

HIGHWAY NEWS

For Texas Highway Department Employees - - Austin, Texas

Tour Brochures Available

Industry Puts Out Welcome Mat

Have you ever wondered how a broom is made, how paper is processed, how brick is manufactured?

Take one of the more than 630 tours listed in the Texas Highway Department's new brochure, "Texas Industrial Tours," and find out. Released in July, the revised 1969 edition is more compre-

hensive than its predecessors, and is, in fact, the most extensive industrial tour guide published by any state.

The brochure lists 132 cities with one or more businesses opening their doors to the public, giving Texans and tourists alike an organized *entree* to adventure. The possibilities are endless, the activities diverse, from publishing companies to tortilla factories, to aerospace equipment plants.

As expected, Houston leads the list, with 51 firms, including a brick company, a brewery, a paper mill, and a meat-packing plant. Dallas—Big D—has 47, and Austin is a surprising third with 32.

Other cities with a substantial number of tours are San Antonio, Wichita Falls, Fort Worth, Arlington, Amarillo, Garland, Corpus Christi, Beaumont, Freeport, and Hearne.

Modern industry sets the pace in Texas, and visitors are welcome guests. Most companies need advance notice, with some requiring only 30 minutes and others as long as a day or two.

The tours are free, and so is the brochure, which is available upon request from Travel and Information Division.

New Publication Lists Campgrounds

Directions to some 350 public campgrounds in Texas are provided in another new publication released recently by the Texas Highway Department.

The new *Texas Public Campground Guide* gives information about sites which range from primitive to elaborately modern. Directions are provided to undeveloped gulf beaches and to sites with paved parking areas, electricity, and running water. There are even directions to a site one can't get to—by car, that is. (*It's a fisherman's camping area on a Gulf Coast island.*)

The guide was published to serve the growing popularity of camping and recreational vehicles. It lists only those campgrounds which are operated by tax-supported agencies — federal, state, county, city, and such organizations as river authorities. Private commercial facilities are not included, that information usually being available in commercial tour and camping directories.

Turner Honored

Federal Highway Administrator Francis C. Turner has recently received two awards.

The International Road Federation named him 1969 Man-of-the-Year, top recognition in the field of roads and road transport worldwide. He is the second American to be so honored.

Texas A&M University has named him a distinguished alumnus.

New Manuals Are Released

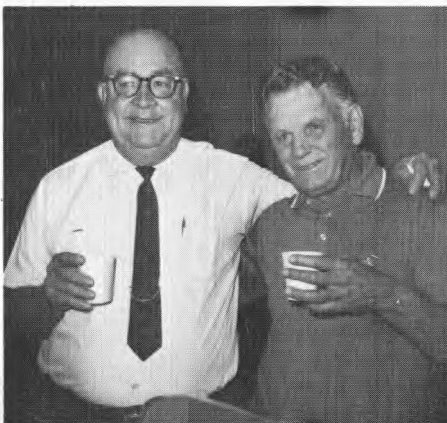
New division manuals that supersede all previous circulars and administrative orders have now been distributed to District offices and residencies, and each Austin office division.

The manuals contain the policies, procedures, and areas of responsibility of the divisions.

Three sets of manuals have been furnished the district headquarters and one set has been sent to each residency and each Austin office division.

Administrative Engineer Marcus Yancey said suggested changes or additions should be addressed to the divisions concerned. He said present plans are to reproduce certain sections of the manuals that will need wider distribution. Requests for individual sections of the manuals should be made to Assistant State Highway Engineer B. L. DeBerry.

For the past few months administrative circulars have carried an expiration date, which indicates the date the circulars can be removed from the loose-leaf manual and replaced with the published changes. This will insure a completely up-to-date manual, which in turn will assure uniformity of compliance among the districts and various residencies.



AT A coffee held by Automation Division, Polk Webb (left) says farewell to Jesse Freeman, 57, who retired July 31 because of ill health.



FREEMAN'S wife Dovie and son Clayton attended the coffee. The employee had been with Reproduction Section for 12 years.

League Play--Something for

Baseball season is over, but the memory lingers on.

Especially around the Texas Highway Department, since so many employees were involved in one way or another with America's favorite pastime. Most coached a team, but some umpired or played on a team themselves.

