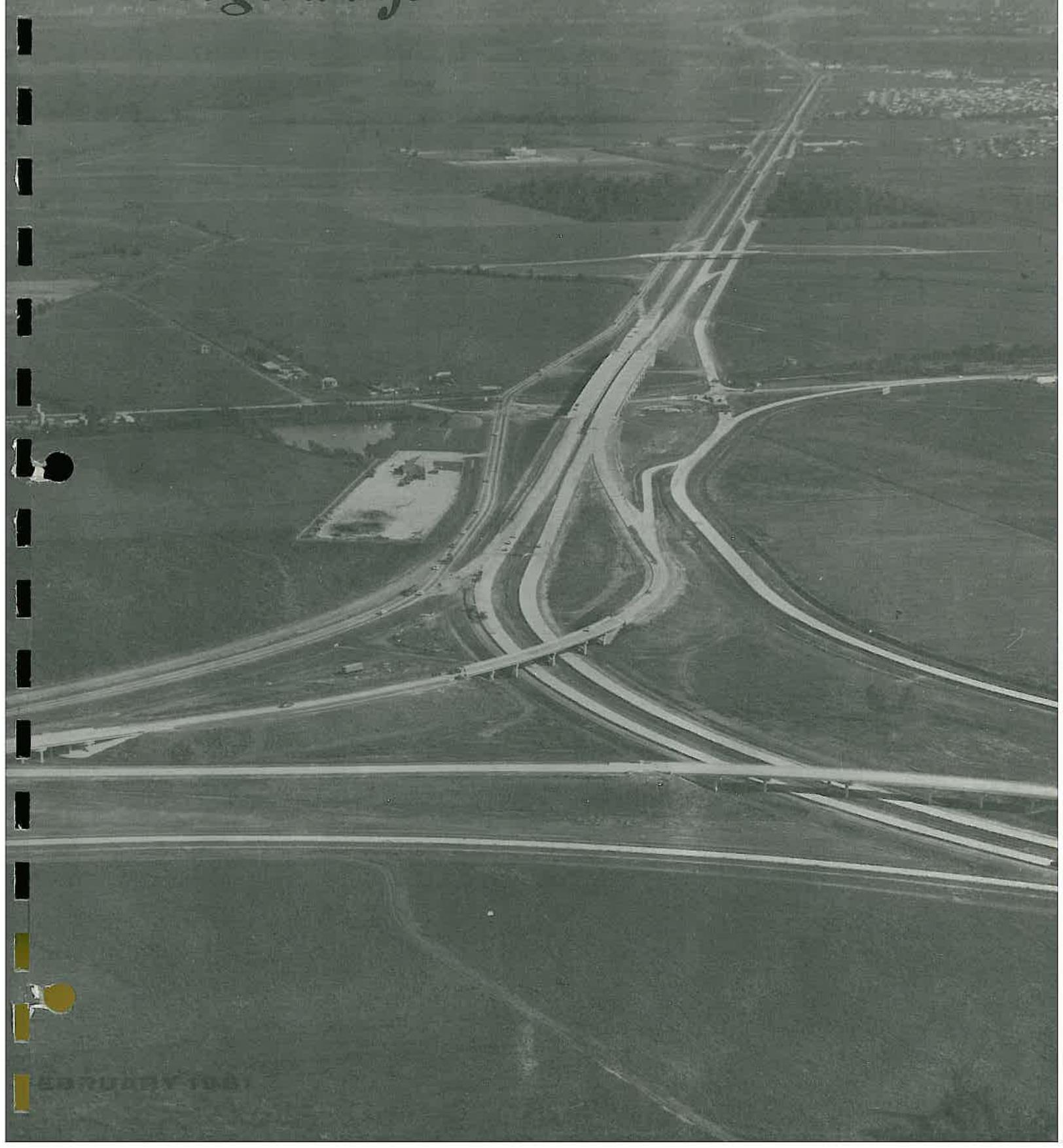


Arkansas Highways

MAGAZINE



Truman Baker ...

New Highway Commissioner



Gets 10-Year Appointment



Truman Baker of Searcy was named by Governor Faubus to fill the Highway Commission position vacated January 14 by Lawrence Blackwell of Pine Bluff.

Mr. Baker, 62, is a Chevrolet dealer at Searcy. At the time of his appointment, he was a member of the Game and Fish Commission, on which he was appointed to serve in 1957. He has held several other state posts in the past years. He and Mr. Faubus served together as highway commissioners in 1949-1951.

Baker, born in Franklin County, began his career with the Hogan Construction Company in 1921. He transferred to the McDonald Construction Company with operations in Florida, to supervise \$16 million of road work and was associated with that firm for five years.

In 1930 he returned to Little Rock to enter partnership with J. A. Cox in the Remington Cash Register business. When the depression came he went to work on the Boulder Dam, then later at the V. A. Hospital at Ft. Roots in North Little Rock. During those years he was four times elected commander of the Gordon Gale Post of the American Legion.

Baker became sanitary, weights and scales inspector of North Little Rock under Mayor Ross Lawhon until 1939 when he purchased the Chevrolet agency. He was appointed to the State Welfare Board by Governor Adkins and remained in that position through the administration of Governor Laney. He resigned to accept the appointment as highway commissioner by Governor McMath. He was elected commander of the American Legion post at Searcy; and appointed lieutenant in the State's Guard by Adkins during World War II.

His many civic connections include service with the Infantile Paralysis movement, Chamber of Commerce, Methodist Church, the Kiwanis and Elks Clubs, and the Razorback Club.

Mr. Blackwell, co-author of the Mack-Blackwell Amendment, was appointed in 1958, to complete the unexpired term of Cecil S. Lynch of Pine Bluff, who was killed in an automobile accident. Mr. Blackwell served as chairman during his tenure on the Highway Commission.



Parkin Appointed Chairman of Highway Commission



Printing firm executive Harry W. Parkin, at left, is shown performing his first duties in his new role as Highway Commission Chairman. Director Oliver is at right.

Harry W. Parkin was appointed chairman of the Highway Commission at the Highway Commission meeting February 8. John E. Crain, Sr. was named vice chairman.

Lawrence Blackwell, until his term expired last month, had been serving as chairman and Mr. Parkin vice chairman.

Mr. Parkin has been on the Highway Commission since 1957 when he was given a 10-year appointment. Mr. Crain has been a member since 1960 when his father, James H. Crain, resigned his Commission post for reasons of health.



Pictured here on the front row, are Highway Department personnel who received their longevity service awards from the Highway Commission and officials at the January meeting. From left are: Louis Cone, permit supervisor, 25 years; John S. Harris, Jr., engineer of District 2, 30 years; Willard Johnson, crane operator, District 2, 25 years; Ralph S. Hunt, Jr., District 6 mechanic, 25 years; A. W. Hardy, utilities engineer, Right of Way, 25 years; W. S. Carter, District 3 foreman, 25 years; and N. O. Diffe, District 6 mechanic, 25 years.

