

# ARKANSAS HIGHWAYS

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## EDITORIAL



### A NEW IDEA FOR THANKSGIVING

A long-wed couple I heard of observes Thanksgiving in a unique way. There's no long kitchen preparations, no large expenditure of money, no bicarbonate of soda and no new clothes. It does require insignificant amount of money and some time, that depending upon the individual.

Each Thanksgiving Day the couple sits down

together and makes a list of the people who have gone out of their way to help them in some way during the past year.

Next they write a short note, thanking the person for the kindness or thoughtful deed shown during the year and express their gratitude for having such a friend.

This practice not only enhances the meaning of Thanksgiving to the couple, but it generates within the hearts of their friends and associates a spirit perhaps in bad need of revival at a special time of the year.

It's too bad that so many of us, who have been so blessed, have such short memories of less fortunate days. You may have affluent friends who, though they "poor-boyed" it through college a few short years ago, now reside in the "right part" of town, have three cars for their two-car garage, color T.V. and hold membership in a status club or two. Yet, they constantly carp about their sad plight and mistreatment by the world, and their sour grapes attitude short-circuits the enjoyment of their "things".

Are we happier when we are "taking"? The more worldly possessions most of us acquire, the more determined we become to hang on to them, even to the exclusion of the rights of others. And the more we get, the more loudly we complain about what we should have and don't. And this at a time when experts tell us that Americans as a nation are enjoying the highest standard of living the world has ever known. How very quickly we become accustomed to the good things of Life!

People seem to be happier when they are giving or serving, which is most often the same thing, since service of any kind means giving something, if nothing except time. In times of disaster such as floods, fires and hurricanes when need is so

### KEYS ACTING CHIEF ATTORNEY



Thomas B. Keys was appointed as Acting Chief Attorney for the Department's Legal Division effective November 1. His appointment filled the vacancy created when former General Counsel and Chief Attorney John R. Thompson resigned to enter private law practice.

Keys has been a member of the Legal staff since February, 1959. Prior to that time he was engaged in private practice in Arkadelphia.

He is a native of Gurdon in Clark County, and holds a B.A. degree from Ouachita Baptist University of Arkansas.

Keys is married to the former Marilyn Thomas of Curtis, also in Clark County. They have two sons, Tom, a sophomore at Ouachita, and David, a senior at Hall High; and one daughter, Anna, a fifth grader at Forest Park Elementary. Mrs. Keys is a member of the faculty of Little Rock University.

The Keys are very active members of Second Baptist Church where Tom is on the Board of Deacons, which he served as chairman last year. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees at Ouachita University. They reside at 5410 Southwood Road in Little Rock.

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great and a common circumstance to great numbers of people, all struggling for survival, stories of heroism, valor, and self sacrifice come out. Let's not wait for a situation of near destruction to prod us into giving thanks. Give it today, on Thanksgiving, and every day - and give "thanks to..." - to all those to whom thanks is due. For what one of us is there who cannot look around and find another field which looks greener. Such is the fickleness and frailty of mankind.

## THREE RECEIVE 25-YEAR AWARDS



Front Row, left to right: Jewel Whitaker, Clell Deakins, Luther Piles and Buddy Lewter. Back Row: Commissioners Truman Baker, Maurice Smith, Lawrence Blackwell, Chairman of the Commission Arnil Taylor, Commissioner John Harsh and Director Ward Goodman.

Three employees were presented 25 year service awards by the Highway Commission at the October 25 meeting. Director Ward Goodman made the presentations on behalf of the Commission.

CLELL WALKER DEAKINS has been the area foreman of Boone County since 1962. He was first employed by the Department in 1929. After two years he left to work in the fruit orchards in Oregon and returned to the Highway Department in 1945 as a heavy truck driver. Both he and his wife, the former Marie Connor, came from Hill Top community in Boone County. They raise purebred Hampshire sheep. Clell has been president of the Northwest Arkansas Sheep Organization for the past 16 years. The Deakinses have seven children and fourteen grandchildren. He says his hobby is "work" but he does like to fish.

JAMES EDWARD LEWTER, known by most everyone as "Buddy", is a road inventory technician with the Planning and Research Division. He was born in Decatur, Alabama but has lived in Arkansas most all his life. He went to work with the Department as a draftsman in 1941, left to be a policeman for a while, came back to the Department, left again for a job in the sales field and then returned to A.H.D. to stay.

He is married to the former June Fricks of Saratoga, Arkansas. They have one son, Doug, 8, a student at Crestwood Elementary School. Buddy is an active church member and likes bowling, fishing and being with people. The Lewters reside at 4830 Arlington Drive, North Little Rock.

LUTHER WRIGHT PILES is a patrol operator in Scott County where he was born in the community of Hon. He has worked with the Highway Department since March of 1937 except for three and a half years during World War II when he was with the Army Corps of Engineers. He is a bachelor who enjoys the outdoors and has an intense interest in all sports.

### WHITAKER RECEIVES AASHO AWARD

Jewel Whitaker, District 9 engineer, Harrison, left, front row, holds a 25-year award of merit presented to him by the American Association of State Highway Officials. To receive the award an employee must have attained the grade of district engineer (by individual Highway Department standards) or the equivalent responsibility. The term of service must be a full twenty-five years, either continuous or cumulative in one or more of the 53 member departments of the Association.

### THREE AASHO RESOLUTIONS

At the recent AASHO meeting held in Salt Lake City the following three resolutions were adopted relative to continuing an accelerated Federal-aid highway program, development of standards to be used in connection with the Highway Safety program and that individual state highway departments have a prominent role in developing future highway plans.

#### 1. CONTINUITY IN THE HIGHWAY PROGRAM

WHEREAS the Federal-aid Highway Act of 1956, enacted by the Congress and approved by the President, established the current accelerated Federal-aid highway program, declared that the prompt and early completion of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways is essential to the national defense, and stated that it is the intent of Congress that the Interstate System be completed as nearly as possible over the period of availability of the sixteen years' appropriation authorized for the purpose of expediting its construction, reconstruction, or improvement through the fiscal year ending June 30, 1972; and

WHEREAS to carry out this national policy in the national interest it is necessary that the Federal-aid highway construction program continue without interruption at the maximum level possible within the capability of the Highway Trust Fund to finance; and

WHEREAS highway needs to meet essential requirements of the Nation for national defense, commerce, and economic development are increasing at a rate faster than the highway systems of the nation are being modernized; and

WHEREAS any interruptions of the national highway program will produce peaks and valleys in its orderly progress, adversely affecting the states' advance planning and scheduling of projects for preliminary engineering, right of way acquisition, and construction, result in inefficient utilization of state highway departments' personnel and the construction capacity of the contracting industry, create uncertainty and thereby undermine the integrity of the program, and increase the final cost of the program

WHEREAS the Secretary of Transportation has advised the Governors of the several states that consideration is being given to cutting back the Federal-aid highway program for the 12 months period commencing November 1, 1967, by amounts varying between 13 and 50 percent, plus unobligated balances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the American Association of State Highway Officials, assembled in annual meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, October 19, 1967, as follows:

1. The Association concludes that any cutback in the Federal-aid highway program, as now being considered by the Secretary of Transportation, would have great adverse effect upon the programs and would not be in the public interest;
2. The Association urges the President of the United States, the Congress of the United States, and the Secretary of Transportation, to take such

actions as may be necessary and appropriate to eliminate the atmosphere of uncertainty which has engulfed the Federal-aid highway program and to assure that the Federal-aid highway program continues without interruption at the maximum level possible within the capability of the Highway Trust Fund to finance; and

3. And that copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administrator, the Director of the Bureau of Public Roads, the Chairmen of the Senate and House Public Works Committees, all members of Congress, and to the Governors of the several states.

#### 2. STANDARDS TO BE USED IN THE HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION AND SAFETY PROGRAMS ON STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEMS

WHEREAS the State highway departments are individually and legally responsible for planning, building, maintaining and operating those roads which constitute the several State highway systems, and

WHEREAS the State highway departments have the administrative and technical capabilities to carry out the above responsibility, and

WHEREAS the State highway departments have been the sources of the major portion of highway technology development,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the American Association of State Highway Officials assembled in Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, October 19th, 1967, that it should be the responsibility of the several State highway departments, operating through AASHO, and in cooperation with the Bureau of Public Roads, to develop the standards and policies that are to be used in the planning, design, construction, maintenance and operation of those roads comprising the respective State highway systems, and that they would be submitted to the Federal Highway Administrator for his approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the standards to be used in connection with the Highway Safety Program on the State highway systems be those developed by the several State highway departments operating through AASHO, in cooperation with the Federal Bureau of Public Roads, and in consultation with the National Highway Safety Bureau and as approved by the Federal Highway Administrator, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the following: the Secretary of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administrator, the Director of Public Roads, the Federal Highway Safety Administrator, the Chairmen of the House and Senate Public Works Committees, and to all members of the Congress.

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Motor vehicle travel in the United States in 1966 totalled 930 billion miles, an increase of 4.8 percent over 1965. Estimates based on the first nine months 1967 indicate that total travel for this year will be 907 billion vehicle miles, a 3.9 percent increase over 1966.

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### 3. PLANNING FOR A CONTINUING FEDERAL-AID PROGRAM

WHEREAS the several State highway departments have the primary responsibility of the development and upkeep of the State highway systems of the United States which carry a major portion of the highway transport, and

WHEREAS the continued economic growth requires an adequate highway transportation system, and

WHEREAS it is essential that the States have advance knowledge of the character and size of the Federal-aid highway program to follow the presently-authorized Interstate System,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Association of State Highway Officials assembled in Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, on October 19th, 1967, urges the Congress of the United States to commence the study of a continuing Federal-aid highway program commensurate with the needs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State highway departments have a prominent role in the developing of such a continuing program which should be carried out cooperatively by the State highway departments and the Federal Highway Administration, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that individual Member State highway departments of the Association pledge their full support to the Congress in supplying any data and information which may be of assistance, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED inasmuch as the documented highway needs of the Nation are much in excess of the available funds for the purpose as reflected in the present Trust Fund taxes and the State highway revenues, that in planning a continuing program, no continuing program, no consideration should be given to the diversion of Federal Highway Trust Funds to other uses, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the following: the Secretary of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administrator, the Director of Public Roads, the Federal Highway Safety Administrator, the Chairmen of the House and Senate Public Works Committees, and to all members of the Congress.

### IOWA CONTRACTOR

#### HIRES WOMEN ON ROAD JOB

A resourceful Iowa road contractor came up with the idea of hiring female laborers to solve a labor problem. Western Contracting Corp. of Sioux City said they hired 20 "lady pavers" because the firm couldn't find men to take the jobs, even though they advertised for workers in newspapers within a 100-mile radius of the project. The women's job is tying steel reinforcing rods together on the roadbed before concrete is poured.

The women, some of whom came from an Indian reservation in eastern Nebraska, are being paid a minimum of \$2 an hour, the same wage a man would be paid on that job, and don't complain about the work. They say it is no harder than harvesting crops, the type of work they had been doing. A company spokesman said the Highway Commission inspectors were passing their work and... "that's the test."



R.M. Harrison and Charles "Peewee" Webb, construction inspectors from District 3, examine fossilized sea shells found in the depths of a gravel pit near an interstate 30 construction project. The pit is located two miles south of the Little Missouri River near Prescott. Further evidence, perhaps, that the Gulf of Mexico once extended up into Arkansas?