Two of the most enthusiastic participants were Bob Hays of Maintenance Operations Division and Ed O'Dell of Materials and Tests Division. Both have devoted many years to helping train youngsters, and this past season they worked together. O'Dell managed a Pony League team sponsored by Nash-Phillips Copus and Hays was the coach. Their team won the second half of their league play, but lost in the playoff for the league championship.

During Hays' seven years as a coach, he has had four championship Little League teams. O'Dell has been coaching 14 years, and won five championships. Both received youth leadership awards from the Capital Plaza Optimists at the end of the season.

"I've always enjoyed working with the boys and seeing how much I can help them," says O'Dell. "I think the boys like league play. We let them play the game and never put too much pressure

on them. They become good athletes and good competitors. They know the best players get to play the most, so all try to excel. If they have to sit on the bench, they realize it is for the good of the team."

Hays agrees, and adds, "We stress fair play and good sportsmanship and feel we have accomplished something if a boy learns these."

"A surprising number of parents show up to support their sons' teams and cheer the players on," continues Hays. "Mothers tend to be more vocal, more outspoken, but once the game starts we try not to pay much attention to what goes on in the stands."

Both Hays and O'Dell had sons playing on their team, and both agree they were harder on them than the other boys.

"We had two practice sessions and two games each week," says Hays.

Tryouts started in March and competition lasted until the end of June. Playoffs and all-star games were held in July. A lot of baseball was played between the opening pitch and the final out.

And there was something for everyone. The eight-nine year olds had the

Pee Wee League, the Little League was for the 10-12 year olds, the Pony League for 13-14 year olds, and Colts for 15-16 year olds. There was also the Babe Ruth League for 13-15 year olds and American Legion Ball for 17-18 year boys.

Apparently, organized baseball is here to stay, although one person who asked for anonymity yearns for the good old days when kids just got the gang together and played ball on a sandlot.

"I'm old-fashioned but you can't buck the system," he says. "Nowadays, parents like organized baseball because their kids can be under somebody else's supervision a couple of nights a week."

Another employee disagrees with this. "Boys who play sandlot ball spend a lot of time arguing," says Charles Jennings of Materials and Tests Division. He and Wayne Jarnagin coached the Texas Emulsion Tigers. "We hope we're doing some good. The boys learn to play together and get better training in organized play."

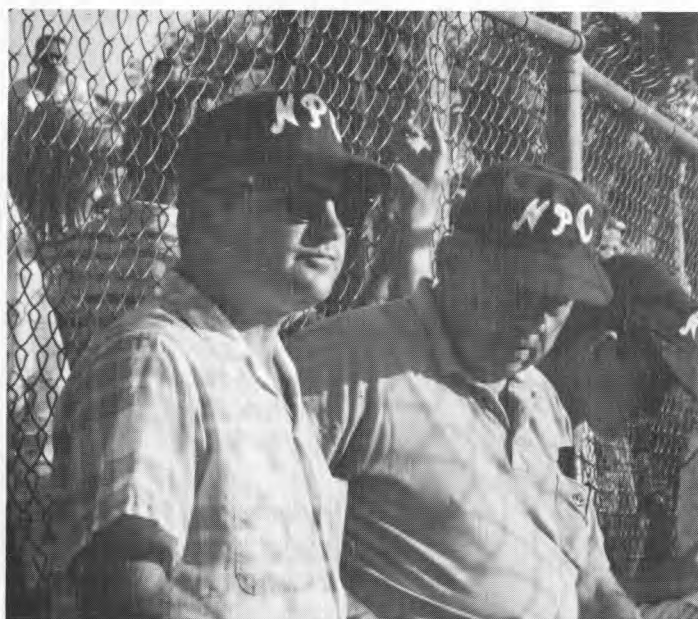
Two more D-9 employees, Obert Sundbeck and Joe Chamberlain, played for the Lutheran Church.

Gilbert Fritsche and Larry Stanford of Automation Division managed a Balcones Little League team this year. Jack Housworth of Highway Design

Managers Bob Hays and Ed O'Dell Watch as Their Pony



We're leading two to nothing. Looks good.



What happened to the pitching?

Photographs by Frank Lively

Everyone

Division was president of the Oak Hill Little League. He managed the Red Socks who won second place in city competition. Another D-8 employee, Bill Runnels, was assistant manager of a Pony League team in northeast Austin, the Capital Plaza Optimists.

