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A portion of the Memphis skyline is seen through two of the eight main channel piers.

I - 40

Bridge At Memphis

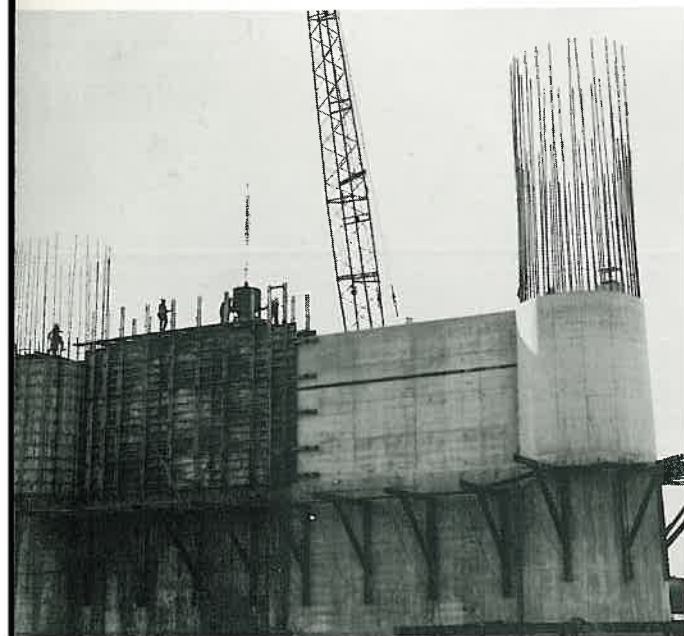
Progress is slowly but surely being made on the mammoth project of I-40 bridge construction across the Mississippi at Memphis. All eight of the main channel piers, except one, are now complete or under construction. Massman Construction Co. of Kansas City, Mo. and Al Johnson Construction Co. of Minneapolis, Minn. are the builders. Contracts for the superstructure and west bank approach structures have already been let. Supervision of the entire bridge project is being handled by the Tennessee Highway Department.



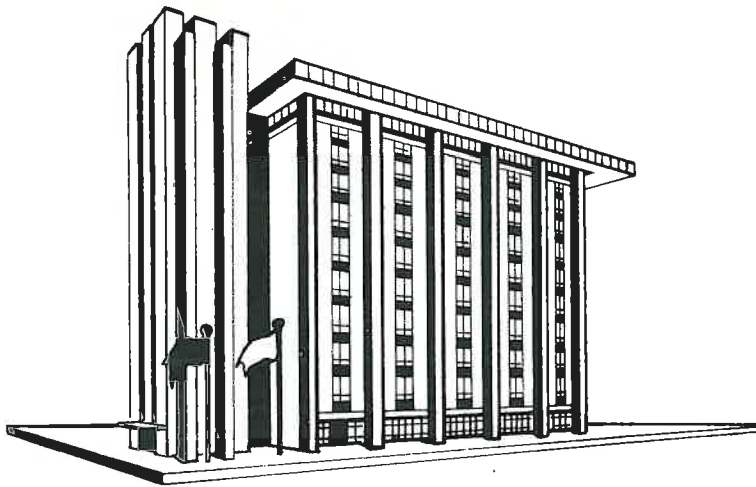
Main column reinforcing steel is woven into spiral cages before being dropped into the pier forms. After the steel is set in place, concrete is poured around it to form the columns on each end of the pier.



"Buckets" of concrete are barged out to a pier under construction.



It takes many buckets of concrete like the one being emptied into the form. Each massive pier requires about 7,800 cu. yds.



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FRONT COVER

The Mablevale interchange on I-30 as seen from the top floor of the main highway building south of Little Rock.

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I. C. T. STUDENT-EMPLOYEES



R. L. Ross, second from left, and T. R. Gray, second from right, are seniors at Metropolitan High School who have been part-time employees at the Department during the 1969-70 school year, sponsored by the Industrial Cooperative Training Program. Recently they presented certificates of appreciation from themselves and their school to their supervisors, Leroy Beckett, left, Ross' supervisor, and Fred Pulliam, right, Gray's supervisor.

ST. CHARLES BRIDGE DISCUSSED



Members of the Highway Commission, Department administrative officials, the DeWitt Chamber of Commerce, Rep. Wilbur Mills and representatives of the Fish and Wildlife Service met at St. Charles on Friday, April 3 to discuss the possibility and feasibility of constructing a bridge across White River there. The Highway Department has requested the Fish and Wildlife Service to share in the estimated \$7 million construction cost. The meeting was sponsored by the DeWitt Chamber of Commerce. A free ferry is operated at the site by the Highway Department but service has to be suspended during flood seasons.

BREAKAWAY SIGN PREVENTS SERIOUS ACCIDENT

ONE SUPPORT of the large sign in the photograph gave way at the base when struck by an auto that left the roadway of Interstate 540 at Van Buren recently. The lady driver and her young son were not injured and the auto was not seriously damaged. If the sign support had not been the breakaway type, the accident would almost surely have been much more serious.

The point of impact was at the front of the left rear door. The driver was then able to regain control of the car as it traveled an additional 196 feet and stopped without overturning. It is evident that the breakaway action of the post caused the accident to be much less serious than it would have been otherwise. Res. Engr. M. C. Peevy submitted the picture.



Breakaway support is designed to give way at the base (arrow) when struck a forceful blow.

THREE COMPLETE 25 YEARS, RECOGNIZED BY COMMISSION

THREE EMPLOYEES completed 25 years' service with the Department in March and were recognized by the Highway Commission at their meeting in Little Rock on March 25. The certificates were presented by Commissioner John Harsh of Magnolia.



LEO AUNSPAUGH is the White County area foreman. He was born and has lived all his life in the county. He farmed before coming to the Department as a truck driver. Since then he has worked as a patrol operator and crew leader before promotion to his present position.

He has been married to the former Sallie Free of Searcy more than 45 years. They have five children. Aunspaugh likes to hunt and fish in his spare time.

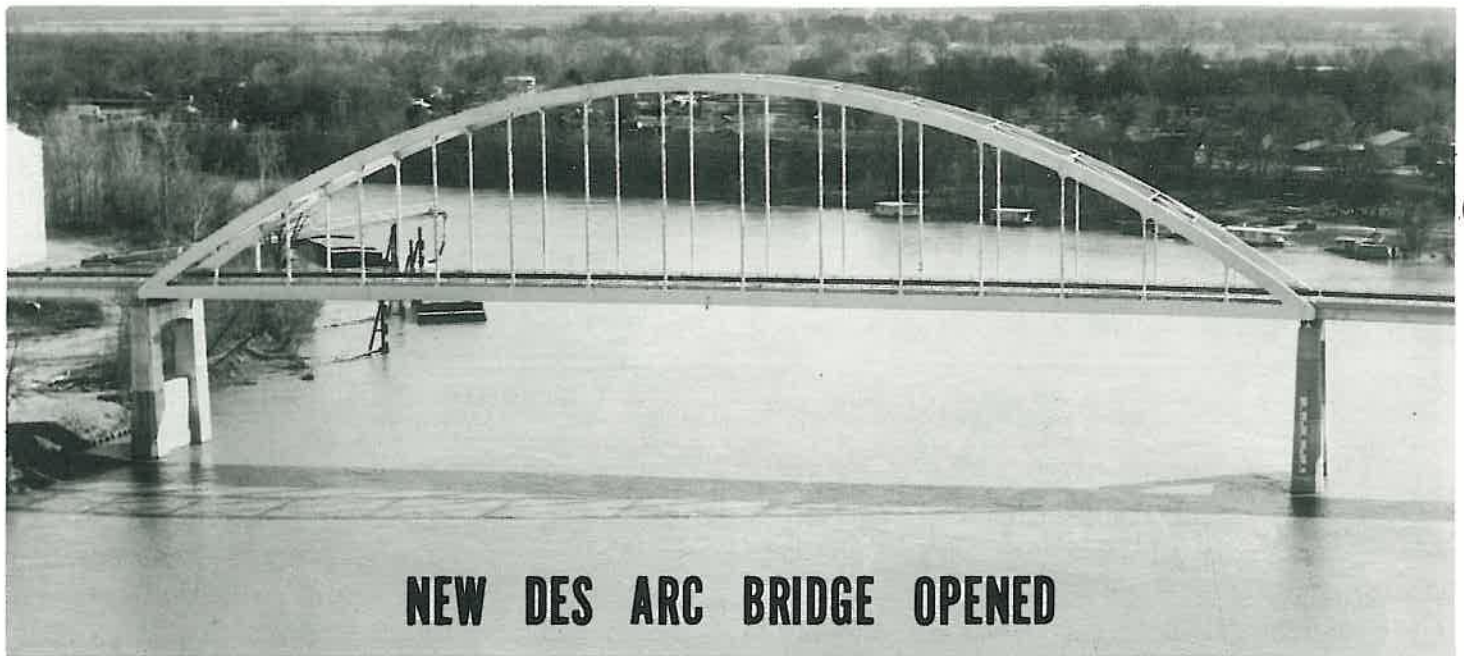


JAMES C. WINGFIELD was born in Logan County where he is now the area foreman. He started work as a truck driver in 1929 at 15 cents an hour! His service was interrupted on several occasions during the ensuing years when highway funds were scarce. His outside interest is raising horses and Hereford cattle.

