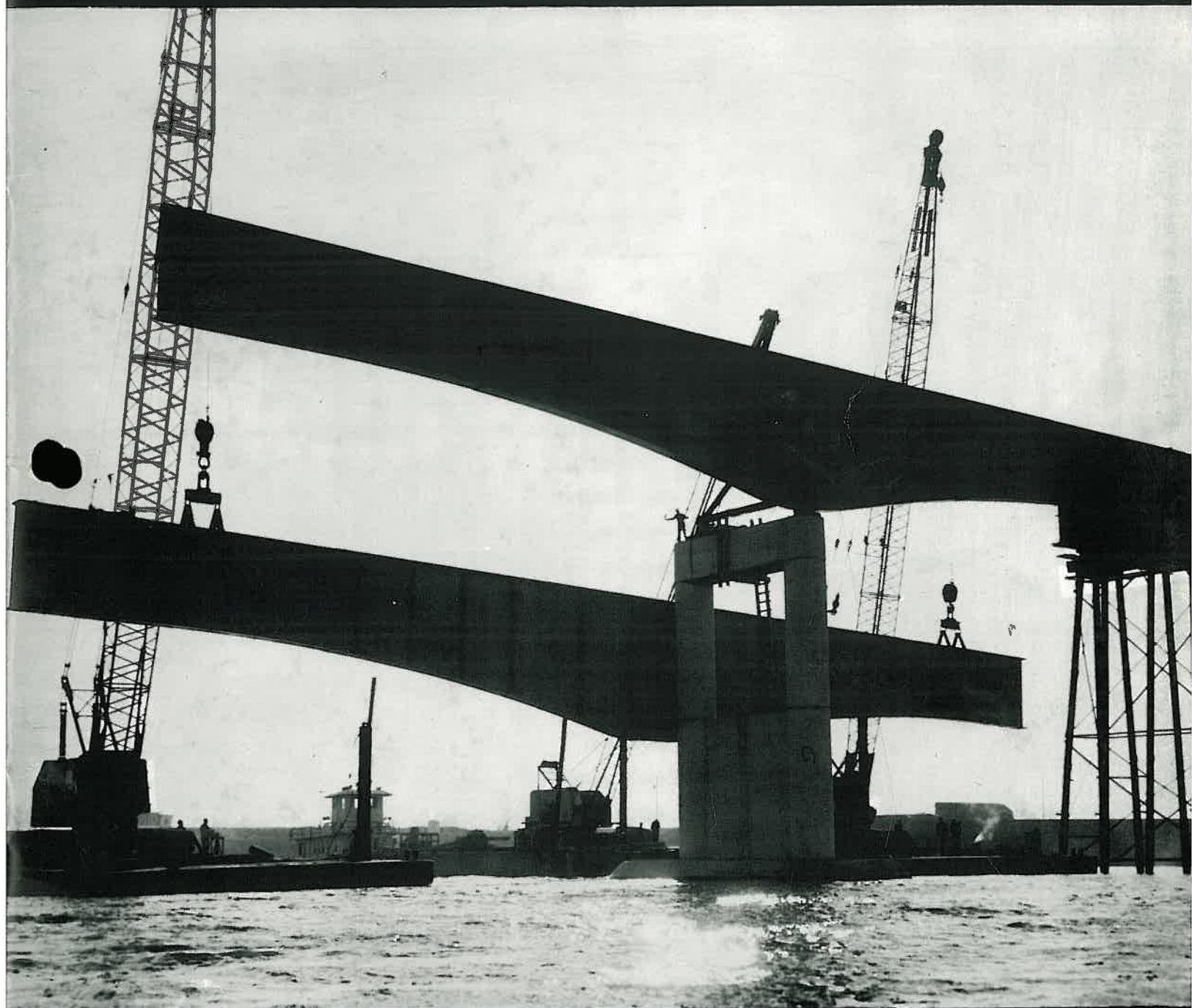


# ARKANSAS HIGHWAYS

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## AHC REQUESTS BOND PROPOSAL BE INCLUDED IN LEGISLATIVE CALL



*Commission Chairman Truman Baker reads formal request for bond proposal to news media during the Commission meeting January 28.*

The Arkansas Highway Commission has requested Governor Winthrop Rockefeller to include in the special session, which will begin March 2, a provision to issue highway bonds.

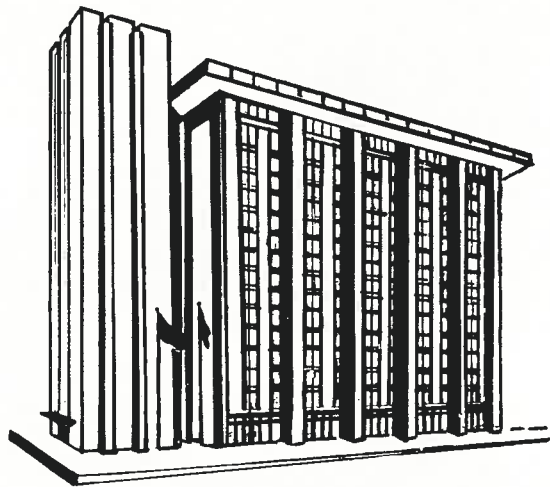
The Highway Commission believes that now is the time to turn to credit financing in terms of limited state obligation bonds to be paid out primarily by the \$7,175,000 which has been transferred annually from highway revenues to finance the 1941 Highway Road & Street Refunding Bonds. This simply means this revenue being freed by the 1941 Bond pledge can be used to finance an accelerated highway improvement program under a limited obligation bond issue out of present revenues *without* a tax increase. This is a construct-now and pay-later program for the construc-

tion and improvement of the many highway facilities necessary to serve the needs of the people and our industrial growth.