Harrison Heath, area foreman of Polk County, looks on while James Golden and Dennie Rowe shovel out material to make tests in an area where a water problem has hindered construction on Skyline Drive (Highway 88).



# CAKE AND PUNCH FOR HENRY GRAY...

# AND BUDDY LEWTER



Several days after Henry Gray moved from the seventh floor where he had been chief of Right of Way, up to the 10th floor where he is now giving full time to his duties as assistant to the chief engineer, Right of Way employees gave a surprise "going away" party for him. Mr. Gray watches while his secretary, Nancy Sipe, does the honors with the cake knife. That's Mrs. Gray, (Mary Beth) in the center. Nancy helped plan the little party and was more surprised than anyone to learn that it was for her as well as for Mr. Gray.



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## HIGHWAY DAMES VISIT CHILDRENS' COLONY

Sixteen Highway Dames made the trip by bus on October 26 for lunch and a brief business meeting at the Town House restaurant in Conway, followed by a tour of the Children's Colony.

On November 15 the Dames will meet for a catered luncheon at Pulaski Heights Bank and a program on hair fashions.

### Dames Assistance Fund

The Highway Dames' annual Christmas Assistance Fund will be in effect again this year. Dames and employees in general are urged to contribute an equal or better donation to the fund in lieu of exchanging Christmas cards. Memorial donations may also be made to the Fund. Each memorial gift will be acknowledged and a note sent to the family.

During the pre-Christmas season a large Christmas card will be posted in the lobby of the highway building wishing members of the Department and their families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. The names of those contributing to the Fund are placed on the card.

All employees are urged to take part in the Fund, since donations are used to help some of our own employees. Substantial aid has been given to several people in needy situations in the past. Do your part to help this worthy benefit. Mrs. Marg Davison is project chairman.

Contributions should be mailed to Highway Dames Assistance Fund, Mrs. Johnnie M. Gray, Treas., 4224 "B" St., Little Rock, 72205.

The December Dames meeting will be a tea at the Governor's Mansion on December 7 at 11:00 o'clock. Make your plans now to attend.

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*Husband: "Darling, did you wash that fish carefully before you put it in the oven?"*

*New Bride: "Why wash a fish that's spent all its life in the water?"*



Asst. Chief Engineer John Pendergrass presents Albright an ambassador of good will certificate along with one of his well-known witticisms.



Division Chief Roy

## 4.8 MORE MILES OF I-40 OPENED

The section of I-40 from Shearerville to Lehi in Crittenden County, approximately 4.8 miles, was opened to traffic Thursday, November 16, bringing to a total of 298.05 miles of interstate highway mileage open in Arkansas. Approximately 66 miles is now open between Little Rock and Memphis.

Cost of the project was about \$2.8 million dollars, not including right of way nor signing. McGeorge Contracting Co. of Pine Bluff and E. E. Barber Construction Co. of Ft. Smith were co-contractors for the grading and structures. T. L. James Construction Co. of Ruston, La. was awarded the contract for surfacing.

V. H. Shassere was the resident engineer for the Highway Department. Charles Matthews is the district engineer.

## HOW WOULD YOU DO IT?

A REALLY good road map is almost encyclopedic in the variety and amount of information it contains; nevertheless, the best of them we have seen neglect to give one essential item of information — how to fold the thing up again. Perhaps these few suggestions may help:

Pick up the map by the upper corners and let it hang down in front of you. Study the creases carefully to determine where it was first folded. The horizontal line through the middle looks promising, so use that and fold the map once upon itself.

You will now find that some of the convex creases are facing some of the concave creases. Evidently it can't go that way. Open the map and start all over again.

Try the line running perpendicularly through the middle. That's better, isn't it? The concave creases lie on the concave creases and the convex creases on the convex creases.

Now fold the map a second time on itself. If it doesn't seem to fit, it's because you have folded along the wrong crease, in which case unfold the map and start all over again.

Try folding the strip from left to right. If that doesn't seem correct, fold it from right to left. Or maybe the trouble is you should fold both from the right and the left end and meet in the middle.

The map instead of being neat and compact will look like an inflated football. Well, after all, why need it be folded exactly as it was at first? It's the map, not the folding, that's important, you know. Just take the inflated map, press the air out of it with your hands, and finish the job by sitting on it for the next hundred miles or so. After that it may look a little cockeyed, but anyway, it will be flat.

-- Henry F. Henricks Publications



Ferol Jones, secretary to Director Ward Goodman, is the president of a new chapter of American Business Women's Association, which had its first meeting September 28 with 44 members. The new chapter, which is an expansion chapter of Diamond Charter Chapter, has been named the Razorback Chapter. Other Highway Department employees who have membership in this chapter are Joyce Spencer, Brenda McRaven, Bertie Carr, and Pat Koonce. Dorothy Switzer, former Highway employee, is vice president of the organization.

A.B.W.A. has 719 active chapters, and 45,000 members having in all 50 of the states. It is a service organization with strong emphasis on education. It's Scholarship Program is one of A.B.W.A.'s main objectives. Over 101 scholarships have been awarded by a national educational fund. In addition, \$160,000. in scholarships for deserving students in varied fields of education are sponsored by local chapters.

Switchboard operator at a bakery: (Cheerily) "Good morning! Friendly Baking Company. Which crumb do you wish to speak to?"

# COL. GRAY ALBRIGHT - "MR. JENRY GRAY..."

# AND BUDDY LEWTER



Among the honors for Gray Albright when he retired was a copper plaque presented to him by Capt. Boone Bartlett, R.T. Lafollette, formerly with State Police as one of his subordinates. Safety officer who was formerly a state trooper.



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Albright in younger days as State Police Chief.

in 1923 at the age of 22, retired from the Weights and Standards Division of the Highway Department on October 31. Albright is remembered by many as being the first Director of State Police when it was organized in 1935, a position he held for 10 years. He was assistant chief of Weights and Standards at the time of his retirement.

He was born at Cushman in Independence County, the son of the late James G. "Gibb" Albright, a prominent pioneer in education in north Arkansas who died as supervisor of Jackson County schools at the age of 82, and his wife, Ida Bell Albright. Gray became a deputy sheriff and County collector in Jackson County in 1923. He ran for sheriff and won in 1931. In 1935 he ran for Circuit and Chancery clerk of Jackson County and won but resigned after only three months in office to be the first State Police director.

For the first two years the state law enforcement agency was composed of 13 men, called Police Rangers. Prior to that time law enforcement was up to County sheriffs. The first annual State Police report for the year ending April 30, 1936 showed a total of 2,416 arrests. Almost half of them were for liquor violations, the prohibition law in Arkansas having been just repealed.





Asst. Chief Engineer John Pendergrass presents Albright an ambassador of good will certificate along with one of his well-known witticisms.



Division Chief Roy L. Johnson presents a citation and a .38 caliber pistol to Albright from employees.



J.L. Weathers, Jr., weight station foreman at Hoxie, presents a gift from personnel of Weights and Standards.



Joe Julian, foreman of the weight station at Corning, presents another gift on behalf of Weights and Standards.



Donna Gordon, secretary to State Police Director Lynn Davis, presented Albright a ceramic ash tray decorated with the State Police emblem on behalf of the ladies at State Police.

During the eight-year period from 1945 to 1953 Albright was in private business and returned to the State Police to head its newly-created Weights and Standards Division, which was transferred to the Highway Department in 1963.

Albright can relate experiences by the yard which occurred during his years as sheriff, including one of a robbery of the bank at Black Rock when the sheriff's department learned of the robbery and grabbed the robbers' get-away car. However, the robbers stole another car and got away. They were apprehended some time later.

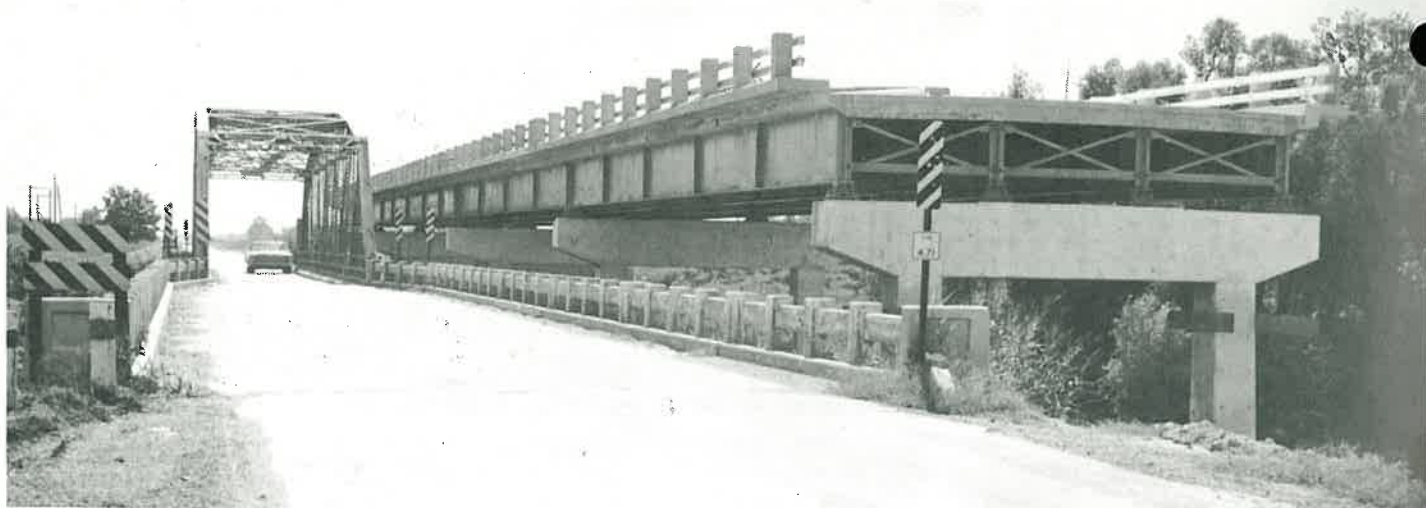
In his earlier days Albright played semi-pro baseball at Newport. The late Ray Winder offered him a spot with a Muskogee, Okla. farm team of the

Arkansas Travelers but Albright said he was making more money playing semi-pro so declined Winder's offer.

Albright has two sons, Jimmy of North Little Rock, a former Arkansas Traveler player and now physical education director for the State Department of Education, and William H. "Bill" Albright, a former Highway Department employee now with a private contracting firm. His wife of many years, the former Effie Snetzer of Newport, is deceased.

A reception time was held in Weights and Standards and some 200 friends, co-workers and former associates came to extend best wishes and bring gifts, significant of the high esteem in which Mr. Albright is held.

## NEW L'ANGUILLE RIVER BRIDGE



Construction of a new bridge across L'Anguille River and approaches between Marianna and Forrest City is nearly complete. The bridge is part of approximately three miles of improvement of Highway 1 beginning one-half mile north of Felton and extending northward on new location in juxtaposition to the present roadway, to the Missouri Pacific Railroad overpass. The bridge

is reinforced concrete and structural steel, 526.8 feet long. Forsgren, Inc. of Ft. Smith and Ben M. Hogan Co. of Little Rock are co-contractors. L.K. Bywaters is the resident engineer. When the project is completed the new bridge will be a great improvement over the narrow one-lane span at the left of the picture now in use.