Wingfield is chairman of the Official Board and Sunday school superintendant of the United Methodist Church in Magazine where he and Mrs. Wingfield, the former Vera McCormak, live. They have one son and one daughter.



EMMITT F. GILBREATH from Ozark is a mower operator who takes great pride in keeping the rights-of-way in his area in prime condition. He was a farmer before employment at the Department as a laborer in 1945. He is a member of Corinth Baptist Church where he serves as a deacon and Sunday school teacher. In addition to his job as a mower operator, Gilbreath raises horses and cattle. He is married to the former Montie Keith of Webb City. They have one daughter.



NEW DES ARC BRIDGE OPENED

Several hundred Des Arc area citizens, Chamber of Commerce members, Rep. John Bethell, Highway Commissioners and Department officials walked through a mist of rain to the official opening of the new Highway 38 bridge over White River at Des Arc on Wednesday, March 18. Walked, that is, the length of the bridge from the east end to the west end where Rep. Bethell cut a ribbon stretched across the portal. As the scissors snipped the ribbon, schoolchildren dismissed for the occasion cheered lustily. Many of them have had to cross the creaking old suspension bridge just downstream on the way to and from school each day.

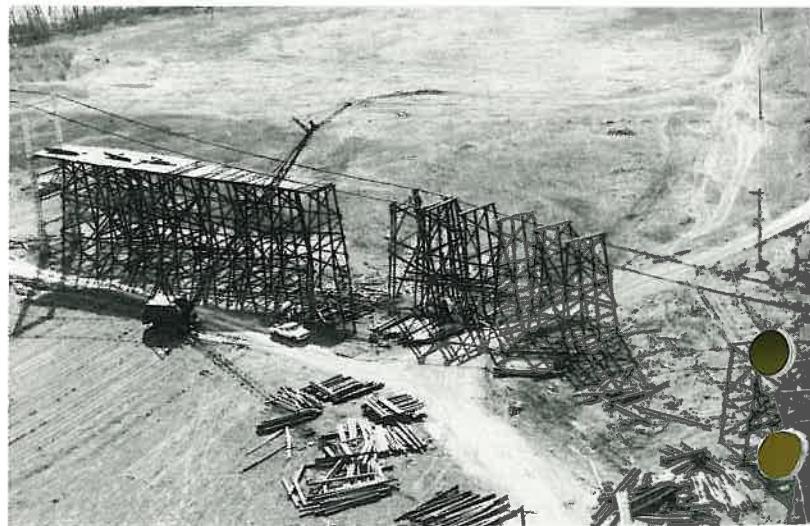
Commission Chairman Truman Baker and Rep. Bethell made the dedicatory addresses. Other Highway officials present included Commissioners John Harsh, Maurice Smith, Lawrence Blackwell, Director Ward Goodman, Asst. Dir. Henry Gray, Asst. Const. Engrs. Norman Pumphrey and Charles Mitchell, District 6 Engr. David Moore and James Gee, the resident engineer for the project. The Chamber of Commerce hosted a catfish luncheon for visiting dignitaries after the dedication.

Since the swinging bridge was finished and opened to traffic 52 years ago this month, crossing it has been an exciting experience to the adventurous, but a harrowing and frustrating one to those more timid. One resident described a trip across the bridge's wooden deck as sounding like ". . . a stampede of wild mustangs." It gave the sensation of riding the surf, especially if riding in an auto following a truck.

The old structure is being dismantled despite efforts of the *Des Arc Journal* to stir interest in its preservation. It is the longest suspension bridge ever built in Arkansas. The structure, although rising 90 feet above the water, is a hazard to navigation, says the Coast Guard, and the City Council said the cost of upkeep and liability insurance would be prohibitive. The new bridge is thirty feet wide, compared to the 15-foot width of the old bridge.

W. L. Sharpe Contracting Co. of Memphis and U. S. Steel Corporation built the new bridge at a cost of approximately \$2.4 million. Approaches to the bridge have eliminated the hairpin curves of the former route.

The old bridge comes down.





Left to right, Commissioners Lawrence Blackwell, John Harsh, Maurice Smith and Truman Baker hold the ribbon while Rep. John Bethell snips it to officially open the bridge.



Left to right, Director Ward Goodman and Commissioners Baker and Smith discuss Des Arc's asset in the new bridge.

Below left: Dist. 7 Engr. David Moore, left, and James Gee, the resident engineer on the bridge project.

Below right: Part of the dedication crowd.





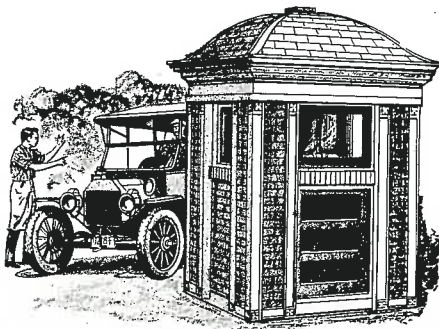
There
and Everywhere

WHERE AND WHEN WAS THE FIRST GASOLINE STATION BUILT? In Adrian, Mich. in 1915, says the Automobile Manufacturers Association. Not so, says the Charleston (S. C.) Oil Company, who contends that their company built the first station featuring a glass tank so that motorists could see just how much gas was being delivered to their cars. An executive of the Charleston Company says that his company built a station in 1911 and installed a 15-gallon glass tank with visible gauges in 1912. The colorful Adrian station had only a five-gallon tank.

Presently, there are over 2,500 service stations in Arkansas, ranging all the way from the ultramodern service center with hard-surfaced expansive aprons beautified by real or artificial plants, and a huge skyhigh sign telling whose station it is, down to the familiar rural grocery store with gas pumps out front.

MOTOR MILESTONES

FIRST VISIBLE GASOLINE STATION IN THE UNITED STATES WAS BUILT IN ADRIAN, MICHIGAN, IN 1915. PREVIOUS STATIONS USED UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS. THE NEW STATION FEATURED A GLASS TANK SO THAT MOTORISTS COULD SEE JUST HOW MUCH GAS WAS BEING DELIVERED TO THEIR CARS.



THE COLORFUL BUILDING HAD WINDOWS ON THREE SIDES WITH THE FIVE GALLON GASOLINE TANK STANDING IN THE CENTER. ILLUMINATION WAS BY A SINGLE LIGHT. TO SET THE TREND FOR MODERN STATIONS, OIL AND AIR ALSO WERE DISPENSED.

Automobile Manufacturers Association

The Adrian station.



The Charleston station.

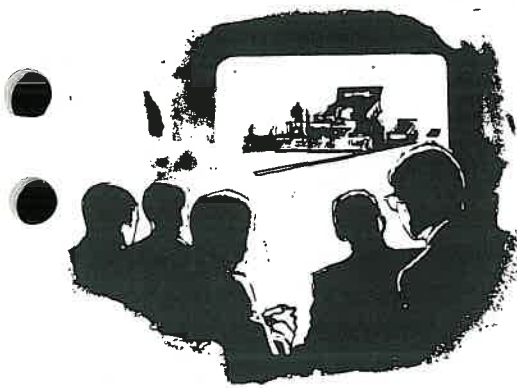
THE STATE OF WASHINGTON has made hitchhiking against the law. The offense carries a maximum \$250 fine or 90 days in jail.

THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY SAFETY BUREAU HAS BEEN SEPARATED FROM THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION. Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe said the transfer of NHTSB will allow greater emphasis on highway and automobile safety relating to the vehicle and driver.

BIRD SANCTUARY ESTABLISHED IN HIGHWAY MEDIAN. The New York State Department of Transportation has set aside a strip of median a mile long and up to 1,000 feet at its widest point in the swamp land of Tioga County for a bird sanctuary and thousands of ducks and birds are quietly resting there, unmindful of the traffic whizzing by on the fourlane highway. The area is enclosed by a stock fence. Highway officials built a path and pedestrian underpass leading to the sanctuary so that motorists can easily view the area. A large number of swamp plants have been preserved, enhancing the environs of the wildlife area as a natural habitat.

MOTORIST SPENDS MORE ON PARKING THAN FOR HIGHWAY TAXES. The average American motorist spends 11.9 cents a mile to own and operate an automobile. Of that amount, 1.8 cents goes for garage, parking and toll fees; 1.4 cents goes for state, Federal and local taxes.

MULTIPLE USE CONCEPT OF HIGHWAY PLANNING IS BOON TO INDIANS. An embankment on Highway 63 near Parmelee, S. D. was designed and built to dam a creek running through Sioux reservation. A 60-acre lake was created and the Indians on Rosebud Reservation are greatly enjoying fishing, swimming and canoeing there. They have named it Eagle Feather Lake.