Governor Rockefeller has replied that he will include the bond provision in the call, provided the Highway Commission will list and name the highways to be built or improved under the proposed program.

Commission Chairman Truman Baker said that if the Governor agreed to include a bond provision in the special session, the Highway Commission would work up a list of our needs and present a program of improvements on a project by project basis.

This bond proposal must first be adopted by the General Assembly and then receive a favorable vote by the citizens of the State.



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Engineers have advanced many theories about why the pavement sometimes buckles or blows up under ordinary road use and many theories have been experimented with, nevertheless blow-ups do occasionally occur. Here patrol operator W. R. Willis moves out surface material loosened by summer college student employees Jerry Paul, Jerry Schmidt, Mike McNew, Steve Averitt (with back turned) and Mike Moore. Edgar Williams is in the right foreground. →

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Newly-appointed goodwill ambassador retirees are left to right, front row: A. G. Rives, Sr., L. P. Carlson, J. T. Pendergrass and Walker Haigh. Commissioners Lawrence Blackwell, Maurice Smith, Truman Baker Director Ward Goodman, and Commissioners John Harsh and J. C. Patterson stand behind them.

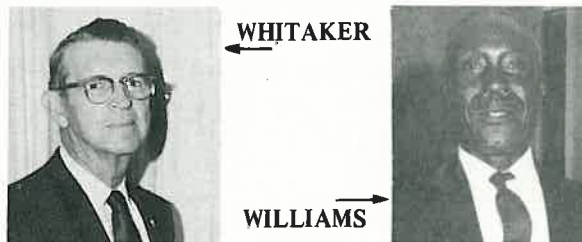
## C.E., 5 OTHER LONG - TIME EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED

### 200 YEARS' SERVICE ACCUMULATED

When Dist. Engr. Jewell Whitaker, Bridge Design Engr. L. P. Carlson and Bridge Designer Walker Haigh retired effective January 1, and Chief Engr. John Pendergrass, Asst. Surveys Div. Engr. A. G. Rives, Sr. and Maint. Repairman Willie Williams retired effective February 1, the event was noteworthy because the six of them had amassed 194 years of service to the Highway Department, an average of 32 years. Though Whitaker, Carlson and Haigh were already officially retired, they were requested to be present at the Highway Commission meeting on January 28 along with Pendergrass, Rives and Williams, to receive a goodwill ambassador's plaque presented by Commissioner John Harsh on behalf of the entire body.

Pendergrass' retirement terminated a twenty-four year career with the Department which first began in 1939. He had been chief engineer since January 1, 1967. He had also been a resident engineer, assistant materials and tests engineer and from 1958 to 1967, assistant chief engineer.

He holds a civil engineering degree from the University of Arkansas and is a registered professional engineer. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the National Society of Professional Engineers and a past president of the



Jewell C. Whitaker was unable to be present at the Commission meeting.

Willie Williams arrived late for the presentation of his certificate but he is a nonetheless proud recipient.

Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers. He had also served as chairman of the Department's Retirement Board.

### Noteworthy Naval Career

Pendergrass was commissioned in the Civil Engineering Corps of the U. S. Navy Reserve in February, 1942. He entered on active duty at that time and was made commanding officer of one of the first construction battalion detachments organized in World War II. When Lt. Pendergrass and his Seabee unit left the West Coast in 1942 to build air fields and naval bases on the South Pacific islands, some of the men were so new in the service, they didn't even have uniforms. Later he served as public works officer at the Naval Air Stations at Cape May, N. J. and St. Louis, Mo.

He retired in 1963 with the rank of captain, the first Naval Civil Engineering Corps officer in Arkansas to be promoted to that rank.

Pendergrass is a droll personality whose straight-face countenance is often thinly disguised because of a smile playing around the corners of his mouth. His comments about the

# COOPER NEW CHIEF ENGINEER

**B. K. Cooper**, one of the Department's two assistant chief engineers, has been promoted to the position of chief engineer. He began his career with the Department at the District 5 headquarters in Batesville, not far from his home town of Melbourne. Since then he has been a traffic engineer, assistant division head of Planning and Research and engineer of Roadway Design before promotion to assistant chief engineer in charge of planning and traffic.