Joe Webb of Maintenance Operations Division was a Little League umpire, and co-worker Ed Smith was the assistant manager of the Northwest Colt League all-star team and manager of the Austin Exclusive Tailors' team.

Alan Matejowsky of Bridge Division coached a Little League team and J. R. Robson of Secondary Roads was a parent representative of the Holloway Hustlers, a northwest Little League team. Robson, liaison between parents and the manager, arranged business and social functions.

Bill Worrell of Bridge Division umpired for more than 20 years, but quit last year because of an arthritic knee.

"There are two pitchers in each game, and each kid will throw 100 pitches in a Little League game and 150 pitches in a Colt or Pony game. You have to squat and stand up behind home plate every 20 seconds, so try that with an arthritic knee," Worrell groaned.



Daryl Hays (Bob's son), who plays third base and relieves at pitching, gets ready to catch the ball for a forced out at third.

League Team Takes a Two-Run Lead, Falters, Then Falls 5-2.



What's going on out there?



Ed, we've got to do something. What do you suggest, Bob?

By the Way . . .

Speaking of America's lunar landing in construction terms, *Engineering News-Record* finds it the most expensive construction job ever undertaken. The July 24 issue of the magazine figured the construction program that got the astronauts to the lunar construction site, the excavation costs per cubic yard and the unit price of moon excavation at a whopping \$370 billion per cubic yard. That should make green cheese a costly import.

There's no parent like a grandparent. E. J. Gillespie of Finance Division came by the editorial office last Friday (August 22) saying he had a "page one story."

"I saw the cutest little girl at St. David's Hospital yesterday," he raved.

Gillespie's son Mike, a former D-4 employee, and the new mother Missy have named the baby Meredith.

It shouldn't be difficult for Clarence Rea of Bridge Division (D-5) to remember his license plate number: "D5-REA."

Frank Lively's annual story of his vacation travels will be in next month's paper, but in the meantime, Lively tells this one:

"I was driving along with my young, handsome four-year-old son one afternoon while cussing a gray-headed old woman ahead of me who was poking along and dodging chugholes. After a few minutes, Lance said in a scolding tone, 'Be nice to her, daddy. She's a little old granny.'

"He waited a few minutes, then said more emphatically, 'Be nice to her, daddy. She's a little granny. And be nice to the birds, too.'"

If you feel like one last fling before fall, think about attending the international food fair at the community center in Victoria from 5-10 p.m. on September 5. Besides loads of door prizes, there will be all the food you can eat for \$1. (Children under 12 admitted free.)

Eat your fill of kolaches from Czechoslovakia, shrimp creole from France, apple strudel and sausage from Germany, chopped liver on rye and cheese pie from Israel, rice pudding with ligenberry from Sweden, plus home made ice cream, Mexican food, and Greek goodies.

But don't forget the Alka Seltzer!

It is estimated that during a 70-year lifetime, the average American spends a year talking on the telephone. He eats four years and sleeps 20. He spends three times as much time admiring himself in a mirror as going to church, 18 months and six months, respectively.

A husband-wife race in California proved recently that sometimes it's faster to travel by highway than skyway.

It all started when Mike Van Cott, regional editor of *Highway User*, decided to take a commuter jet on his trip from Sacramento to San Francisco. In his magazine story Mike said that "although

the thought never occurred to me, traveling by air was one sure way" to discourage his wife from going along. Mrs. Van Cott, however, had other ideas and challenged him to a bus-plane race.

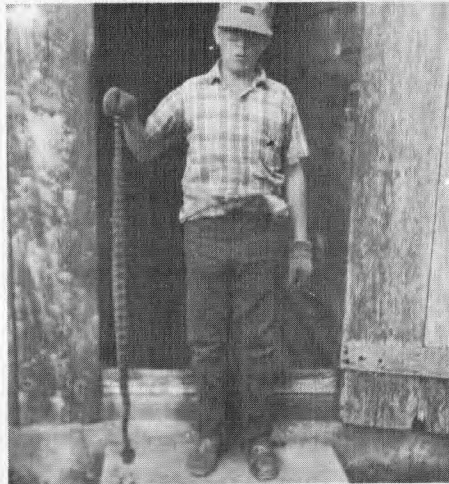
"I can take the bus and beat you any day of the week," said Mrs. V.

