

# ARKANSAS HIGHWAYS



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## NEILL BOHLINGER APPOINTED TO SUPREME COURT

The appointment of Neill Bohlinger to the State Supreme Court is the culmination of a luminous career which spans 52 years in the practice of law and serving his beloved State of Arkansas.

In naming Mr. Bohlinger to the high seat on September 5, Governor Faubus said that he considered Mr. Bohlinger's "distinguished career" in making the selection, plus his ability as an attorney. Mr. Faubus spoke of the appointment as being a "crowning glory" for a man with his long public service. Mr. Bohlinger reiterated the phrase, further remarking that he "wished his mother could have lived to see this happen to me."

Mr. Bohlinger has been chief general counsel for the Highway Department since 1957 when the job was created for him. However, his first association with the Department began in 1934. Since that time he has been in and out as administrations changed, acquiring more than 14 years as attorney and legal advisor in the Department.

His law practice in Brinkley, Dardanelle, and Little Rock began in 1909, by studying law and taking the bar examination before the Pulaski County Circuit Court. He has served two terms each time as representative from Yell and Pulaski Counties. For the past 10 years he has served as Parliamentarian of the House.

Mr. Bohlinger's descendants settled in Little Rock over 125 years ago. He was born July 3, 1884 at the corner of Markham and State Streets. After attending the old Peabody School in Little Rock, he entered Washington University at St. Louis.

The Bohlingers (she is the former Miss Leslie Hall of Dardanelle) are members of Christ Episcopal Church. They reside at 5318 Sherwood Road in Little Rock.



Left to right: Truman Baker, James Crain Sr., Ward Goodman, Mr. Bohlinger, Harry W. Parkin, Glenn Wallace, Armil Taylor, and Mr. Oliver.

It didn't take long for the good word on Mr. Bohlinger's appointment to get around, through the grapevine, radio, and newspapers. He was immediately swamped with visitors and calls from well-wishers. A party was held for him by his secretary Marie Rossing, during the afternoon so some of the employees could personally congratulate him. Since it was Highway Commission Meeting day, the Commissioners attended and Johnnie Gray was able to get their picture with Mr. Bohlinger.



Marie is cutting the cake which was decorated with "Congratulations Mr. Bohlinger," Her former boss seems to approve.

Jim Zinn shakes hands with Mr. Bohlinger



A couple of Mr. Bohlinger's young attorneys in the Legal Division are shown among the group. Clay Robinson is at left and Dowell Anders is having a cuppa'. In the center background is Les Evitts, another attorney in Legal.

Featuring...

## Eddie Williams

### Bridge Design Engineer



Quite often when we get an idea about how a person is - personality and disposition wise - we discover that the image we created is not at all correct.

This writer had Edwin Ashley Williams of Bridge Design pegged as an habitually quiet, retiring individual, and certainly not a "joiner." Well, he's not only a joiner, but one of the leaders of the pack, so to speak.

Eddie, one of Bridge Design's top bananas in engineering, has been around the Highway Department for over 30 years (he received his 30-year service awards last October). The association began in 1927, when Eddie came to Little Rock from the Louisiana Highway Commission. Our Arkansas Department had begun to build up a fairly extensive road program and the possibilities for a career were promising for Eddie. And at that time his parents, the late Leila Kepler Williams and John E. Williams, were residents of Little Rock. Although native of Portsmouth, Ohio, the elder Mr. Williams' work, as engineer and representative for the Texas Company (Texaco), took him and Mrs. Williams to several states. They came to Little Rock from New Orleans.

One of the other states was Iowa, where Eddie was born at Boone, "over 21" years ago. He attended grade and high school at Westmoreland, Kansas, and went on to Washburn University at Topeka for three years. Eddie is one of three sons born to the Williamses. One died a year or so ago, and the other, formerly with the Oklahoma City University music department, now has a music school in Ok. City.

Prior to Eddie's Louisiana Highway stint, he was connected with the Oklahoma Highway Department; the Shawnee County Oklahoma Road Department; was a chainman with the Atchison, Topeka, Santa Fe RR; was a draftsman for a telephone company; and was employed in the Topeka, Kansas City Engineer's Office. It has been said that while he was with the latter firm, he helped in the preparation and plans for a bridge over the Shunganunga River, and after that he was on his way. He figured that anyone who could spell, pronounce, and bridge the Shunganunga River, was born to design bridges and he spanned stream crossings all over Oklahoma and Louisiana before he settled in Arkansas.

Eddie and his attractive wife, the former Miss Esther N. Barsachs, a St. Louis lass, were married there in 1923. According to Eddie, his missus doesn't often get an opportunity to indulge in a favorite pastime - sitting on a creek bank fishing, but does enjoy Canasta and other card games. And, no doubt she has caught the excitement of Eddie's hobbies. For quite some time Eddie has been avidly collecting stamps; he has some 2,000 in United States stamps, and 15,000 in foreign stamps. His other hobby has rubbed off on some of his co-workers in Bridge Design. During a coffee break or the noon hour, several gather around Eddie's engineering board to help work some of the many word puzzles he manages to find. They aren't the fairly simple, conventional crossword puzzles, but hard and challenging.

He is considered a scholarly man, and perhaps his vast knowledge of words is due to the 20 years spent working on his word hobby. At any rate, he is as frequently consulted as the dictionary or office almanac, we're told. And his colleagues say nice things about his engineering ability. One of his long-standing friends and co-workers remarked that Eddie could do a drawing as excellent as anyone, anytime, anyplace. He is seemingly a kindly person, and somewhat of a ringleader of his group. The younger bridge designers respect his ability and often ask his advice on an engineering problem.

This "quiet, retiring individual" is also gregarious and witty. He's been involved in many office gags, like the ink blot affair, when a hideous black ink spot was prepared and cut out, then placed in the middle of a nervous draftsman's carefully inked drawing, with an overturned bottle beside it.

Back in the late 20's and early 30's, the Stutz Bearcat was considered the very *thing* and was as popular as the sayings of the day, like "23 Skidoo," and "Oh, you kid," and anyone fortunate enough to own one was considered quite the gay blade. Eddie drove a fiery red Stutz and there's no reason to believe he didn't live up to the "gay blade" image.

## 2101 CONSTITUTION AVENUE - THE CAPE CANAVERAL OF SURFACE TRAVEL

This is the home base of the Highway Research Board, one of the divisions of the National Research Council, which in turn is an adjunct of the National Academy of Sciences.

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The Highway Research Board was organized November 11, 1920, as an agency of the Division of Engineering and Industrial Research of the National Research Council. The Council comprises eight of these functional divisions, as follows: Anthropology and Psychology; Biology and Agriculture; Chemistry and Chemical Technology; Earth Sciences; Engineering and Industrial Research; Mathematics; Medical Sciences; and Physical Sciences.

The Highway Research Board itself is a cooperative organization of the highway technologists of America operating under the auspices of the National Academy - Council and with the support of the highway departments of several states and the District of Columbia, the Bureau of Public Roads, and many other organizations interested in the development of highway transportation. Last year these other organizations numbered about 50 and ranged from the Agricultural Marketing Service and the American Association of State Highway Officials through the County Road Association of Michigan and the Eno Foundation, to the U. S. Air Force and the Wire Reinforcement Institute. In addition to these organizations contactmen at some 115 colleges and universities in this country and abroad work to promote the purposes of the Board.

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The basic purposes of the Board are (a) to encourage research in the field of highway transportation and (b) to provide a national clearinghouse and correlation service for research activities and information on highway administration and technology.