Pictured in the back row are: Director Oliver, Highway Commissioners John E. Crain, Sr.; Harry W. Parkin, Commission chairman; Lawrence Blackwell, who has been replaced since his term expired January 14 by Truman Baker; Glenn Wallace, Arnil Taylor; and Chief Engineer Ward Goodman.

Bernie Cox...

Personality of the Month

Supervising a branch of procurement which yearly receives and processes between 18,000 and 24,000 requisitions and issues purchase orders for same, is no small job. But Bernie Cox, a young man with nine years' service in the Department, does it quietly and efficiently.

The activities of this particular branch of procurement are carried on at Jacksonville where the Equipment Division and Central Shops are located. Bernie is one of several top-notch men who ably assist Equipment Director C. Don Hayes in the operation of the vast organization.

As assistant director of procurement for equipment, Bernie has four young ladies and two men under his direct supervision. All of them are kept busy at their various job associated with the task of purchasing equipment. No formal bids are necessary on items handled by Bernie's section, since most of the purchases are less than \$500.

Bernie's career with the Department began in the office of special permits in May, 1952. He worked there for six months and then transferred to the Purchasing Office in July, 1953. He has held his present position since August, 1954.

Bernie is a native of Murfreesboro, Arkansas, but the family, in 1936, moved to Dyess where he attended schools. He entered the Armed service, Infantry Division, in 1943. During the fighting in the South Pacific, Bernie was seriously wounded. He received the Purple Heart medal and was medically discharged after 19 months.

When he recovered sufficiently to enter civilian life he got a job in Osceola as salesman for electric appliances and insurance. He came to Little Rock in 1947 and entered Draughon's Business College for a year. He was at a department store for about a year and took a civil service examination for a job at the Veteran's Administration in the records section. Meanwhile, he had begun night classes at Little Rock Junior College (now L. R. University), where he got a degree after three years of study in business administration.

Bernie is the eldest of nine children born to the late Dewey Cox, and Mrs. Elsie Cox who resides at Dyess. His father was a farmer and mail carrier earlier in life,



but for 20 years prior to his death in 1959 he was in the insurance business. The other children are: James, a school teacher and owner of a real estate firm in Long Beach, California; Lynn, superintendent of schools at Dyess; Cohen, a salesman with a West Memphis auto parts firm; Lavell, an electrical technician in Memphis, and his twin, Mrs. Robert Tillman, also of Memphis; Mrs. Bill Gower, Marianna; Mrs. Harold Burch, Memphis; and Larry Cox, a senior at Dyess High School.

Bernie and his wife, the former Miss Maxine Carter of Dyess, who were married in 1942, have many interests out at Jacksonville. But their chief interest is their five handsome blonde children. (Bernie says they get their blonde hair from their mother who, we have heard, is quite handsome also.)

Phyllis, their 18-year-old daughter, is married and resides in Little Rock. Two sons, Bernie Lynn, 17, and Donnie, 15, are students at Jacksonville High School where each is active in all sports. Both boys are lettermen in football, basketball, and track. The twins, Ricky and Vickie, 5 years old, round out the Cox family.

Mrs. Cox's role as mother and housekeeper leaves her little spare time for outside activities. However, when possible, she does a commendable job through the church, of taking some of her delicious cooking to the sick or shut-ins. They are all active in the Jacksonville Church of Christ and attend regularly. Bernie teaches junior class on Wednesday nights and a young married peoples class on Sundays.



Bernie has become philosophical about his war injury. The fact that any strenuous form of activity, such as bowling or hunting, as he used to do, has been curtailed, doesn't bother him too much. These things have been transplanted by many other interests. He does fish occasionally during the summer, but not often. He is a heavy reader with his taste running to all sports. He particularly enjoys reading anything he can find on cars - any kind of cars - racing cars, sports cars, or you name it.

The entire Cox family attend the high school's athletic events in which his sons participate. During the summer Bernie helps all he can with the Little League Baseball Association at Jacksonville, and has served on the Baseball Commission. In 1955 he joined the Jacksonville Civil Defense and is now its director, a position he has held since January, 1960. He is also a member of Hi-Noon Toastmasters Club of Little Rock, the American Legion, and the Jacksonville Lions Club.

Though they have many friends, the Coxes do little formal entertaining. Friends through the church stop in for quiet visits and good conversation, and they often have visits from relatives. But that's about the extent of it.

Bernie's devotion to duty as a parent is evident. He says that raising four children and supervising their activities is a full time job. He and Mrs. Cox are trying to see that it's done properly.

Bernie is held in high regard by his employees and co-workers. He sings the praises of the Highway Department to anyone within earshot, and feels that one of the luckiest things to happen to him occurred nine years ago when his association with the Department began.

Arkansas' First Hard Surfaced Road: Sweet Home Pike

Around a low ridge of Granite mountain in Pulaski County is a dim trail which once was the proudest strip of road in the county - the Sweet Home Pike.

The five-mile turnpike from what was then Little Rock to Sweet Home was a major experiment in road building and was a showplace for engineers and contractors for many miles around.

Construction started in 1885 by two Little Rock contractors who had been given the right to charge tolls over the strip for 24 years. It was constructed under the old "Tilford" system which was an improvement over the style devised by John L. McAdam, the enterprising Scotsman who had gained fame in that field.

It was the state's first hard surfaced road, stretching across stagnant Fourche bottoms on the southeastern edge of the city which had been impassable for teams and wagons during wet seasons.

After the ground was rolled with heavy steam rollers, blocks of stone about eight inches thick were placed in the road. These blocks were pressed into place by the steam rollers. Over the stone was placed about three inches of pulverized stone, gravel, and clay which was packed also.

This first "big road" ran from the village of Sweet Home and the old Confederate Home site nearby.

The contractors allowed persons on foot to walk along the road without charge. Those on horseback had to pay two and one-half cents or five cents for a round trip. The charge was five cents for a one-horse carriage, seven and one-half cents for two-horse carriages and 10 cents for four-horse vehicles.

Six-horse vehicles were charged 15 cents. Cattle, horses, sheep and hogs driven along in droves cost the drivers one cent per head. Apparently automobiles were such a novelty that they were permitted to make "speed runs" along the road without charge.

The huge toll gate stood near where the Rock Island Line shops and roundhouse stand now. The gate was opened by the toll gatekeeper after he collected his fee.

Across the street was the "Last Chance," a blacksmith and vehicle repair shop at which farmers from Sweet Home, Wrightsville, Woodson, and even Pine Bluff could get their horses shod and their wagons repaired at "country prices." The inference was that the "city slickers" charged more for their services. The shops and roundhouse were built in 1907.