### SKYLINE DRIVING NEARING COMPLETION

Arkansas' portion of Skyline Drive (Highway 88), being constructed across the Ouachita and Kiamichi Mountains from Mena, to Talihina, Okla., is almost complete. Some of the beauty of this scenic highway can be seen in these photographs winding around bluffs and stretching away into the hills. Arkansas' part of the 55-mile route is 16½ miles. Some difficulty has been experienced with land slides in the area. Oklahoma has part

of their section completed and the remainder under contract.

Almost the entire length of the highway is within the boundaries of Ouachita National Forest. Brown guard rails mounted on wooden posts have been placed alongside the highway where necessary to give the route a rustic look.



## SMOKEY - THE BILLION DOLLAR BEAR

The acrid smell and pall of heavy smoke which hangs in the atmosphere long after a woods fire's blaze has been extinguished is an all-too-common occurrence during the Fall months when rainfall is infrequent, and hunters aren't.

Each year many millions of acres in heavily forested areas fall victim to a careless match or campfire. However, a composite image in the personality of Smokey Bear is credited with saving 272 million acres from burning off.

Seared, broken trees and blackened, scorched earth alongside our highways does indeed present the worst kind of eyesore. To many of us, such a scene of desolation quickly brings to mind the familiar Forestry Service poster of the forest's animals fleeing in panic ahead of a blaze to a river and Smokey Bear pleading with us to prevent forest fires.

SATURDAY EVENING POST cover artist Albert Staehle created the humanized bear wearing a ranger's hat and dungarees in 1945 after The Advertising Council, Inc. (then called the War Advertising Council, Inc.) launched a campaign to inform and educate the American public about the preservation of our forests. The name came from a well-known fire eater, New York City's fire chief, Joe "Smokey" Ryan. Smokey remained just an imaginary bear on a poster until about five years later when a carelessly-ignited fire raged for five days in New Mexico's Lincoln National Forest.

The Hades-on-Earth holocaust which blackened 17,000 acres of prime timber prompted one forest ranger to comment, "Nothing could live through that." And probably very little did. But four pounds

of terrified life was discovered clinging desperately to a charred tree, his rusty coat singed and pads of his feet seared.

A rancher took the black bear cub in custody, where he received VIP treatment, nursing from a bottle and bedded down in a cardboard box behind the ranchhouse kitchen stove. A New Mexico Game and Fish official flew him to Santa Fe for medical treatment. Soon the frisky cub was donated to the National Zoological Park in Washington, D. C. as a gift to the children of the nation from the children of New Mexico. He became the official Smokey Bear and breathed life into the poster personality.

### HAS OWN ZIP CODE

Today Smokey enjoys an enviable status including his own ZIP code, 20252. A Congressional act protects him from undignified portrayal, abuse and unauthorized use. He receives about 4,500 pieces of mail daily, all of which are answered, signed and a facsimile of his paw print affixed. There is a Smokey Bear museum at Capitan, New Mexico surrounded by the forest where he was bumed.

### ENTERED IN CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

A titillating item in the Congressional Record of September 7, 1962 announced that "the social event of the year" would take place the next day. And so 12-year-old Smokey, America's most eligible bear, formerly of Lincoln National Forest, New Mexico, wed Miss Goldie, an 18-month-old cinnamon-haired bear beauty from Cibola National Forest, New Mexico. In recording the event, the Washington Post noted that "the bride wore brown." Her "something new" was a bear-sized ring, a gift of the children of Indianapolis; "something blue" was the tranquilizer which helped her make the trip to Washington tranquilly.

Smokey seemed highly pleased that their 400 wedding guests showered them with peanuts instead of the traditional rice. Goldie seemed to have the earmarks of a real swinging Washingtonian - she fell into a pool.

Since Smokey's creation forest fires was decreased from 30 million to 3½ million burned acres, representing more than \$12 billion worth of fire damage which hasn't occurred. The idea caught on in many countries and Smokey is now quite a continental character. In Mexico, for instance, his ranger's hat is replaced by a sombrero.

So, as you travel our highways, help keep our forests green, our highways scenic (and there's nothing scenic about burned-over land), and preserve our wildlife.



# Smokey Still Loves Peanut Butter

By William E. Clayton  
Of United Press International

WASHINGTON — He is elderly now and spends much of his day dozing. Walking is a chore and the tourists who come by to visit get no reaction when they call out his name.

But he has kept his popularity and still gets a big kick out of an occasional peanut butter or honey bread sandwich.

He is Smokey the Bear, one of the best-known residents of Washington's zoo. Few would pick him out of a crowd of bears as the actual Smokey, but his image on forest fire prevention posters — the big bear with the wide-brimmed ranger's hat and the overalls — is known to most Americans.

Smokey, the caricature, has endured since 1945 as the theme of the Forest Service's work to educate Americans in fire prevention and safe use of the forest. Smokey the actual bear has held court at the zoo since just after he was found, a frightened and slightly injured cub, in a New Mexico forest fire in 1950.

So it is a case where the image is older than the embodiment. And, so that the poster character will remain even after the bear is gone, the zoo has a "little Smokey," a youngster of a bear, living in the cage next to Smokey and ready to take over his public relations chores at a moment's notice.

Those duties consist for the most part in being the object of hundreds of eyes daily, in a special cage with a glass front, on the "bear line" of the big zoo in Northwest Washington. The Forest Service's fire prevention drive



—UPI Telephoto

The 'real' Smokey, 24, dozes mostly but still attracts tourists.

goes back to 1942. Americans were worried about possible Japanese attacks on the West Coast during World War II. A shell lobbed from a ship, or a firebomb from an airplane, could set off huge forest fires. The Forest Service, mindful that wartime conditions did not leave much firefighting equipment available, hit on a concerted information campaign to alert Americans to be careful that they did not set off fires from campfires or careless use of matches. That campaign had an understandably stern tone, and it was not until 1945 that it was popularized in a different direction with the famous Smokey character. The earliest renditions most often showed Smokey surrounded by the little creatures of the forest, urging Americans to prevent forest fires.

Out of one of those fires, in the Lincoln National Forest, emerged the actual Smokey the Bear. It occurred to the New Mexico game officials who found him that he was a fitting bearer of the Smokey name. He was taken to Santa Fe, word got to the United States Forest Service, and Smokey was flown to Washington and his new home.

Goldie. But as far as the zookeepers know Smokey and Goldie are not a romantic pair, just good companions. In any event, they have never had a little Smokey or little Goldie. The little Smokey that lives next door was brought as a cub from New Mexico just like his older namesake.

Smokey has a reasonably ordinary zoo cage, but with a glass front that was added so that visitors could get "nose to nose" with him, said Billie Hamlett of the zoo's information staff.

He moves around a bit, but not much, in a stiff-legged gait that advancing years have accentuated. He is 24, which the Forest Service says is 70-ish for a human.

Smokey is the cinnamon phase, or version, of the American black bear. His coat is still glossy and healthy, for an oldster. Keepers feed him a special commercial biscuit in the mornings — something like a big piece of toast loaded with minerals.

In the afternoon, he gets some fish. And then there are the vitamins, usually put into something palatable, such as a peanut butter sandwich. He likes that, and it is about the only thing that persuades him to move around much.

the cage and, remembering the clothing of the poster character, said, "He's naked. Where's his uniform?"

The overalls, hat and shovel have been made part of an exhibit at the cage, to tell the story of Smokey.

The Forest Service is somewhat concerned that when the actual Smokey finally goes to that big forest in the sky, people will think that is the death of the forest fire prevention drive and its Smokey image. So the Service did not react enthusiastically to the House concurrent resolution introduced by Representative Harold Runnels (Dem., N.M.) that would declare the "sense of Congress" that Smokey's remains be returned to his birthplace of Capitan, N.M. In Capitan, the women's club is interested in maintaining a museum and display with the remains of Smokey.

## The Continual Quest for New, Better Tread Designs

The world of tires is a world of a thousand faces, or tread designs, ranging from the deep-biting lugs of giant earthmovers to the smooth rubber of landspeed vehicles.

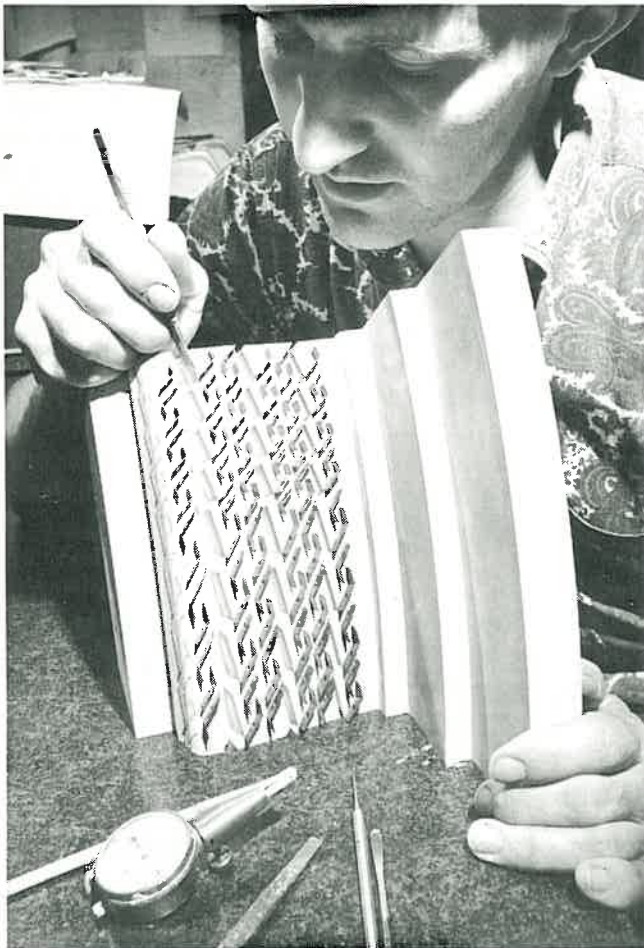
Every centimeter of "bite," each angle of tread design, the variety of "pitch" caused by tread placement around a tire's circumference, has its own function.

The result is a highly complex structure, carefully engineered and tested for strength, safety and performance.

Tread design, worked out to the finest detail on paper and drafted with the aid of computers, is transferred to the molds in which finished tires are shaped during the final steps in their manufacture.

Design is that series of grooves on the outer surface of the tire that many people mistakenly call tread.

Tread design for a passenger tire, painstakingly carved in plaster by master model carvers, gets final detail work in the model shop of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company. The pattern will be used to make the molds in which tires are shaped and vulcanized.



Tread actually is the thick layer of tough rubber around a tire. Part of this tread is impregnated with the design to provide traction and reduce skid.

Early in the history of the tire tread, design was recognized as an integral factor. The first designs were simple grooves running around the tire. This was adequate for the slow-moving pioneer vehicles.

As vehicles and roadways improved, tire needs increased tremendously. Speed, cornering and braking factors took on a new importance.

The rubber industry met the challenge.

New compounds were introduced and more refined tread designs applied to help tires meet their demanding job.

Researchers knew that sipes - which appear like cuts in the tread - would dissipate heat and make tires run cooler. Some grooves were found to be best for high-speed performance, others for normal driving, and yet others for heavy work and unusual road conditions.