17th HIGHWAY FILM IS RELEASED

The 17th public relations film produced by the Highway Department has been released and is now being shown to various schools, civic and service organizations. This year's movie, entitled, "*Your Investment - Arkansas Roads*", is a colorful, fresh and fast-moving production which commands the attention of the viewer from beginning to end. The 25-minute film opens with a multiple screen effect, where several scenes over the state pop on the screen in rapid sequence.

Highway Director Ward Goodman introduces the film and talks about contracts let, work finished and construction underway. The revenue sequence, always a part of the annual Highway film but usually near the end, has been moved up this year to near the beginning.

Some of the most interesting scenes included in the production are of Austin Barr's collection of live steam engines at Whitehall in Poinsett County, the Weiderkehr Wine Festival, the Dollarway rest area at the height of the crimson clover blooming season, the Razorbacks' astroturf, the old Des Arc bridge now being dismantled, the new Pine Bluff Civic Center, the Remington Arms plant at Lonoke, and the unusual footwork of a flagman on the job. All the footage in the film is made by staff photographer Johnnie M. Gray.

Any group interested in requesting the film should write Mrs. Mary Herndon, Arkansas Highway Department, P. O. Box 2261, Little Rock, 72203. A staff member and projection equipment are furnished as a service by the Department when requested.

FIRST CROSS COUNTRY AUTO TRIP TOOK 63 DAYS.

A prominent Burlington, Vt. surgeon and chauffeur left San Francisco on May 23, 1903 and started east in a 20-horsepower Winston touring car. Sixty three days later they arrived in New York City, having averaged a bit more than 90 miles a day.

REFLECTIONS FROM THE '60 ISSUES

(Continued from March issue)

May, 1967 — Personnel Officer Dale W. Davison was tragically killed in an auto collision on Sunday, May 14. He was enroute home after having met his son-in-law at the airport. The son-in-law, who was seriously injured, was arriving for a surprise visit with his wife after a tour of duty in Vietnam. Planning and Research, died of a coronary occlusion shortly after arriving for work the morning of November 30. He had been with the Department almost 40 years.

February, 1968 — Dist. 7 Engr. Coy Campbell and his personnel moved into their new headquarters building approximately four miles south of Camden on U. S. 79.

May, 1968 — Both the area headquarters building and equipment parked in the yard at Greenwood were severely damaged by a vicious tornado which virtually demolished the town on Friday, April 19. The entire south side of the sheet metal building was torn away and virtually every beam in the building was bent. Two gravel trucks were damaged so heavily they were declared total losses.

June, 1968 — An almost-continuous two week deluge of rain in mid-May forced rivers and streams out of their banks and washed out bridges, causing approximately \$705,000. in damage to roads and highways.

December, 1968 — The Highway Department established a Photogrammetry Section as an arm of the Surveys Division. Photogrammetry is a method of making roadway surveys by aerial photography. Roger Taylor is in charge of the section.

January, 1969 — The two remaining sections of I-40 between Little Rock and Memphis were opened on December 14 and December 20, making it possible to drive all the way from Conway through Little Rock, West Memphis, Blytheville and across the Missouri line on a four-lane divided highway without having to stop for a single traffic light.

May, 1969 — Two sections, Traffic Engineering of Planning and Research and Traffic Services of Maintenance, were combined to form a new division called the Traffic Division. Otha Hewitt was named Division chief and J. D. Barnett as assistant chief.

June, 1969 — Former general counsel Neill Bohlinger died June 5. He served as attorney for the Department intermittently beginning in 1934 but in 1957 the position of general counsel was created for him. He also served at length as parliamentarian of the state House of Representatives.

September, 1969 — The District 1 headquarters at Wynne was formally dedicated.

October, 1969 — Opening of a 16.9 mile section of I-40 from Menifee to the Conway-Faulkner county line completed a 225-mile continuous length of the total 284.69 miles of that route.

October, 1969 — The District 9 headquarters at Harrison was dedicated on Monday, October 6 even though threatening weather forced several hundred people attending inside for the ribbon cutting.

VAN PATTEN IS R.O.W. MAN OF THE YEAR



ALTON VAN PATTEN, chief of the Utilities Section of the Right of Way Division, has been chosen Man of the Year by the Arkansas Chapter of the American Right of Way Association. The national organization was formed in 1946 to gain recognition for right of way and land acquisition work as a profession. Last year when the Arkansas

chapter was formed and chartered, it was Van Patten who contributed more time and effort than any other one person toward unifying the various right of way people in the state into an organized group. He served on the first two nominating committees and on the by-laws committee. It was largely because of his efforts in getting the Arkansas chapter organized that he was unanimously voted Man of the Year.

Van Patten went to work for the Department in the Utilities Section in 1960 and a year later was promoted to chief of the section. He is in charge of all utility relocation agreements, utility service agreements, joint use agreements, utility permits and highway/utility liaison for the State of Arkansas. He has participated in numerous conferences, panel discussions and seminars, made speeches and presented papers to related industries and organizations, as well as the Department's annual resident engineer's conference. He has also participated in conferences in Kansas City and Fort Worth in connection with modifications and issuance of the new federal policy and procedures on the adjustment and accommodation of utilities. He has done extensive work on preparation of comments and suggestions for changes in the Federal Utility Accommodation PPM 30-4.1 and on the new AASHO *Guide for the Accommodation of Utilities on Highway Rights of Way*. Van Patten was one of four AASHO representatives who met as a committee with the Industry Committee representing the American Right of Way Association last year to work out a final draft of the *Guide*. He drafted the present Highway Commission *Policy on the Accommodation and Adjustment of Utilities*, and has served on the committee which is drafting proposed State legislation pertaining to utility use of highway right of way. Van Patten was the committee spokesman when the proposed legislation was presented to the Legislative Council.

OBITUARIES

CARL RAY MAJURE

Carl Ray Majure of West Helena, died Thursday, March 5 of an apparent sudden heart attack at the age of 44. Majure was born in Phillips County and lived his lifetime in and around Poplar Grove and West Helena. He had worked for the Department for over 13 years, beginning as a rodman in 1956 and working up to his present position of Construction Inspector II in the West Helena residency.

Survivors include two sisters, Miss Louise Majure of Helena, and Mrs. Cecile Reed of Teaneck, N. J., and one brother, Robert Majure of Kansas City, Kans.

Funeral services were held March 8 at Citizens Funeral Chapel in West Helena with burial in Sunset Memorial Park.

LOMAN BALDWIN

Loman Baldwin, equipment operator in District One, died Saturday, March 28, at the Cross County Hospital in Wynne. He had been a patient in the hospital for several days prior to his death, and it was thought that his condition had improved enough to be able to move him home the day he died.

He was born at Tilton, Ark., and had lived most of his 55 years in the Cross County area. He came to work for the Department in May of 1958 and had been on the District-wide bridge crew for approximately two years.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lula Belle Martin Baldwin; two sons, Billy of California, and Don of Wynne; two daughters, Mrs. Peggy Sheppard of Oklahoma, and Mrs. Brenda Epps, Wynne; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Baldwin; two brothers, Audie Baldwin of California, and Felix of Wynne; one sister, Miss Myrtle Baldwin, Wynne, and six grandchildren. Services were held March 30 at Kernodle Funeral Home in Wynne with burial in McElroy Cemetery west of Wynne.

DEWEY HICKS

Dewey Hicks, an employee for almost 18 years, died at his home in Lake Village on March 27. He was 71 and had been retired since 1964.

Funeral services were held March 29 in First Baptist Church with interment in the Lake Village cemetery.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Clara Hicks; four sons, Grady and Homer of Lake Village, Alvie, Mid Island, Fla. and John of Eudora; one daughter, Mrs. Carolyn Smith, South Haven, Miss.; three brothers, Enoch and Douglas of Altheimer and Johnnie of Pine Bluff; four sisters, Mrs. Annie Allen and Mrs. Ollie Poole of Reydel; Mrs. Eva Dobbs, Altheimer, and Mrs. Raido Albritton of Pine Bluff; and 15 grandchildren.

Highway Dames Meet, Hold Fashion Show



Models for the show were left to right, Bobbie Chapman, Betty Hutchison, Mary Beth Gray, Mada Vandenberg, Adele Mattox, Bobbie Pumphrey, Nadine Head and Bobbie Moore.

THE HIGHWAY DAMES met for their monthly meeting on March 19. The meeting was a fashion show-luncheon held in the AP&L auditorium. The Bamboo House, 7301 Base Line Road, furnished the apparel, which included the latest creations in day-time, after-five, evening, sports and lounging wear. The theme of the show was "A Spring Fling."

The Dames' May meeting will be their annual spring picnic, at which time the officers for the 1970-71 season will be installed. The picnic will be held May 21 in Burns Park.