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The National Academy of Sciences is a private, non-profit organization of scientists, dedicated to the furtherance of science and to its use for the general welfare. The Academy itself was established in 1863 under a congressional charter and empowered to provide for all activities appropriate to academies of science. Its charter required the Academy to act as an adviser to the federal government in scientific matters, to "investigate, examine, experiment, and report upon any subject of science or art," whenever called upon by any department of the government. It is from this proviso that the close ties developed between the Academy and the government, although it is not a governmental agency.

The National Research Council was organized by the Academy in 1916 at the request of the President as a measure of national preparedness. It was established permanently by the Academy in 1919 to enable scientists generally to associate their efforts with those of the limited membership of the Academy in service to the nation, to society, and to science at home and abroad. Membership on the Research Council is through appointment by the president of the Academy and includes representatives nominated by the major scientific and technical societies, representatives of the federal government, and a number of members at large. In addition, several thousand scientists and engineers take part in the activities of the Research Council through membership on its various boards and committees, such as the Highway Research Board with its component committees which number about 140 at this time.

(Next month some activities of the Highway Research Board)

The picture below, sent by District 7 Engineer W. E. Hicks, shows damage caused by scour to sections of curb and gutter that are being constructed for service roads along the El Dorado Bypass Project on Highway No. 167. The roads are in Mr. Hicks's district.



### WORDS OF INSPIRATION

*Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! - Psalms 133:1*

# WANT A RAISE?

By Paul E. Schenke  
District Engineer  
Bureau of Public Roads

Do you want a raise? In all probability, your employer or supervisor has fully considered this matter and is thoroughly familiar with the case. He is sincerely interested in assuring that the employee obtains just compensation. Remember, he has a large investment in each employee and therefore it is to his interest that the employee is satisfied and does not seek to leave. So the boss would gladly give the raise if there were no other factors.

But, he also has other obligations. He has a responsibility to his firm or organization. He is expected to produce a certain volume for the salaries which have been budgeted. He has an even greater responsibility to the other employees under his direction. He must constantly maintain equity among all his employees - compensating those who are deserving and rewarding all in proportion to their productive efforts.

Bear in mind that a boss or supervisor should not give a raise. A raise or promotion should be earned by the employee. Consequently the employee who has the greatest responsibility is the most influential in gaining a raise. And what can the employee do to earn or deserve the promotion? It is his function to learn all the duties of his job. He should have a genuine interest in his job, in his field of occupation, and in the firm or organization who employs him. It is only with such interest that he expects to progress. He will find short cuts that enable him to produce quicker, more economically, and with less effort. He will give assistance to his associates or fellow workers by teaching them the shortcuts or tricks he has learned and thus improve the capacity of the entire group.

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Having mastered his own particular duties and without neglecting them, he should learn of the functions and duties of his supervisor. He should prepare himself to fill the higher position should the occasion or need arise. He should observe his supervisor's methods, attitudes, and policies in order to carry on with a minimum of disruption in the event of the boss's temporary absence. This does not mean he should lose his individual identity and attempt to copy the boss's personality, but he should not disturb the smooth flow of work through radical changes in operating procedure or personnel.

An employee should realize that his value to his employer bears a direct relationship to his reliability and dependability. These traits are extremely valuable and should be cultivated. Bear in mind that the supervisor has a job to do and if he has employees on whom he can depend to perform willingly, properly, and in accordance with instructions under any conditions, during or outside of regular hours, he is going to value them. He is going to exert every effort to keep them.

Remember also, that a raise or promotion brings on greater responsibility. It may mean a greater workload. It may entail supervising a greater number of people with responsibility for their individual actions. It may be that the work is more important in detail or money value and that mistakes would therefore be more costly. In any event there must be some valid reason why the increased pay is warranted. These responsibilities are demanding. They may restrict the hours of leisure; they may interfere with family or social life; they may affect sleep or health; they may even cause overweight, high blood pressure, or ulcers.

So, think it over. Do you really want a raise?

(Editor's Note: The above article, slightly condensed from the original, was a five-minute speech by Mr. Schenke to Hi-Noon Toastmasters Club at a recent meeting. The deletion of certain passages were made because of limited space and not intended to be a reflection on the speech, which, in our opinion, is excellent.)

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## TRAFFIC COUNT ON BRIDGES

The following traffic count for the Greater Little Rock motor vehicle bridges was compiled by the Traffic Analyses Section of Planning and Research Division. The statistics show the average daily count and the percentage of the total traffic on each bridge for one week, June 4-10, before the Freeway Bridge opened July.

June 4-10			
Broadway	Main	Total	
36,003	32,715	68,718	
55.5	44.5	100.0	
July 25-31			
Broadway	Main	Freeway	Total
34,992	23,943	15,312	73,347
47.7	31.4	20.9	100.0
August 12-18			
Broadway	Main	Freeway	Total
36,132	23,319	14,974	74,425
48.6	31.3	20.1	100.0

## AHD Attorney George Green, Commands Army Reserve Unit



One of Legal Division's attorneys, George Green, made international news recently when the 219th Reserve Medical Company of DeWitt, of which he is commanding officer, was mobilized, along with some other Arkansas units. The Company received orders to report to a camp in Alabama October 1.

A follow up to this order came September 1, when Lt. Green received word that he would be on active duty as of September 2, which meant that he was placed on military leave earlier than anticipated.

Green, a member of the Army Reserve for eight years, has been employed by the Highway Department since October 1959. Prior to that he was in private law practice in DeWitt, during which time he served four years as city attorney. He served two terms in the Arkansas Legislature as representative from Arkansas County.

He received his education at the public schools in his native home town of Stuttgart. He went on to Arkansas Tech for two years, and three years at the University of Arkansas where he received his LLB degree. Green is married to the former Miss Doris Metcalf of DeWitt, and they have five children. Mrs. Green and the children will remain in DeWitt during George's military duty leave.

Trying to ascertain if there was a reason for the activation of his company, a reporter asked if the unit had received any recognition for an outstanding achievement. Pondering for a moment, George replied, "Well, we were softball champions at one time. Maybe that's the reason."

By way of bidding George a temporary goodbye, members of Legal Division presented him with a gift at a small coke party on Friday, September 1.

## how to raise a family by remote control . . . CONTROL ?

by Betty Grimes  
Legal Division

Did you ever try to make anyone do anything over the telephone? Well, you can take my word that it isn't easy, and I've had plenty experience at trying.

All my incoming phone calls begin with, "Mother, make...."

"Mother, make George carry out the garbage." or....

"Mother, make Doris quit fiddling with TV." or....

"Mother, make Jane dry the dishes." or....

"Mother, make George quit choking Jane."

My end of the conversation goes like this: "Well, what did you do to him?...pause...Now calm down and talk sensibly.....longer pause.....All right, now let me talk to George and hear his side of the story."

Invariably I wind up threatening to beat the bejabbers out of both the culprits when I get home - a threat that is rarely carried out - they are angelic cherubim when I screech into the driveway, geared to do battle before starting supper.

When a legitimate business call comes in, I am reduced to a stammering, moronic gibberish, due to being caught off guard - or perhaps, I should say, with my guard up. I always hang up the receiver with the uneasy feeling that my caller is shaking his head, wondering how that dim-witted, blockhead of a woman manages to hold a responsible position.