Historians recall that on March 25, 1910, four automobiles containing Pine Bluff residents, made the trip to Little Rock in four hours to set a new record. This beat only slightly the horse and buggy record.

Folks were used to tolls in those days. Tolls paid for the construction and operation of bridges and ferries. There was a toll bridge across Bayou Meto, between Argenta and Jacksonville, for years.

Construction of the turnpike is credited with discovery of the huge bauxite deposits in Pulaski County. Ed Weigel, a conscientious German road contractor who lived in Little Rock and worked on the road, used some of the gray, crumbly rock he found nearby for road-surfacing material. Because it had a strange appearance, he took samples to the late Dr. John C. Branner, then state geologist. Dr. Branner informed him that he had used probably the most expensive road building material in history.

The geologist made a careful examination and in 1891, reported to the Governor of Arkansas in a highly conservative fashion, about the tremendous bauxite deposits in Pulaski and Saline counties. It turned out to be the only major supply of high grade bauxite ore in North America.

G. W. ROARK RETIRES



On February 15, after 24 years as staff specialist in Materials and Tests Division, G. W. Roark retired from the Highway Department.

Thus ended a career that spanned almost 45 years of work in the field of chemical engineering.

Mr. Roark had reached the age where his retirement was compulsory by our Highway Department policy, but this daunted him not the least. In fact, he eagerly looked forward to spending his leisure time puttering around in his flower garden, doing some fishing, and enjoying his two grandchildren.

Mr. Roark is a native of Kentucky but he moved to Arkansas as a very young man and attended the University of Arkansas. He received his B. S. and M. S. in chemistry. He got his first job as chemist at Texas A&M College. After a year and a half he went to Ames, Iowa, where he was assistant professor at the University of Iowa Experiment Station for three years.

He returned to Kentucky where he was associated with the Federal Chemical Company at Louisville for a short period. During World War I, he had returned to Little Rock and was in charge of the heavy acid plant at the Picric Company. Prior to coming to the Highway Department he worked with the Revenue Department, in the inspection control laboratory, in the Arkansas State Capitol building.

The choice of Roy Rosin to replace Mr. Roark, was met with enthusiasm from all his co-workers. Rosin, a native of Texas, is a graduate of the University of Arkansas with a B. S. in civil engineering. He has been with the Department since 1957. Both he and Mr. Roark are registered engineers.

On February 10, employees and families of the Materials and Tests Division gathered at Hank's Dog House for a farewell dinner party and to pay homage to Mr. Roark. He was presented a gift.

We join his many friends in extending our best wishes for many peaceful and contented years ahead.

WEB OF BLACK WIDOW SPIDER USED IN ENGINEERING INSTRUMENTS



Several years ago, Kent Brown, engineer of the Surveys Division, discovered while out on a job, that the cross hair was gone on an instrument he was to use. He went to a tree to try to locate a web from an ordinary spider. After finding a suitable strand, he made a cross hair for the instrument and began working.

According to an article printed last October in the Arkansas Gazette, the poisonous black widow spider is busily spinning web for the Texas Highway Department.

The article, titled, "Deadly Black Widow Spins for 'Eyes' of Texas Highways," states that the web will become the cross hairs of delicate instruments used in engineering.

The spider's only pay is an occasional fly or moth and a little water. For this she will work for months. But there is nothing cheap about her wares, the article states. When it can't harvest its own, the Department pays \$15 for 50 feet of web. Working with the spider and her countless predecessors, is a serious business to the men in the air-conditioned repair shop, a departmental branch in Austin.

Most of the Department's 2,200 levels and transits used in surveying are equipped with cross hairs made from the widow's web. The web is stronger and more flexible than platinum wire. It's easier to clean. The black widow is the front runner in the spider field because her silk is always a uniform blackness and even in diameter. "Other webs look knotty and transparent in places," states Claude Evans, chief instrument repairman for the Texas Department.

The black widow seems to produce more silk when she's upset. She won't spin if she hasn't been fed. But once she gets going she can crank out \$100 worth of web at one time.

To get the filament, the spider is placed on a small rack with two bars. She is gently thumped off the rack and immediately begins to produce a thread. This is rolled onto the rack while the spider hangs suspended in the air.

A single strand spun by the spider traveling in the air is the only type which can be used for instruments. The web silk produced for snaring prey is sticky and unusable.

No one has been bitten in the Department but Evans recalled that once something of an occupational hazard occurred. The spider gave birth to hundreds of babies in the peanut butter jar in which she is kept. Many hustled to freedom through air holes punched in the lid and scattered in all directions. No one can be sure all were found.



Kenneth B. Hendrickson



M. B. Gentry



A. W. Hardy, Jr.

Four January graduates of the University of Arkansas entered the Department's Training Program on February 1. Of the four, three are new employees in the Department: Kenneth B. Hendrickson, Thomas R. Bond, and James E. Belknap. M. B. Gentry, the fourth trainee, has been working since last September. A. W. Hardy, Jr., another graduate who has worked for the Highway Department previously, was assigned to work with John Lawrence, engineer on the Freeway Bridge.

Hendrickson, 701 W. 35th. street, North Little Rock, worked for two summers in the Construction and Surveys Division. He graduated from North Little Rock High and attended Vanderbilt University before entering the University of Arkansas. He is a student member of the ASCE.

Gentry has been working in Construction Division with R. J. Burcham since last September. He is a native of Searcy where he attended Harding College before entering the University. He is a veteran of four years with the Air Force. Gentry is married and has one child.

Hardy, who received his BSCE in January at the University also has a degree in business administration which he received at the University in 1949. He has worked for the Department previously - 1947, 1958 and 1959 in the Construction Division. He attended Arkansas A & M at Monticello, University of Georgia, Rice Institute, and Southern State College. Hardy is a Veteran of the Navy, in which he served from 1943-1946. He resides at Magnolia with his wife and six-year-old daughter.

Bond, a native of Little Rock, graduated from Jacksonville High School. He worked in the summer of 1959 in Bridge Design and in 1957 in Materials and Tests. Other engineering experience included field work in a survey crew with the M. T. Bond Company, and the Pulaski County Road Department. He is married. He is a student member of ASCE, Phi Delta Theta social fraternity, and the Booster Club.

Belknap, a Blytheville native, attended Arkansas Tech for three years after graduating from Blytheville High School. He worked for the Department in 1958 and 1959, as a chainman in the Blytheville area. He is a member of ASCE.

**NEW
GRADUATES
BEGIN
HIGHWAY
CAREERS**



Thomas R. Bond



James E. Belknap

Three Engineers Complete Training... Receive Certificates

Three young engineers in the Highway Department were presented certificates of merit February 8 by the Highway Commission, Chief Ward Goodman, and Director F. R. Oliver, for having successfully completed 12 months in the Department's Engineering Training Program.