Cooper attended Arkansas Tech in Russellville and received his civil engineering degree from the University of Arkansas, where he was named the outstanding civil engineering graduate. He earned a master's degree in civil engineering under a national fellowship at Purdue University. He is a member of The Arkansas and National Societies of Professional Engineers, the American Society of Civil Institute of Traffic Engineers, the American Society of Civil Engineers, Highway Research Board, the Little Rock South Kiwanis Club and other professional and civic organizations. He is vice chairman of the Board of Deacons of Second Baptist Church.



avy are typical of many Pendergrass witticisms; "The Navy is made up of only three categories - young duds, old fuds and Lt. Commanders."

He and Mrs. Pendergrass reside at 602 Miller Road in Sylvan Hills, North Little Rock and attend Sylvan Hills United Methodist Church, where he serves as a member of the Board of Stewards. The Pendergrasses have two children; a son, Dr. J. T. Pendergrass, Jr. of Los Angeles, and Mrs. William N. (Jane) Vail of Tucson, Ariz.

## Rives Sets Employment Record

A G. Rives, Sr. has set a new record of employment with the Department under the present retirement system - 43 years. Only four other employees, Walter E. Hicks, C. Don Hayes, Jack Teasdale, and Joe C. Webb have worked longer than 40 years. All of those four are now retired except Teasdale, who is an assistant division head in the Secondary Roads Division.

Rives began as a rodman with a survey crew. Some of his best location work was done in the mountains of North Arkansas, particularly the relocation of Highway 7 north of Dover which is credited with being one of the most beautiful highways in America, U. S. 65, the Fayetteville bypass and the proposed Harrison bypass. He is a registered professional engineer and a registered Arkansas land surveyor. He also holds the AASHO Twenty-Five Year Award of Merit.

Besides his own 43-year career, "Lanky", as he is known by many friends and associates, and Mrs. Rives have contributed

two sons to the furtherance of highway improvement. Both A. G., Jr. and Jimmy Rives are construction inspectors in District 8.

Jewell Whitaker also began his highway career as a rodman in 1929. During his 30 years of service he functioned in several capacities, and retired as District 9 engineer with headquarters at Harrison. He is a member of First Baptist Church of Harrison, a 32nd degree Mason with membership in the Scimitar Temple of Little Rock and the Ozark Shrine Club of Harrison. He was recently recognized for his dedication to community progress by Harrison officials at the dedication of the new headquarters building there.

L. P. Carlson spent his entire career in structural design, beginning first as a designer of railroad structures. But since 1927, "Collie" Carlson, a native of Essex, Iowa, has designed bridges for the state of Arkansas. He is a registered professional engineer and also holds the AASHO Award of Merit. Carlson's son Larry also followed in his father's footsteps and for the last several years, has been with the Bridge Design Division of the Alaskan Highway Department.

Walker Haigh shared the company of L. P. Carlson in the Bridge Design Division for thirty-five years. He also worked for a consulting engineering firm and the New Mexico Highway Department at one time. Among his credits is the redesign of anchorages and alterations to the Des Arc extension bridge.

Willie Williams, a native Pulaski Countian, worked through jobs including laborer, janitor, mechanic helper and painter to reach the classification of maintenance repairman, the job he held when he retired.

# COVER STORY . . .

## Steel Going Up On Pendleton Bridge



Pier and substructure construction on the Highway 1 bridge across Arkansas River between Dumas and Gillett is completed and steel for the superstructure is being put into place. Sometime early in 1971 the bridge is expected to open and replace the six-auto capacity ferry which has been the only means of crossing the river at that point for more than 30 years. Present traffic volume on the ferry of approximately 325 vehicles per day is expected to increase to 600 per day across the bridge by the end of 1971 and to an estimated 3,000 per day by 1990, thus opening up the southeastern portion of the state to direct traffic.

The bridge will span some 1,650 feet of water. It is being built under three contracts. San Ore Construc-

tion Co., Inc. and Gardner Engineering Corp. of Houston, Tex. built the four main river piers. Markwell & Hartz, Inc. of Memphis, Tenn. built the substructure and approaches. Carter Construction Co. of Benton, Ark. has the contract for the superstructure, which includes two 97-ton girders. The bridge will be 33 feet wide and 2,898 feet long. The steelwork was fabricated at Bethlehem Steel's Leetsdale, Pa. plant and barged down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, then up the White and Arkansas rivers to the construction site. Garver and Garver, Inc. designed the bridge. Ken F. Tyler is the resident engineer for the Highway Department. The entire project will cost approximately \$3.6 million.

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## 1969 LITTER COSTS - NEARLY \$100,000

The cost for collecting and disposing of 3,446 loads of highway rubbish during 1969 came to \$98,326.21 and consumed 44,264 man hours. The average cost per load was \$28.49, up \$4.90 per load from the 1968 average. The average number of man hours expended per load was 14.8.

### National Study On Litter Completed

The Highway Research Board completed a comprehensive national study of the composition of highway litter late in 1969. Twenty-nine state highway departments supplied data for the study, which was sponsored by Keep America Beautiful, Inc. KAB said the purpose of the survey was to establish the composition and volume of highway litter as the first step toward more intelligent and effective control.