Occasionally, the dilemma raises its ugly head. A small voice, shrill with distress, says "Mommy, my turtle died." or... "Mother, I lost my lunch money." or... "Mother, I'm locked out and I left the water running." These calls can be dealt with by a few soothing words... or a mad dash for home.

Then there's the soft soap, sometimes known as the flimflam. This is always made in the form of a phone call. The brats wouldn't have the audacity to ask when you could reach out and clobber them. It generally begins, "Susie's mother said if we'd get your permission, we could..." The request is so far fetched that you know Susie's mother is either a bumbling idiot or she hasn't been broached with the subject. Everytime this tactic is tried, I vow not to lose my temper - next time.

When the salutation begins with the softer form, "Mama," steel yourself for a flat, uncompromising "NO!" Whatever the request, it's bound to hit where it hurts most: Mama's pocketbook.

There was a time when I dreamed of a happy tomorrow; the children would all be grown and self sufficient. Ha! That bubble soon burst. Now that the oldest daughter is married her calls not only cost money, but are demands on a more precious commodity, TIME. "Mother, this is Mary. You've just got to come over and show me how to..." It doesn't matter if it's how to cook a special dish or sew a fine seam, it will require material and time.

Now I've learned to content myself reminiscing of the "good old days," days when they were too young to know how to dial the phone.

## Highway Commission Appoints Dan D. Stephens General Counsel

The man appointed to fill the vacated position of general counsel is Dan D. Stephens, 41, formerly a top aide to Governor Faubus. He took over the job September 15. The appointment was made September 6, one day after Mr. Bohlinger was named associate justice of the state Supreme Court.

Stephens joined the staff of Mr. Faubus in January 1959, and in April this year he went to the State Public Service post. He is a former state representative, former school teacher, was director of the state Bureau of Vital Statistics during the administration of former Governor Sid McMath, and is a former Fourteenth District prosecuting attorney. Last year Stephens was chairman of the state Democratic Party drive for the Kennedy-Johnson administration.

Highway Commission Chairman Harry W. Parkin said after the appointment: "We needed someone and we feel that Mr. Stephens will do us a fine job."



Dan D. Stephens

### A NOTE FROM THE DESK OF...

John L. Vanden Berg

I look forward to receiving the magazine and it brings back many fond memories of my friends and associates in the Department. I read with pleasure many of the things that are happening and I am proud of your progress and accomplishments. My new job brings me in contact with many state highway departments and in my humble opinion, Arkansas' Highway Department rates with the best. I will always be proud of my adopted state.

John L. Vanden Berg, Chief  
Construction and Maintenance  
Bureau of Public Roads, Delmar, N. Y.

## Supervision and Inspection on Highway Construction

The current Interstate Highway Program is the largest construction effort ever undertaken by this or any other nation. The program is regarded as being essential to the defense of our country, its economy, and its future as the leader in the free world. The Administrative and Legislative branches of all levels of government as well as the vast majority of the citizens of the country are vitally concerned with the rate of progress of the program and with the degree of efficiency with which it is being administered.

Unfortunately, in a few of the states, inadequate supervision and inspection on some contracts has resulted in substandard construction. A few cases have been found where unqualified employees have been used in positions requiring technical skills. Most serious of all have been instances where downright graft, bribery, payoffs and other highly unethical practices have been uncovered. The inevitable result of these scandalous practices is growing suspicion and apprehension on the part of governmental officials and the general public climaxed by more stringent federal controls.

Based on testimony recently presented to the special subcommittee on the Federal Aid Highway Program of the Congress, the Bureau of Public Roads has acted to withhold federal aid on all phases of construction in another state. This situation will remain in effect until such time as the state takes action or makes changes to assure Public Roads that the Department has adequate control over and proper administration of the construction operations. The BPR has also acted to withhold reimbursement on certain current or completed federal aid projects with which nine contractors were associated or with which a named group of state highway department employees were engaged as project personnel.

It is essential that we, here in Arkansas, make every effort to insure that all of our actions are consistent with the highest standards of conduct. We must make sure that our project employees are competent and capable. They must have a proper attitude and the highest integrity.

We cannot permit any situation to develop which will lead to suspicion or accusation of any laxity or misconduct in the administration of our highway program.

F. R. Oliver  
Director of Highways

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### JOSEPH DALMUT

*Joseph Dalmut, 49, a bridge carpenter in District 4, died of a heart attack while working on his job.*

*Mr. Dalmut, a native of Hartford, Sebastian County, was employed by the Highway Department August 19, 1954 and had worked continually since that time. He was a veteran of World War II.*

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Director F. R. Oliver and Traffic Engineer Bill Cooper attended a meeting August 31 at Springdale on the proposal of construction of a four-lane highway through the city. The meeting, sponsored by the Springdale Chamber of Commerce, was attended by about 125 businessmen from the Springdale area.

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Bert Rownd, heavy bridge maintenance engineer, was a guest on the "Little Rock Today" television show September 5. Bert's appearance with MC Bud Campbell was to discuss the litter problem on highways in Arkansas and what the Department is doing to help combat the problem. Bert commented that an actual cost record is kept on pickup of litter on our major highways. He said that litter costs the taxpayers approximately \$150,000 annually. The work is done on certain days by area crews, but is incorporated in with their other work. Also, Bert stated that for the first time, the Department is experimenting with using trash barrels on our highways. This is being done in Conway County only. The eight barrels were donated by civic groups in the county and placed by the Highway Department at strategic locations on the main north-south, east-west arteries: W. F. Turner, District 8 engineer, told Bert that so far, the barrels have proved effective.

Bert served in another medium not long ago when he made a tape on roadside parks and beautification of parks and highways. The tape was made with Betty Wood, wife of Ted Wood, director of Publicity and Parks, to be distributed to radio stations throughout Arkansas as a public service.

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Frank Anderlitch, Planning Engineer, from the Regional office of the Bureau of Public Roads in Ft. Worth, and Al Lewis with the Highway Research Division, Bureau of Public Roads in Washington, spent two days in the Division discussing Traffic Analysis and methods of procedures for recording traffic data.

On September 14, Chief Engineer Ward Goodman spoke to members of the Retired Men's Discussion Club. His subject was "The Interstate Highway System's Impact on the Nation." In the speech Mr. Goodman particularly emphasized the impact of the system in Pulaski County.

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Mr. Goodman and Bob Maddox of Surveys Division, left August 23, for Boston, Massachusetts for a two-day meeting called by the American Association of State Highway Officials (AASHO). The meeting, held at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.), was held for the purpose of studying means to increase engineering productivity, and to explore new developments in electronic equipment, designed for use in aerial surveying. Mr. Goodman stated that the meeting was more or less a refresher course - to study and discuss any developments since 1957, when a similar meeting was held.

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Y. W. Whelchel was designated by Director Oliver to serve as chairman of the Highway Department Section for the 1962 United Fund Campaign. The following were named co-chairmen for their divisions: Marie Rossing, Director's Office; Carolyn Vance, Legal; Bill Rainwater, Chief Engineer's Office; Jim Zinn, General Services; Erma Jetton, General Services; Margaret Allen, Accounting; Leon Sneed, Equipment; John Longcoy, Planning and Research; Ceceil Byrns, Maintenance; Fred Koch, Sign Shop; Virginia Tackett, Bridge Design; Adele Fiedler, Surveys; Delbert Vanlandingham, Roadway Design; Roy Rosin, Materials and Tests; Zelda Riggs, County Roads; Retha Griffin, Right of Way; and Pat Venable, District 6. Mr. Oliver urged their support for the planning of a successful campaign.