"Not true," said Mike, "everybody knows it is faster to fly."

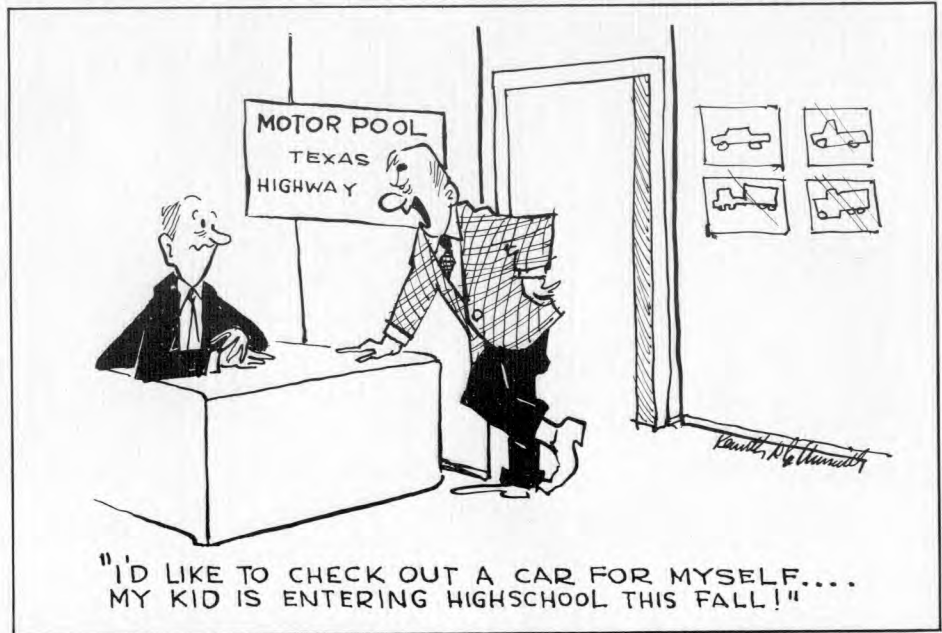
It wasn't. Mike's wife boarded her bus at 8:25 am, the same time Mike grabbed the airport limousine to take him to the plane, which did not take off until 9:40 am.

Outcome: the bus won the race by a surprisingly big 40-minute margin. Sorry about that, Mike.

A new ferry, named the "Jack Kultgen" after the former Highway Commission Chairman, was launched July 23 at the Coastal Iron Works Shipyard in Corpus Christi. When completed, the ferry will be joining four others in carrying vehicular traffic across the Corpus Christi Channel from the mainland to Port Aransas on the north end of Mustang Island.



MAC MUNN'S 12-year-old son Ronald spent most of the summer with the D-8 employee's brother on a farm near Burnet. Munn's brother shot this eight' rattler snake after stepping on it and thinking it was trash. "The snake was coiled and must have just eaten and been in a stupor," says Munn. Ronald caught the buzzard in a trap set to keep coons away from the peach trees.



— Around the Buildings —

AUTOMATION

Kathy Crick's husband broke his collarbone while recuperating from a broken collarbone!

Vacationers include Al Castello, New Mexico, California; Ted Ball, Rockport; John Ribble, Port Aransas; Heidi Nicholson, Mexico; Elmer Koeppel, Houston, East Texas; Gerry Winters, Pennsylvania, Ohio; Kerry McAlister, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida and Georgia; Gilbert Fritsche, Mexico, Six Flags; Roger Merrell, Big Bend; Tom Hill, Florida; Dick Flow, Lake Travis; Kitty Frey, Dallas; Evelyn Parker, Port Aransas, Six Flags; Sammie Bryant, Corpus Christi; Buddy Seals, the Coast; and Emmitt Grosskopf, Kerrville.

Mary Eaton attended a Sunday School convention in Sherman; Bella Blum vacationed in New York and attended her cousin's wedding there; Elsie McDaniel visited her son stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky; Jo Ann Hervol attended a family reunion in Galveston and Will Beatty was a counselor at the Baptist Encampment.

Bob Coffey went varmit hunting in North Texas and killed several prairie dogs and one coyote; Arturo Chavez attended summer camp at Hamilton Air Force Base near San Francisco; and two employees camped out: Emmett Robbins, on Padre Island; and Tom Harris, in Colorado.