Litter - 1 C. Y. Per Mile

The survey showed that the total litter volume was positively correlated with average daily traffic; that is, the more cars the more litter. However, the average litter accumulation was about one cubic yard per mile of highway. Paper items accounted for 59 percent of total roadside litter. The rest was made up of 16 percent cans, six percent plastic items, six

percent bottles and jars, and 13 percent miscellaneous.

The miscellaneous group was divided between tires, lumber and a variety of unclassified items ranging from hair curlers, underwear and false teeth to ice chests and washing machines.

Data for the survey was taken from pre-selected sections of highway, ranging from primary roads to eight lane divided highways. The designated sections were cleaned of debris, then let alone for 30 days to accumulate their normal amount of rubbish. Then a second sweep collected and identified everything.

# REFLECTIONS FROM THE '60 ISSUES

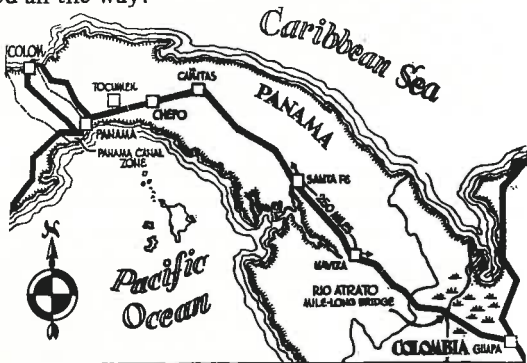


**ACTION AGAINST AUTO FIRES CONSIDERED** - The Department of Transportation is considering a new safety standard which would minimize the chance of an interior motor vehicle fire. The use of flammable materials would be limited and all inside materials would be treated for burn resistance. Such a measure is expected to reduce considerably the severity and frequency of burn injuries and increase the time for occupants to escape from vehicle fires. Over 400,000 motor vehicle fires are reported per year.

**BEAR POSING AS FLAGMAN "DISMISSED"** - or, things are getting rough all over. A likeable black bear who was repeatedly stopping cars by blocking U. S. 41 near Copper Harbor, Mich. has been removed from the premises by Michigan conservation authorities. The bear reportedly held up as many as 15 vehicles sometimes while he begged food, but Michigan regulations don't permit panhandling on state highways, so the bear was tranquilized and hauled to another area of the state.

**ALL THE WAY TO CAPE HORN - BY CAR** - By the end of another decade it is entirely possible and probable that Americans may be able to drive from Alaska to Patagonia by way of the Inter-American highway, an exciting prospect indeed. The Darien Gap, a 250-mile stretch of jungles, mountains and deep swamps between Panama and Columbia is the missing link. Up until last year engineers thought the only possible route was a winding 460 miles which followed the Pacific coast of the two countries and which would cost at least \$265 million to build. Of that amount the U. S. would provide \$2 for every \$1 that Panama and Columbia would spend building the highway. But then the Bureau of Public Roads discovered a route which would be only 249 miles long and cost about \$149 million. Panama will build 199 miles and Columbia, 50 miles. The agreements have already been signed.

Congressmen are already visualizing what the success of the Central American Common Market will be when the route is opened all the way.



Map shows projected route to complete Inter-American highway

**February, 1960** - A training program for new engineers has been established at the Department in cooperation with the School of Engineering of the University of Arkansas. Among the first employees to benefit from the training program are James R. Little, Marcellus G. Gross, Dale F. Loe, Lester R. Jester, Wilbert Chapman and James R. Berry.

**April, 1960** - Two District 9 employees, Paul Byrom and Dwight Cantrell, were credited with saving the lives of two women injured in a car accident in Marion County through the proper application of first aid. The two men had just recently completed the first aid course at district headquarters.

**December, 1960** - Two lanes of the newly constructed U. S. 67 between North Little Rock and Jacksonville were opened November 30.

**January, 1961** - Searcy Chevrolet dealer Truman Baker was appointed to a 10-year appointment on the Highway Commission by Gov. Orval Faubus. Baker fills the position vacated by Lawrence Blackwell of Pine Bluff.

**August, 1961** - The Greater Little Rock Expressway bridge was opened to traffic on July 15, three years and nine months after the first contract was awarded.

**August, 1961** - The new \$14 million dollar bridge across the Mississippi River at Helena was opened July 27.

**December, 1961** - The SASHO convention was held at the Marion Hotel with the Arkansas Highway Department as host state. Over 800 delegates and wives attended.

**April, 1962** - Highway Commission Chairman Harry W. Parkin resigned from his position after the State Supreme Court ruled him ineligible to serve because of a conflict of interest. Parkin's firm holds contracts awarded through competitive bidding, to furnish printing and stationery to the state government.

**January, 1963** - A 7-mile section of the Greater Little Rock Expressway from Roosevelt Road to the South Terminal Interchange was opened.

**February, 1963** - Cattleman Glenn Wallace completed a 10-year term on the Highway Commission and John W. Harsh, mayor of Magnolia, has been appointed to succeed him.

**April, 1963** - Harry Wright retired as engineer of the County Roads division, ending a 35-year career with the Department.