The three, Delbert Vanlandingham, Marcellus Gross, and James R. Little, were the first group to complete the program since it was established in January, 1960.

The 12-month program includes training in nine phases of engineering: Assistant Chief Engineer, Bureau of Public Roads, Computer Center, Traffic, Bridge Design, Construction, Materials and Tests, Roadway Design, and working in the districts. After the engineers complete the training they may choose the department in which they prefer to work. However, if they are definite in their choice before they complete the program, they may drop out and continue working in their chosen field.

Since its beginning there have been eighteen young men to start the program, most of whom are still training, and who will be graduating as they complete the cycle.



Director Oliver congratulates the three young men after presenting them with their Certificates of Merit for having completed the 12-month Engineering Training Program. Top to bottom are: Vanlandingham, Gross, and Little.



Chief Engineer Ward Goodman, right, is shown during a seminar he held last month at Walnut Ridge. The seminar on "Arkansas Highway Department Organization and Finance," was sponsored by the State Department of Education. Charles Wroblewski, engineering assistant at left, and Johnnie Gray, photographer, accompanied Mr. Goodman, and participated in the seminar.

Lee R. Hudson

Lee R. Hudson, 48, an engineering assistant in District 9, died January 29 after a prolonged illness.

Mr. Hudson had 22 years of highway construction. He began his career with the Highway Department in February, 1939 as a timekeeper and foreman in Harrison, under the supervision of R. B. Winsfrey, who was then district maintenance engineer. He subsequently worked for W. E. Hicks, C. M. Matthews, and H. R. Lucas.

He was a native of Marble, Arkansas, but had lived at Huntsville for many years. He was a graduate of Berryville High School and attended Arkansas Tech at Russellville for two years.

Our sincere sympathies are extended to his family.

Johnnie Gray Completes New Highway Movie

Johnnie Gray, Department photographer, deserves a rousing salute for his new public relations film, "Highway Planning in Action."

The 30-minute film depicts just about everything connected with highways - even a tipsy driver. And, any question in the minds of Arkansans as to the size of the Highway Department's vast road building program would be cleared up easily by viewing the film. The construction and maintenance "on the scene" action shots cover all four corners and the central area of our State, with bustling activity the main theme.

Quaint "little country lanes," the products of a by-gone era and now fading from the scene, were in sharp contrast to the finished portions of the modern, clover-leaved Interstate System, shown in the movie.

The film, though primarily commercial, has its lighter moments to add color. Johnnie achieved some very dramatic effects through his editing, as well as the use of filters and lighting. The background music helped to put the viewer in the proper mood for various sequences. The segment with the sometimes obnoxious station wagon driver, who ran the gamut in "don'ts" while driving on the modern highways, had a certain moral. And the trip up Petit Jean Mountain with a motorcade of antique vehicles, came at the right moment.

The script was written by Robert Nestlebusch of Little Rock, and narrated by Dick Hawley of Memphis. Marvin Middlebrook was the pilot for the aerial scenes.

The film, about a year in the making, was completed early this month. It will be available for public showings around March 1. Copies of the film will be mailed on request but please give at least a week's notice as to the date of showing. Send all requests to Photo Lab, Arkansas State Highway Department.

NEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE SELECTED

New members selected to serve on the Employees Advisory Committee for the period January 1 to December 31, 1961 are: Martha Adams, chairman, Personnel office; Cecil Rider, member, Planning and Research; and Charles W. Walther, member, Right of Way. Outgoing members were: Pat Huddleston chairman, Lola Buck, and E. W. Rogers.

The Committee provides employees with an effective means of conveying suggestions and complaints to top management. Employees are requested to submit suggestions in writing to the Committee that may prove beneficial to the welfare of the Department.



Rhoda Bintliff Retires

One of the Highway Department's most loyal employees, Rhoda Bintliff, retired from service on February 1.

Rhoda, with the Buildings and Grounds crew of General Services Division, was associated with AHD for 21 years. She was in charge of domestic duties on the Central Office Building's first floor.

Although her working hours conflicted with those of most employees, she met and made many friends during her long period of employment. Rhoda always will be remembered for her friendly attitude, her willingness to cooperate, and devotion to her duties.

All the employees of the Buildings and Grounds section, including the day crew, honored her with a going-away party on the night of January 31 in the Commission Room. J. G. Meredith, Jr., assistant head of the General Services Division, also was on hand to bid Rhoda farewell. Norman Smith, on behalf of the section, presented her with a gift, and coffee and cake were served.

We join all the others in wishing Rhoda the best of everything during her retirement.

EL DORADO OVERPASS ON BYPASS PROJECT COMPLETED



Here is the Highway 82 overpass on the El Dorado bypass project in District 7. The structure is one of four grade separation bridges along the fully controlled access bypass route on Highway No. 167, now under construction. W. E. Hicks is District 7 engineer.

"WORDS OF INSPIRATION"

"But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for He is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil." Luke 6:35

Jackie Wallace ...

With AHD 15 Years



Minnie Alnora Wallace - much better known as "Jackie" - has been dispensing her cheery smile around the Highway Department for quite a long time. In fact, she received her service awards this month for 15 years' of continuous employment.

Though Jackie has seen many changes in the Department since she started working, she has changed very little. Her even disposition and friendly attitude at all times have won her many friends.

Jackie grew up and attended schools at Heber Springs. After her parents died she went to live with her grandmother, Mrs. Nora Wallace. Jackie's two brothers and a married sister still are living at Heber Springs.

When Jackie struck out on her own and came to Little Rock she got her first job in a department store. She realized that her future held little promise there so she took a business course at Draughon's College. She came to the Department in February, 1946. In addition to her duties in the Personnel Office, she is relief operator on the busy switchboard in the Central Offices.

Jackie's wide circle of friends see to it that she doesn't lack for entertainment. During the summer she spends many week ends with friends on Lake Hamilton at Hot Springs. She is fond of boat riding, fishes a little, and has tried water skiing (with sad results, she says).

The apartment in which she lives is more or less a place to "hang her hat" for she usually dines with friends or is on the go some place. However, she is pretty fair at the cookstove and when the mood strikes her she can whip up a good meal.

We were all concerned when she was injured in an auto accident not long ago. But, happily, she healed quickly and the cut she received on her chin has done nothing to mar her pretty face.

WANTED: Ride to or near Little Rock University on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, to meet 6 o'clock class. Please call Jerry Metheny, Planning and Research, Ext. 291.

Deadly Sins Take to the Road

1. SLOTH, or laziness. Too lazy to correct mechanical faults on unsafe cars. Too lazy to pull to curb and no double park.
2. GREED. The road hog. Demands more than his share of the road; "me-first" driving.
3. LUST. Lust for speed and excitement is deadly, murderous.
4. GLUTTONY. Excessive use of alcohol by both driver and pedestrian.
5. ENVY. A classic killer. Resents being passed by another car or being left at a red light.
6. ANGER. Finding fault with other drivers. Irritation and adverse response.
7. PRIDE. A false sense of greatness with a 100 plus horsepower engine at our command. A loose killer.