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Bill Cooper attended the annual International Traffic Engineers Meeting and World Council of Traffic Engineers in Washington D. C. August 21-24.



Director Oliver is shown at the chicken barbeque held in the new area headquarters building in Van Buren County. Approximately 165 persons attended. (See District 8 news.)

## Series of Meetings Scheduled for Districts

Director F. R. Oliver and Chief Engineer Ward Goodman have scheduled a series of meetings to be held in each district as time and work schedules permit. The first of the series was held at District 2, Pine Bluff, on August 4.

Attending the meetings will be the respective district engineer; Mr. Goodman; State Maintenance Engineer R. B. Winfrey; State Construction Engineer C. A. Shumaker; and the key three construction men of the district: resident engineer, senior instrumentman, and senior inspector.

Mr. Goodman stated that the purpose of the meetings is to advance relations by becoming better acquainted with the field forces, thus Central Offices attention will be more closely drawn to field construction and personnel problems.

The construction engineer emphasizes the need for strict compliance with specifications and building according to plans. The maintenance engineer stresses that the things left undone on construction projects, that might have been done with federal aid, carry over to the Maintenance Division and must be done with pure state funds.

Mr. Oliver and Mr. Goodman stress the necessity of absolute integrity in performance of duties; documentations of all actions; sufficient diary; relationship between Highway Department personnel; and training of personnel in order that they more adequately perform duties.

Those visited at the first meeting were asked to assemble personnel under their supervision so they may derive benefit from these same thoughts.

The following were contacted personally at Pine Bluff: Resident Engineer L. K. Howell; Senior Instrumentman Burnard Hart; Levelman Max Bagwell; and Inspector Troy Henderson. From DeWitt were: Resident Engineer W. H. Cook; Engineering Assistant Lloyd Bywaters; and Senior Instrumentman F. M. Woodruff. Those from Dumas were: Resident Engineer George Karnes; Senior Instrumentman J. J. Suitt; Inspector J. P. Suitt; Instrumentman Frank Novack; and Inspector Roy Johnston.

Districts will be notified when the meetings will be held.

### POLICY FORBIDS MARRIED COUPLES WORKING IN AHD

During the past few years there have been inquiries as to why a husband and wife are not permitted to work simultaneously for the Highway Department.

The reason is very simple. The Arkansas Highway Commission feels that such a situation is not in the best interest of the Department. Therefore, if two employees are united in marriage, one party must resign.

In the event a married couple is now working, or should two employees marry in the future, the Personnel Office should be notified and the names revealed. They will be notified of this policy and given 30 days' notice for the discontinuance of one member. The matter of which

member shall resign is usually routine; considering which has the more responsible position. However, should there be an indecision, the Personnel Office will give assistance by coordinating the desires of the parties involved with the Department's needs. Moreover, the resigning member will be counseled in obtaining other employment, if requested.

This policy will be included in the next revision of the Personnel Manual.



Jimmie Higgins, assistant personnel officer, is shown here for all you people who "do business" with Jim, but have never had the pleasure of meeting him. Jim received his BS degree from Arkansas State Teachers College and his MBA at the University of Arkansas, majoring in management, marketing, and economics. From 1954 to 1956 Jim was in Korea with the Army Signal Corps. Other members of the Higgins family include wife Maxine, and three young sons, Allen Dale, 6 years old; Jackie, 5; and Leonard 3. They reside in Sylvan Hills.

### Employees Meet to Discuss Bowling League

Thirty six employees in the Little Rock area met September 7 to discuss forming a men's bowling league in the Department. Since the response was limited, those present who wished to participate agreed to seek affiliation with a league presently being formed. It is the desire still to form a Departmental league and three captains: Ray Garner, Charles Wroblecki, and John Kizer agreed to act as interim team captains and will try to promote a league - male or mixed - for the Department at an early date. Mr. Oliver approved the plan wholeheartedly.

### Ride Wanted

Mignon Besancon, Planning and Research, would like to have a ride to and from work from the Saline County line starting October 1. Telephone Mignon if you'd like to have a charming addition to your car pool. Ext. 291.

# AROUND THE DEPARTMENTS

## ACCOUNTING

Blanche Smith

Our summer vacationers have been traveling far and wide...Lola Buck, accompanied by daughter and family of St. Louis, spent a week at beautiful Estes Park, Colorado.

Peggy Zeiner went along with husband Max, while he attended encampment of the Air National Guard at Keesler Air Base, between Gulfport and Biloxi, Mississippi. Several couples rented a cottage and all had fun swimming, water skiing, boat rides to Ship Island, visiting Marine Life, and stepping out to supper clubs occasionally.

Jonathan Beavers attended the DAV Convention in St. Louis in August...Ann Porter flew to Michigan and West Virginia to visit her family on her vacation...Jack Keilch visited relatives in Alabama...and Jim McCarthy, our boss, took his family to Biloxi for an outing.

Pat Koonce drove to Evansville, Indiana to bring back her children for the school year. The kids spent the summer with their grandmother.

We have been big-party conscious again (and every time we say it will be the last). This occasion included a going-away affair for Wanda Boerner, Annette Copeland, and Peggy Yielding. The designs on the cake were: a beehive, surrounded by bees for Wanda (to symbolize being busy as a...); a diploma for Annette (she enters State Teachers College); and baby items for Peggy. They were each presented with a gift, as was Jonathan for his son, Charles, who was married August 27. The committee for this party consisted of Aleene Boysen, Irene Hawkins, and Pat.

Carol Wilson and Linda Tucker are two new employees. Welcome, girls.

(In the last issue, the last sentence in the Accounting Division news should have read, "There are rumors he even had a bottle of nail polish (black, at that) in order to paint numbers on some of the equipment." We've never heard of black nail polish, but then there's no telling what Jim McCarthy will come up with. Ed.)

## BRIDGE DESIGN

Virginia Tackett

We are very happy that Wayne Major is recovering beautifully from the head injury he suffered when hit by a pitched ball in a game at Caraway several weeks ago. At first it seemed that the severe concussion might cause serious brain damage, but Wayne's doctor is very pleased with his progress and anticipates

no lasting after effects. Wayne has been home from the hospital for several weeks and enjoys having company. His address is 4320 Maryland Avenue, in case any of his friends have been wanting to visit him. Speaking of friends, some of his closest ones - the members of his ball club, got together and sponsored a benefit ball game to help out with the not inconsiderable expenses that go along with surgery and hospitalization. There was a nice turnout and the proceeds will come in very handy indeed.

Phil Johnson will be heading back to the Civil Engineering Department at the University of Arkansas, but Trainee Ruben McConnell will be with us another month before transferring in line with the training program.

Jake Knott had a birthday early in the month and the occasion seemed to call for something rather special, so one of his greatest friends in the Bridge Design Division sent out for a couple of cakes and we toasted the event with coffee and calories. We hope he has another one soon.

Baldy Vinson's many friends in the Department were sorry to hear of the death of his mother, Mrs. Baldy Vinson, Sr. earlier this month.

## COUNTY ROADS

Zelda M. Riggs

Mr. and Mrs. Max C. Hall had as guests recently, Max's daughter, Helen Anne Banks and baby daughter, Kelle Jo, of Atlanta, Ga. Also, Mary's daughter and son-in-law and young son, from Ft. Worth. The Halls have visited with her family in Ft. Worth the week end of August 19 and they will begin their annual vacation the last week in September. By a strange coincidence, they will "just happen" to be in Jackson, Miss. when Arkansas and Ole Miss play, and will be visiting Helen Ann and Don in Atlanta the day of the Georgia Tech-Rice game.