A uniform design, or pattern, completely around the tire's circumference was found to be noisy. Shortly after World War II the "multiple pitch" tread design was introduced. By altering the pattern slightly, the harmonics were broken up and the high-pitched whine practically eliminated.

Today, with advanced molding machines and new rubber compounds, new tread design applications are developed regularly in the laboratories and drafting rooms of the rubber companies.

--*Highway User/October, 1967*

### WYNNE EMPLOYEE SUCCUMBS

W. P. Goodwin, of Wynne, died November 6 at Kennedy General Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. Goodwin, who was a maintenance truck driver with the District One headquarters, suffered a cerebral hemorrhage on October 1. He underwent surgery at Kennedy General, but never regained consciousness.

Goodwin, 43, was a life-long resident of Wynne. He was employed by the Highway Department in April of this year after approximately 17 years' employment with Cross County.

He is survived by his wife, Agnes V. Goodwin, one son, and one daughter, all of Wynne.

## REFORMATION OF BIG SCOTT

*John C. Hicks - Roadway Design*

Editor's Note: The following is a true account told to Mr. Hicks by former administrative assistant V. E. Scott. "Big Scott" was his brother.

At the turn of the century a stave and lumber company at Jonesboro, then a leading lumber town of Northeast Arkansas, numbered among its employees two men with identical names. To distinguish between the two the elder was known as Big Scott and the younger as Little Scotty.

Big Scott was a grizzled, two-fisted, tobacco chewing, loud cussin' woods boss tough as an oak knot and twice as stubborn. Little Scotty, a scaler, was a handsome young fellow well liked by his associates and a special favorite with the ladies. Although not related, the Scotts had many characteristics in common. Both had hair-trigger tempers and a propensity for settling arguments with their fists, which almost led to the termination of a life-long friendship between the two.

One hot, dry August day, designed to try the tempers of men, the Scotts became involved in an argument. The cause of the misunderstanding was of little or no consequence; but one word led to another until the two friends were ready to back off and slug it out.

Little Scotty, the cooler of the two, rather than fight a man twice his age whom he had known all his life and loved like a father, stalked away into the woods. This gesture, no doubt, fanned the flames of Big Scott's anger into a veritable holocaust.

As Scotty trudged through the woods his temper subsided and he decided to go to his room and remain there until Big Scott cooled off.

When he reached the boardinghouse he encountered Aunt Sally, the landlady, on the stairs. This motherly old soul, a pillar of the church who thought of Little Scotty as a son, inquired, "Jimmy, what are you doing coming in from work at this time of the day; are you sick?"

"No, Aunt Sally, it's like this. Big Scott and I had a run-in out on the job and I left him out there puffin' like a steam engine an' pawin' like a mad bull. I'm goin' up to my room an' stay there 'til he cools off. He just might come in lookin' for me; if he finds me, someone might get hurt - mebbe bad. So if he comes in, ya better tell him you ain't seen me," Scotty answered as he slammed the door.

The echo of the slammed door had scarcely died away before Big Scott, red of face, growling "cuss-words", came into sight. The big man took the boardinghouse steps two at a time and burst into the lounge shouting, "Aunt Sally! Aunt Sally, where's that lowdown, good for nothing, Little

Scotty? I aim to whip that young smart aleck within an inch of his life. I'll teach him to cross Big Scott."

Aunt Sally, looking as innocent as a newborn baby, answered, "How in th' name of tarnation would I know? I ain't seen him since breakfast. Reckon he's out on the job like you ought to be; leastwise I ain't seen him."

"I know damed well better," barked Big Scott. "You're lyin' to me, Aunt Sally. You're lyin' to save that young pup's hide. Well, it ain't a-gonna do ya no good, for I'll find him an' when I do..."

Aunt Sally, without so much as changing her expression, turned and disappeared through the door. Big Scott, mouthing sulphurous threats, continued to stamp around the room like an angry bull.

The door opened and Aunt Sally, armed with a double barrel shotgun with both hammers back, entered the room. Eyes flashing in anger, she stopped directly in front of Big Scott.

"Now you look here", Jim Scott. "I'm an honest, God-fearing, law abiding Christian woman; but they ain't no low-down, onery, wood-rassling polecat gonna come in my house an' call me a liar," she said, raising the gun to her shoulder.

Big Scott ducked and made a break for the door. But he did not quite make it before Aunt Sally pulled both triggers. "B-o-o-m!" the old shot gun roared like a cannon; kicked Aunt Sally across the room and peppered the seat of Big Scott's breeches with a double charge of number 8 birdshot.

The big man dived for the door; his second leap cleared the gate and he landed flat on his back in the street. Gingerly picking himself up, he clapped both hands tightly against his hip pockets and took off in a dead run toward old Doc's office.

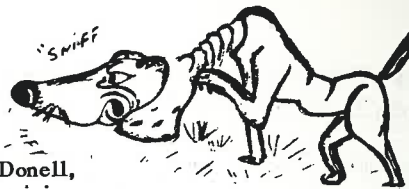
Big Scott was not seen around town for some time. When questioned concerning Scott's condition, Old Doc, eyes twinkling, answered, "Well, he came tearing into my office holding onto his hind-quarters, screaming, 'Oh my God! My God, Doc! Aunt Sally shot me! I'm dyin'! Do something, Doc! Do something quick!'"

"Well, I staked out a claim and setup mining operations. Yes sir, I struck one of the richest veins of lead ever uncovered in these parts. Oh, Big Scott is as tough as a boiled owl; he'll be around in a day or so; but I'll guarantee you he'll stand up for his meals for some time to come."

It was almost a month before Big Scott showed up on the job - a changed man. In fact, one would have scarcely recognized this gentle, sweet-tempered old man as the hard-bitten, loud cussin', hard-fisted woods boss of former days.

In the course of time the Scotts burried the hatchet and became closer friends than ever; but Big Jim Scott walked mighty light around Aunt Sally for a long, long time.

# AROUND the DEPARTMENT



Frank O'Donell of the Safety Section says that his daughter, Dr. Alice Ann O'Donell, is thoroughly enjoying both her work and the country of Ireland. Dr. O'Donell, a pediatrician, is spending a year as a staff doctor at Royal Maternity Hospital in Belfast. She went over on the Queen Elizabeth in August. During off duty hours she is enjoying seeing the country and meeting it's people, especially in the section of North Ireland where the O'Donell ancestors lived.

We will miss Attorney Joe Gunter's cheery countenance around the building since he has resigned to enter private practice at Cabot.

It's good to see S. H. "Pete" Daggett back in his office. He returned October 16 after recuperating from a stroke suffered in July. He will be working half days for awhile.

Willo McFall, a former employee in Maintenance, was by the building recently for a visit with friends.

Syble Maddox of Materials and Tests attended the national meeting of American Business Women's Association in Las Vegas October 21 and 22. She and the other members of the chapter who traveled together enjoyed seeing the city, Grand Canyon and other places as side trips.

The Fourth Army Maintenance Award was presented Saturday, November 4 to Headquarters (officers) and Headquarters Company (largely enlisted men), 489th Engineer Battalion of the Arkansas Army Reserve for having conscientiously maintained assigned equipment with the highest possible standards during the past fiscal year. Capt. Troy D. Laha, company commander, received the award from Col. Walter J. Burke, commander of the 19th Army Corps. Troy is an engineer in the Materials and Tests Division.



## Mildred Harness and Mel Jones

Army 1st Lt. James J. Hawkins, son of Irene Hawkins, received the Joint Service Commendation Medal for meritorious service with the 519th Military Intelligence Battalion in Vietnam from July 1966 to June 1967. Lt. Hawkins, a native of Morrilton and a graduate of the University of Arkansas is no longer on active duty and is now locally employed. Congratulations, Jim. Irene and Jimmy's other son, Carroll, entered the Air Corps in July and has the good fortune to be stationed in Jacksonville.

Margaret Allen's husband, John, is hospitalized at St. Vincents' after suffering a heart attack November 2. They expect he will be able to return home around December 1.

Ann McNabb and husband, Harry, are visiting her parents in Valdosta, Ga.

On October 19 a birthday party was held in the cafeteria for Sherry Rankin, attended by about 50 well wishers. She was reluctant to light the one huge yellow candle adorning her birthday cake. Fall

colors of yellow, bronze, and scarlet were used in the very beautiful table decorations.

Willene Dorris' son, Sgt. Roger C. Gray and Wanda Sue Paxson of Little Rock will be married at Pulaski Heights Methodist Church on December 21. Roger is stationed at Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wy.

Sandra, daughter of Ken Gower, was involved, as a passenger, in a head-on car collision October 23, on the way to school. Sandra was very lucky to have received only a broken finger and multiple bruises.

Gerald, son of Pat Koonce, entered the Army October 19. He is receiving basic training at Fort Bliss, Texas, and is scheduled for further training at Finance School, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. Sincere wishes and the best of luck, Gerry.

A potluck lunch was given to commemorate the birthdays of Willene Dorris, Johnnie Beavers, and Aleene Boysen. We wonder how many felt like soup only for supper, after doing our "bountiful duty" to such good food.

How about District Six reporting? They are such grand, wonderful people over there. So come on, let us hear from you all.



Mel Jones' son, Lewis whistles to his prize-winning heifer, Missy, so she will look pretty for the camera. Missy won for Lewis the State Farmer degree at the San Bernardino County (Calif.) Junior Livestock Auction in October. Lewis is a senior at Victorville High School, Victorville, Calif. and a member of Future Farmers of America.

Mildred Harness and Pat Koonce helped serve at the party given for Gray Albright when he retired from Weights and Standards. Along with the other hostesses, they made a very pretty and bright spot at the party.

Sympathy is extended to Bonnie and Roger Hill in the passing of his father of Indianola, Iowa on October 21.

## Betty Claude

L. P. Carlson attended the AASHO Convention at Salt Lake City in October. He said the weather was wonderful while there. A big highlight in this trip was having an opportunity to hear the well known Mormon Tabernacle Choir. "They are magnificent" he reports.

Dan Morgan's son, Brooks, had a literal headon collision the other day. Now before you jump to the conclusion that Brooks is driving at the tender age of four, let me explain. Brooks and a friend at the nursery school met headon while playing. Brooks sustained a cut over one eye which required eight stitches to close, and the other young man required seven stitches in the top of his head. We are happy to know both boys are alright and back running full speed again.

W. E. Wilson, who retired from our division in 1965, visited with us on two different days recently. Mrs. Wilson was in the Medical Center here for surgery and she is now recuperating at home. Eddie Williams visited with us also and both men looked hale and hearty and enjoying their retirement days. We are always happy to see former members of our group and wish they would visit more often.



This picture was taken when Laurel Beth Major was 4 weeks old. The photo was made by Photographer Pete Major, his first grandchild. Pete is the father of Wayne Major, one of our draftsmen. Aren't those large bright eyes?

Robert Seay and Dale Loe attended a two day data processing course for engineers and architects November 2 and 3 at the IBM office on Interstate 30. Very interesting for both of them. Robert was pleased to see an old high school friend Jerry Van Hoose from Springdale who was attending this course also. An interesting thing about these two men, is that in high school they were both members of the Future Farmers of America and raised swine as their project, then they meet again studying computers. How is that for a small world?



## BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Hazel McKim



They were biting in Lake Conway when Charles Thirion, B&G carpenter, and his daughter caught these October 14.