**July, 1963** - The Planning and Research Division moved to their new building on the central headquarters grounds on the New Benton highway. The District 6 headquarters is already located there.

**July, 1963** - The Weights and Standards Division of the State Police has been transferred to the Highway Department. Roy L. Johnson will continue to head the Division.

**October, 1963** - Two sections of the Greater Little Rock Expressway were opened in September, the Markham Street interchange, and the section from 6th Street to Roosevelt Road.

*(To be continued in next issue)*

## THREE RECEIVE SERVICE AWARDS



*Left to right: Leakey, Commissioner John Harsh who presented the certificates, Milum and Hodnett.*

Three employees were recognized for their long tenure of service with the Department at the Highway Commission meeting on January 28. R. A. Milum has completed thirty years and Thomas Leakey and Hoyce L. Hodnett have each completed twenty-five years.

**R. A. MILUM'S** job as ferries supervisor is to keep the Lake Norfolk ferry barges plying safely back and forth across the lake. The ferries transport an average of 2500 vehicles per day. Milum started work for the Department as a laborer carrying water right after graduation from high school. He received an overwhelming wage of 20 cents an hour! Prior to becoming ferries supervisor, Milum was the area foreman in Baxter County for several years. His favorite pastime is bird hunting and he has the reputation of being an excellent shot.

**THOMAS LEAKEY** is an equipment operator in District 4. He was born and has lived all his life in or around Alma. Leakey started work for the Department twenty-five years ago as a laborer. Since that time he has become very proficient in equipment handling. He and his wife, the former Cuba Gilbreth of Van Buren, are very active in the Dyer Pentecostal Church.

**HOYCE L. HODNETT** quit the life of a farmer twenty-five years ago to join the Highway Department, working as a laborer in Mississippi County. Later he was promoted to maintenance foreman and in 1959, transferred to District 4 to become assistant maintenance superintendent, the position he still holds. Hoyce and Mrs. Hodnett live in Fort Smith. They have six children. A son, Larry, is a construction inspector for the Highway Department at Fayetteville.

Hodnett is a member of Osceola Masonic Lodge No. 27 and of First Baptist Church in Fort Smith.

## OBITUARIES

### JAMES HAROLD JOHNSON

James Harold Johnson, a retired mechanic from the Nevada County area headquarters, died Saturday, January 24 at the age of 61. He had retired in May 1969 after working almost 15 years with the Highway Department. He lived out from Prescott.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Pauline Basham Johnson; one daughter, Mrs. Tommy Birdsong of Dallas, Tex. and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday, January 25 in Pleasant Ridge Methodist Church with interment in the church cemetery. Rev. W. E. Thomason and Rev. Louie Wesson spoke the service.

### CLARENCE HENRY JOHNSON

Clarence Henry Johnson, 73, of Bigelow in Perry County, died from accidental drowning in Arkansas River on Thursday, January 29. He worked for the Department over 11 years and retired in 1962 as a roller operator.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Bertha Gordon Johnson; two sons, Lewis T. and Ruel Johnson of Bigelow; three daughters, Mrs. Alice George of Roland, Mrs. Emily Strassle of New Mexico and Mrs. Janet Hooten of Little Rock; five brothers, Jeff, Luther, James, Roscoe and Oscoe Johnson, all of Bigelow; four sisters, Mrs. Ona Powers, Mrs. Alice Carden, Mrs. Jewell Caldwell and Mrs. Lona Belle Starks, all of Bigelow, 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

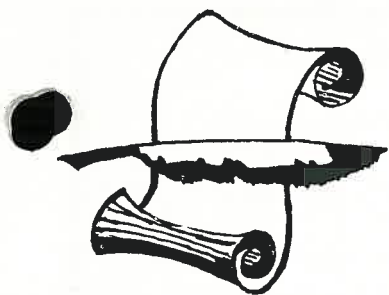
Funeral services were held Monday, February 2 at Pleasant Valley Church near Bigelow with burial in Volman Cemetery by Harris Funeral Home. Mr. Johnson was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church.

## CORRECTION

It was erroneously stated in the obituary of W. L. Baugh in the January, 1970 issue that he died October 24. Mr. Baugh was found dead in his home on Thanksgiving Day, November 24. . .



January 30, 1970



# Letters

December 3, 1969

Mr. Robert Baskin  
Arkansas Highway Department  
Clarkesville Office  
Clarkesville, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Baskin:

I want to thank you for your courtesy over and beyond the call of duty to my family last week. It was very kind of you to take the time to drive us into town so that the car could be fixed, and the whole Baird clan certainly appreciated it!

Gratefully,

James O. Baird  
President, Oklahoma  
Christian College

(Mr. Baskin is an employee with the Johnson County area headquarters crew at Clarksville. Ed.)

Mr. T. O. Snow  
State Hwy. Dept.  
Pencil Bluff, Ark.

Dear Mr. Snow,

I just want to express to you a word of thanks for helping my daughter last week during the snow and ice that covered the highways. If it hadn't been for you helping them with their tire chains, that Tues. night, I don't know what would have happened, or when they would have got home.