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- 1 - Maxine Kizer very capably handled the narration.
- 2 - Mary Beth Gray in navy and white.
- 3 - Betty Hutchison's pants outfit was orchid.
- 4 - The most eye-catching costume was a white crepe evening pants suit with flared legs. The rhinestone-trimmed tunic was designed to wear with the pants . . .
- 5 - . . . or without. It was modeled by Bobbie Moore.
- 6 - Bobbie Chapman's dark hair was an attractive contrast for this American Beauty rose evening gown with draped skirt and rhinestone trim.



The ladies on the 10th floor of the main building got together for lunch on March 13 to say goodbye to Sharon Jobe of the Traffic Division and Denise McCool of the E. E. O. office. Both are expecting visits from Sir Stork this summer. Denise was persuaded to stay until the end of the month to show Sheila Blankenship the ropes. Sheila transferred from Right of Way. Sharon's husband has been transferred to Hot Springs and they will soon be moving there.



Denise McCool (seated) with friends, left to right: Barbara Oldham, Sheila Blankenship, Bennie Robbins and Betty Claude.

Virginia Williams of Internal Audit recently visited her sister and family in Memphis to see their new home. She said it was one of those just-right weekends, full of fun and activity, and she enjoyed it tremendously.

Denise was also treated to lunch by another group of ladies on the fifth floor prior to her leaving.

Former Personnel and Accounting employee Marie Hartley and her husband have their second little boy. He arrived March 11 and already Marie has been by the office visiting with him.

Personnel retiree Jimmy Zinn was in the building visiting April 3. Slipped off from his wife while she was downtown shopping, he said. It's always good to see Jimmy's bright and shining countenance, and he never looks one day older. How do you do it, Jimmy?

Roadway Design reporter Willie Whitmire has been limping to and from work like an old man. Hurt his back bowling- he says. Incidentally we caught Willie holding his two prize possessions a few days ago, and snapped his picture.



Willie Whitmire with Lynn, 3 months, and Jay, 3 years.

Would you believe that little mini-skirted blonde in Personnel is a grand-

mother? She is! Phyllis Womack's daughter Dodie and her husband Terry Barnes became the parents of Michael Todd on March 5.

It was good to have Shirley Morton from the Harrison headquarters and Helen Baxter from the Springdale office down for the day on March 25. They came to see Maint. Supvr. John Box and Melvin Montgomery receive their public relations commissions from the Highway Commission upon the occasion of their retirement. It was the first time they had seen the new headquarters complex and we were glad they could be here.

The ladies on the fourth floor of the main building honored Rose Clingan of Accounting with a potluck luncheon and baby shower on April 7. The food was good and she received many lovely and useful gifts. Accounting retiree Margaret Allen came out to join the group. It was good to see her.



Rose Clingan

Jack Taylor is a new employee in Records and Reproduction. He is a native of Bainbridge, Ga. and graduated from high school there but finished up four years of duty with the Air Force out at Little Rock Air Force Base, met and married an Arkansas girl, Phyllis Evans, and decided to become an Arkie. He is attending UALR as a night student. We are glad to have you, Jack. That's one more fan for the Razorbacks, so be practicing Woo-Pig, Soovie before September 6.



Jack Taylor

Diane Feimster, who has been one of our employees for two summers already and will be again after school is out, has announced her engagement to be married August 29 to Ronald Rhodes of Cherry Valley. Diane is a junior at the University of Arkansas, where she is a business education major. Her fiance is also a junior, majoring in electrical engineering. They will be married in Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church.

Kathey Gault of Final Estimates Section will be married to Leroy (Tiger) McLain in June. The ladies on the ninth floor gave her a surprise luncheon-shower (and it was a genuine surprise! — on April 3. She received a host of pretty and useful gifts.



Kathey at the moment she walked into the room and realized that everyone was waiting for her arrival. Barbara Oldham is in the foreground and Judy Lawrence is at Kathey's left.

Heavy Bridge Maint. Foreman John Gipson, right, has completed 20 years' service. Bridge Maint. Engr. John Hall presented him a certificate one day recently on the job.



John Hall presents certificate to Gipson

Betty Wiggins of P & R won the singles event in the 29th annual woman's city bowling tournament which was concluded March 22 at Park Plaza Lanes in Little Rock. She won her division with a pin total of 681, nosing out her closest competition by only one pin! Whew, that's not much margin! *MWA*



Guess who? One clue — he is a Highway employee. Now you should be able to make the identification right away!



GOLF TOURNAMENT IN MAY

The 3rd Annual Highway Department Invitational Golf Tournament will get under way on May 9 and extend through the end of May. Play will be conducted on an individual medal play basis with established handicaps. Participants will play 72 holes at the golf course of their choice anytime during the month. However, players will need to be accompanied on the rounds by a participant in the tournament.

Scores from last year's tournament will be used to determine handicaps. Entrants playing in the tournament for the first time may establish their handicaps by

playing four qualifying rounds prior to May 1. The qualifying rounds may also be played on the course of the player's choice, so long as he is accompanied by another tournament participant. All Highway Department employees, including players in the district offices, and their sponsored invited guests are eligible and encouraged to enter. Entrance fee is \$2.00.

John Vandenberg of Planning and Research is heading up this year's tourney. Entrance fees, handicap scores and scores of tournament play should be turned in to him at P&R, telephone LO 9-2426.



BRIDGE DESIGN

by Willie Whitmire

We welcome two new engineers to our Division. Both Bill Smith and Jerry Virden were formerly structural engineers with the Corps, and both are graduates of the University of Arkansas' engineering school.

Bill is a member of the Hot Springs Chapter of NSPE and a member of Calvary Baptist Church of Benton, where he and his family (wife Patricia, son Kevin, 6, and daughter Tamara, 3) live. Bill's hobbies are hunting, fishing and water sports.

Jerry is a member of ASCE. He is a native of Atkins and attended Arkansas Tech for two years before going to the University. He and his wife Jackie have a 1½ year old son, George Douglas. Would you believe that Jerry's hobbies are hunting, fishing and camping? Neither of these fellows would be true engineers if these were not their hobbies. Right? We hope they will enjoy being with all of us in Bridge Design.



Bill Smith, left, and Jerry Virden.

We are so happy to report that L. P. Carlson, former Bridge Engineer of our Division, is now at home recuperating from surgery. In fact, if you saw him you would not think he had even been in the hospital. So glad to know he is getting along nicely, and will look forward to his first visit back with us when he is able.



CONSTRUCTION

by John C. Helgen

On Wednesday, March 18 Asst. Cons. Engrs. Charles Mitchell and Norman Pumphrey, Gary Haydon, an engineer-in-training, and I went to the ribbon cutting ceremonies at Des Arc when the new White River bridge was opened. After the ceremonies we all attended a catfish dinner put on by the Chamber of Commerce at the new Administration Building. A wonderful time was had by all, to say the least, and we thank all the good people in Des Arc for such a wonderful time.

Of course I may be prejudiced toward that fair city, since I got a good wife from there who still claims it to be her "good ole home town." Mr. Mitchell is a good chauffeur but when it comes to navigating, you just can't beat Mr. Pumphrey. I tried to introduce these engineers to a few of the townspeople, but once out of Prairie County I was lost. Seriously, we all enjoyed the day and had a grand time.

Asst. Const. Engr. H. H. Perkins took a little vacation March 16-20 but spent most of his time remodeling and paneling the den of his home. Not much vacation, but still a change of pace from the regular office routine.

Doyle Carson is the proud owner of a new 1970 Torino station wagon. On a recent day he took Lucy D., Margaret W. and I for a ride and guess where it went - straight to the Candy Land store west of the Highway building. He has a right to be proud of his new automobile. It's very nice, but being a Chevy man, I'm still not convinced, ha.



LEGAL DIVISION

by Kathleen Green

We welcome Carrol Copeland who joined the Legal Division on March 16. She resides at 3621 Pine Cone Drive with her husband and son.

Virginia Tackett and Ethyl Harrison were honored at a party on February 13 to celebrate receiving their service pins and certificates. Virginia received her 15 year pin and Ethyl received a five year pin. Chief Counsel Tom Keys presented them. We were all pleased to have Director Goodman attend the presentations.



Virginia Tackett



Ethyl Harrison

Annette Youtz left us on March 13. She and her husband, Phillip, have moved to Rolla, Mo. to make their home. She was honored at a party on March 5 and presented a charm in the shape of Arkansas with her resignation date engraved on it, and an overnight bag. We wish Annette and Phillip much success and happiness in their new home.



Annette routs out the tiny charm gift hidden away in overnight bag.

At the same occasion the Legal Division also presented a wedding gift of crystal zodiac ash trays to Lee and Barbara Allen, who were recently married. Our best wishes to both of them.



Mr. and Mrs. Lee Allen

Helen Hackett is home from the hospital and doing fine after surgery on March 6. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope to have her back with us real soon.