-The Rev. E. W. Andrews

Some Off-Beat States' Laws

With more and better highways being built, and people doing more traveling than ever before, motorists can run afoul of more than the traffic laws in their visits to strange states.

Like maybe you plan to visit Connecticut. But don't bring a wild hare with you and set the creature loose there because it'll cost you a \$100 fine. And don't cross the line into Delaware with a load of garbage unless you have a permit.

In Arkansas watch it if your engine conks out or if you have a sudden flat. (Try the Broadway Bridge some morning if you want to see some law-breakers.) Swearing in the presence of women or girls in the Bear State means they can lock you up for six months. Up in Michigan it's illegal even to use insulting language around women.

If you have a teenager along on your vacation journey, don't let him or her smoke in Indiana. You may believe teenage smoking is strictly a Mom and Dad problem but Indiana authorities think different; they don't even allow youngsters under 21 to possess, much less smoke, a cigarette. In Maryland, keep your slingshot out in the open - it's illegal to conceal one there.

Back in Arkansas again, it's verboten to drive blindfolded cattle down a highway. Care must be taken not to sell a book with the title page removed in Illinois, nor should you encourage mutiny among the crew of ships docked along the coast of Maine. And, heaven forbid, don't incite Indians in Michigan to violate a treaty. All these are forbidden.

Don't carry a red flag in Iowa. Worse still, don't carry either a red or a black flag in Minnesota. Unless you live in Louisiana, don't go shrimping. It's unlawful, as is fishing for shad on Sunday in Florida.

Take heed!

--Highway Highlights

AROUND THE DEPARTMENTS

accounting

Jimmy Myer

We all welcome Brenda Sutton to our offices. She is a resident of Little Rock and a graduate of Raney High School. She attended Draughon's School of Business. Brenda is a voucher typist and doing a fine job. We're all fond of her.

Congratulations to Alene Boysen on receiving her 10-year service awards recently. Alene came to work for the Department January 2, 1951 and began typing vouchers. She is typing vouchers still, and also has the responsibility of typing and coding vouchers for estimates in Construction Division, and for the Helena Bridge. Alene does a good job and has certainly done her part in helping make our department a pleasant one in which to work.

bridge design

Virginia Tackett

Mr. and Mrs. Carlson drove to Fayetteville Saturday, January 28 to see Larry get his degree in Civil Engineering. He wound up with a very handsome grade point and we are all proud of him - particularly since we feel that his three months in Bridge Design last summer must have contributed in no small measure to his success. Unfortunately, he had made plans to drive down to Montevallo, Alabama to visit his sister Catherine and his brother-in-law, and missed our annual duck dinner which is provided for us each year by Mr. Carlson with the help of Harold Bastian and Bert Rownd. Along with nearly 100 per cent attendance among our own staff, we enjoyed the company of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver, Mayor Werner Knoop and Mrs. Knoop, Mr. and Mrs. Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. Winfrey, Mr. and Mrs. McCain and Don McCain, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Funda, and Bob and Adell Mattox. Sue Rownd, Ann Vinson, Esther Williams, Hazel Bastian, Irene Funda and Don Dong cooked the ducks and dressing, and did a wonderful job. This was our fifth duck dinner and as always, seemed the best.

This Division has had its share of winter ailments, the most serious being Mr. Carlson's flu just after the holidays, and the respiratory infection that sent Tony Battisto, Frank's youngest boy, to the hospital for a few days.

We were all sad to learn of the death of Charles Venable's father in Pine Bluff, and feel the deepest sympathy for the family.

county roads

Zelda Riggs

Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Wright are the proud owners of a new Rambler station wagon. So is Max C. Hall. Max bought his Rambler while on a recent trip to Dallas and Fort Worth and reports he is not only getting a lot of miles to the gallon, but convenience of the little car. He released the use of the family car to wife Mary, for her personal use.

Your reporter's young grandson, Allen E. Johnson, who is a Junior at North Texas State in Denton, Texas, drove home for mid-term vacation and returned January 30. Also, son Freeman L. Johnson, an engineer with the Southwestern Electric Company of Texarkana, left January 29 for Texas A & M College for a refresher course being held for executives.

Mr. Wright, who collects rare books, is the proud owner of a very rare one. It is an 1824 edition of "McAdam on Roads." The text is as applicable today as it was at the time it was written.

data processing

Billie Jean Oholendt

We welcome Lenora Lister to our offices. She will be working in the tab room and hope she will be with us a long time.

Elsie King has bought a new white 1960 Falcon.

Your reporter is leaving to await the stork which is due May 1.

Tony Yandell has just completed an advanced course on the 407...and Jimmy Stringer just finished a basic course on the same machine. Both finished with flying colors.

equipment

Avalee Padgett

Frank Boyett was presented his 15-year Service Pin and Certificate of Merit by C. Don Hayes on January 3. Congratulations, Frank.

Mr. Clyde Holmes had the misfortune of spraining her ankle and had to be away from work during the last week in January. We're glad it's better.

We are sorry to have lost Mary Moore who resigned January 27. Mary and husband Kenneth, plan to return to Texas in the near future.

Bonnie and Bob Hill bought a new home in one of the new additions in Jacksonville and are about to get settled down to living again. Shirley and Neal Healy purchased the Bonnell residence on McArthur Drive and have moved in.

There are coin collectors and there are stamp collectors, but Delbert Pearle in the Equipment Office collects calendars. Delbert has even been accused of using them to paper his house.

Welcome to Hugh Granville and Floyd Copeland, new Central Shop employees.

legal

Betty Grimes

Miss Georgette Diane Green weighed in a 7 pounds, 4 ounces on December 26 at DeWitt, Arkansas. She was a few hours late to be an extra special Christmas gift for her four older brothers and sisters. She did arrive in plenty of time, however, to be another tax deduction for the whole year; a fete not to be sneezed at these days. The beaming father, George, reports the latest addition and her mother, Doris, are both doing quite nicely.

The pleasant new steno in our division is Barbara Troutman. Barbara, husband Charles, and 18-month-old Toby, make their home in Cabot. She commutes daily to Little Rock and Charles commutes to Hope where he is a salesman for Nabisco.

Although your reporter has lost more than 20 pounds, since this time last year, this little poem which was handed her the other day is still apropos:

"To keep in shape, the doctor's vow,
One needs good food and eight hours' sleep;

And I concur, but this shape now
Is not the one I want to keep."

Don't everyone flood her for requests "How?" cause there 'ain't no easy way.