The Harry Wrights are spending most of their week ends at their lakeshore cottage on Lake Hamilton, enjoying the outdoor life and entertaining their friends.

Jack and Mary Teasdale had the pleasure of having their daughter, Pat Allen (Mrs. John) of Houston, Texas, for a visit recently. The Teasdales will take off soon in their new Chevrolet for their annual two weeks' vacation.

Don L. Legate, one of our former employees, after completing his first years instruction in commercial art at the American Academy of Art in Chicago, has returned to Little Rock for temporary employment in our Department and will return to Chicago next January to resume his studies.

There is some bantering back and forth among our young men, caused by the recent step-up in the enrollment of manpower for military service. It has been a daily topic almost, as to which ones would be here long enough to make another payday.

Pat Herndon and Wayne Glover, our two junior draftsmen, have resigned to go back to college, studying for their degrees. Wayne to Arkansas State and Pat to Little Rock University.

Maurice Cooper, wife Carolyn, and two daughters, are vacationing in Texas.

Guests of this writer and husband, Richard L., and Mother Allen, were brother Holder Hudgins and family of Poplar Bluff, Mo., and sister, Mrs. Ella B. Hurst of Fayetteville, who was met in Little Rock by her children the George Tows and their two children, from San Francisco; and my children, the Freeman L. Johnsons and family, from Texarkana. Another guest, Richard's sister Mrs. C. M. Moore of Tulsa, will arrive for a visit around the middle of this month.



Don Legate, left, will be in County Roads until January, when he returns to American Academy of Arts, Chicago. Pat and Wayne Glover, have returned to the University of Arkansas after working as junior draftsmen this summer.

## DATA PROCESSING

Carolyn Reddin

We have had several visitors lately who have brought their new babies by...Mrs. Tony Yandell brought their little son, and Mrs. Jim Stringer came by with their new daughter. Tony and Jim work in the tab section. Billie Jean Oholendt, who worked with us prior to February, brought her son. We all thought the little ones were adorable and were glad to see them.

Elsie King spent her two weeks' vacation at home in Benton. Elsie said she didn't do anything but rest.

This reporter and niece, Gail Bryant, of Houston, Texas, visited in Ladysmith.

Wisconsin recently, with sister and family. While there, husband Jimmy, who was on two weeks' training with the Army Reserve Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, made a trip to Ladysmith and spent a week end.

Frances Richardson enjoyed vacationing in different parts of Florida the last of August. Gladys Plunkett spent her vacation at their cottage on Lake Hamilton in Hot Springs.

Art Johnson and family, spent the week end of August 12 at Fayetteville and in the Ozarks Mountains. They enjoyed horseback riding and other outdoor activities.

Recent guests of Erma and Robert Jetton were Robert's mother, Mrs. Allie Jetton, and Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Green from Trimble, Tenn.

Nedra Barton was off a couple of days due to illness, but she is back at work, and feeling much better.

## EQUIPMENT

### Sally Crook

Kitty Kirkpatrick, daughter of Lem Kirkpatrick and three college chums, Sammie Viles of Dallas; Carolyn Cox of Denver, Colo.; and Mary Ann Hubernack of El Campo, Texas, went to Laredo, Texas where they caught a plane to Mexico City for a wonderful 10-day vacation. They had a ball.

C. H. Freeling, nightwatchman, was on leave awhile due to illness, but has returned to work.

In last month's issue we failed to mention Laura Hixon among our summer employees and we extend our apologies to Laura for this oversight.

Maurice Head attended the 1962 Ford Fleet Preview in Dearborn, Mich., August 17-18. He looked over the 1962 model Ford autos and trucks.

Our reporter, Avalee Padgett, vacationed at the time of this writing. She and her family spent the week at Blanchard Springs and Buffalo River State Park for some fresh ozone and fishing.

Martha Pearle had her brother, Joe, and his family from Kansas City, Mo. as visitors recently.

## HENDERSON FERRY

### Plas B. Lovelady

The busiest part of the season is coming to a close at our quarters. After Labor Day the traffic will drop off sharply. We have experienced a heavy traffic count so far in August, and this will probably be another record-breaking year because at the end of July the traffic count was 2,353 ahead of last year, for the same period of time.

Several of our employees are on vacation this month. Jewell Hensley and his

family took a trip to Kansas City, Missouri...Bill Perryman spent most of his vacation at home...Oscar Thomas, did a little running around (we suppose) trying to trade for some hogs and cattle to sell, which is part of his off-hours hobby. Jimmie Roberts spent his vacation visiting relatives in Hot Springs.

From reliable sources we hear that Tommy Richmond has an increase in his family...a big, bouncing boy. We haven't seen the cigars yet, Tommy. Pass them around so we can congratulate you in person...

From all indications the fish are biting again because Hugh Perryman claims he caught a good string of white bass. They have to be biting if Hugh catches them, but he did because we checked this report with Maxie Green, ferry pilot, and verified it.

## LEGAL

### Betty Grimes

Three of our attorneys have completed their summer encampment with their reserve units. Except for mortal combat with "critters" (mosquitoes, ticks, chiggers, etc.), there were no casualties reported. Major Dowell Anders trained at Camp Polk; Lt. George Green at Fort Chaffee; and SFC Clay Robinson at Fort Hood. The real excitement came two weeks after Green returned to the office. His unit, the 219th Medical Company, of which he is the commanding officer, was alerted for possible call to active duty, and then on August 25, definite orders for the company to report to Ft. Rucker, Ala. October 1. George has been interviewed by reporters from local papers, the International Press, Associated Press, and other news media. George says it can be quoted that he was "visibly shook" by the news.

Caleb Morris, draftsman, has left to assume the management of the Seventh Street Galleries and to attend Little Rock University. We all wish him luck and good fortune in both his business and studies.

Caleb's position has been filled by another one of those "Johnson" boys. This one is Bruce, younger brother of Carl and Harlan who are in Right of Way. If Bruce lives up to the fine precedent set by his brothers, it will be encouraging to all supervisors to know that there are two more male Johnsons at home who are hoping to become draftsmen upon their graduation from school.

Carolyn Vance, affectionately known to the Legal Staff as "Seester," is at home recuperating from a recent operation. The first day her doctor allowed her out, she had her mother chauffeur her to the Legal building so that she could see the beautiful offices and all our beautiful faces. We've missed her too, and we

were glad to see her sweet, smiling face, and gratified that she thought us beautiful.

The persistent rumor of the past few months, is at last an accomplished fact... one of our staff is expecting a visit from the stork.

Don't hold your breath with anticipation, but do look forward to the next issue of "Arkansas Highways," when you can read a blow-by-blow description about moving day with the Anders and about my attaining the rank of "Grandmother."

## MATERIALS & TESTS

### Julia Mae Halliburton

Alton Beard is feeling fine after spending a few weeks off for an operation in July.

Sgt. M. J. Hensley, Sgt. Jerry Stacks, and Captain Roy Rosin returned from Army Reserve training, after spending two weeks fighting off the insects at beautiful Fort Polk, La. in July.

Raybon Camp's wife, Ruth, has recovered from an illness and has returned to work.

One of our latest engineers-in-training to join us is Jack Wofford, who really should be a pro golfer we hear. He shoots a 69 on the back nine at Fair Park.

