It also affords them more privacy as well as us.

All of us had a nice Thanksgiving and are now looking ahead to Christmas, which will be here by the time this issue is printed.

Sibble Cox has a new car - well, it's not new exactly, but it is to her. She sold her Mercury and bought a 1958 Karmann Ghia, in white. It's sure cute.

So far, we don't know what all our folks have planned for Christmas, but Ruth Foll plans to go home to Mountain View to be with parents and sister. And Jane Greenlee is going to Tennessee to be with her mother and other relatives.

Merry Christmas to everyone!

PLANNING AND RESEARCH

Bonnie Thomas

Nona Boudra started working November 6 as vari-typist in Planning and Research. She is originally from Morrilton but has lived in Little Rock for the past six years. Glad to have you, Nona.

Jane Huff had quite a bout with a cold and flu for a week but has returned to work and is perking along.

John Kizer of the Engineering Training Program, was with us during the month of November.

Wedding Bells rang out last month for two couples. Walter Hereford and Melba Garrett were married November 3 in the First Methodist Church in North Little Rock. And this reporter's new name is Mrs. Earl Thomas. The change took place November 24 in the Antioch Baptist Church. Earl was employed in the office of Resident Engineer H. H. Perkins in North Little Rock.

J. D. (Pat) Patton, Jr. and his family have moved into their new home at No. 21 Windsor Drive, Meadowcliff.

Several P & R employees worked and participated in the SASHO Convention when it was held last month. Everyone has settled down to a normal pace once more, but Christmas is coming and we'll be involved in the excitement of Christmas activity.

RECORDS AND SUPPLIES

Helen McCook

Just got back from the "Old Home Town" - St. Louis...Visited my folks and had fun in general.

Betty Graham, who worked in Micro-filming Section, left November 15 to await the stork. Our best wishes to her and Wade. By the way, they just bought a new home in one of the new developments in North Little Rock. They are very happy about it.

Dale Hoggard is going over to Data Processing. We are going to miss him and hate to see him go but we know that he will be happy. Olaf (Hal) Haldorsen is our new boy who is going to work in the supply room.

Some of the girls gave Betty a farewell luncheon at Morrison's on the day she left, and presented her with a baby gift. Those attending were: Sarah Neel, Verna, Marty Adams, Billie Ruth Hatcher, Pat Wheat, and Robbie Ingle, who is on leave from Personnel's Magazine Section to await the stork too. That afternoon Verna and Sarah had sort of an "open house" for Betty and coffee, cookies, etc. were served. The girls in Data Processing Center attended and brought Betty a baby blanket.

DISTRICT 1

Janet McElduff

Sick leave and "hunting" leave seem to have been the prime topic of conversation around our parts this past month. We have had only one deer reported however, and that was from Bill Vickers, who got a 5-point, 125 pound deer down around St. Charles. His greatest accomplishment was that it only took him an hour and twenty minutes to bag his deer. Fast work, Bill!

Those out on sick leave recently have been Charlie Pittman, Dalton Voyles, Bill Vickers, and our Superintendent of Maintenance, James Hamilton, who had a serious emergency operation November 12 at Crittenden Hospital in West Memphis. We were all so glad to see his face again in the office just for a few minutes November 27, and to know that he will soon be back on the job with us. Bill Cline, resident engineer in Brinkley, rushed the news to us of Princess Thompson's new baby boy, born November 16, and weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces. David Cole is the young man's name, and his mother is secretary in the Brinkley construction office. Vacation leave slips include Lewis Carter, Johnny McCabe (Woodruff County), C. E. Brown, Herbert Dixon, Bill Cline, J. D. Sorrell, J. E. Pickett, and C. E. Jackson, Tom Ellis made a flying trip

to Kenosha, Wisconsin recently to visit his daughter. Rumor has it that Mr. Tom will be retiring by the end of this year. He will certainly be missed.