Carolyn James, a former employee in Legal, stopped by to see us on January 30 and brought 14-month-old Howard, Jr. Carolyn and Howard, Sr. had three little daughters before they finally got their son and he's a real little doll, and treated like one by his sisters, so Carolyn says. We all enjoyed their visit.

A boy becomes a man when he walks around a puddle, not through it.

materials & tests procurement

Julia Halliburton

Amy Tedford

Congratulations to James D. Taylor who received his 10-year Service Pin and Certificate of Merit recently.

We welcome Ed L. Davis of Sweet Home, who is a new employee in our division.

The Materials and Tests Division met at Hank's on February 10 for a dinner party honoring G. W. Roark who retired on February 15. Mr. Schneider presented him a lovely gift from all the employees.

Roy Rosin acted as MC for the event. Our guests were Mr. and Mrs. Roark's son, Price, and wife Ella. The tables were beautifully arranged and all were present when Mr. and Mrs. Roark arrived. Several stayed afterward for dancing and reminiscing. We regretted seeing Mr. Roark leave us but we know he is anxious to devote a lot of time to his flowers. We all wish him many happy years ahead.

Our sympathies are extended to Alton T. Beard and family in the loss of his father who was buried at Wattansaw recently.

microfilming & supplies

Helen McCook

Betty Ray and Wade Graham have completed their wedding plans. They will be married at 2:30 p.m. on March 4 at the Church of Christ at Sixth and Izards. They extend an invitation to all their friends to attend.

Betty's friends in Camden gave her a shower and she received many beautiful gifts. They have bought furniture for their lovely duplex they rented and Wade is staying there learning to cook and keep house.

We are all very sorry to see Verna Daes leave us. She is going to stay at home after February 15 to care for her growing family. We hope she won't forget us here in the Department.

Nebraska Droughter, our mail messenger, was away from work due to illness for four days. We are happy he is back and feeling better.

Thanks to everyone for being so patient and waiting for their Transfer Requests to be filled. We had to close for inventory and with Nebraska off, Dale carried the mail and we just flat got behind. We had to take them as they came but nobody complained, although we know that some of your supplies were low.

The new 10 per cent federal tax on air conditioners comes mighty close to taxing the air we breathe.

First of all, we welcome to our office, Linda Dell Mode. Linda is replacing Hilda Shirley who recently resigned to return to Stuttgart to work and live with her parents.

As a going away gift to Hilda we presented her with an engraved silver bread tray and treated her to a luncheon at Brownings. We all enjoyed the lunch but we're going to miss Hilda and hate to see her go. Good luck and success in your new job, Hilda.

The Merediths went to Fayetteville the week end of January 27 to provide the music for the wedding of Jim's nephew, Norvell West and Linda Leverett. Norvell was an engineering student summer employee with the Department a couple of summers ago.

Congratulations to Frank and Sylvia Caple who celebrated their nineteenth wedding anniversary in January. For the celebration they journeyed to Hot Springs and took in the show at the Tower Club. One of Frank's good friends, Bud Dietrich was on the bill there. They had a wonderful visit between shows.

personnel

M. A.

Our boss, Dale W. Davison, has made several trips to the districts on business recently, so for a while we didn't see too much of him.

Jackie Wallace, who was hospitalized early in January due to injuries she received in an accident, is about back to normal. We were all glad that the scar on her chin will not be noticeable.

Robbie Ingle, who was involved in an accident also, is having some trouble. She has had to get a neck brace to wear. (She calls it a horse collar.) And, Lavona Croft, who was involved in an accident, but fortunately was not injured, had to testify in court recently in regards to the accident. She was out for two days on witness duty.

Ruth Foll, who had been toying with the idea for some time to buy an automobile, went home to Mountain View one week end and drove back a good-looking 1958 Chevrolet. She's mighty proud of it.

Birdie (Robin) Wright was feted with a luncheon at Browning's restaurant on her birthday, January 18, by Joyce Spencer, Ferol Jones, Dorothy Switzer, and Marie Rossing. Many more, Robin.

Jimmy Higgins spent one week end recently moving his family into another house out in Sylvan Hills. Maxine likes it much better since there is more room and their three young sons have a larger play area.

Hoyt Thomas will be among the crowd on opening day at the races at Hot Springs.

We got the word that Sue Barnes, who formerly worked in Personnel, is engaged to be married. The event will take place March 16 in Sheridan. We're all very happy for Sue and her bridegroom-to-be. Some of us are going to try to make it down for the wedding.

Two former employees, both of whom worked on the magazine, stopped by for visits with us recently and brought their babies. Pat Wheat brought Teresa Lynn, who will be four months old February 21, Billie Ruth Hatcher brought Tommy, who will be a year old in April. Both babies are fat, cuddly, and darling...and they got their fill of sweet talk.

right of way

Nancy Sipe

Most of Right of Way Division turned out to see A. W. Hardy receive his 25-year service awards in the Commission Room January 11. (Picture elsewhere in magazine.) A. W. drove to Fayetteville Saturday, January 28, to see son A. W., Jr. receive his B. S. in civil engineering at the graduation exercises. A. W. Jr. is married; his lovely wife and 6-year-old daughter have been with the "Pop" Hardys in Magnolia while he was attending the University.

It's January - not June - that is "bustin'" out all over in our division this 1961... we are even contemplating a mezzanine. Reason: new employees. Seriously though, we welcome to the fold the following: Sidney Gates and Glen Bonds, engineering section; Kaye Green and Kathleen Trawle, accounting section; and K. D. Suthermer and B. W. McArthur, appraisal section.

The quail no doubt are delighted to know that the season is practically over and that they won't have to worry about Gip Robinson. Gip doesn't fail to bring home some of the critters each time he goes (which is often), and they are getting tired of it.

(Welcome as a new reporter, Nancy. -Ed.)

roadway plans

John Dunn

Jimmy Breazeal, who has been with us for two and one-half years as a road designer and draftsman, entered the University of Tennessee for the study of dentistry. We miss Jim but wish him good luck on his new career of the future.

We welcome three engineers-in-training to our section. Ralph Stiefvater, Lonnie Parsons, and Carl Sanders will be with us for a couple of months.

Gary Wilmoth, assistant engineering technician, started working in the Computer Section recently. He will be working with Pat Huddleston, director of the computer center. Welcome, Gary!

district 2*Ouida Grimes*

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Fox who are the proud parents of a baby daughter. Little Joyce weighed in a 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

We celebrated Brewster Shalmy's birthday January 16 with coffee and cake. He said he was 27. We hope he has many more than that.

We send our best get well wishes to Mrs. John S. Harris, Jr., who has been in the Baptist Hospital in Little Rock.

As all Highway Department employees will do, Joe Hays did a lot of observing highways and maintenance work in other states when he made a trip to Indianapolis recently. His brother-in-law, with whom he and his family were visiting, works for a large airline. He took them all over the large airport and pointed out the interesting things, especially the radar and how it is used to land airplanes.