Mary O'Curran has been off work due to a knee ailment. We miss her and will be glad when she is able to return to work.

H. E. Perrin took his vacation the first two weeks in October. He said he spent most of the time at home in front of the TV and doing little things around the house.

My daughter Joyce Humble, and I spent Sunday at Conway where my mother. Mrs. Mary McKim of Bell Branch, Ark., 99 years old, is hospitalized.



## CONSTRUCTION

Lucille Dishongh

Hurley Perkins is having a bout with influenza. He got the best of it for a couple of days but at this writing influenza has the upper hand and Hurley is at home in bed.



Margaret Weathers was presented her 15-year service certificate and pin by boss Mac Hurley on November 9. The occasion was noted with a lovely corsage for Margaret and delicious ambrosia cake for the entire office force.



David Robinson's youngsters

David, Jr., 2, and Allen Keith, born June 26, are the adorable sons of David and Marie Robinson of 2101 S. Harrison. Allen Keith got off to a big start - he weighed nine pounds, six ounces at birth. David, Sr. is an engineering aide I with Resident Engineer Don Cahoon's crew. Allen Keith paid his first visit to daddy's office recently.



## EQUIPMENT AND CENTRAL SHOP

Tyronza Hines and Sue Fuller

Frank Pitts and his wife, Francis are enjoying an extension course in religion at Meadowcliff Baptist Church offered through Central Baptist College. The first semester covers a survey of the Old Testament and the second semester will cover the New Testament.

Avalee Padgett's daughter, Jane, was recently married to John Richard Moore at First Baptist Church in Jacksonville. The couple is living in Fayetteville where he is attending the University of Arkansas and majoring in Electrical Engineering. Congratulations to you both.

As of this writing, Bennie Robbins' two children are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Robbins of Alicia. Most school children are really enjoying the teachers' meeting that is now in progress here in Little Rock.

This reporter (Tyronza) recently received her 5-year pin and certificate of service from the Department.

Sandra Behnke's younger brother, Garth Nolen, recently completed basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, and will now be stationed in Biloxi, Miss., where he will be in radar and weather control.

Ray New had a week's vacation during the first part of October and said he went fishing every day.

Watson and Mary Sue Yancey just returned from spending a week with their son and his family in Atlanta, Ga. He reports that he has the smartest two year old grandson in the state of Georgia.

Carl Hillis enjoyed a weekend visit with his father in Missouri and with his sister who had come from Mobile, Ala.

Helen Latture is a grandmother again. Her son, James and wife, Judy of Nashville, Tenn. are the proud parents of another boy. She also has a new daughter-in-law, the former Sharry Simpson who married her son Charles.



## LEGAL DIVISION

Joyce Porter

Our General Counsel, John R. Thompson, has resigned from the Department to go back into practice with his son, Edgar. We had a small party for Mr. Thompson and invited a few of the people with whom he had been closely associated here in the Highway Department. He was presented a very nice engraved desk clock from the Division. Edgar attended the party and it was the first time several of us had met him. We will miss Mr. Thompson very much but wish him much success in his practice. Come back and see us real soon Mr. T. Meanwhile our own Tom Keys is trying to keep everyone in line and working hard.

Some of you may be interested in knowing that Jackie Gills, who was a secretary in the Title Section about a year and a half ago, is now working as a commercial artist for Rand's, Inc. She prepares most of the IGA grocery ads for newspapers and sales pamphlets. She's a very good artist and this is the type of work she always wanted to get into.

Billy Pease was the only one in the Legal Division that the Great Pumpkin




came to see on Halloween night. I guess he is the only true believer. Phil Gowen received some Halloween candy, too, but I think his fairy godmother left his, instead of the Great Pumpkin. Also we would like to wish Billy an early happy birthday, which doesn't come until after Christmas, but better early than late.

One of our favorite attorneys, Joe Gunter, has left us to go into private practice at Cabot, Ark. We had a small going away party for him and he received some real nice gifts.. ranging from mouse trap to chocolate candy to a very nice perpetual callendar for his new office. We are all going to miss Joe very much but wish him all the very best and much success and good fortune in his new venture.

After many months of searching, Jimmy Dowell has finally found the right car with approximately the right price. Any-way the price was close enough that he is now the proud owner, or should I say co-owner, of a new 1968 Malibu, gold with a black vinyl top. Congratulations, it is really a beautiful car.

Helen and Wayland Hackett accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Henry Swanner to Tyler, Texas, a few weeks ago to visit Mr. and Mrs. James C. Swanner. James is Henry's brother and his wife, Lucille, is Helen's sister. They attended the annual Tyler Rose Festival and reported that it was most enjoyable and the roses beautiful. The Hacketts and Henry Swanners were saddened to learn of James Swanner's death from a heart attack Halloween night. He had been ill for some time but was thought to be getting along fine. The Hacketts and Swanners attended his funeral which was held November 4 at Piggott, Ark. We extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends.

**MAINTENANCE**



**RADIO**

Shirley  
**BEAUTIFICATION** Dunegan

All has been pretty quiet in the Maintenance Division so I will try to fill in the space with little tidbits of this and that.

Jim Lowder, maintenance engineer, attended the AASHO meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah this past week along with several other men from the Highway Department.

Jimmie Farnam, secretary in Maintenance, recently held turtle races on the office floor during the noon hour. Although no money changed hands it was a heated race. She bought them for her two boys who have named them Charlie and Mother Turtle.

Gerald Sisk, assistant maintenance engineer, and his wife Maurine drove to Fort Campbell, recently to visit with their son Tommy who is stationed there.

If anyone noticed that Margaret Wright, also a secretary in Maintenance, was sitting down gingerly last week it was due to the fact that she and her husband Jerry recently purchased a horse. She rode tall in the saddle for about six hours the day before, but within a few days was getting around quite well.

Clarence Page, our communications supervisor, recently enjoyed a visit from his daughter and those darling grandchildren of whom he is so proud. Clarence has purchased a new Chrysler 300. We are anxious to see it, so maybe his wife, Maurine will let him bring it to work and show it off one day.

Ed McLaughlin, wife and boys paid us a visit last week. Ed is one of our radio technicians and lives in Springdale. This was a first time for his wife to visit with us and we had a nice chat and played with the boys for a few minutes. Hope they return again soon.

Yours truly and gang made a flying trip home (Tulsa) last weekend to enjoy a family reunion with grandparents in from California and other relatives. There was plenty of food and a lot of gossip for all to enjoy. Speaking of Tulsa, wasn't there a football game a while back between Tulsa and the Razorbacks? Since I have only been in Little Rock for four years I still call Tulsa home. But, believe me, I root for the Razorbacks every-time except when they play against...well, lets change the subject before they have a new operator for Little Rock Central.

Our sympathy goes to Billie Carlton the secretary for Beautification. She recently purchased a guppy and two angel fish for pets. Then the next day the guppy and one of the angel fish died. So she returned to the store and bought an aquarium, filter, light, pump, (the whole works) and two more guppies. Looks like one bowl is not going to be enough. We will be waiting for the proud announcement of newcomers in the marine world.

Everyone, I'm sure, has seen the display that has been in the lobby these past weeks. This was compliments of the Beautification Department and we might add that it is very effective and eye appealing, only next time you might list the locations for those of us who are new Arkansans. Keep up the good work, boys.

If any of you need information on animals just call Maintenance. I am sure your questions can be answered, as this column contains enough animals to start a zoo.

Bye now.

Thrift is a wonderful virtue, especially in an ancestor.

She who is absent from the bridge party gets the most slams.



## PERSONNEL

Dorothy Lehman



Betty Lou Cox, daughter of Sibble and Robert Cox, and Timothy Patrick Daley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Daley, were married on October 14 in Little Rock Air Force Base Chapel.

Chaplain Segurd Nelson officiated at the double ring ceremony, and the nuptial music was presented by Miss Carol Ann Barnard, soloist and Miss Judy Laman, organist. The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a full-length gown of satin with sweetheart neckline and long sleeves. The bodice and bell-shaped skirt were fashioned with Alencon lace, and the chapel train was attached with satin roses. A single satin rose, with petals of lace and pearls, held her shoulder-length veil. Her bouquet was a cascade of Phalaenopsis orchids and stephanotis.

Miss Francine Hardy was maid of honor, and Miss Gail Rainwater was bridesmaid. Charles W. Harzman was best man and Robert C. Ketering served as groomsmen. Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Cox, Jr. After a trip the couple is at home at 113 Oak Lane.

Last month Shirley Bain and Angela made a weekend trip to visit Shirley's parents in Bodcaw.

Sibble Cox has been traveling back and forth to their farm in Beebe, preparing for the move to the country which she and her husband are making at this writing. But the rest of us seem to enjoy staying home on the weekends.

On the 18th of October we had a pot-luck luncheon. Betty Claude from Bridge Design and Barbara Oldham from County Roads were our guests and we did some recipe swapping again.

Fay Sullivan, who does your service award work, has a son who loves college life so much that he has only been home one time since school began. My son Ronny is just about the same, but it's wonderful to see them enjoy and work at it so much. Fay's daughter Carol joined the Girl Scouts this year and also became a cheerleader so there must be plenty of activity around their house.

Jan Commander, who worked here during the summer months, dropped in for lunch the other day. She has been taking china painting lessons and brought a piece of her handiwork and pictures from her San Francisco trip.

Marie Hartley, who has been with us about six months, recently bought a color TV. Now they are finding that color TV leads to something else - lots of company. Tommy is joining the Little Rock JC's and Marie will soon be a Jaycette.

My daughter and I traveled with friends to Fayetteville for the U of A-Texas A & M game. It was Homecoming and simply beautiful weather prevailed.



#### P&R Staff

Lester Jester, assistant division head, planning and research, attended a meeting of the National Defense Executive Reserve and National Conference on Highway Transportation in an Emergency, held in Washington, D.C. Among the speakers were Vice-President Humphrey and the Deputy Secretary of Defense, speaking on the present position of the United States, including our Vietnam policy.

As an exercise, they witnessed a simulated attack on the U.S. by 381 atomic bombs and were then given problems to solve, assuming such a situation. Organization and procedures of the Department of Transportation in case of a national emergency were also explained. Afterward each state was encouraged to set up its own organization to cope with disasters.

Lester returned a "believer". He would like to see such an organization activated and says that even in the event of such a massive attack as he described, the situation would not be hopeless. However, immediate action would have to be taken to cope with resulting problems.

Bill Smith came by to see the old group and just missed getting cookies. Alas! the plate had been emptied prior to his arrival. He was bound for St. Louis to turn in the first assignment on his new job. He and his family like Russellville very much, as well as his new position.

Bill and Charlene Looney went to the Olde West Dinner Theater. Judging from his comments, it was a delightful evening which will call for more visits.

We had one coming and two going this month.



New to the Department is Carroll McChesney, engineer. Originally from Dyess, Ark., he is married and has three children. In 1963 he received a BSCE degree from Arlington State College, Tex. Since graduation, he has worked for the Bureau of Public Roads for four years, completing a three-year training program. Carroll says that after moving many times, he is ready to settle down in one spot, and this is the place he has chosen. Welcome to Carroll.

We were sorry to lose Harold Woolsey, who resigned recently and moved to Springfield, Ill.