Ray Truett's son, Raymond Todd, was born on August 1.

Jesse Pospisil's grandparents recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

BRIDGE

Vacationers include Claude Williams, West Texas; Dick Schotz, Mexico City; Rod Lewis, Colorado, Yellowstone National Park; Larry Smith, Rio Grande Valley, Mexico; Bill Worrell, Junction; Horace Hoy, Denver, Yellowstone National Park, Salt Lake City, Mesa Verde; Clyde Silvas, Padre Island, Port Isabel.

Bill Worrell's son, Pat, has returned from Viet Nam.

Curtis Raymond spent two weeks at Fort Hood.

CONSTRUCTION

Lash Garrard's son, Bill, is visiting him from Minneapolis.

Bob Keyser's wife, Tookie, had eye surgery.

Justin Bingham's son, Richard, graduated from UT this month.

Vacationers: Olof Philippi, who vacationed in Mississippi, Tennessee, and Kentucky; Charles Teich, who camped out in Colorado; and Oliver Toombs, who visited his daughter, Marilyn, and her husband Steve in Maryland.

EQUIPMENT AND PROCUREMENT

Lou Ann Hamblin resigned to accompany her husband to San Francisco where he will intern for a year at Letterman General Hospital.

Kayline Carroll and her husband vacationed in Houston before Mike had to leave for a hitch in the Army.

Larry Kocurek and Daniel Sanchez have resigned.

Bobby Bearden was hospitalized for a back injury, and Anne Ravey is recuperating well from surgery on July 10.

Lois Holloway is a new employee.

Martha Franklin and Eddie Rundell were married on June 21 and honeymooned in Mexico City.

Peggy Holton and Cecil White were married on June 27 and honeymooned in Mexico and New Mexico.

Barbara Dahlin became Mrs. Dolphus Jones Jr. on August 2.

Gordon Miller took a short airplane ride with his wife Angie as the pilot.

Helen Burleson is on a three-week vacation to North Carolina and wrote that she has been emerald hunting. Believe it or not, she found some.

Other vacationers include Jimmie Drake, Las Vegas; Leroy Sakewitz, the Coast; George McElroy, San Antonio; Louise Rosen, Mexico; Martha Caesar, Colorado; Betty Heath, Washington, D. C.; and Morris Moseley, Dallas. Wilson Turner and Betsy Roberts relaxed at home, on their vacations.

FINANCE

Sharon Smith and Marcia Foster are new employees.

Mary Miller, Wendell Kelley, and Mary Michalek have resigned.

Vacationers: Bill Grote, Arkansas; Loraine McCarty, Laredo, Galveston; James Gardner, Corpus Christi; Mildred Sternberg, Dallas, Palacios; Jerry Wall, Six Flags; Royce Warmken, Garner State Park; Valjean Dyer, Mexico; Raymond Prade, Houston; Edward Dean, Carlsbad Caverns; John Balli, Acapulco; Florine Dumke, Iowa; Betty Henry, Tom Ayers, George Brooks, Colorado; Nancy Brymer, Tennessee; and Ed Kiesling, Arkansas, Georgia, Alabama, and Louisiana.

Sandra Maderer entertained company from Oregon during her vacation.

Guests in Marlin Smalley's home were

Mr. Smalley's daughter and family from St. Louis, Missouri; M. A. Smalley, Marlin's brother and a former state employee from Phoenix; and a niece and her family from Anchorage, Alaska.

Former employee Becky Hawkins gave birth to a girl, Jeannie Diane, on August 10.

Ralph Kirkley's son Kent married Kathy Shelton on August 10. They are living in San Diego, California.

George Weber attended military summer camp in Kansas at Forbes Air Force Base.

Gordon Wier's wife underwent surgery.

HIGHWAY DESIGN

Former employee Lois Bittner sends word of the arrival of a son, Corby Scott, born on July 25.

The David Lancasters have a new son, David Earl, born July 29. On hand to greet little David were his three and a half-year-old twin sisters.

Eddie Shafie's son, Sharief, was born July 3.

Joe Matesic and Sharon Gale Johnson were married August 16. Both Joe and his father, Howard Mittel, are D-8 employees.