All of our fishermen, especially "Red" Goins, Olan Clark, and Havis Laminack, are looking forward to some good fishing weather.

district 3*Olive Jackson*

Congratulations to William Schley Carter who received his 25-year Service Pin and Certificate of Merit on January 11. The awards were presented to Carter in Little Rock at the Commission meeting. Also, receiving service awards in January were: James Erie Collums, 15 years, and Joel Brady Thompson, 5 years.

We had the pleasure of having Dale W. Davison, personnel officer, and H. D. Thomas as visitors last month. Mr. Davison spoke to the employees at a meeting. Also, the following from the Little Rock office were visitors in January: G. W. Stanford, Ed Orsini, R. B. Keene and Tom Smith, internal auditors, and Legislative Auditor Claude Nelson.

We are happy that Morris Turner is recuperating from a recent fall. While working on top of the screening plant, Morris fell off breaking his left arm and was in the hospital for several days.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Tully Hair who are the proud parents of a little daughter, Shelia Denise, who arrived January 6.

Two of our employees, Oscar Marcum and Kenneth Kidd, had narrow escapes on the night of January 25, while working on the overpass on Highway 67 West. Oscar and Kenneth had been putting salt on the bridge during the sleet and freezing weather and while Oscar was in the rear of the truck, it was struck from the rear by a car, throwing him out of the truck onto the car and then onto the pavement. The car barely missed hitting Kenneth.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Gilbert Honea in the loss of his father, Mr. Cy Honea, who died January 7 after being struck at the Agriculture Quarantine Station near Texarkana where he was employed.

district 5*A. L. Moser*

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Don Lawrence of Fulton County on the arrival of a baby girl born December 30, 1960. The mother and baby are doing fine and the father is well on the way to recovery.

Out of town visitors recently were Gerald Sisk, Thomas B. Keys, Fay Wallace, A. C. Duncan, and Dale W. Davison. Glad to have you and come to see us again.

We also had auditors for the Department: G. W. Stanford, E. N. Orsini, R. B. Keene, and Tom Smith, and Legislative Auditor Claude Nelson.

Batson Long retired this month after 15 years of service with AHD. But he still likes to think he is young enough to climb trees even if he does fall out of them and have to have eight stitches taken in his foot.

Service awards for January were presented to Hanford Magness and Edgar Herman McClure, 15 years; Sam Carrigan, 10 years; and Silas James and Ed Freeman Travis, 5 years.

Our sincere sympathies go to the R. W. Reynolds family on the loss of his father, E. O. Reynolds of IZARD County, who passed away January 24. Mr. Reynolds was 84 years old.

district 6*Jones-Trawick*

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gilbert on the arrival of a son, Robert Dennis, born January 15, whose weight was 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

Those receiving service awards in January were: Thomas Lewis Parish, 20 years; Marion Everett Rodgers, 10 years; Ray Dudley Benton and Elmo Arlo Linn, 5 years. We are glad to see Glenn Appleby back for a visit after having spent several weeks in a hospital recuperating from an auto wreck.

We sympathize with the lady bird hunter in District 6 who, on a recent hunting excursion, suffered the loss of her dog. The dog was lost in an area around Lake Conway after several minutes' chase. Perhaps the dog's fancies are fish rather than birds. Should anyone see a stray bird or fish dog in this area, a pickup would be appreciated. We understand the dog is not too well adapted to travel by car.

We extend our sincere sympathies to Marion Rodgers in the loss of his mother on January 9, and to Paul Mahoney in the death of his father-in-law January 27.

district 7*Burnham and Campbell*

Congratulations to the following who received service awards in January: Charlie Henderson, 15 years, and also began his retirement on January 1; Clarence Hodge and Charles Howlett Pope, 5 years.

We enjoyed a visit with A. G. Rives, Sr., when he visited us last month.

Raif Smith and Dale Davison held a meeting on January 17 for all construction employees in our district. They explained the new personnel ratings to become effective July 1.

Dick Bartel, instrumentman for C. L. Baucum, received his engineering diploma from the International Correspondence School. Dick completed this course with an 'A' grade average. Congratulations, Dick.

H. R. Lucus stopped by Mr. Webb's office this month. He had Mrs. Lucus with him and we enjoyed their visit.

Mr. Webb has been doing some bird hunting and reports that now he has killed an "albino" quail. John Livingston is another avid bird hunter.

Carl McMahan, seeing too many red and white Chevies, has purchased a '59 Ford Galaxie...It is reported that John Harvey is an excellent worker along the highway and in the ravines, but slows down quite a bit when he is near Camden High School... Boyd Hatridge resigned to attend Southern State this semester... Noel Word and Joe and Mary Nell Carlson were at the Cotton Bowl January 2.

Larry Hollis had a 'swell' time with the mumps recently, but we're glad to have him with us again... Charles Rampley's four children all have them at this writing... Fred Wood has been on the sick list. Get well soon, Fred.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Lansdale visited relatives near Greenville, Mississippi recently... We're happy to learn that Mrs. Lansdale is improving after suffering a heart attack.

Mrs. Dub Huffman recently gave a bridal shower at Okolona honoring Mrs. Bobbie Biehunko, formerly Brenda Orsburn, daughter of Mrs. Orsburn and George Orsburn, area foreman in Clark County. Mr. and Mrs. Biehunko are students at TCU.

Bill Boydston with the Bureau of Public Roads, and H. R. Lucus, recently inspected construction in our district.

Sam Dundee and party are surveying for a street widening project in Camden. C. D. Rampley and party are running out a line for a Camden City bypass. J. E. Cheatham and party are making a survey for a project on Highway 79, north of Camden.

Carolyn Milner replaced Virginia Finley, payroll clerk, on January 1. We miss Virginia but are happy to have Carolyn back with us.

Our sincere sympathies are extended to C. E. Coleman and his family on the loss of his brother, Harvey Coleman, on January 23 at Ruston, Louisiana. Also, Milton Ray Outlaw, in the loss of his mother, Mrs. J. Outlaw, on January 4 at Warren, Arkansas.

district 9

Hulsey and Morton

Forest and Vivian Williams visited relatives in Magnolia and Texarkana in December and January. W. H. "Slim" Porter joined his children in Dallas for a family get-together over the holidays.

A warning to all fellows working on State Road 206! Do not encroach on Garland Keeter's working area out there! We have learned that Garland is fond of cherry and gooseberry pie and doesn't like the idea of sharing his good fortune.

Ira Dodson, Newton County foreman, is building a new house atop the mountain south of Jasper. Ira can enjoy the most panoramic views of Highway 7 from his easy chair.

R. A. Milum, Baxter County foreman, is moving into his new house in Mountain Home, a long-awaited event for Zena and R. A.