We are endeavoring to feature on Area Foreman and his crew each month, and this month we would like to introduce T. O. McCoy, area foreman for Woodruff County. Mr. McCoy has been with the Highway Department since December 1, 1949, and has been area foreman for a good number of those years. He lives in Patterson, is a widower, and has one son who lives in California, and a daughter living in Hot Springs. J. L. Carter is one of Mr. McCoy's best right-hand men, and others in the crew are Wister Morris, Otha Allgood, D. W. Armstrong, J. J. McCabe, Bill Cornwell, J. A. Harmon, J. F. Ashby, Upton Harmon, A. M. Ashley, Jess Melton, Bobby Wright, and Eugene Taylor. Recently the Jaycee's of Augusta put on a fish fry honoring these men. The dinner was held at Taylor's Bay near Augusta, and a number of the leading citizens turned out to show their appreciation of the good work this crew has done in Woodruff County. It is gratifying to know that there are those who recognize the worth of the Highway Department.

The girls in the office are busily counting the coke money and planning our Christmas party, which we hope to make our very best yet. We are concentrating heavily on the food item under the direction of our boss, C. M. Matthews who is able to engineer good recipes as well as roads. Our gift items are to be toys which we will donate to the Cross County Welfare. It's on December 22 and we hope to have a wonderful party. So, if you can, COME TO SEE US.

DISTRICT 2

Ouida Grimes

Service award recipients recently were: Cleed D. Harper, 20 years; Samuel P. Doss, Jr and Hollis L. Lisenby, 10 years; and Dennis Henley, 5 years.

New arrivals are Michael Earl Murphy, new son of the Huey Murphys of Monticello, who weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces, and Baby Margaret Ann Key, whose proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Willie Key, Margaret Ann was born November 17 and weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces.

Willard Johnson of Monticello killed an 8-point buck during the first deer season, and it was the only one reported to us. We're sure some of our other employees made their kill, however.

James Pierce, Charles Russell Gaddy, and Joe Hays have attended several Arkansas football games this season. James came to work one day with black and blue marks all over him, and Gaddy

came to work with a bad shoulder. We found out that they had been beating on each other at the games. They both had to see a doctor.

District 2 wishes all of you a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

DISTRICT 3

Olive Jackson

J. E. Lowder, our district engineer, attended the Southeast Association of State Highway Officials convention in Little Rock November 26-30.

Those in our district receiving service awards in November were: Louis Flozell Jones, 10 years, and Errol Arledge, 5 years.

We extend a big welcome to Iva McKinnie, who joined our office personnel November 20. Iva is secretary to Mr. Lowder and replaces Marie Lively who resigned November 1.

Edna Lewallen spent the Thanksgiving holidays with the Robert Stephens and little Russell Edward in Dallas, Tex.

Maye and Jodie Waddle are parents of a baby girl, Penny Laurie, who arrived November 3, weighing 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

Marion Dillard Lingo, employee of Pike County, reported to Uncle Sam on November 12. He is stationed at Fort Polk, La.

Sam and Dortha Fay Huckabee and children, James William, Linda, and Mary Lou, spent the week end of November 3 in Tupelo, Miss., where they visited Dortha Faye's brother and wife, the Ray Cumbies.

Some of the lucky deer hunters in our district were: Schley Carter, Sherrell Turner, and Nolen Clark, who each bagged an 8-point deer; and W. T. Tallant, who bagged a 10-pointer.

DISTRICT 5

Carl Davis

Deer Season was quite successful in District 5 this year. Employees bringing in a trophy (deer) were: Glen Stroud, Euell Schribner, W. P. Felts, all in Fulton County; Marvin Calhoun, Jackson County; Delmas Martin, Izard County; and from Independence County, Harold May, Gene Pectol, G. C. Anderson, Jet James, and G. J. Collins. So if you like venison fried, stewed, baked, or barbequed, come on up.

Sally and Russell McMillan spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Chicago with his mother, Mrs. O. D. Syfert, Sr. Mrs. Syfert returned home to Batesville with them for a visit.

Dan Garwood, employee in Izard County, left the Highway Department December 5 for a two-year stint with the Armed forces.