Paul Edwards, of the Mapping Section, has been chosen by his friends and neighbors to defend his country from all enemies. He left for Fort Bliss, Texas, on October 13th, for training. Prior to

his departure, a "going away" party was held, and Paul was presented a cake lettered with "Good Luck" and the names of all his friends in Mapping. We hope he will be rejoining us when his tour of duty is up.

After Buddy Lewter received his 25-year service awards from the Highway Commission October 23, P&R gave a royal party for him and his wife, June. She was wearing a very pretty dress for the occasion which we would like to "color" for you, but we missed asking her the name of the shade. Buddy's closest could come was "some kind of pink". Anyway it was very striking. Cake and punch were served, and we were all glad to honor Buddy. (His real name is James E., but as Mr. Goodman said, "I thought your name was Buddy.")

J. R. Henderson used Buddy's party as the time to present Jim Head his 5-year service awards. Congratulations to both Buddy and Jim, and we hope they are with us a long time.

Bob Kessinger represented the Highway Department at the Second Annual Joint Highway Research Workshop held in Atlanta, Ga., October 26 and 27. Each state gave a presentation of the benefits or changes resulting from the first workshop and discussed major research accomplishments and means of implementing results.

Winnie Lyles has returned to work in P&R and is assigned to Data Analysis. We're glad to have her.

Dick Deviney has changed his place of residence to the Tanglewood Apartments.

Charles and Bennie Parsons vacationed in Louisiana and Texas this month. Stuart and Eleanor Pattillo journeyed to Fayetteville to see Arkansas and TCU clash, as well as to visit his sister, Mrs. Van Howell. Then she came to Little Rock to visit with the Pattillos and see the Arkansas-Texas game. Genny Gunn recently made a weekend trip to Tulane University. She indicated that her primary motive for going was not the football game.

Pete Powell is glad to have his son, Jeff, home after being stationed at Fort Gordon, Ga.

Betty Wiggins had an interesting experience - the lady in the next chair at the beauty parlor was actress Phyllis Kirk, in town to do a play; and they had a long chat.

After a slow start, things are picking up with the Data Collection bowling team. They are doing a lot better, and interest in this activity is growing fast.

Ed Johnson and Mayo White find great pleasure in golf, and Mayo has been getting the best score of the group he plays with.

There are several new "chefs" in the Finance and Economics Section. Larry Johnson made peanut brittle, and Fred Helton and Stuart Pattillo made fudge. All shared their results with us. Larry was so encouraged he is contemplating putting in a peanut brittle stand. Well, he may have been joking.

On the occasion of her birthday,

Billie Whiteside received a very beautiful pot of flowers from former employee Bea Davis. Bea will always be remembered by us, as long as there are any in the Highway Department who knew her, as one of the finest ladies we ever met. We puzzled a long time trying to describe her just right, but we think "lady" says it all.

We extend our sympathy to Don Mount and his family on the recent loss of his brother.



## RIGHT OF WAY

The Staff

**ENGINEERING SECTION:** Carl T. Keehn was recently certified by the Institute for the Certification of Engineering Technicians as a Senior Engineering Technician. The Institute is sponsored by the National Society of Professional Engineers.



We welcome a new employee, Ellen Gross, 25 years old, married and the mother of two sons, Jim, six years old and Roddy, four. She and her husband, Rodger and sons reside at 8521 Stanton Road, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Neil and Nola Gibbs traveled all the way to Michigan, October 6 so they could show off Richard O'Neil to Neil's family. Richard's grandparents, uncles and aunt tried their best to spoil him while he was there but Neilsays he is still a good baby.

**UTILITIES SECTION:** Have you ever tried to make music by blowing in a coke bottle? That's one of the things we did at our Section Party held at Alton Van Patten's home on Friday night, October 20. Another enjoyable game was trying to pass a carrot from neck to neck without the use of hands.

After Van finally succeeded in getting the charcoal hot, we had hamburgers with all the fixings and then some.

We all participated in group singing - some on key, most off key. This party was such a smashing success, we intend to have more.



Glendol Jackson, chief - Engineering Section is shown presenting Paul Broyles with his 5-year pin and certificate. Con-

George and Margaret Ivey attended a melodrama production of "The Drunkard" presented by the Pine Bluff Theater Group in Pine Bluff.

Frank Wiggins and family and Jim and Wynona Bartlett attended the Arts and Crafts Fair in Heber Springs the weekend of October 14. Frank's children were amazed at the "horses making sorghum molasses", and Jim was amazed at the \$50.00 painting his wife wanted (but didn't get).

Orene Hester and David Nelsen, both former employees, dropped by for brief visits on separate occasions recently.

Some nicknames in our section:

"Tractor" Thacker

"Thuge" Burge

"Morphine" Cazer

"Ted-E-Bear" Bartlett

H. K. McMurrugh and W. E. Hayes received their 5-year pins this month.

We were very pleased to see our former co-worker, E. P. "Pluty" Scruggs last week. Pluty came by for a visit with the Appraisal Section. He is now working with the Corps of Engineers.

Ina and Jerry Dunn recently moved into their new three-bedroom, carpeted home at 7312 Skylark Drive. It is really pretty.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION:** The men in our section are still fishing and beginning to make plans for the deer season. Nathan Garrett, Gip Robertson, Jr., Glendol Jackson and Ron Johnson, along with Gip's son, Gip Allen, went trout fishing at Heber Springs a couple of weeks ago. They came back and reported a collective catch of 25 fish, but no one was revealing who caught how many.

Richard Andry's daughter, Judy, was wed to Rickey Howell on October 21. We wish the young couple all the luck in the world.

Retha Griffin took a few days' vacation last week in Fort Smith with her sister and brother-in-law. She reported a very exciting trip and said the scenery was beautiful and the most outstanding

gratulations to Paul upon receipt of this certificate and we hope the future years will find him the recipient of many more.

event of her whole trip was seeing and hearing pianist Roger Williams perform.

We are real sorry to report that A. C. Ledbetter is ill at home with an ear infection. We wish for him a real speedy recovery for it is pretty quiet around here without him.



## ROADWAY DESIGN

Virginia Ashlin

Chester and Ruth Siesicki vacationed recently in Stratford, Conn. where they visited with Chester's brother and wife, Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Siesicki. While there they visited the "Flea Market", a group of antique dealers. The term "flea market" originated in France because people would bring junk to the market and along with the junk would come fleas.

Robert Thomas' brother-in-law, Bill Brooks, was seriously injured in an automobile accident the weekend of October 14th. He was taken to St. Vincent's Infirmary where he remains in critical condition.

The Gary Sipes family went to Las Vegas, Nev. on their vacation and visited Gary's Mother.

John Hicks was hospitalized with a shoulder ailment but he is back at work now.

Pat Thompson's mother, Mrs. Bertie Thompson, was operated on at a Ft. Smith hospital but is home now. My mother, Mrs. Lavenia Bull, recently underwent surgery for ulcers at Baptist Hospital but is home now.

Flatterers are the cleverest of all mind readers -- they tell us exactly what we think.



## SIGN SHOP

Brenda McRaven  
Lou Net Rickett

Henry McCrotty just doesn't look like Henry McCrotty anymore! He has been trying a new type of hearing aid that doesn't require glasses and he doesn't look like himself without them. We hope Henry likes this type of aid and can use it successfully, but we sure wish he would wear glasses, too!

Claudis Bryant had a birthday the first day of October. He said he was like Jack Benny, 39, but doesn't play the violin. Actually Claudis is 55 and doesn't care to admit it.

Julia Hopkins had a birthday the 19th of October, and what luck - she was ill that day. So we waited until the next day to have cake for her. It's just not possible to lose any weight around this office. We can always find some cause to celebrate which calls for cake or donuts.

Tom Blaylock is growing a beard for Sadie Hawkins Day at the University, or at least that is what he says. I'll bet he just hasn't been getting up in time to shave.

Harold and Jean Guinn had her sister, Mrs. Mary Hart and children, Randy and Sheila of Yokon, Okla., as guests over the weekend of October 21. While here they attended the State College vs. Southern State ballgame at Conway.

Charles Latture, one of our Center Strip crew, and Sharry Simpson, former Sign Shop employee, were wed recently and are now living in Jacksonville. We wish for them many happy years.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Shirley celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary October 4. "Preacher's" mother, Mrs. Nancy Shirley, had the misfortune to fall at church October 15, breaking her left arm in two places. It was two days before a bone specialist could see her to set the arm. She is at home now and doing very well. "Preacher's" sister, Mrs. Nellie Mathis, passed away Sunday, October 22. Burial was at Mayflower. Our sympathies are extended to the family.

Van Campbell, our new boss in Traffic Services, reports that his grandchildren from Texarkana came to visit and while here they gave Granddaddy a run for his money (as usual). We would also like to congratulate him on his recent promotion.

The men in our office have been trying their luck at squirrel hunting. The reports were good, bad and indifferent.

Words always seem inadequate when you are trying to express appreciation to those people who have done so much for you. The flowers, prayers, phone calls each day, visits and cards sent while I was in the hospital and after I returned home was so very thoughtful of all of you. Thank you all so very much and God Bless you.

James Mellard took his mother and father who reside in Memphis to visit their daughter and his sister, Etta Lee Browder in Madison, Wisconsin. His brother-in-law is a history teacher at the University of Wisconsin so they enjoyed a grand tour of the campus. They also visited many other places while there including a cheese factory where they sampled the varieties.

WOULD YOU BELIEVE? Jo Ann recently got a copy of her birth certificate and found out that all these years she hasn't known her name. It seems that on the certificate her name appears as Joan and her mother reported that for all the years her daughter has been on this planet—she thought it was Jo Ann.



## DISTRICT



Janet McElduff

One of the nicest vacations we've had in the District was Hayden Cockrill's trip East. Hayden has a brother, Captain James T. Cockrill, USN, who is stationed in Washington, D.C., so Hayden, Emily, Al and Cindy took off for points East and had one of the most interesting trips we've heard about. It is always a pleasure to listen to someone who has genuinely enjoyed themselves, and who found things interesting and exciting. Hayden especially loved Washington, and while his brother was on duty, his wife gave their visitors the Cooks' tour - the Capitol, White House, FBI Building, everything, and one day Capt. Cockrill took them all to lunch in the Executive Suite at the Pentagon. How up-town can you get! A highlight of their trip was going to Annapolis and having Capt. Cockrill, an alumni, show them around, and then having dinner one night at one of the lovely old homes just one block from the Main Gate of Annapolis. They concluded this wonderful trip with a visit to Williamsburg, and then on home. How 'bout that for a vacation!

We have congratulations this month to Leroy Curtner, who has received his 20-year pin and J. F. Ashley and E. W. Blackburn who received their 10-year awards.

We also congratulate Everett West of Colt, and Lawrence Cornwell of Wynne, who are bragging about their new baby boys, and who could blame them! And we say welcome back to James Cunningham and James Robert Jordan who have returned to our Construction Division from military tours. New houses are in order around here too, with John Henry Andrews and family sporting a new home up around Cherry Valley, and Bud Jones one in Vannsdale.

'Bout the best thing we've heard though, is about Sewell Abel buying a new Chevrolet. Now there's nothing unusual about Sewell purchasing a new car, for he believes in trading when the trading is right, but the best part comes

when everyone is fighting to get Sewell's old car. This is a small town, see, and everyone knows just when someone is going to trade, and the trick is to get down first and get the trade-in, especially when it has belonged to someone who takes such good care of their car. Buck Dunn was the lucky one this time, and is just as proud of his purchase as Sewell is of his.