My wife and I were worried to death as it took 9 hours to drive from school at Fayetteville.

Anyway it increases my faith in humanity that there are still good people like you, that will help a person or girls that are in need of help. My wife and I really appreciate it, and want to thank you. That was very kind of you.

Sincerely yours,

Leonard S. Brown  
1647 Hobson Avenue  
Hot Springs National Park,  
71901

(T. O. Snow is the Montgomery County area foreman. Ed.)

Clinton, Ark.  
January 7, 1970

## GIPSON CITED BY COMMISSION



Calvin (Hoot) Gipson of Atkins was recognized and presented a special plaque for outstanding bravery exhibited in the rescue of a man from a burning car. Commissioner John Harsh represented the Commission. Gipson has already received an award from the Red Cross for meritorious service (October and November issues).

Mr. Ward Goodman  
Director, AHD

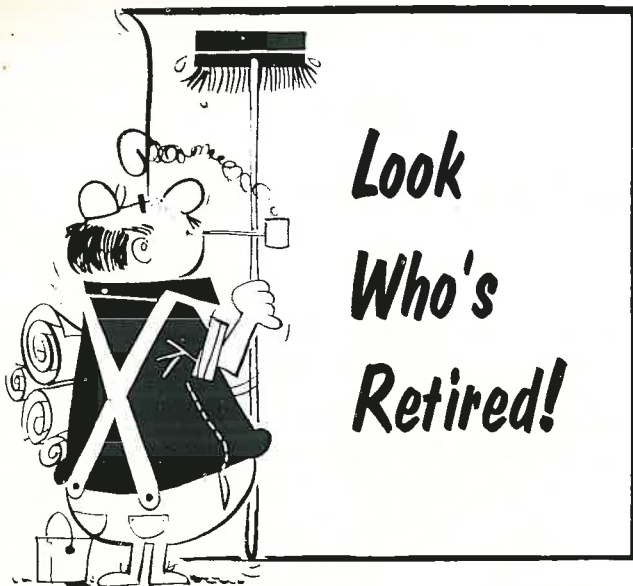
Dear Sir:

The local State Highway Crew has worked day and night since it snowed to keep the highway open and they are to be commended. They have worked against some pretty big odds and still come out on top. They are to be commended.

Sincerely,

Sammy Collums, County and Circuit Clerk  
Ralph Newland, Tax Assessor  
E. K. Griggs, County Treasurer  
Mr. Avie Lee Tester, Arkansas Revenue Dept.  
Richard Ward, County Judge  
Jake Williams, Sheriff and Tax Collector

P. S. Sheriff has had good reports from local and out of state people passing through our highways during the snow storm.



# Look Who's Retired!

The following employees retired during calendar year 1969:

**Accounting:**

Mrs. Margaret R. Allen

**Bridge Design:**

John C. Hicks

L. P. Carlson

Walker Haigh

**Computer Services:**

Mrs. Erma Jetton

Mrs. Wilda B. Ratliff

**Legal:**

Z. L. Mashburn

**Maintenance:**

*Equipment Section:*

Mrs. Clyde Homes

Clyde D. Thomas

(Central Shops)

Willie Williams

(Central Shops)

*Permit Section:*

N. R. Whitehead, Sr.

F. M. Waymack

**Planning & Research:**

Mrs. Ruth R. Cantley

Jeff A. Powell

**Records & Reproduction:**

Mrs. Mamie J. Fanning

Henry H. Vopel

**Right of Way:**

Wilbur D. Luton

William D. Kelly

**Surveys:**

Bryan C. Clark

A. G. Rives, Sr.

**Weights & Standards:**

Ira H. Stringer

John W. Hill

**District 1:**

Homer G. Renfro

Tom E. Vines

Marvin O. Lewis

**District 2:**

Jim S. Whitten

Horace Handly

Hollie L. Lisenby

Monroe E. House

Elbert Martin

Jeff D. Sutton

**District 3:**

James H. Johnson

Morrison McLelland

James A. Ellis

LeRoy Hatfield

George W. Cox

J. W. Robinson

Burnace C. Benson

Lee H. Huskey

**District 4:**

Robert A. Gray

Clarence H. Gregory

Wilbur M. Marston

Francis A. Garrett

Vell Tucker

William Foster

**District 5:**

Ernest H. Cuzzort

Ray W. Faulkenberry

Guy T. Wilson

William A. Casey

Glen Stroud

William R. Bolin

Farris L. Evans

Charles M. Matthews

Hulon M. Oyler

Ray E. Thomas

**District 6:**

Oven S. Benning

William L. Gingerich

**District 7:**

Hugh E. Anderson

Clarence D. Medford

Lester A. Strickland

Frank W. Mulligan

John R. Mulligan

**District 8:**

Roy Hollabaugh

Joe V. Williamson

George P. Whillock

Nolus Broadrick

**District 9:**

James A. Farley

(Springdale)