Congratulations to Thomas B. Keys, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Keys, and Miss Barbara Elaine Vaughn who were married on March 21 in First Baptist Church at Hot Springs, Ark.

NINTH FLOOR WEST

by Marie D. Wano

We were invaded by the bugs - flu and virus. Pete Daggett of the Assistant Chief Engineer's Office was ill for two weeks and spent part of that time in the hospital. I'm glad to report he is back and working as usual.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Mary Rowland of Hub Holland's office is engaged to Gary Morrow of Benton. The wedding is set for June 5 at Sharon Mission Baptist Church of Benton. Mary and Gary plan to live in Benton.

Six engineering graduates participating in the Department's orientation program are progressively visiting each Division. We have enjoyed meeting and working with Garland V. Land and Garrett L. "Bill" Bosley of Alexander, Joe C. Dougherty of Benton, Gary L. Hayden and Mickey Reese of Little Rock, and Charles E. Sherwood of DeWitt.

Bill Spradlin's son, Bill, Jr., has been

accepted in the U. S. Public Health Service. His official title will be senior sanitary engineer, with headquarters in Kansas City. His wife, Karen, will teach in the K. C. School System.

Via the grapevine we hear that Charles Walther is very versatile - He works with Bob Andrews in the Lutheran School activities; sings in the church choir; likes fishing and boats; and dabbles with wood-working as a hobby. At one time he made unusual fishing flies and was quite good at it.

Marvin Staton took three days off from work to paint his house while resting!

Mrs. Sadie B. Dougan, mother of your reporter, is in Memorial Hospital in North Little Rock with some crushed vertebrae and multiple contusions and abrasions sustained when her car slipped out of gear March 28 as she was taking some packages from it. It dragged her down an incline at her residence. Since she is the good age of 72, this will only slow her down for the convalescent period. I know her many friends wish her well.



PLANNING & RESEARCH

by Janet Billingsley

Dodson Leonard celebrated his birthday March 6, and says he is the same age as claimed by Jack Benny.

There are conflicting reports concerning a trip which Wilbert Chapman and Larry Johnson recently made to New Orleans for what they said was "official business." Wilbert said the weather was just fine, but Larry reportedly said he almost got hit by a hurricane!

Speaking of the weather - how is the weather in California, Bonnie? Can't wait till you return so we can hear all about your trip.

E. O. and Inez Woodward celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary on March 16. Mr. Woodward works with our road inventory crew. Congratulations and may the next 32 be as happy as the last. Leroy Beckett and his family are visiting their daughter who is stationed with the Air Force in Pensacola, Fla.

Charles and Mignon Frazier have moved into a new home at 6804 Mabelvale

Pike. They also have a new member of the family, Diane Bush Frazier, their second daughter, was born March 24.

Troyce and Arthur Wilson are driving a new Oldsmobile. How do you like your blue Delta 88, Troyce?

I heard that Buddy Lewter has ordered June a new car - a Grand Prix even!

Mayo White invited the girls in his office and their families to his home to see the slides he took while on a visit to the Panama Canal Zone. Everyone had a great time and the food Mrs. White served was delicious.

Joe Chamblee, one of our road inventory men, entered one of our finest institutions on March 16. He and Miss Ruby Weeks were married in Baugh Chapel Baptist Church at Ward, Ark. Parsac gave Joe and his new bride a lovely towel set.

PROCUREMENT

by Liz Jacobs

Our news this month is both good and wonderful, and tragic. Ah... the magic of Spring-time... how it changes people, places and things. My little flower bed that I spent so many, many hours on last spring is now rewarding me with its fast-growing irises, tulips and violets. If they all bloom as anticipated, I will be the happiest mortal in the state! for, not having a green thumb, and I confess complete ignorance of the processes of nature, it seems like, and I guess it is, a miracle that these precious things can come from soil that once held nothing but rocks and ants. I did two things to help this come about; I watered them faithfully and did a lot of praying while on my knees weeding out the tares. God did the rest.

One of our tragedies is the loss of Tommie Ellis to Accounting. I would be inclined to be bitter to that Department except that they issue those nice little checks to us, and I am afraid they might forget to include mine next payday. I will warn them, however, they had better treat her right for we're not above stealing her back.

We are lucky, though, to replace Tommie with a pretty young married lass named Rita Kay Hart. Her husband Lloyd

is employed with Teletype Corporation and they have a lovely little baby girl, nine months old. We will be showing her off to you magazine readers before too long. The Harts live nearby in the Mabelvale area. Welcome, Rita! Best of luck to you in your new job.

Another tragedy with a happy ending was an accident which happened to Bernie Cox's little 6-year-old grandson Chris on March 14. Chris ran out in front of a car in his hometown of Broken Arrow, Okla., sustaining a mild brain concussion and contusions. Fortunately, he made a rather remarkable recovery and was back home from the hospital in two days. His first comment when he looked into the mirror at his still-swollen, burised face, was: "Mom, none of the boys will play with me now, I'm so ugly." But, happily, he is now back playing with the boys, and I imagine is the center of attention.

Before this magazine is published Bernie will be a grandpa again - for the fifth time! Do you believe that? I didn't. I can say one thing sincerely - those grandkids have a fine granddad and one who loves them very much.

Two more victims of the "manhour"-grabbing flu were Lewis Wade and Lewis Warren. We missed them terribly but saved-all their work for them till they got back (our way of saying "You're needed around here and were missed"). Aren't we nice? They thought so.

Joyce Lee had a nice two-day vacation visiting with friends at Hot Springs. Said she couldn't get up enough nerve to go to the races. If she's like me, she has to work too hard for her money to buy hay, anyway.

Next month we are going to have the most stupendous news about Norma Hawk and we might even have a picture of this little beauty for all you oglers!

Ted DeVice's in-laws visited him and Carol recently while enroute from Puerto Rico to California, where they will make their new home. That is still a long way from Arkansas.

Patsy Jane Downing, nee Navens, is having a family reunion over the Easter holidays. Relatives are coming from out of state to join in on the get-together. Patsy is still just one of the sweetest brides I have ever seen. She blooms prettier every day, doesn't she, Eulin?

Frank Caple took a half-day holiday and wisely went to the track, where he brought back a huge sum of money (from a two-year-old's viewpoint) - \$3 more than he left with! That is bragging, though, to come out that well.

Glenda McIntyre, our black-eyed girl who weighs 99 pounds soaking wet, has really had a terrific time these windy days when leaving the building. She has a secret way of staying anchored to the ground - she fills her purse with huge rocks and hangs on tight. There are many among us who wish we had such a problem.

See you next month! Happy Easter, and good luck in finding the eggs.



Administrative Section

by Linda Trogden

A baby shower was given for Donna Barbee at Kay Jones' house and all the Right of Way girls were invited. This being her first baby, everything she got was needed and appreciated. It was a lot of fun getting together that night.

Nathan "Bronson" Garrett has bought a motorcycle. The weather hasn't been much for cyclers lately but here's hoping we will see summer before long.

Retha Griffin is an aunt again. Her brother is the proud father of son, John Charles Henry.

Engineering Section

by Janice Hartman

Glendol Jackson is one of two persons who were chosen as "Scouters of the Year" in Saline County. The recognition was for work done at the District and Council level, however, Glendol says the part of Scouting which he enjoys most is working with boys at the local troop level. He was presented a trophy at a Saline District Appreciation banquet. He also holds the National Training Award.

Larry Shelton is a new employee who started work in our Section on March 16. He is 19 years old, single, and his hobby is archery. Larry is from Poplar Bluff, Mo., where he attended Three Rivers City Col-

lege for two years. He now lives in North Little Rock.



Larry Shelton

Ellen Gross is now home and doing fine after three days' hospitalization for minor surgery. While there, the nurses had trouble finding a place for all the lovely flowers sent her. She returned home to find new carpeting in her bedroom and a darling little Siamese kitten, which she has named Tom. There's proof that going to the hospital is not all bad!

I am very proud of Fred! He's learning to sit up and fetch his chew-bar. Oh! I guess I should explain that I am talking about my four-month-old poodle - not Fred Williams!

Vic Winchell's wife Sue had to be rushed to the hospital for a partially collapsed lung caused from running down the stairs too fast. So, watch out, all you exercise fiends! By the way, Sue is all right now.

Acquisition and Relocation Sections

By Phyllis Erwin

On March 23, Bud Witter of Acquisition was presented his five-year certificate by Head of Acquisition J. C. Merritt. Refreshments were served and congratulations were extended to Bud.



Bud Witter (right) and J. C. Merritt

We are still waiting for better weather to come along. Our activities are quite limited as of now. Perhaps we will be more cheerrful whenever our income tax re-fund checks come in (that is, those who were fortunate enough to get one).

Easter, despite the foul weather, was enjoyed by all. Now is the time we will be eating egg salad sandwiches, sliced boiled eggs or anything they will go on.