We've had sadness too, here. Buck Wilkins lost his father, Perry Wilkins, recently. Mr. Wilkins was an old-timer around here and will be missed by many. Glenn Jones, who works in the West Helena residency, had a serious automobile accident earlier in the month in or near Clarendon, and is still not able to return to work, Glenn, his wife, mother-in-law, and father-in-law were hit broadside, and all were seriously injured. Glenn's son fortunately was traveling ahead of his parents in another car with relatives. We wish a speedy recovery to the Glenn Jones family.

It is fall of the year - the leaves are dropping, the air smells so good, there's small-town football excitement, but somewhere there is a catch in my heart knowing we've two down and one to go. That's two girls gone to college and one little fellow left, and that's Fall, friends in more ways than one!

Oh well, roll with the tide - yawl come see us!



## DISTRICT



Leslie Long



Will Wright, our payroll clerk, hunts and fishes as often as he can get away from it all. This string of fish he caught by baiting his hook with worms, to catch brim, to use for bait, in fishing for the catfish.

September 15 - the opening day of squirrel season found many of our men limbering up those shootin' irons and hitting the "bushy tail" trail. Among our squirrelers were Bo Earnest and Steve Reeves of Lincoln County. Will

Wright and Red Goins of our headquarters, my son and I went a-hunting and fishing. Goins and Morgan made one trip to Camel Brake and had a real good hunt.

It seems that squirrels lead a "squirrel life". The first day of the season, a squirrel who stuck his nose into the wrong place at the wrong time, caused a power failure in downtown Pine Bluff and was simultaneously electrocuted and cooked by the wire he touched. Another Squirrel Story: For years, Pine Bluff's people and squirrel population lived in peaceful co-existence. The citizens ungrudgingly shared the pecans from their backyard trees with the squirrels. Then the squirrels had a population explosion and now they won't share with the people. Drunk with squirrel-power, they form gangs that cut the green pecans and hurl them defiantly at unwary housewives who venture into their own backyards. Such ingratitude and such wanton waste. We fear that soon a number of our bushy-tailed ex-friends may find themselves relocated in that big pecan tree in the sky! (Those, that is, who are too tough for stew!)

We missed "Unit 282" while they were on vacation. Dayton and Aline Allison motored to Clovis, New Mex. to visit their youngest daughter, Betty Lou and Maj. Dale Hughes and three grandchildren. Ira and Mrs. Stringer vacationed with his sister and friends in the state of Mississippi.

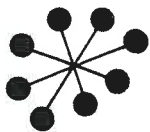
James and Annie Mae Cockrell of Monticello visited in Chicago with their daughter and son-in-law to be on hand for the birth of their new granddaughter. Upon their return to Monticello they learned that another daughter, Janice McKinstry had made them grandparents of identical twin grandsons, Tony and Tim, weighing six pounds eight ounces. They also have a daughter with two grandchildren residing in Houston, Texas. Grandfather is a distributor operator in our Sealing Crew.

District 2 foremen and job superintendent met at District headquarters October 31 for a regular meeting, discussion and planning for the coming season. Our very popular sandwich buffet lunch was served.

We have had the pleasure of having auditors Bo Cruce and Fred Sebren with us for about two weeks now. 'Bo' has become another year older while here. This is Fred's first visit to our headquarters and we enjoyed meeting and working with him.

Service pins and certificates were awarded to Muriel Cater, truck driver, Drew County sealing crew for 10 years' service; and to Paul Raymond Cater, dozer operator, Drew County, and Lyndol John Robert Brunson, motor patrol operator, Lincoln County, for 5 years' service each.

We express our sincere sympathy to W. H. Kyle of the Chicot County crew, who lost his mother recently.



## DISTRICT



### THE INFORMERS

The news is going to be a little sparse from District 4 this time. There is a lot going on...and that is part of the trouble! The remodeling has finally reached the "front" office. Today, October 31, is one of the coldest, dampest days we have had in Fort Smith this fall and wouldn't you know it - out comes the north wall of the office. It is cold, dirty and above all NOISY. It will all be worth it when it's finished, though.

Five of our employees earned service awards during the month of October. L. Wright Piles, a patrol operator for the Scott County crew, made a trip to Little Rock on the 25th to receive his 25-yr. award. Wright lives at Hon in Scott County. By the way, ladies, Wright is a BACHELOR.

John W. Michael, better known as Bill, and Vell Tucker received 20-yr. awards. Michael, is a heavy truck driver for the District. He and his wife Norma live in Hartford with their son and teenage twin daughters. Tucker, from Pencil Bluff, is a truck driver with the Montgomery County area headquarters.

Eldon L. Vines, also a truck driver from Montgomery County, received a 10-yr. award. Eldon and his family live at Sims. Troy Lee Ellison, bridge carpenter on the District-wide bridge crew, received his 5-yr. award. Troy and his family live at Denning in Franklin County. Our congratulations to all five of these loyal employees.

The only person we have been able to get to share their vacation with us this month was Curtis L. Oliver, Scott County foreman. Curtis and Elsie made a trip to California with a side trip to the Grand Canyon, and also a drive through the Painted Desert and Petrified Forest. Curtis was quite enthusiastic about the vastness and beauty of the Canyon. They visited friends in Williams, Ariz. and spent a week in Modesto, Calif. with Elsie's relatives. On the way back home they were involved in an accident between Barstow and Needles, Calif. Fortunately no one was injured and damage to their car was not too great. It was one of the "chain" accidents that we read of so often. The line of traffic stopped suddenly and the car behind the Oliver's was not quite able to make it, knocking the Oliver car into the opposite lane of traffic. With a large truck bearing down on them, Curtis (who was not driving) managed to grab the wheel and pull back to the right enough to get out of the way. It was a close call. We're glad they're back in Arkansas safe and sound and I know they feel the same way. Curtis reports that it was 110 at Needles while they were there (mid-October). Makes our summer seem quite mild in comparison.

We finally talked one of our proud young fathers into bringing a snapshot



Melissa Kay Moore at 6 months, Nov. 2.

for the magazine. This little living doll is Melissa Kaye Moore, who was six months old November 2, 1967. Isn't she a honey? Melissa is the only child of Leonard and Kaye Moore. Leonard works in our stock room.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Mrs. J. P. Clayton, wife of our District Engineer, in the death of her brother October 2.



## DISTRICT



### Marilyn Coffman

Congratulations to Kenneth and Jo Mathis, who are the proud parents of a daughter, Tracy Lynn, born October 8, 1967, weighing seven pounds and three ounces. Kenneth is a construction inspector for the residency in Searcy.

Resident Engineer Bob Benz suffered a heart attack this month and is recovering in Rodgers Hospital at Searcy. We all wish Bob a speedy recuperation.

Mr. and Mrs. William P. Huddleston, Jr., and children, Rusty and Sherry, have moved to Batesville from Fort Walton Beach, Fla. They will make their home here for a year, while Mr. Huddleston is on special assignment with the Air Force in Vietnam. Mrs. Huddleston is the daughter of Sally McMillan, fuel clerk.

Lawson Johnson, ferry foreman, has returned from another hunting trip in Wyoming. He has been spending his vacations there since '45 and reports this was one of the best hunts he has had. He shipped back 2,000 pounds of fresh moose, elk and deer meat to back up the stories of his trip. After traveling 3,500 miles in a pickup truck and hunting in sub-freezing weather, sounds like he deserves good luck.

This reporter has a new neighbor, Mrs. Allen Ramey and children. They moved to Batesville from Warren Robins, Ga. while Major Ramey is stationed in Thailand. Mrs. Ramey is the daughter of Handford Magness, sign man.

Area Foreman Virgil Taylor, has returned to work after spending a few days in the hospital, due to injuries sustained in a traffic accident.

Miss Beverly Haigwood, who has been patient in the Campbell Clinic in Memphis, is recuperating at the home of her parents from serious injuries suffered in a car accident several months ago. She is the daughter of Earl Haigwood, mechanic in the District Shop.

Congratulations to those receiving service awards this month. I lost the list and the only one I can remember is Orville Gold, 5-yr.'s.



Lawson Johnson on the right shows off his first moose. Also, pictured is Dick Williamson of Guion, who accompanied Mr. Johnson on his Wyoming hunting trip.



## DISTRICT



### Burnham & Campbell

Congratulations to service award recipients: Homer Garrett, 15-year award and Alva Lee Clift, 5-year award. Both men are maintenance employees in District Seven.

Greg Pumphrey is back at school and feeling fine after having undergone an appendectomy October 12. Greg is the 10-year old son of Norman Pumphrey, resident engineer at Camden.

Larry Edwin Hollis, construction inspector I for Norman Pumphrey in Camden, has been certified as Engineering Technician by the Institute for Certification of Engineering Technicians. Larry has been employed by the Department since September 1, 1960. He has had one year of college work and is presently enrolled in International Correspondence School for Highway Engineering.

Congratulations to John Coke - who celebrated his 36th anniversary November 1, John, we wish you many, many more happy years of married life.

John Russ had a new shoe and stocking made for the right foot this morning (his leg, has been in a cast since October 1, from a broken leg received while

squirrel hunting). We hope he can exchange this for his favorite pair of shoes before the December deer season.

Mrs. Jewel Prince is in New York City for a few days' visit with Bobby Prince and family - Katharine will stop by for a visit with daughter, Mrs. David Ross and family of West Baden Springs, Ind.



## DISTRICT



### Shirley Morton



Laura Cantrell, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Cantrell, a member of Bergman 4-H Club, showed the Grand Champion Female, Junior Division, of the Angus show in the Northwest Arkansas District Fair at Harrison in September. The same heifer was the Grand Champion heifer calf in the Open Division. Laura showed the Grand Champion Heifer, Junior, in 1964; Grand Champion Bull, Junior, in 1965 and Reserve Champion Bull, Junior, in 1966.

Congratulations to Clell Deakins, Boone County area foreman, who received his 25-year service award at the October Commission Meeting.

Our wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to Danny Wilson, who had surgery at the Boone County Hospital. Danny is the 12-year-old son of Jay Frank Wilson, Boone County truck driver.

Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Davis enjoyed a trip to Des Moines, Iowa and a visit with their son, John, and his family.

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Holtby vacationed with relatives and friends in Oklahoma and Kansas in October.

Pete Redman, shop foreman spent an enjoyable vacation squirrel hunting and resting.

Frank Rose, stock clerk, accompanied several friends to Nebraska for a few days of pheasant hunting. How about some pictures, Frank??

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Theo Walker who passed away October 26, 1967 at Berryville. Theo was employed as a motor patrol operator in Carroll County for 17-years and he will be missed by all of his friends and co-workers.



## DISTRICT



### Isabelle Psalmonds

Those receiving service awards in October were Ivie Justus, engineering aide II, who works out of the Walnut Ridge resident engineer's office, 15-years; Carl T. Willis, truck driver, Paragould; Carl U. Williams, engineering aide IIB, Jonesboro resident engineer's office; Paul Nokes, crew leader, Blytheville, 10-years. Congratulations.