DISTRICT 6

Pat Venable

If you're driving out the Benton Highway and suddenly see a big splotch of blue - drive to it. It's our new District 6 Headquarters. November 16 was the big day of excitement - we moved into the new building and we're still bubbling over with pride. We want everyone to come and take a tour through our new home.

George Franklin Neal, who works with the Saline County crew, was married recently. Our best to the couple.

We have a new employee, a little guy named Bobby Battie, who transferred to us from the Pen Walls. He's replacing Mahoney in the stock room. They say that dynamite comes in small packages!

We believe everyone enjoyed our Thanksgiving dinners. After eating out our hot food vending machine here at the office, it was a delight to sit down for lunch and face something other than a tin can.

Spearman Allen recently received his 15-year service awards. Also, Mr. Jeter received his 20-year awards. We celebrated Mr. Jeter's anniversary with his favorite cake: German chocolate.

The week of November 13-17 found most of our men out deer hunting. J. W. Gilbert killed a 5-point buck, and Johnny P. Gilbert killed one but didn't say what point, nor how large.

We're glad to have Bill Oliver out in the country with us. None of us worry about starvation now as Bill treats us regularly with cakes and cookies. And we love it, of course.

George Ingle came to the office during deer season with his shirt tail cut off. He wouldn't tell us about it but Vernon Ellis did. Seems George kidded Vernon once too often.

Our sympathies are extended to the family of Spearman Allen in the death of his wife's mother. Also to the Robert F. Burgess family in the loss of their baby girl born in November.

DISTRICT 7

Burnham and Campbell

Service awards for November were to J. W. Hancock, 10 years; and Floyd J. Gilbert, Charlie Lewis, and James Edward Sweet, 5 years.

Russell Henderson, Billy Cooper, and W. E. Hicks met with the El Dorado City Council and Planning Commission November 21 to discuss highway routings in and around El Dorado.

Mr. Hicks was guest speaker at the November 6 meeting of the Camden Rotary Club. He spoke on the proposed Camden Bypass.

Mr. and Mrs. Hicks enjoyed having their daughters at home over the Thanksgiving holidays. Judy made her first trip home from the University of Arkansas and Virginia came in from Tulsa.

J. C. and Hazel Webb enjoyed their vacation visiting their daughter and family in Texas. Mary Nell Carlson's vacation was spent cleaning house and being with her family over the Thanksgiving holidays.

H. C. Steadman reports that Chester Kitchen is happy to have his wife at home after spending some time in the hospital. O. A. Reddin's mother has also returned from the hospital.

Charles Rampley, inspector with J. C. Webb, is leaving the Department November 30 to accept a position as job superintendent with a construction firm. Good luck, Charles.

Carl McMahan, Boyd Hatridge, Betty and Thomas Mitchell each bagged a deer during the first season. We understand Eddie Beasley took a back seat since his wife proved to be the best shot, and brought home the venison. John Livingston, wonder why your shirtail is so short these days?

Look out girls! John Harvey is driving a car of his own - a neat, black Chevrolet. Dan Carrier is keeping his vacation a secret. We hope you had a deep, dark, 'good time' Dan.

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Bradshaw and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Garner, Bradshaw's parents, reported a wonderful vacation in Los Angeles, visiting their brothers and sisters. Bradshaw made the trip in his new Falcon and said he wouldn't trade it for a Cadillac.

We had a number of employees off for deer hunting, but haven't seen any venison. Several reported getting their deer, including Kenneth Bussell who brought an 8-point set of horns by the office. We still have another hunt for the big feed.

DISTRICT 8

Netha Brown

Our office has been bustling with activity as workmen have been installing the two-way radio-system. All employees who will be operating the radios have been eyeing the equipment uncertainly, wondering just how complicated this will turn out to be.

J. E. Ragsdale was injured on the job November 27. He is in St. Mary's Hospital with a serious foot injury.

Jess Rush, maintenance superintendent, has just returned from a week's vacation visiting friends and relatives in Illinois, Indiana, and Tennessee.

Netha Brown spent a week end visiting in the home of her newly-wed daughter and son-in-law in Lawton, Okla. She seems a little surprised at her daughter's ability in managing her

new household. Perhaps her mind is relieved now.