TRAFFIC DIVISION

by *Joan Niehaus*

Traffic Division had a couple of personnel changes in March. Ken Bynum left March 13 to accept the position of assistant traffic engineer for the City of Little Rock. Congratulations, Ken.

Sharon Jobe left us, also on March 13, to await the stork. The tenth floor ladies and some of her other friends, including Jean Ellis from Materials & Tests, and Polly Cloud and Margaret Harris from Planning & Research, gave her a baby shower at noon of the 13th. She received a diaper bag and gown. The shower was a duel one which also honored Denise McCool, who resigned April 1. Denise received a gown and baby book.

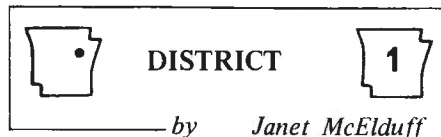
A brand new employee, Bobbie Ellis, came to take Sharon's place on March 16. She has a little 6-year-old daughter, Lorie Ann. Bobbie is a graduate of Mabelvale High School. Her favorite sports are swimming and skiing. Welcome to our little Division, Bobbie. We are glad to have you.



Bobbie Ellis

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Headrick in the loss of Mrs.

Headrick's father, John W. Newman, on March 21.



Spring is trying hard to come forth and I believe everyone is more than ready! It'll be good to welcome the hot days of summer. Our neighbors across U. S. 64 have moved a herd of young Shetland ponies into pasture land right in front of our office and you've never been entertained if you haven't watched the antics of Shetlands. Come on over while the weather is snappy and watch them play — as engrossed as we all are in our work, it is hard to resist just completely stopping and watching sometimes! Sometimes, just, I say!

District One employees wish to express their sincere sympathy to M. J. Jordon and his daughters in the loss of their wife and mother; to B. J. Hale in the loss of his son, Murrell, and to Tom Fiser in the loss of his father, T. A. Fiser.

We welcome Harold McGuire back to the construction office in Wynne. He has recently returned from four years' military service.

Congratulations are in order to W. F. Barnes and D. R. McFadden for five years' service with AHD, and to Gazola Halbert and E. S. Rodgers for 15 years.



Pat Russell, Jr.

This handsome feller is Junior Russell, age 21 months, and if you don't think he is some feller, you ought to see him in person! His daddy is Pat Russell, one of

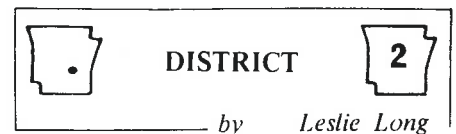
our District mechanics, and there is no need to say how very proud Pat is of this youngster. Junior has two big sisters who think he is pretty special, too.

J. R. (Buck) Wilkins and Flora Andrews were married January 30 in Wynne. They are residing at 208 Alabama. Buck is Cross County area foreman.



Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins, center, and Mrs. Wilkins' son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Andrews.

I just checked to be sure it rained today, and we've just had another shower, so the ponies are really putting on a performance . . . yaw'l come!



My apologies to DeQuince Lewis whom I mentioned last month as hunting in the group at the Rison Hunting Club. Then I had not received the report that he had killed a 4-point buck the first season and a spike the second season. Some good hunting!

Shannie Crain, Jr. of Rison High School was named to the 5A All-District basketball team during a recent district tournament. His father is a laborer at the headquarters shop.



Shannie Crain (right with basketball).

Phillip Ashcraft has gone to Fort Jackson, S. C., where he will take basic training. He is the son of Leroy Ashcraft, a truck driver with the Cleveland County crew.

Certificate of Safety Awards for calendar year 1969 were presented to Job Supts. Elbert Martin, Virgil L. Green and Joe C. Hays, Area Foremen Glen Jacks of Lincoln Co. and Artis S. Price of Cleveland Co., Crew Leader Aubry M. Murphy and Res. Engrs. L. K. Howell, George Karnes and Kenneth Tyler. We congratulate these supervisors and crews, and we are hopeful that the list will be much larger next year. You are urged to be safety conscious in all your work.

Five-year certificates and pins were awarded to Douglas L. Berry, equipment operator in Drew County, and John P. McCallister, equipment operator in Jefferson Co. John McCallister has returned to the hospital and we will continue to hope for a speedy recovery for him.

Mrs. Will Wright (he is our Payroll clerk) recently was the recipient of two honors. She was voted "Woman of the Year" by Arkansas Epsilon Chapter of Phi Alpha Sorority on the basis of having contributed the most to the chapter during the past year. Mrs. Wright has also been recognized by the Pine Bluff Arsenal where she is a 27-year employee in the Comptroller's office. The recognition was for outstanding performance in her duty as a payroll clerk.



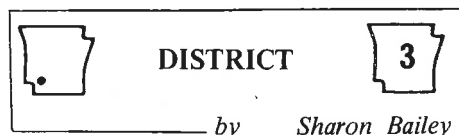
Mrs. Will Wright



Mrs. Sandra Chavis

Mrs. Sandra E. Chavis, daughter-in-law of our Mrs. Selma Chavis, has been selected as one of 10 finalists among outstanding teachers in the Houston (Texas) Independent School District and has received a certificate of recognition from the Houston Jaycees. Sandra teaches 8th and 9th grade English and is chairman of the English Department at Pershing Junior High School. She received her B. A. degree from Harding College in Searcy and a M. E. at Memphis State University. Her husband is completing work for a doctor's degree in optometry.

We extend our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. John Hollis and other family members in the loss of their son, Sgt. Charles R. Baggett, who was recently killed in action in Vietnam. John is the bridge superintendent for District 2. Sgt. Baggett was killed when a truck in which he was riding struck a land mine.



Congratulations to Jodie Waddle on reaching 15 years with the Department and to Morris Turner for 20 years.

We were pleased to award Certificates of Safety to the following men and their crews. Res. Engrs. Gayle Gunn, Andy McDonnell and John Shaw; Hermit Vestal of Spring Bank Ferry; Clovis Tittle, district shop foreman; John William Barham, sign foreman; and Ruel Staggs, Sevier County foreman. Keep up the good work.

Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garner on the arrival of Charles Ronald, Jr. on February 23. He is the

Garner's second child.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Jones became the parents of a little girl, Ronda Rene, March 21. Ronda is their first child.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Brown announce the arrival of their second son, Woodrow, Jr. on February 28. He weighed 11 pounds and ½ ounce!

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rushing announce the marriage of their daughter, Jewel Ann, to David Douglas Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Carter of Texarkana. The wedding was an event of March 1 at Calvary Baptist Church in Texarkana with the Rev. Boone officiating. Miss Rushing attended Hope High and Spring Hill High. The groom has been in the Navy stationed at Key West, Fla. The couple is now residing in Charleston, S. C. James W. Rushing is in our district-wide mowing crew.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Townsend announce the marriage of their daughter, Barbara Faye, to Bobby Marsh of Whitney, Tex. The vows were spoken on February 20 at the home of Jay Chandler, minister of the Tarrant Road Church of Christ of Grand Prairie, Tex. Barbara is a graduate of Spring Hill High. Bobby graduated from Whitney High and is now employed by W. M. Smith Electric Co. in Dallas, but will soon be transferred to Houston. Granvel Townsend works out of our Lewisville area headquarters.

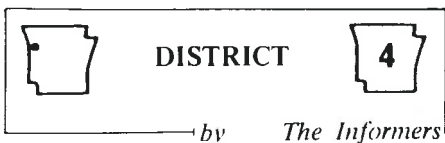
Herbert Paris' wife, Eula, recently graduated from the Vocational Training School in Forrest City where she obtained some of the highest grade averages made. She is now a licensed practical nurse and is employed by Hempstead Memorial Hospital in Hope. Some of you will remember Eula as a Highway Department employee for nine years in the West Memphis area. Herbert is working out of John Shaw's residency in Hope.



Eula Paris

Vinie Mae Holt, our fuel clerk, bowled in the Womens State Bowling Tournament held in Fayetteville during February. She and her partner, Zelma Misenheimer, came in 11th in the doubles and won \$50.00. Vinie Mae also won \$10.00 for her single games.

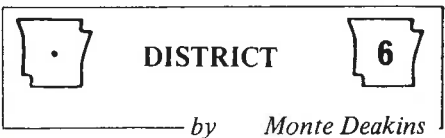
Last, but certainly not least, our men's bowling team, which consists of John Tallant, Charles Webb, Dub Beck, William Tyler and John Shaw, came in fourth in the Emmet Bowling Tournament held recently. Clovis Tittle is also a member of the team but didn't bowl in the tournament. They are now holding the highest game, 1102, in their league and I'm really proud of them for that. Since I've watched them bowl though, there is something I have been wondering about. How did you guys do it? ???



Mr. & Mrs. Tom Trotter are the proud parents of a new daughter, Delores Annette Trotter, who was born Feb. 27. Her daddy is really proud of her and we see why. Tom is an equipment operator at the Fort Smith shop.