We have several people on the sick list: Charles Hesselbein, job superintendent, and J. C. "Babe" Pillow, Greene County area foreman, are both in the hospital. Charlie mashed a thumb and it became infected and he had to go to the hospital for removal of the thumb nail. "Babe" had a cyst removed from his back - both have been pretty sick. Hurry and get well, fellows. Rex Hall, job superintendent slipped and fell on a plow while working his garden one Saturday not long ago, cracking a rib and scraping his side. He has been on the job, but he says his side is still quite painful.

Raymond Hamilton, mechanic I at Paragould, has had surgery, but is back on the job now. Glad to have you back, Raymond.

Our sincere sympathy to Claude Parton, resident engineer at Jonesboro, and his family. Claude's brother died on October 15 at Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Sam Smith, District Engineer, attended the AASHO Convention in Salt Lake City. He said they had a good convention and a good time. Mr. Smith came back a day early in order to meet with the Arkansas Governmental Efficiency Commission at Paragould.

John Sanders, district maintenance superintendent, attended the World Series in St. Louis and enjoyed the games immensely.



Welcome to Jo Ann Carlile. Jo Ann is receptionist and radio operator. She is a native of Paragould, is married and has one son, Chris, who is five years old and in kindergarten. Her husband Don is employed by Kelly's Supermarket in Paragould.

Our sympathy is extended to Jackie Hopkins in the loss of her mother.



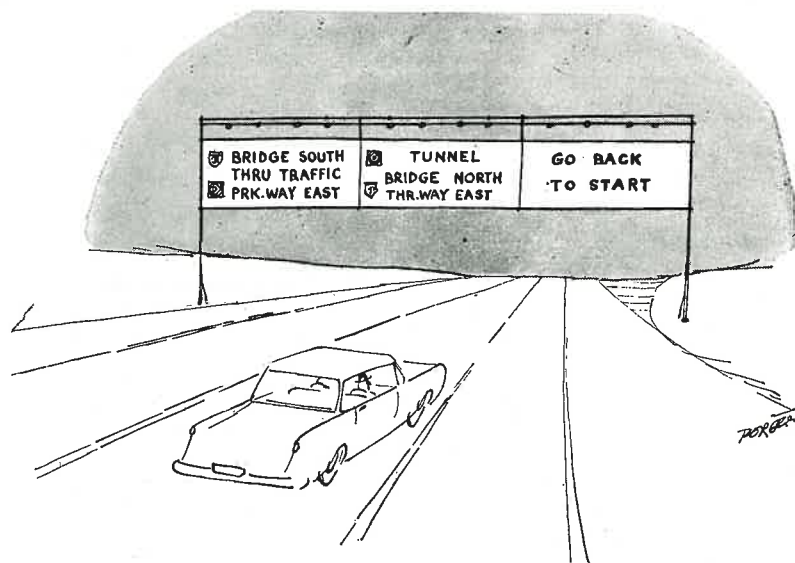
## LETTERS



Rachel Simmons of Reproduction receives a 10-year certificate and pin from Henry Vopel, head of the section. Cake and punch in honor of the occasion were a complete surprise to her.

### A SOBERING STROLL

Drunken driving is recognized as a chronic safety problem. But it isn't a problem unique to the United States by any means. The usual penalty for drunk driving, here and elsewhere, is a short residency in the local jail and possible loss of a driving license. But in Turkey the authorities have a more imaginative approach. They load the drunken motorist into a police car, chauffeur him to a spot 15 miles away and let him walk back to his car. This method assures that the drunken motorist will have unpleasant memories of his arrest. And it also assures that, after a three or four-hour hike, he'll be good and sober by the time he gets back behind the wheel of his car.



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Dear Sir:

We understand that an article entitled "Hydroplaning - What is it?" By Mr. B. K. Cooper was published in Arkansas Highways, Vol. 15, No. 8, August 1967, pp. 9 & 10. If available we would appreciate a copy of it.

Please mail reply to the attention of D-8 Research. Thank you in advance for your assistance on the above matter.

Very truly yours,

D. C. Greer  
State Highway Engineer

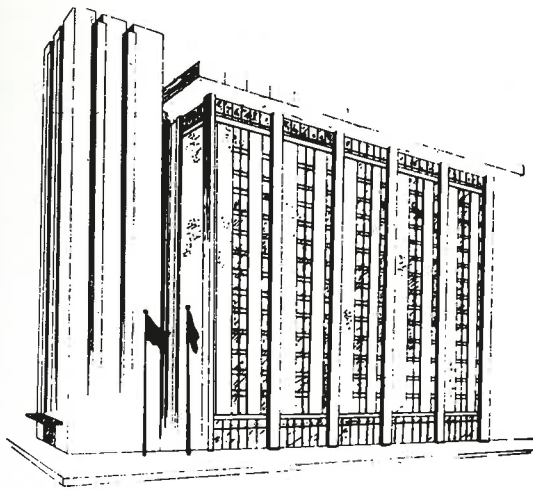
By: T. S. Huff, Chief Engineer  
of Highway Design

### HIGHWAY HAS ELK FENCE

A section of Interstate 90 in the State of Washington has an unusual feature - some 4.5 miles of fence on either side of the route sufficiently high to prevent a large herd of elk which roams the adjacent hills from wandering onto the highway.

### A.H.D. EMPLOYEES PLEDGE \$3,115.20 TO UNITED FUND

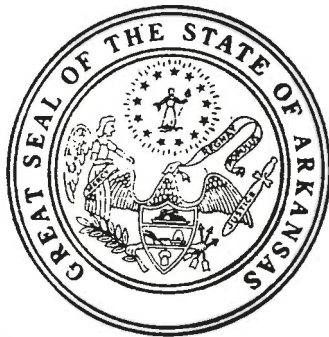
The Highway Department's campaign for the 1967-68 United Fund of Pulaski County has been completed, with 390 employees pledging \$3,115.25. There were 13 Fair Share contributors and a number of others who came near to pledging a Fair Share. This year's contributions were considerably higher than last year's total pledge of \$2,485.00. Fifty-seven more employees pledged this year than last.



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A nomad returned to the desert after a trip to America. As he unpacked his treasures friends gathered around to ask what had most impressed him in the Western world.

"Was it the tall buildings?" asked a friend  
 "No," said the nomad, as he unpacked his shoes.  
 "Was it the wealth of America?" asked another.  
 "No," said the nomad, unpacking his robes.  
 "Well," they asked in unison, "what did impress you the most?"  
 "The American salesman," said the nomad, as he released an outboard motor from its wrappings and looked sadly over the bone dry desert.

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Today people are leaving no footprints in the sands of time — just skidmarks.

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There were these two hunters who went bear-hunting in the north woods. They came to swampy ground and there, plain as could be, tracks to see which direction the toe-nails were pointing, one hunter said to the other: "You go ahead and see where he went. I'll go back and see where he came from."

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Boss to employee: "I'd like to pay you what you're worth, Jackson, but the minimum wage law has teeth in it."

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Ginny: "What do you give a man who has everything?"  
 Jenny: "Encouragement, dear — encouragement."

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In Africa, the natives practice the strange custom of beating the ground with clubs and uttering wild, blood-curdling yells. Anthropologists call this a form of primitive self-expression. However, in America we have another name for it — golf.

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The minister called at the Jones' home one Sunday afternoon, and little Willie answered the bell.

"Pa ain't home," he announced. "He went over to the golf club."  
 The minister's brow darkened, and Willie hastened to explain:  
 "Oh, he ain't gonna play any golf. Not on Sunday. He just went over for a few highballs and a little stud poker."

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Standing in a crowded street car, a rather buxom woman was vainly trying to find a token for carfare. All her pockets had been tightly buttoned as a precaution against pickpockets, and no little commotion resulted.

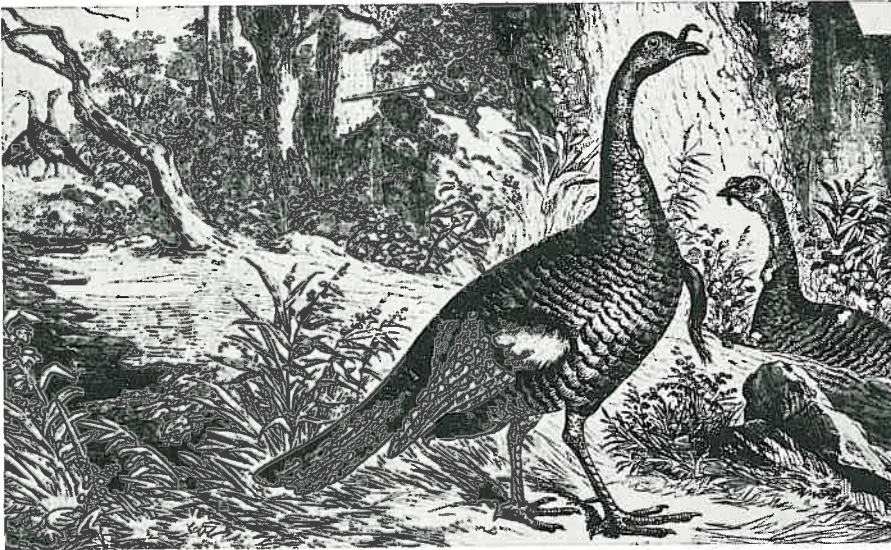
"Please, madam, let me pay your fare," said a man beside her.  
 "No indeed," she replied, continuing the search. "I've got the fare here some place."  
 "I'm sure of it, lady," said the man, "but I'd like to pay your fare. You've unbuttoned my suspenders three times already."

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## TALKING TURKEY



... Wild Turkeys were vital to the survival of certain American Indian Tribes who used thousands of birds, not only for food, but also for clothing and weapon construction. Spurs from the wild bird were used to make arrow points while the brilliant-hued feathers were both for arrow construction and rich ceremonial dress.

Did you know that . . .

... there are only two existing species of turkeys: the North American Wild Turkey from which all domestic breeds are descended and the Yucatan Turkey which has never been domesticated?

... young turkeys, called poults, can go without food or water for the first 24 to 72

hours of life? They are nourished by the yolk of the egg which they have absorbed before hatching.

... young turkens, or churkeys, are not crosses between turkeys and chickens as the names imply but are actually a large breed of chickens with naked head and neck.

... turkeys were not named for the country of Turkey? Hernando Cortez in his conquest of Mexico, mistook the turkey for a peacock. When it was sent back to Spain, the Spaniards, who still connected the New World with India, called the bird "toka," the word for peacock in the Tamil language of India. This word was later converted to "tukki" and subsequently to "turkey."

... early American turkeys were wild, wiry birds? They were tough and sinewy because they had to fly to survive . . . and it took many hours of careful cooking and attention to make the meat tender enough to eat.

... after it was introduced in Europe in the 16th Century, the turkey was called "one of the most beautiful presents which the New World has made to the Old".

... domestic turkeys now raised in the United States came from wild American ancestors, but only after they had been taken to Europe and then reintroduced by early New England settlers? Time, cross-breeding and science have considerably changed turkeys. Today's bird is a far cry from the wild turkey who gobbled in Aztec dooryards or strutted for the Pilgrims in Massachusetts.

... the highest price paid for a champion turkey—so far as known— was for a 15-pound bird who sold for \$95.00 per pound—a total of \$1,425.00!

*Cover:* Turkey hunting is a sure harbinger of autumn in Arkansas. There is a month of bow hunting in October and three days' gun season.