Plans are under way for our annual Christmas party, which is held in District 8 Headquarters shop. We wish everyone in the Department a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and the HAPPIEST OF NEW YEARS!

DISTRICT 9

Morton and Hulsey

Our District Engineer, Bill Moore, and family, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with relatives in Monticello. Bill attended the SASHO Convention in Little Rock on the return trip.

The following employees received their service awards in November: Omel Fields, Donald Ray Jennings, Herman Ray Phelan, and Theo Walker, 10 years; LeRoy Burris and Voyt Jackson, 5 years.

The long-legged bird was busy this month...Mr. and Mrs. Tim Roberts are parents of a bouncing baby boy, John Jeffery, who made his arrival November 10. Other proud parents are the Don Rands, whose baby girl, Donna Sue, arrived on November 3.

The Ray Crouse family spent a few days in Kansas City, Mo., visiting Peggy's parents.

Your reporter (Hulsey) and her mother motored to Houston, Tex. on a recent

week end to visit brother and sister. We took in the Ark.-Rice game while there.

Minnie Shinn, fuel clerk, is on the sick list. Get well soon, Min. Gladys Shaddox, payroll clerk at Springdale, has returned to work after a recent illness.

The W. H. (Slim) Porters have moved from the farm to their "city dwelling." Welcome back to town, Slim and Sue.

WHO FIRED THAT SHOT? Marion Downs and Hillman are spending their vacation quail hunting and we're ready for the feast, fella's.

Several employees spent their vacation in the deer woods, however, our only report of a kill was Jewell Whitaker's 7-point buck.

DISTRICT 10

Golvie Light

John H. Sanders, maintenance superintendent, Mrs. Sanders, and their daughter Linda, took a few days vacation during the Thanksgiving holidays. They visited his mother in Conway and their son in Little Rock. They took in a football game during their visit. The Sanders moved into their new residence they purchased in the Sunset Hills addition.

The virus and flu have been going around in District 10 recently but all are back to work and feeling better.

Happy faces have been appearing lately and no wonder, because new

cars will make anyone happy. Junior Wycoff, fuel clerk, purchased a new '61 red and white Ford Galaxie and Raymond Hamilton, shop mechanic, bought a new '61 white Nash Rambler.

Visitors to District 10 in November were: R. B. Winfrey, Bert Rownd, Ward Goodman, G. R. Sisk, L. A. McCain, Carl Hosack, F. C. Bogard, and Jim Francis.

Injuries have been sustained by a few of our employees, Clifford Saylor got a sliver of steel in his finger; Rex Hall broke a finger; and Willard Smith got a shoulder injury.

Graham Apperson, shop foreman, took a vacation. He and Mrs. Apperson went to Murfreesboro to the diamond mine. They didn't get a stone but enjoyed their hunt and trip.

We are proud to announce that finals were made on six completed construction jobs in our district in November.

Our new electric doors were installed in our district shop recently. Floyd Norton did the paint job on them.

District Engineer John F. Price reports a very pleasant and successful trip to western Colorado early in November in quest of mule deer. He killed two nice bucks while hunting in the mountains near Meeker, Colo., and said the temperature was plenty cold at 8 degrees below zero and with plenty of snow.

Greetings,

To celebrate again the birthday of the Prince of Peace is a refreshing and joyous occasion. As Christmas approaches the minds of men are liberated from the thoughts of war, rumors of war, self-destructive scientific achievement, fear, and the mundane things of everyday life.

For at least a few short moments of each year we turn our minds to the true and spiritual values of human life. We become concerned with the welfare of our neighbor. We meditate upon the ills of the world and sympathetically pray that Divine Providence will strengthen those peoples of the world unable to pay homage to the King of Kings.

Confused with materialism, poisoned with prejudice, we find no solution for lasting peace or happiness. The hope of the world, the joy of peace and assurance of justice, shall only be achieved when the mandate of Christ is followed in our everyday living to "love one another." The eloquent words of Robert Louis Stevenson express consolation to a confused world:

"Give us courage and gaiety and the quiet mind. Spare to us our friends, soften to us our enemies. Bless us, if it may be, in all our innocent endeavors. If it may not, give us the strength to encounter that which is to come, that we be braye in peril, constant in tribulation, temperate in wrath and in all changes of fortune, and down to the gates of death loyal and loving one to another."