Jon Underwood was married to Sue Lovely on July 12.

Rick Hamm resigned "to get married and to return to school."

DeAnna Boyette returned to her home in Idaho, since her husband was sent to Viet Nam.

New employees are Pam Durst and Judy Smith.

Judy Flindt attended a party at NASA celebrating recovery of the Apollo 11 astronauts.

D-8 men had a "camp-out" at Lake Travis the weekend of August 10. There was fishing and skiing and a boat race, which was won by Emory Long, a former D-8 employee. Phil Wilson came in second and Willie Lindsey, third.

Norma Shaw was lucky and won \$100 in the Coke contest. She also had a streak of bad luck. Her car broke down and part of the money was used for its repair; the rest, for a weekend trip to New Orleans.

D-8 vacationers include Howard Johnson, who camped out in Santa Clara Canyon in New Mexico and the Bandolier Indian dwellings; Phil Wilson, Yellowstone, Grand Tetons, Cowboy Hall of Fame, and Mount Rushmore; Carolyn Roper, Oklahoma; John Nixon, Salt Lake City; Ken Hankins, St. Louis, Colorado; Curtis Goss, Laredo, Mexico, Six Flags; Janet Owen, Six Flags; Judy Flindt, Albuquerque; Walter Rasco, New Mexico, Colorado; Duval Jarl, Fort Worth, Oklahoma; Ben Gray, Houston; Hal Reichenau, Corpus Christi, Galveston; and Larry Butler, Florida.

INSURANCE

Betty Keeney is moving to San Angelo to join her husband who is entering the service.

Linda Atkinson is a new employee.



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Judy Sabin vacationed in California and Disneyland; Quinner Williams, in Colorado; Jim Tanner, in Mississippi visiting relatives; Sandra Crow, Iowa, to attend her brother's wedding; and Dorothy Kendrick, San Diego, to be with her daughter and granddaughter, Laura Christian Rutledge, born July 4.

Joan Atkins's grandson, Matthew Craig Morgan, was born June 22.

MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS

Vacationers are still scattering to the four winds. Sam Garrett went east into Kentucky and Mississippi. Janet Keesee spent a weekend at Corpus Christi, then went camping in New Mexico.

Another camper was Guy Connell, his son, and a couple of brothers who backpacked into the Colorado Mountains about 15 miles.

C. O. Smith also went to Colorado; Howard Locke, Don Stearns, and H. B. Laudan disappeared into the beach areas along the Coast. The Laudans rented a jeep and explored the sand dunes of Padre Island.

Harold Bowen has his own D.V.M. in the family. His son Larry recently graduated from A&M's School of Veterinary Medicine.

New employees include Wanda Hestand and Sandra Browning. Sandra's father is Bob Byers of D-14.

Jessie Hildebrand retired to become a Mrs., and George Anne Tosh follows her professor husband to St. Cloud State College in St. Cloud, Minnesota. She will take any old fur coats and parkas.

Gene Ferrari's daughters, Jan and Carolyn, attended the Baptist Youth Camp at Glorietta, New Mexico. Robert Denman's daughter, Kathy, also went.

Robert Denman reports that the "Flea Market" of Canton is the "largest, crowded, and hottest place to shop."

Second Lieutenant Ralph Banks went to summer camp with the 81st Engineer Battalion and came home advanced to First Lieutenant. One of his underlings was Tommy Kidd, a former D-18 employee.

MOTOR VEHICLE

Amelda White's son was married August 9 and Margie Abbetts' daughter, August 2.

Gay Campbell became Mrs. Stephen R. Hildebrand August 1; Cricket Branch, Mrs. Jack McLean, June 7; and Charlotte Marek, Mrs. Raymond Fuchs, July 12.

Harold Harrison and Dorothy Plattow have returned to work after long illnesses.

Dorothy Penska's father passed away recently.

Stella Bolen has a new granddaughter, Diane Marie Gant, born July 25.

Sonny Franklin's first grandchild, Eric Michael Davila, was born August 3.