Belated congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bureleson on the arrival of their new son, Troy Joseph "Sugar Foot" Bureleson. Also, congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bell on the arrival of their new daughter.

Congratulations to the following employees who received service awards during January: Samuel I. Caudle, 20 years; Neal Price Taylor, 15 years; Everett Woodrow Looper and Clyde Wade, 10 years; Hugh Gene Bell and Ernest Leon Pennel, 5 years.

Lee R. Hudson, acting resident engineer, is critically ill as of this writing, in the hospital in Huntsville. We are certainly pulling for you, Lee.

Edris Hulsey and Shirley Morton dropped by the Whitaker home to extend birthday greetings to Jewell, who celebrated on January 5. We spend a very enjoyable evening visiting with Mamie and Jewell.

It's very late to be reporting news about Christmas, but we did have a wonderful Christmas party in the District Shop December 23. About 350 persons attended, including some retired employees who were the guests of honor, and some Springdale employees and family. We had a delicious luncheon.

district 10

Kathryn Booher

Congratulations to the following in District 10 who received service awards during the month of January: Henry Coe, 15 years; Cecil Eubanks, 10 years; Corbet W. Smithee and Sam Young, 5 years.

Visitors to our district during the past month from the Little Rock offices were: F. R. Oliver, Ward Goodman, R. B. Winfrey, C. Don Hayes, Bill Baugh, Dale Davison, Carl Hosack, and Asa Duncan.

We regret the recent resignation of Guy Tate, job superintendent, who resigned due to ill health. We are all going to miss him and hope his health will improve rapidly and that he will come by to see us at every opportunity.

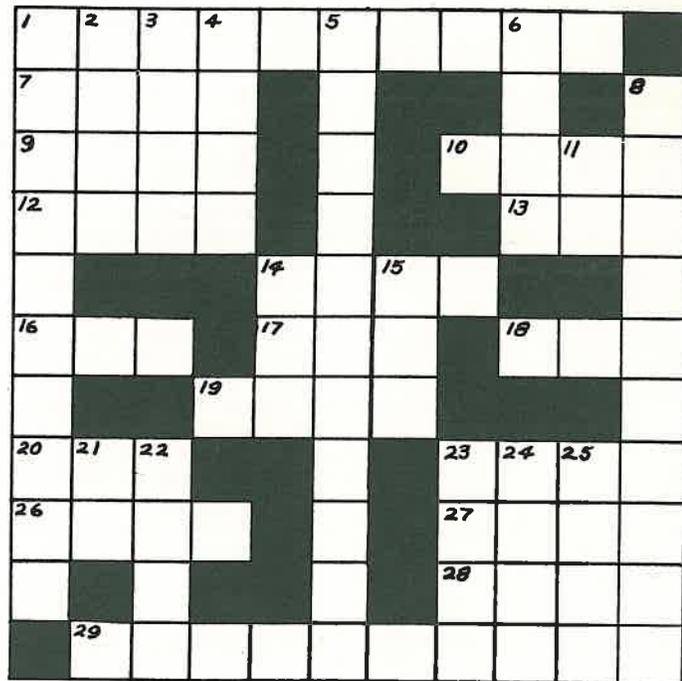
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Billy Mack Mangrum, who are the proud parents of a new 8 pound, 4 ounce baby girl, born

January 15 at St. Bernards hospital in Jonesboro. Billy passed around cigars at the office to celebrate Malinda Carrol's arrival.

Mr. and Mrs. Price are sporting a brand new 1961 blue and white Ford Galaxie. It is really a beautiful automobile and we are looking forward to taking a spin in it sometime.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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ACROSS

1. Southernmost continent
7. Christmas carol
9. Musical sound
10. Heavenly body
12. Finishes
13. That woman
14. Snare
16. Large antlered animal
17. Tear
18. Glide over snow, a sport
19. Raise
20. Lighted
23. Parasitic insect
26. Worn
27. Young sheep
28. Bad
29. Make invalid

DOWN

1. Before the Civil War
2. Midday
3. Keep
4. Drinks
5. Force pulling away from center
6. Small bed
8. Deserves Credit
11. Expression of joy
14. Three ways
15. Likely
21. Exists
22. Gull-like sea bird
23. Ran away
24. Molten rock
25. Send out

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OVER PICTURE: Part of the Interstate highway is shown here at the West Memphis Interchange on Interstate highways 55 and 40. The view is looking east towards West Memphis and Memphis. The area headquarters building is seen on the left.



THIS'LL KILL 'YA...

by Jimmy Zinn



The judge groaned, "Not you again. You have broken every traffic law in the book. Yesterday this court advised you to get rid of your car. What is the charge this time?"

"Jaywalking."

A young woman with adventure in her soul joined a circus. Anxious to do everything right, she asked her super for a few tips.

"I don't want to make a lot of beginner's mistakes," she said.

"Well, for one thing," replied her super, "don't ever undress around the bearded lady."

A pompous fellow, shaving one morning, stopped and considered himself in the mirror for a while, then turned and remarked to his wife: "You know, dear, when I shave it makes me feel 10 years younger."

The wife, looking him straight in the eye, calmly asked: "Why don't you try shaving at night, dear?"

Dr. Gaston Foote asked the little girl what she thought of her first church service.

"The music was nice," she said, "but I thought your commercial was too long."

Doctor: "What's this about the little boy who swallowed the half dollar?"

Nurse: "So far, no change."

Woman watching football game in a downpour of rain to husband: "This may be another of my silly questions, but why don't we get up from here and go home?"

While Mom was giving way to her tears, old comforting Pop came on. "Now, mama, why take on so - look at it this way; we lose our little girl, but gain a bathroom, two closets, and the telephone."

She: "Now that you've looked me over, Doctor, what do you think?"
Doc: "I think I'd like to see you again tomorrow."

Teacher: Johnny, please tell the class where the English Channel is.
Johnny: I'm sorry, teacher. We don't get that channel on our TV set.

Nothing improves your driving like the vision of a police car in your rear-view mirror.

A dapper city dude bought an old broken-down horse from a cattleman who was glad to get rid of it for a pittance.

"What in the world are you planning to do with the old nag?" the cattleman asked.

"I'm going to race him," quipped the dude.

"Well," said the cattleman, "you'll win."

Prospective employer: You say, sir, you were at your last place 23 years? Why did you leave?

Prospective employee: I was paroled.

He: Just because a man has money doesn't mean he's a success.
She: I'll marry any failure who's got a million bucks.

"This is the skull of a man who was shipwrecked for two years on a desert island with two chorus girls."

"How did he die?"

"He wore himself out tearing down the signals they put up."

"Pop, will I look like you when I grow up?"

"Everybody seems to think so, son."

"Well, I won't have to grow up for a long time, will I, Pop?"