The Christmas memories of childhood and the realization of our many blessings turn our thoughts to our friends here at Home and Abroad. It is our prayer and our wish that the Christ Child, the Giver of every perfect gift, bestow upon you and your families a special Christmas blessing of health, happiness and to the entire world Peace.

(Editor's note: This letter was sent to the Department by the firm of Niedermeyer-Martin of Portland, Oregon. Any Christmas message we had planned would not compare with this truly wonderful letter. We felt it must be shared with our readers. And do have a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Issued monthly by and for the employees of the Arkansas State Highway Commission as a medium of departmental news and other information.

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WHO?

This little cute baby is a "few" years older now. It's a she, and she has over five years in the Department, but less than ten. Her job is rather specialized. She works in the Central Office building. The last mystery picture was Blanche Smith of the Accounting Division.

Mr. F. R. Oliver
State Highway Department

Dear "Red":

From the excellent picture of you to the stop sign on the back cover, this number of Arkansas Highways is *very* outstanding. In fact, I've stopped to read it from cover to cover when I should be clearing my desk before Thanksgiving!

Tell Don Hayes that, as a driver on our highways, I sincerely appreciate that article about the possible combination of efficiency, courtesy and kindness. That's Don!

And my sister will like Mrs. Oliver's cake recipe.

Best wishes for a great SASHO Convention. I well remember the one I attended in Richmond.

Sincerely,
Miss Willie A. Lawson

THIS'LL KILL YA

By
Jimmy Zinn



From a California newspaper comes this gem: "Miss Roberta Ford was injured while driving a car near this city yesterday. The area in which Miss Ford was injured is spectacularly scenic."

"My ambition is to be a great doctor. I want to become a great bone specialist."

"Well, you have a good head for it."

The question was asked on a grade school test paper. "Why do geese fly south?" A small boy solved one of nature's mysteries when he wrote: "Because it's too far to walk."

A German and a Russian were fishing on opposite sides of the river that divided the Russian and American zones.

"How come you caught all those fish and I can't catch one," the Russian yelled across the river.

"I guess on your side they're afraid to open their mouths," the German replied.

CUTTING REMARK

Two butchers were out to dinner.

"This lamb is tough," said one.

"Oh," pooh-poohed the other, "let's not talk chop."

A 215-pound construction worker sat in a motel restaurant on U. S. 301 near Allendale, watching a dainty, middle-aged spinster tourist struggle with a red hot cup of coffee. With chivalry, he offered: "Here, ma'am, you can take my coffee. It's already sauced and blowed."

Dr. Conrad Lorenz, Zoologist, has solved what has been baffling science for centuries. He concludes that "we have found the missing link between animal and civilized man. It is us!"

Two friends met. First Friend: "Did you hear about Louie?" Fell down dead right in the street."

Second Friend: "Fell down dead right in the street, eh?"

First Friend: "Yeah, broke his glasses and everything."

During mock maneuvers an Army officer ordered a notice to be displayed on a bridge stating: "This bridge has been destroyed by air attack." But to his chagrin, he noticed through his field glasses that a foot regiment was crossing the bridge despite his orders. He sent his adjutant to the officer in charge to find out how he dared to defy his orders. An hour later the adjutant was back. "It's all right, sir," he reported. "The troops are wearing signs saying, 'We are swimming!'"

The little old lady was stopping at an old-fashioned hotel in a small town. Ever apprehensive about fire, she no sooner checked into her room than she left to locate the fire escape. By accident she opened the door to the men's bathroom, to face a gentleman reclining in the bathtub.

"Oh, pardon me" she said, "I was just looking for the fire escape."

She had no sooner gone a few steps down the hall when the bathroom door burst open and the soaking wet bather clad only in a hastily clutched towel ran after her shouting, "Where's the fire?"

Christmas

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