Another new trainee, M. J. Hensley, is taking vacation the first week in September to get married. Tough luck, girls...you're too late.

After spending two weeks at Lake Ouachita in August, Frances Roller came back to work as brown as a berry.

A mysterious package arrived from Florida one day recently, addressed to the lab. We were pleased to find that it was a box of tropical fruit from our ex-boss, E. L. (Noody) Wales, who is not ready to work yet after retiring last year.

Doyle Havens has a new Peugeot. No, it's not an animal, but a sports car and he said he gets 75 miles to the gallon with an 80-mile wind blowing from the rear.

Joe Magness took his family for a three-day camping trip at Lake Ouachita about the middle of August. This is a warning to all fishermen - the lake is now fished out (except for the large ones).

Several of our men are to receive service awards this month. They are: Hayes Medlock and Neal Roach, 10 years; Harold Sneed, 15 years; and Don Younger, 5 years.

Two of our fellow employees, Camp (mentioned above) and Henry Hart, recently completed the fine Red Cross course given by the Highway Department. They have their certificates as qualified instructors.

We are sorry to lose Carolyn Webb, who is leaving us, but we do wish her the best of luck on her new job.

## PERSONNEL

M. A.

Our latest addition to the office is Shirley Bain, who reported to work August 16. Shirley replaces Lavona Croft. A native of Bodcaw (Nevada County), Shirley is a former employee of the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission. She and husband Hollis (production manager for a check printing firm), have a four-year-old daughter, Angela, and they reside at 3720 High Street. We're glad to have Shirley in our crew and hope she enjoys us and her new job.

Harriet Smith, another pretty girl who is fairly new, has been out of the office more than she has been in. She's been relieving girls in various departments who are vacationing and we understand she's been doing a good job. We miss her though and hope she can "stay put" with us for awhile.

Vona was married August 26 at Evening Shade, to Stanley Yancey. We haven't received any particulars in regard to the wedding, however. The day she left, several of the girls gave her a luncheon-shower at a Little Rock cafeteria and she received many lovely and practical gifts. Those attending were Shirley, Jane Greenlee, Harriet, Jackie Wallace, Ruth Foll, Sibble Cox, Robbie Ingle, Carma Dunn, Dora Davis, Carolyn Reddin, Betty Graham, Linda Mode, and yours truly.

Mr. and Mrs. Lacy P. White from Nashville, Tenn., were guests of the Gerald Greenlees (Jane) and family over the Labor Day week end. Mrs. White is Jane's sister.

Ruth Foll drove home to visit parents in Mountain View over Labor Day...Robbie Ingle and husband Herston, decided to forego exchanging first wedding anniversary gifts and instead spent the week end in Hot Springs, where they honeymooned after their wedding September 2, 1960.

Grace and Jim Zinn had as a guest recently, Mrs. Elsie LeCoste of Berkeley, Calif.

When asked about Labor Day plans, Hoyt Thomas replied he was going to wash his car first, and for the rest of time just be lazy. Jim Higgins said he'd like nothing better than to SLEEP, but may try to get in a fishing trip.

Birdie (Robin) Wright returned from her trip to Canada July 31 and said it was a lot of fun. Birdie made the trip by charter bus with several other members of the Little Rock PBX Club of which she is president. Birdie posed for the photograph during a stop in Kentucky, enroute to Toronto.

This reporter had guests during August when sister Mrs. John Stanford, Jr., and daughter Rinda, of Fairhope, Ala., formerly of Memphis, spent a few days in Little Rock and North Little Rock.



Birdie (Robin) Wright

## PLANNING &amp; RESEARCH

Bonnie Liner

B. C. Lewis and Bill Nelson from Economic and Finance Section, signed out one week end recently to conduct traffic and classification counts at Buffalo River State Park. Well, at least they brought back complete data and Bill acquired posion ivy, but the whole story sounds fish to us.

In Traffic Section we have several new employees working during the summer. Bonnie Bartleson will be working here until sometime this month. Ed Jeter is back with us after finishing up his schooling at the University of Arkansas. Loadometer and O & D Survey crews working out of our office include: Jim Smith, Nathan Johnson, Joe Abrams, Bob McKinney, W. A. Cathey, Glenn Cannon, Glen Murtha, Creed Tolson, H. Y. Griffin, and H. L. Woolsey.

Lukie Atkinson, one of the Traffic Recorder field men from Traffic Section, was in an auto accident August 15 near Ft. Smith. The doctors said he will have to remain in the hospital at Ft. Smith for several more weeks before being transferred to a hospital in Little Rock.

Jane and Karl Huff have had their share of company lately, but they haven't minded...Their son Raymond, and his family from Fayetteville were here, and another son Bill, and wife JoAda, spent a few days after his discharge from the Army before going to Harvard University this fall. Other relatives from Ft. Worth, Texas were visitors also.

Several of our gang have been on vacation trips during the past few weeks. Ruth Cantley spent a couple of week ends in Hot Springs visiting with friends and resting. Nathan Bingham spent a few days in St. Louis...Bill Looney and his family took a trip through the northwestern part of the state...and Bill Smith and his wife spent some time in Mobile, Ala. He has a good fish tale and pictures to

show us of the 25-pound red snapper he caught.

When you see a bright flash go by, it isn't the fire chief, but Pat Patton in his new red Chevrolet.

Ralph Pack and Jim Barnett paid their obligations to Uncle Sam last month. Both spent two weeks at the Air National Guard Camp in Gulfport, Miss.

Several of the employees gave a birthday party August 25, to help Mignon Besancon celebrate her 22nd year in this old world. Everyone enjoyed sandwiches, hot tamales, and cake.

(Bonnie didn't mention a very important news item about herself. She became engaged August 22 when Earl M. Thomas of District 6 gave her a beautiful diamond solitaire. Earl returned from a two-year hitch in Germany two months ago, and it was "love at first sight." They will be married November 24. Our best wishes to them. They make a handsome (see Bonnie's pix on pg. 15) couple. Earl is a brother of Hoyt Thomas of Personnel, who also is engaged to an AHD employee.

## PURCHASING

Amy Tedford

Nearly everyone in our office has either been on vacation during the last month or is planning one. Jim, Martha, and Conley Meredith spent 9 glorious days and nights "roughing" it at Camp Charlton near Lake Ouachita. "Roughing it" means lawn chairs, charcoal grill, bed sheets, etc. Conley's friend, Ronnie Franks, accompanied the Merediths.

Beginning September 3, Jim resumed his duties as organist and choirmaster at the First Presbyterian Church of North Little Rock, after a two months' leave of absence.

We failed to mention in the last issue that Lewis Wade received his 5-year service awards. We did mention that Lewis and family were vacationing in Florida and from all reports, they had a marvelous time. Lewis brought back some good color pictures to prove it.

This writer and family, along with the Raymond Marshalls of Humphrey, spent 3 days at Longview, Texas, visiting with Mrs. Marshall's brother, W. M. Eirvin. We (there were 7 in the party) rented an 8' x 14' canopied barge, complete with table and chairs for everyone, and did some real lazy fishing on Lake of the Pines. The catch was good but the ride and relaxation were even greater. Mike, our 3½-year-old son, caught 3 fish all by himself and was quite a proud little boy.

Frank and Sylvia Caple, with daughters Pam and Debbie, spent the first week end of their vacation in Lafayette, La., visiting relatives. While the women folk shopped, Frank and cousin I. D. Ellis

played golf at the Country Club of which I. D. is a member. After returning home, Frank spent the remainder of his free time at Rebsamen Park, Fair Park, Burns Park, just to name a few. The golf bug has really gotten Frank.