Vacationers include Marie Conrey, Chicago; Anita Ross, Corpus Christi, Mexico; Bertha Allamon, Louisiana; Frances Skeen, Colorado; Leslie Pecht, Oklahoma; Ann Gage, Lubbock; George Agnew, Wyoming; Janet Kaiser, Galveston; Barbara Castellow, New Mexico; Peggy Hudson, New Orleans; LaVerne Spain, Decatur; Wynona Warren, California; Terry Erickson, Corpus Christi; Lillie Cedar, Ruidosa; Arminda Potts, Mexico, Six Flags; Vallie Hibbs, Alabama; Betsy Hamilton, Six Flags, Pecos; Lynn Killingsworth, Missouri; Sue Norment, Del Rio; Patsy Bridges, Odessa, Dallas; Gladys Shirey, Mitzie Raney, Arkansas; Buford Smith, Maine, Quebec; Vernon Callaway, Iowa, Wisconsin; Patrick O'Donnell, Las Vegas, Nevada; and Bertha Kruse, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico.

PERSONNEL

Frances Clemmons is a new employee.

Thelma Byram is vacationing for two weeks in New Jersey and New York, visiting her sister, family, and friends.

Betty Jensen's mother passed away recently.

PLANNING SURVEY

Doris George, who was badly burned on her right hand and arm with hot grease, has returned to work.

Anna Murchison's husband is recuperating from a gall bladder operation.

Fred Krugman's son was home on a nine-day leave before being sent to Viet Nam.

Ronald Creppon has decided not to wear spurs when riding his motorcycle. It threw him off, skinning his arms and legs and bruising him badly.

Merle Sheridan is a new employee in Traffic Section.

Vacationers include Basil Cearley, Mexico; Ed Young, Ruth Ziller, Colorado; Barbara Fannin, New Orleans; Dick Spiller, Oregon, California; Fred Peisker, Hawaii; and Leonard Drews, Ann Ayers, Corpus Christi.

Sandy Lynas' daughter, Penny, was married to Bennie Spradling on July 12.

Jessie Johnson (Doug) and Julie Kay King were married in Luling on August 16.

Jerry Reine has resigned and moved to Los Angeles to continue his college education.

Thelton McWherter attended a family reunion in Shiner, then drove to Monterrey, for a vacation.

Ruth Roberts' brother, Joe Jamar, passed away July 26.

RIGHT OF WAY

Bill Crumley won first place in the Seventh Flight of the Firecracker Golf Tournament July 4.

Kate Butler, former D-15 employee, was married to C. B. Harrison Jr. July 19. Jackie Johnston and Kay Kozlowski were bridesmaids.

Ben Avery's mother, Pearl, passed away in July.

Doris Marshall resigned on July 9. She is now living in Dallas.

Bill McAdams and Shirley Watson are new employees.

Ben Reichert's son, John, and his family, including new grandson Lance Wayne, are visiting. They live in Los Angeles. Another son, David, was married August 16 to Linda Samuel.

Ben Jones helped his parents, who live in Indiana, celebrate their Golden Anniversary recently.

Dolores Gage's younger sister Marsha was injured in an auto accident July 4. She has a broken leg and pelvis.

Jim Rucker toured Canada. His travels included visits to four national parks—Banff, Jasper, Glacier, and Yellowstone. Ask him about the chuck wagon races at the Calgary Stampede.

Art Grace attended a family reunion in New Jersey and visited friends in Pennsylvania.

Betty Cheatham visited her sister in Kansas.

SECONDARY ROADS

Tommy Joe Wiley is a new employee.

Karen Moore visited her grandparents in Boston. She also toured historical places and attended a performance by Tom Jones at the Carousel Theater.

Douglas Washburn and former D-5 employee Susan Johnson were married on July 26.

Elaine Woods' grandfather passed away August 12.

Marilyn McMullen spent a weekend at Aransas Pass with some young people from her church.

Edwin Schroeder resigned to accept other employment.

TRAVEL AND INFORMATION

D-16 had a party at Scholz' Beer Garten for Rosemary Williams and Frank Boyd. It was Rosemary's tenth-year award party and Frank Boyd's last day of work. Boyd, a D-16 photographer, is going to finish his education in the East.

Melinda Hardwick's grandfather passed away recently.

Jeff Donalson visited relatives in Oklahoma and went deep sea fishing in Galveston.

Bob Warner's father, Lloyd H. Warner, passed away July 22 at the age of 77.

In Memoriam

DAVID H. ASKEW

Maintenance Operations Division (Ret.)
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