Edward R. Cocker

Irvn G. Brantley

Howard Wood

Audy Ross

Minnie B. Shinn

Luther G. Trammell

Robert Lane

Arvil J. Presley

**District 10:**

Franklin J. Robert

James O. McDaniel

John T. Penn

**RETIREES DECEASED IN 1969**

**Bridge Design:**

N. B. Garver

**Buildings & Grounds:**

Samuel J. Harmon

**Legal:**

James M. Wilson

**Maintenance:**

W. L. Baugh

Mrs. Mary McLane Hill

(Central Shops)

**Materials & Tests:**

Ben F. Strange

**Planning & Research:**

James P. Howell

**Traffic Division:**

Robert H. Price

**Weights & Standards:**

Felix G. Carroll

Claude T. Grace

**District 1:**

Ben H. Johnson

George M. Wadley

**District 2:**

William C. Wood

**District 3:**

Judd C. Hedrick

R. W. Payne

**District 4:**

Loyd C. Hawkins

Louis R. Williams

**District 5:**

Alonzo L. Moser

L. A. Wingo

**District 6:**

Richard D. Stanton

**District 7:**

Joe C. Webb

**District 8:**

Sidney W. Parks

**District 10:**

Frank H. Rogers

Franklin J. Robert

## PARTIES HONORING PENDERGRASS, RIVES



Hosts and hostesses for the open house honoring J. T. Pendergrass' retirement are shown with him and Mrs. Pendergrass. Left to right: Susan Patterson, Henry Gray, Lawrence Blackwell, Maurice Smith, Mrs. Pendergrass, John Harsh, J. T. Pendergrass, Truman Baker, Ward Goodman, Joyce Spencer, Nancy Sipe and J. C. Patterson. Ferol Jones, and Erma Wynn, not shown, were among the hostess group.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Rives, Sr., center, display his goodwill ambassador's certificate presented upon retirement. They are flanked by Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Rives, Jr. and grandson, Cliff, on the left, and by Jimmy Rives and young grandson on the right. Both boys are sons of Jimmy Rives. The Surveys Division held an open house in honor of Lanky's retirement.





## BRIDGE DESIGN

by Willie Whitmire

Has anyone been to Bridge Design Division lately to try to find anything? We have a completely new arrangement. We haven't found everything yet, but we hope to soon.

Speaking of new — we also have a new Bridge Engineer. Mr. Veral Pinkerton has assumed the responsibilities of that position and Frank Harrison has been appointed as his assistant.

Another "new" is Frank Harrison's green 1970 Model Ford! We hope you enjoy it, Frank, and also those monthly payments!

By the time this magazine is distributed, we hope our secretary, Mrs. Betty Claude, will be back with us. She has had surgery recently and we have really missed her.

We have Gary Ashely home after six months' military duty. Gary was in training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. Welcome home, Gary!

There has been an addition to the family of this reporter. We have a new baby girl named Shenia Lynn. She arrived on January 11 and weighed 9 lbs!!

Wayne Major made a quick trip January 11-14 to the Bahamas. "combination business and pelasure" trip. Wayne says he played a lot of golf at the Lucayan Country Club and enjoyed the International Bazaar, where representatives of businesses from every country in the world have shops.



*A golfer hit a new ball into the lake, another new ball out of bounds onto a highway, and another new ball into the woods.*

*"Why don't you use an old ball?" said the caddy.*

*Replied the golfer sadly, "I've never had an old ball."*



*Teacher: "What two documents have contributed the most to our government?"*

*Student: "Forms 1040 and 1040A."*

## COMPUTER SERVICES

by Fay Sullivan

January, with its ice and snow, brought a mishap to one of our employees. Anne Minor of the Key Punch section slipped on the ice on her porch at home and broke her right arm (the one she uses for key punching of course!). As of this writing she is still off, but expects to return to work soon if all goes well.

The Key Punch girls helped Albert Comeau celebrate his birthday the last of January. They presented him with a gift of two shirts and a tie. Nice going, Al, and may you have many more.

The two lovely little ladies above are Carolyn Reddin's daughters. Keena is on the left and Kim to the right.



Keena and Kim Reddin



## CONSTRUCTION

by John C. Helgen

### Final Estimates



Standing, left to right: Verdell Small, Arvin Shuffield, Al Gosnell and Sandra Cearley. Debra Tracy, seated.

Changes, changes . . . In November, Sandra Cearley joined our work group. She is married to Ed Cearly, a construction foreman with Southwestern Bell. They moved to Little Rock from West Helena in August. Eddie, 10, and Missy, 8, love their new home and school in Little Rock.

December brought four new recruits to the section. Mike Hammond came to us from Ralph Jones' crew, along with Verdell Small. Mike lives with his wife Jackie and 15-month-old daughter Ellen in North Little Rock. Jackie is a teacher at St. Patrick's in North Little Rock. Verdell and his wife Billie Jean live at Benton. They have a nine-year-old son, Ronnie, an avid Cub Scouter.

B. J. Parker sent us Al Gosnell from Hot Springs and Arvin Shuffield from Malvern. Al, known as "Shorty" by all, is married to the former Eileen Storey. They have made their home at Hot Springs for the past 23 years. Arvin and his wife Delores are parents of a darling three year old, Tanya.