Delores Trotter



Spring is finally springing with a lot of talk about gardening and fishing.

A welcome back is in order for Lou Brians who has returned to work in the

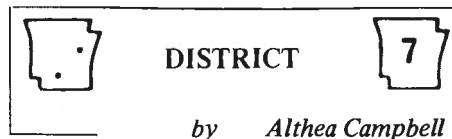
district office after an absence of about 6 years.



Lou Brians

Work is progressing nicely on the new Pulaski 2 Area Headquarters building. The compound (jail?) will also have facilities for the local Resident Engineer. We understand that a lot of tears (crocodile variety) will be shed when the move is finally completed.

Our sympathy to Maint. Supt. W. T. Jeter, on the loss of his mother. Mrs. Olevia Jeter, age 91, passed away at Mt. Ida on March 4.



Having turned the Spring corner and leaving Winter behind, we hear lots of wishes for the rains to cease and have a good "fishing weekend." Dist. Engr. Coy Campbell, Gerald Sneed with Materials & Tests, Insp. Buddy Beard and Engrng. Aide Loyd McMann chose the pleasant weekend of February 21 and returned with pictures to prove a large catch of 80 crappie, 40 catfish and 20 bass! taken from the Lake of the Pines in Texas. Buddy and his wife returned March 15 and reported a catch of 57 crappie.

Susan Burnham, daughter of Mrs. Harlan Burnham and the late Mr. Burnham, was wed to Ralph E. Faulkner on March 21 in the sanctuary of First Methodist Church of Camden. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cy Faulkner of El Dorado. The bride's gown was organza trimmed with Venise lace and styled with

a Victorian collar and bishop sleeves. A reception was held at Hotel Camden. Mrs. Faulkner is a graduate of the University of Arkansas (and is a member of the teaching faculty at Saint Paul. Mr. Faulkner is a graduate of Southern State College and is presently working toward a doctorate at the University of Arkansas) School of Law. The bride's mother, Sula Burnham, is the auditor in the Camden office.



Mrs. Ralph Faulkner

We have several new babies and grandbabies to report in our district. C. R. Hogue, Equip. Oper. II in Union County, and his wife announce the birth of Harold Renyard Hogue on February 10. Congratulations to the Hogues! Clifford Smith, equipment operator at Camden, and his wife Evelyn are proud of a new granddaughter, Shannon Leigh, born to Rachel and Jim Avant on March 23. Elwood and Althea Campbell, secretary, are also very proud of a new granddaughter born to daughter Barbara and Herbert Bennett of Cabot. Pamela Ann arrived February 4.

Some other employes' grandparents who are understandably pleased over adorable grandchildren are Stock Room Clerk Ralph Toward and Mamie. Eddie, 4, and Tina, 1½, are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Toward of Dallas. Tina Malynn Swafford, 2½, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Swafford of Hampton and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emon J. Gilbert. Emon is an equipment operator in Calhoun County. Mr.

and Mrs. E. J. Lindsey are the grandparents of 11-months-old Elizabeth Anne Mayo. E. J. is a maintenance supervisor. Elizabeth Anne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis J. Mayo of Shreveport.



Eddie and Tina Toward



Tina Malynn Swafford



Elizabeth Anne Mayo

Our three resident engineers, Bob Myers, Jim Williamson and Abby Hardy, held a four-week construction survey school at the district headquarters during February and March. Those attending were C. L. Baucum, J. A. Cheatham, J. D. Wynn and C. C. Sanders of Magnolia; J. W. Millican, B. G. Hatridge, Dallas Smith and Stanley C. Smith of El Dorado; and Charles Rampley, Dulane Adams, Jim Daily and Charles Vance of Camden. Asst. Const. Engr. Norman D. Pumphrey of the central headquarters Construction office also helped with the school.

Mrs. Jeanne Johnson, clerk for A. W. Hardy, was installed March 3 as a new member of Pilot International Club.

We are pleased to have Auditors Nelson Morgan and Hugh Murray working in District 7 this month.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Campbell's son David was selected as a member of the Camden Boys Club All-Star Basketball Team for 11-12-year-olds. We are proud of your accomplishment, David.

Homer Garrett, welder, retires in April after a little over 17 years with the Department. We wish you many happy years and hope you have pleasant memories in our shop; you will be greatly missed.

It is good to have E. C. Kitchens, Equip. Oper. II in Bradley County, back to work after a bout with pneumonia.

A. W. HARDY'S RESIDENCY

by Jeanne Johnson

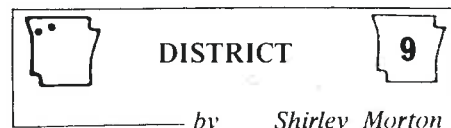
We have had three glorious days of welcome sunshine!!!!

Frank (Wayne) Chatham and wife Georgia attended the Jehovah's Witness Circuit Assembly held at Hot Springs' new convention auditorium recently.

Area Foreman Ray Rogers and wife Salita have been popping a few buttons with pride lately. They are the grandparents of Shanana Lea, born February 5. Her parents are Miller B. and Suzanne Lawless of Haynesville, La.

Want to see a million blackbirds? Then, drive to the Kroger parking lot in Magnolia about 5:30 p.m. - it's quite a sight!

You can always tell a bargain - it doesn't fit.



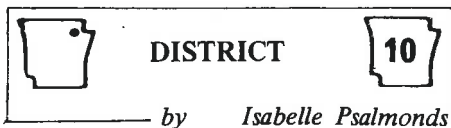
Patricia Jane Shelton of Deer and Donald Frank Rose of Omaha were married Friday, December 19, in a double ring ceremony in Deer Baptist Church. Connie Shelton was her sister's maid of honor. A reception followed in the church parsonage. Both are students at Arkansas Tech and Donald is also pastor of the Deer Baptist Church. Patricia is the daughter of Oscar Shelton, equipment operator in Newton County.

Pamela Jo Davis, granddaughter of Ora Robbins, nightwatchman, became the bride of Pete Lee Hanes in the United Methodist Church, Minneapolis, Kans. on February 21. The bride and groom are graduates of Minneapolis High School. She attended Cloud County Community College and he graduated from Salina Vo-Tech School. Their wedding trip was to their home in Millington, Tenn. where Pete is presently serving in the U. S. Navy.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. David Dodson on the arrival of Rocky Brian Dodson on March 7. This was a very happy event for the Dodson family, especially to little Jason, who was one year old on March 8. David is assistant sign man in District 9.

The Huntsville residency employees are fancying up their office with new floor tile and plan to panel the walls in the near future!

Huntsville Roadrunners Independent Basketball record for the past season; 26-5.



THANK YOU to all who sent in news and pictures this month. It makes a difference! Congratulations to Earnest F. Sorg, Equip. Oper. II in Randolph County, and Daniel L. Guymon, Equip. Oper. II in Mississippi County. Each received a 10 year service certificate and pin in March. Congratulations also to Lester Wycoff and his bridge crew and to Clifford Cook and the Randolph County crew for re-

ceiving the Certificate of Safety for 1969.

Res. Engr. Jim Garrett's wife had the misfortune to break her foot on March 19. Jim reports that she is now off crutches and learning to walk with the cast, though he says that she sometimes looks like a bull in a china shop. Margaret, we are sorry to hear of your misfortune and hope you will soon be as good as new. In the meantime, if Jim gets too smart, apply that cast where it will do the most good! The Garretts live in Osceola.

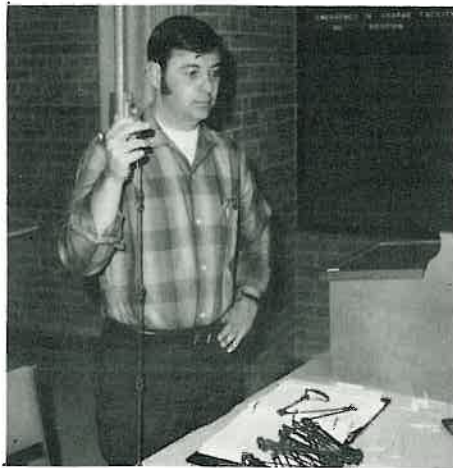
Survey Course Held

Res. Engr. Claude Parton of Jonesboro taught a Construction survey course to 11 men in District 10. Another, Don LeMay, began the course but had to drop out because of illness. Classes were held in the E. O. C. Room at the District headquarters and out in the field. An interesting aside to the school was the rumors generated by passersby who saw the men out in the field running surveys and setting stakes. The predictions about what the Highway Department was preparing to do in that section of the country ranged from new roads and bypasses, to widening and repairing. Human nature is quite humorous!

After completion of the course, the day of testing came. After working diligently on the test for four hours (the time allowed for completion), the boys asked the instructor if they could have additional time to begin the *second* problem! We trust all the men made passing grades, however . . . they worked hard and kept at it.