"Widow" Gray is still planning her vacation but by the time this is printed she will be "cruising down the river." She plans to join the N. B. Nichols on their houseboat on White River. Sounds like fun.

Linda Schmidt had as guests for a few days, her sister-in-law, Mrs. LeRoy Vassaur and sons, Robert and Mike, from Ft. Campbell, Ky. Linda and Fred recently spent the week end of August 25 visiting her mother and grandparents at Delaware, Ark.

Linda Mode spent a recent week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Mode of Guy, Ark. At this time, Linda and Hoyt Thomas, of the Personnel Office, have not set a date for the big event.

REPRODUCTION

Hess Gordon

Lucille Huffstutlar recently took a week of her annual leave. She said she was planning to concentrate on doing nothing, but she will be busy, I'll bound

We are all happy that David Johnson, who we thought would be with us only as a summer employee in between school "hitches," has decided to continue working with us. He's one of our favorite people.

Patsy Roling and husband, Leroy, along with Gail Hamm and husband, Eugene, recently spent a week end on Lake Ouachita. Patsy got a little too much sun, and is still blushing.

Rachel Simmons said she hadn't been doing anything interesting, but something sorta' stupid. In fact, she would be a good candidate for the Goofers Anonymous. On the morning of August 29, she reached for the hair spray; asked daughter Dotty "spray" for her, smelled a weird odor, looked at can, and found she had been sprayed with room deodorant.

Henry Vopel, our supervisor, said he had not been doing anything but would try to get in trouble before the next issue.

Buddy Aley, who's been with us since January - he came to the Department from Olin Mathieson - recently attended Officers' Candidate School, Arkansas Military Academy, at Camp Robinson. He was away two weeks.

More about David - he has recently purchased a shiny diamond which is now dancing the lovely left hand of Miss Sharon Gibbs of Conway. No date has been set for the wedding.

Nothing about me, 'scusing a real wonderful letter from my younger son,

Lt. Jack Gordon, now serving a 12-month stint in Korea.

Mamie Fanning was away from the office when her sisters, Rena Johnson, Mrs. J. O. Powers and Mr. Powers of Roxboro, N. C. were here as her guests.

DISTRICT 2

Ouida Grimes

We had Director Oliver as a visitor in August, also Chief Engineer Ward Goodman; Construction Engineer C. A. Shumaker; and Maintenance Engineer R. B. Winfrey. They held a meeting with our District Engineer John Harris; Resident Engineers George Karnes, L. K. Howell, and W. H. Cook, and some construction employees.

Clarence Page, communications supervisor, spent the morning of August 16 in our office. During the day, the foundation was dug and cement was poured for our local radio tower.

C. E. Woodfield has completed two first aid classes; one at Star City and one at Rison. He assisted W. K. Wilson in another class at Monticello. The employees in all three classes were interested from the very beginning.

John Merle Hollis' father, Buster Hollis, a retired Highway employee, has been a patient in Jefferson Hospital. We all hope he is recovering fully.

Our sincere sympathies to Mr. and Mrs. John Stroble, whose nine-year-old son was fatally injured in an accident on Lake Ouachita August 13. He is survived by his parents and five sisters, all of Pine Bluff.

DISTRICT 3

Olive Jackson

Those from the Little Rock office who were visitors in August were: James E. McCarthy and J. T. Beavers (who were visiting us for the first time), Dale Davison, Jake Clements, Tom Smith, F. L. Wagner, Warren Stanford, and R. B. Keene.

Houston Kitchens, Pierre Malardier, and Donald Embry, who are with the Hope unit of the Army Reserves, left Saturday, August 12, for a two week encampment at Camp LeRoy Johnson, New Orleans.

Ruel Kenneth Staggs received his 10-year service awards in August.

The B. C. Lewises, who are residents of Orlando, Florida, visited this office August 1. B. C., former assistant maintenance superintendent, retired February 1, 1960.

Horace Lee Ellen, employee of Hempstead County, retired from the Department August 7. He was a bulldozer operator and was employed for 20 years. We all will miss him and wish him the best of luck in his retirement.

Harland and Janie Grimes have returned from a vacation to Sedalia, Mo., where they visited relatives. While there, they visited Harlan's uncle and an aunt (his mother's brother and sister), whom he had never seen - both are in their 90's.

Carolyn Carter, daughter of Schley and Sybil Carter of Murfreesboro, left August 20 for Milton, Florida, where she will teach the first grade in school.

Alton Self and G. L. "Pappy" Ponder, have been off due to illness. Get well quick, fellas.

Edward Evans, one of our employees, and Mrs. Evans, have moved to Marvel, Arkansas, where he has accepted the pastorate at the Trenton Baptist Church.

New employees are: Nolen Travis Clark, Luther Brown, Robert Sidney Ellis, and J. D. Samuels, Jr. Glad to have them with us.

DISTRICT 5

Carl Davis

Service awards were presented in August to: Fair Fax Warren, 15 years; Virgil J. Butler, 10 years; and Esthal A. Curtis, James B. Gibbens, and Pleas R. Winkle, 5 years.

We had some lucky vacationers recently... Bert Mathis, area foreman, enjoyed a 4-day vacation at home with his family. His daughter and family were at home for a visit... Bud Hughes spent two weeks traveling to Washington, D. C. and Rockville, Md. and enjoyed it but said he was glad to return home and to work.

Jimmy I. Brannan, acting resident engineer, and his wife, have a new baby boy born August 11 and christened "Christian." The wee one weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and is their third child.

Claudis Mitchell, Henry Anderson, and Epps Price, all of Mountain View, have had severe cases of mumps. They are all improving.

Bob Moser had surgery the week of August 16 and at this report is doing quite well. Bob works in the district shop and while he was off a few days, he stopped by to see us minus his dentures, which were left with the dentist for repair.

Clyde Nast is confined at his home and unable to work because of severe burns on his feet by a steam cleaner. We sure hope he gets well soon, as burns can be so painful.

Ed Orsini of the Accounting Division, and Cecil Elliott of Equipment Division, were visitors in our district in August.

Oscar Syfert purchased a new home in Batesville and will be moving in the near future. We hope he invites us all over for a chicken supper.

Since news is scarce, District 5 wants to be the first to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. (And, a very Merry Christmas to you all, Carl.)

## DISTRICT 7

## Burnham and Campbell

C. Ellis Coleman received his 20-year service awards and James Madison Renfro, his 5-year awards in August.

We have a new Resident Engineer, B. L. Byan, whose office is at Calion. B. L. was formerly employed with the Department but resigned to work with highway construction in South America. He returned just recently. Linda Torsclair is the new clerk in the Calion office. Other new employees in Construction are: John Lee Lambert, John T. Rhodes, Basil Lee Ryan, James L. Taylor, and A. G. Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hicks and daughter Judy, visited their daughter Virginia in Tulsa, Okla., recently. They returned by way of Fayetteville where they made final arrangements for Judy to begin her freshman year at the University this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Webb, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Moore, spent a relaxing week end on Mt. Magazine. The Webbs had a lovely garden this year and they have been busy filling the deep freeze.

M. S. Smith has been conducting First Aid classes for employees in District 7.

Odis Alexander and Mrs. Alexander visited his sister and family in Louisiana recently. During his absence George Curtis kept our lawns in tip-top shape.