Employees who attended the school were, left to right, front row: Ivie Justus, Dick Hays, Jerry Wright, James Pounders, Wayne Wood and instructor Claude Parton. Back row: Richard Stuart, A. J. Blaylock, M. L. Darr, L. S. Wycoff, Jim Horton and Billy Montgomery.



Parton demonstrates a Gunther's chain.



Dist. Engr. Sam Smith, left, and Parton, right, watch Jerry Wright and Jim Horton turning angles.



Jim Horton giving a line with a transit.



Jonathan Robins at nine days.

Little Dianna McClung, 5, holds her new sister, Vickie, 10 days.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Brittingham announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Shelia to Freddie Ussery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Ussery all of Paragould. Both are 1969 graduates of Oak Grove High School. He is presently employed in Rochelle, Ill. The wedding is set for March 28. R. C. is an Equip. Oper. II at Paragould.

Judy Frazier, lovely daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Frazier, is an outstanding senior at Greene County Tech in Paragould, where she will graduate in June. Her accomplishments include secretary of the sophomore and junior classes, senior representative of the Student Council, member of FLBA for 3 years, Dramatics Club, 2 years, Pep Club, 4 years and Eagletts, 1 year. She was a member of the cast of the junior play, "Li'l Abner", and was queen of the senior class this year. After graduation Judy plans to attend Arkansas State University to major in business education. We wish for you the best of everything, Judy. Her father is an Equip. Oper. II at Paragould.



Judy Frazier

J. D. and Brenda Robins are the proud parents of Jonathan Mark, born February 28. He joins an older brother Jeffrey, 2. J. D. is a mower operator at Osceola.

Other proud parents are Johnny N. and Dianne McClung. Their newest is Vickie Lynn, who arrived March 13. Johnny is an Equip. Oper. II in Craighead County.



The stork was busy in Craighead County on March 13! On that same day he delivered a son to Mr. and Mrs. Charley E. Baxter. We don't know what they named the youngster but they are very happy with him. Congratulations to the Robin- ses, McClungs and Baxters.

And speaking of family additions, Radio Oper. JoAnn Carlile, Don and Chris have a newcomer — a honey-colored Chihuahua called Tinker. Chris is over-joyed and Jo Ann says Tinker just about rules the roost right now.

Shannon, daughter of Carl Williams, Const. Insp. I at Jonesboro, spent a week in the hospital at Jonesboro. We are glad to know she is now home and doing fine.

Gary South, Engrng. Aide IB at Jonesboro, has resigned for other employment. We wish you much success in your new venture, Gary.

Christmas is long past but new cars keep making their appearance on District 10's parking lot. Payroll Clerk Jackie Hopkins is driving a 1970 ivy yellow Torino, and Alfred White, service station attendant, has a new black and yellow LTD. They are beautiful and so-o sporty looking! Congratulations to both of you.

LAWRENCE COUNTY AREA HEADQUARTERS by Melvin Brown

Jeff Robins, our rest area attendant, and his wife are vacationing in Florida. Lucky people!

We are glad to have Paul Gatlin as a new patrol operator. Paul, who previously operated a dozer out of Paragould, replaced Eddie Smith who retired after more than 21 years of service with the Department.

Elbert Harris has already put his nets out and is catching quite a few fish, so they say. Speaking of fish, wonder who is going to have the next fish fry?

Ralph Lewis is recuperating from the stroke he suffered in December but he is still unable to get around. Ralph is now retired and Glendon Parker has taken his place as crew leader.

We also welcome Carl White to our crew. He replaced John Penn who retired in June of last year.

Jackie Rainwater's family has increased again . . . his bird dog had nine pups! Should be a lot of quail this year.

HE REALLY DID CATCH A BIG FISH !!!!



Siegler: "I know my fish was bigger than that."

Last July Richard Siegler of Roadway Design caught a 44 pound wahoo while deep-sea fishing off the coast of Florida. He paid a taxidermist there a sizeable fee to have the fish mounted, with the promise that he would receive it by mail about Christmas. However, Christmas came and went but no fish. Richard was not perturbed though, and kept saying: "My fish is going to be here soon and you'll see how big it is!"

Richard contacted the taxidermist, who promised the fish by New Year's, which also came and went, as did January, February and March. By this time quite a stream of correspondence had developed between a very patient Richard and the Florida firm. His faith that he would receive the fish remained unshaken, however his disappointment at the length of time consumed in its mounting was becoming apparent. He gamely met the joshing of his fellow workers with such logic as, he may have to wait until the runways could be extended at Adams Field, so that a plane large enough to transport his trophy could land . . .uh, huh, yeah, yeah.

But when eight months had gone by and the fish was still a "no shōw", Richard began to show signs of despairing that

he would ever receive it. The factor of cold, hard cash paid in advance for services as yet unreceived were not forgotten, either. So his associates got together to try to help out a very disappointed angler. On April 1 Bennie Robbins, secretary for the Division, came by Richard's drafting table and laid down a small -very small -package. It bore a Florida postal mark and looked authentic in every way, down to the cancellation marks, except for the size. Richard took one quick look at the package and looked up to find every eye in the room on him. He opened the package (only after considerable pressure from the group which quickly gathered round) and there, all neatly mounted and shel-lacked on a plaque, was a minnow! Underneath was scribed "40 pounds" but the pounds was marked through and "ounces" written under that. The ounces was also marked out and "milligrams" entered under that. Just goes to show what dirty tricks friends will resort to sometimes.

Theirs was a rollicking April Fool's prank but Richard doesn't care . . . he got the last laugh. His fish arrived at his home the next day, and so far, he has refused permission to any of the guys to see it!

Coming Events

- Apr. 25-May 31 – Dogpatch, U.S.A. open Saturdays and Sundays. Daily thereafter through October. Seven miles south of Harrison on Hwy. 7.
- May 1-3 – Arkansas Camping Show on Spring River just outside Hardy.
- May 1-3 – 8th annual Back-in-the-Hills Antique Show, War Eagle.
- May 1-3 – Ozarks Antique Show, War Eagle.
- May 2 – Pioneer Day, Melbourne.
- May 9 – Poultry Festival, Springdale.
- May 13-16 – Annual Flintrock Strawberry Festival, Marshall.
- May 15-17 – 5th annual Arts & Crafts Fair, Perryville.
- May 29-31 – Sidewalk Arts & Crafts Show, Eureka Springs.
- May 30 – Ozark Poultry Festival, Batesville.
- May 30 – “Arkansaw Traveller” Folk Theatre, open Tuesday and Saturday nights through Sept. 1, Saturday nights through end of September, 1 mile south of Hardy on U.S. 62-167.
- June 19-20 – Arts & Crafts Association Outdoor Fair, Baxter County Courthouse lawn, Mountain Home.
- June 19-21 – 6th annual Arts & Crafts Festival, Greenwood.
- July 1-4 – Rodeo of the Ozarks, Springdale.

Testimonial: “Your nerve remedy is wonderful! When I married, my husband found me so nervous he couldn’t sleep with me. Now, after only two bottles of your Drowsy-Drops, anyone can.”

Two foremen were comparing notes: “Do all the boys in your shop drop their tools the moment the whistle blows?” asked one.

“No, not at all,” replied the other. “The orderly ones have their tools put away long before that time.”

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Wife: “Frank, wake up! There’s a burglar in the kitchen and he’s eating the rest of that pie we had for dinner.”

Husband: “Go back to sleep! I’ll bury him in the morning.”

Nothing reminds a woman of all that needs to be done around the house like a husband who is trying to take it easy.

“Do you believe in clubs for women?” a friend asked W. C. Fields.

“Yes,” replied Fields, “if every other form of persuasion fails.”

The tall youngster, standing six feet ten inches, applied for a lifeguard’s job.

“Can you swim?” was the first question.

“No,” the boy replied, “but I can wade just about any place.”

Married men have two ages – when they want to be faithful and are not, and when they want to be unfaithful and cannot.

A farmer wrote a veterinarian for free advice: “I have a horse who sometimes walks normal and at other times has a decided limp. What should I do?”

The vet replied: “The next time he walks normal, sell him.”

As Will Rogers was being escorted on a tour of the Nebraska state capitol, he noted these words over the entrance: “The vigilance of the people is the salvation of the state.”

When asked how he would write it, he responded, “You gotta watch them guys or they’ll run away with the building.”

One of the best ways to make your old car run better is to learn the price of the latest model.

Wanting to borrow some money to make a six-month tour of Europe, a man went to the bank where he had done business for years. The bank refused the loan.

He went to another bank and obtained the loan without any difficulty. Then he bought a five-pound fish, had it wrapped, and put in his safe-deposit box at the first bank as he joyfully left town for six months.



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Where is it?



LAST MONTH'S WHERE IS IT? was the I-40 overpass of the CRI&P Railroad between Hazen and DeValls Bluff. It was identified by Al Gosnell of Bobby Joe Parker's residency, Maint. Engr. Bert Rownd, Roadway Designer Joe Hicks and John Helgen of the Construction office.