Mrs. T. H. Thompson, wife of our assistant maintenance superintendent, has been named General Chairman of the Flower Arrangement Show to be held in connection with the Ouachita County Fair and Livestock Show in Camden this month.

Peggy Millican spent her vacation by house cleaning, so is ready now for another vacation.

We were sorry to lose Jerry Stringer, who resigned to accept other employment.

C. L. Baucum and G. G. Wise visited the Little Rock offices last month.

Employees in Construction who returned to college were: Ted H. Daniel, R. D. Taylor, J. A. Duke, M. W. Laney, J. L. Busseil, R. R. Robins, and F. M. Harrison.

District 7 enjoyed visits last month from C. A. Shumaker, H. R. Lucas, Mr. Magness, and Mr. Willett, with the Bureau of Public Roads.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McMaster and sons Jeff and Eddie, and Mr. and Mrs. James Plum and son, attended the annual meeting at Davidson Camp Ground near Arkadelphia, the last of August.

Mr. and Mrs. George Orsburn and daughters, George Ann and Sara, attended the graduation of another daughter, Mrs. Bobby Biehunko, from the summer classes at Texas Christian University. She received her BS degree.

New car owners are J. W. Helms, who is sporting a new F85 Oldsmobile, and J. W. Hancock, a new Chevrolet.

Anne Nunnally, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Nunnally, returned from Auburn, Ala. August 24. Anne has been working on her masters degree the past 12 years. She was selected one of the five given scholarships by the International Paper Company to attend summer classes for four consecutive years and she really did them honors, making one of the highest grades. Our congratulations, Anne.

H. C. Steadman Bradley County area foreman, suffered a very personal tragedy when his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Stevens, were killed instantly July 25, in an automobile accident at Beebe. The two children, David and Priscilla, are improving at home. The Steadmans wish to thank everyone for their kindness during this time.

## DISTRICT 8

## Netha Brown

Early in August, Noah Moody, area foreman, and the maintenance crew in Van Buren County, treated employees of the Department and leading citizens of the County, to a barbeque chicken dinner in appreciation of their new Area Headquarters Building. Director Oliver, a special guest, made an informative talk on the progress the Department has made on construction and maintenance of roads in our state. Approximately 165 persons enjoyed the fellowship and delicious food.

Ao-3 Billy Joe Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Moore, stationed aboard the U. S. S. Randolph operating in the Caribbean, has been home on leave. He reported back for duty at Norfolk, Virginia the middle of August. Billy has served two years of his four-year hitch in the Navy.

Loren and Netha Brown have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lorna Jean, to Louis VanLandingham, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. I. VanLandingham, of Russellville. The wedding is to be October 22 in Wesley Methodist Church at Russellville.

Bob Turner, and his family have returned to Arkansas to make their home. They have been residents of California for the past eight years. Bob is the son of our District Engineer, W. F. Turner and wife "Lucy," who are overjoyed to have Bob and Rose Mary, and particularly their grandchildren, back home.

Charles and Jewel Irwin with their children, are planning a week's vacation in Eureka Springs with Charles' parents, Dr. and Mrs. Donald Irwin. Dr. Irwin, a former missionary to the Far East for the Presbyterian Church, is now pastor of a church at Eureka Springs.

Our son, James Ronald Brown, has completed basic training at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina and is now stationed at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. Jimmy had a delay enroute, and was home for 10 days. He is a member of the Army Reserve Unit in

Russellville, and will finish his six months active duty in December.

Mr. Turner's secretary, Linda Cline, visited her parents in Claremore, Oklahoma recently. Before returning home, she and her husband, Charles, joined the ranks of the two-car families. They bought a companion for "Ambrose" - a Volkswagon, and named it "Sport" (A Volvo).

## DISTRICT 10

## Light and Wycoff

Service awards for August were given to Guy B. Williams in Construction, for 15 years; Waukeen Bateman in Maintenance, 10 years; and Ira Eddings, Burley L. Oglesby, James E. Thomas, and Aubrey D. Vance, 5 years.

J. W. Bracken, mower operator, is reported to be feeling better after spending two weeks in the Community Hospital in Paragould.

Visitors recently were: G. W. Stanford, Ronald Keene, and Thurman Payne. Always glad to have visitors, so come back, won't you?

Golvie Light, assistant stock clerk, has really been feeling fine lately. The reason is the brand-new Mercury Comet that was brought home August 19 by Golvie and husband, Bryan. Who wouldn't be proud?

Norma Jean Traywick, office clerk in Lepanto for Resident Engineer N. D. Pumphrey, became the bride of Bobby Gene Payne on August 11. Norma Jean is the daughter of Mrs. Ester Traywick, of Alma. Bobby Gene is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Payne, of Caraway. Norma Jean, the new bride, is pictured below.



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COVER: The photo shows the new bridge next to the old on Highway 68, east of Springdale. The construction of Beaver Dam, north of this scene, will create Beaver Lake, which will flow into the White River at this point. When the lake is formed it will completely inundate the old bridge. Cover design is by Edwin Hoggard of Planning & Research before returning to the University of Arkansas.



## Who?

The "few" years that have passed haven't changed this pretty and likeable little girl. She's been employed for seven years in the Central Offices and has a rather specialized job.



This is Bonnie Liner of P&R, who recently became engaged. (See details in P&R news.)

# THIS'LL KILL YA

By  
Jimmy Zinn



Prospective buyer: (Inspecting new home in process of being built)  
"But this house doesn't look very strong to me."

Contractor: "Well, whatta ya expect? Just remember, we ain't got the wallpaper on yet."

The Freight Handler for Fleety-Fleet Express was overpaid \$25 on his paycheck. He said not a word about it. A week later the accounting department deducted the overpayment.

Freight Handler: "What's the big idea: My paycheck is short \$25!"  
Warehouse Foreman: "You were overpaid \$25 last week. And you didn't say a word about it, incidentally."

Freight Handler: "O.K. I know that! I can overlook one mistake, but when it happens twice, then it's time to say something!"

"Where to, Sir?" asked the chauffeur of his wealthy boss.  
"Just drive off the nearest cliff, James. I'm committing suicide!"

Hubby: "You used to say there was something about me you liked."  
Wife: "To be sure there was, but we've spent it."

Salesman, to contankerous customer: "Madam, do you want to take this purchase with you - or shall I send it direct to the Exchange Department?"

"Since you are heading west for your vacation, would you be interested in Carl's Bad Cabins?"

Said Kasavubu to Mobutu:  
"Kennedy? What an odd name."

It turns out that Texas has some chintzy playboys, too. One we heard of just gives his girl friends new compacts on their birthdays... Valiants, Falcons and Corvairs.

Divorce judge: "And how long have your relations been unpleasant?"  
Woman: "Your honor, my relations have always been pleasant; it's his relations that are the old grouches."

"I'll have a martini with 30 parts gin and one part vermouth," ordered the man at the bar.  
"Would you like a twist of lemon peel in it?" asked the bartender.  
Listen, Mac," rasped the customer, "when I want lemonade I'll ask for it."

A couple of men were discussing their new boss. "You can't help liking the guy," said one, "and if you don't he fires you."

The other day while in a bucket shop I got a real big hunch. Yep, it was the seventh day of the seventh month - seven horses running in the seventh race, so, I put \$10 on number seven.

"Well, did he win?"  
"Naw - came in seventh."

Two old friends meet.  
"Sam, would you lend me fifty bucks for a month, old boy?"  
"Don't be silly, Frank. What on earth would a month-old-boy want with fifty bucks?"