These fellows are just helping out temporarily. They'll be back out in the field when the spring thaw comes.

Judy LaBorde, who kept us all in stitches every day, left us in January. She returned home to Fort Smith to wait for her husband to complete his basic training with Uncle Sam. Debra Tracy came back to replace Judy. Ironically, Debra's husband is at Fort Gordon, Ga. completing his basic training. Debra is so lonely, awaiting March 17. Be brave, Debra, time passes quickly.

Kathey Gault went to Tulsa, Okla. over the Christmas holidays to serve as maid-of-honor at her cousin's wedding. Kathey took notes and showed off her Christmas present, a lovely engagement ring, to all the relatives. She won't be able to serve as maid-of-honor much longer — maybe matron-of-honor. Good luck, Kathey and Tiger.

Keith Jones, son of our boss, R. W. Jones, was home for Christmas from Washington University in St. Louis. Mr. Jones had no problems with after-Christmas bills like the rest of us poor folks. He won, not one, but two football pots on the Sugar Bowl game. It's sad we lost the game, but Mr. Jones was slightly consoled by his winnings.

The lucky girls in Final Estimate were treated, along with the girls from Construction, to a luncheon at Paul's Lamp-lighter by E. E. Hurley, construction engineer. This was his way of saying Merry Christmas.

## MAINTENANCE, RADIO, & ROADSIDE DEVELOPMENT

by Billie Boyd

Congratulations to Bert Rownd's son who was recently selected as the only Arkansas high school football player on the Southern All Star Defensive Team. Ed plays for the Central High School Tigers.

Maintenance has a new employee, Harold Harrison, who is the new radio voice of Little Rock Central. (Actually, he's not that new, we've just failed to mention him.) Harold recently transferred from the Planning & Research Division and was formerly a radio operator for the Little Rock Police Department for approximately 17 years.



Harold Harrison

Congratulations also go to Tony Farnam, Jimmie's son, who recently received his Cub Scout wolf badge and gold arrow.

Travel seems to comprise most of the news in Maintenance recently. Mr. & Mrs. Bert Rownd and family went to DeWitt to enjoy Christmas holidays with relatives. Billie Boyd and Jimmie Farnam journeyed to New Orleans for the Sugar Bowl game along with their husbands. Bryan Davis of Roadside Development also went to New Orleans recently to visit his family.

By the way, has everyone seen Bryan's new red Triumph? He can hardly wait until spring to take off that top! Speaking of Bryan, he recently discovered a card

on his desk with a picture of, I believe the expression is, "the south portion of a northbound horse", with the caption "MY BOSS". We employees know nothing about it.

Other travelers are Barbara and Tommy Bonds who went to Houston to visit Tommy's sister. Clarence Page of the Radio Section went to Albuquerque to visit his two grandchildren, Pat and Leslie.

In order to celebrate Christmas holidays, Maintenance held a luncheon for the employees in the Maintenance office. Delicious delicatessen treats were obtained from Cordell's. The get-together was made more enjoyable by the presence of R. B. Winfrey, former maintenance engineer.

We know that Gerald Sisk was happy to have his son Tommy home for the holidays. Tommy is stationed at Ft. Hood since his return from Vietnam.

We wish Raymond Behrens of Roadside Development a speedy recovery. Raymond is recuperating from a recent illness and should be back with us shortly.

Johnny Smith, formerly in Supplies at Jacksonville, is now a fellow employee in Roadside Development. We're always glad to welcome a new face.



Johnny Smith

It's amazing that Maintenance can function with so many of its employees scattered hither and yon; however, thanks to the steadfast employees who hold down the fort, work continues normally.

### CENTRAL SHOPS

The 24th day of December marked the day of Willie Williams' retirement from Central Shops. He was honored with a party by the employees for 32 years of service. Cake and coffee were served.

Willie gave a little speech, saying how he appreciated knowing and working with good people. We sho nuff' will miss Willie. He was liked by everyone.

On Monday, December 22 employees of Central Shops at Jacksonville enjoyed their annual Christmas party. There was plenty of delicious food, homemade punch and coffee. (Pictures in January issue.) Guests were M. D. Head, Frank Pitts, C. D. Hayes, Earl Bowman, Ronnie Clayton and two retired employees, Frank Fleming and T. C. Ellis, and their wives. Wives of employees who shared the special occasion with us were Mrs. Ray New, Mrs. Jack Barnes and Mrs. Sam Smith.

I thought many of you readers might share Mr. Brower's viewpoint on what a square is.

### "THE SQUARE"

*Square! Another of the good old words has gone the way of love, and modesty, and patriotism. Something to be snickered over, or outright laughed at.*

*Why, it used to be that there was no higher compliment you could pay a man than to call him a square shooter. The ad man's promise of a "square deal" once was as binding as an oath on the Bible. But today, a square is a guy who volunteers when he doesn't have to. He's a guy who gets his kicks from trying to do a job better than anyone else. He's a boob who gets so lost in his work he has to be reminded to go home.*

*A square is a guy who doesn't want to stop at the bar and get all juiced up because he prefers to go to his own home. He hasn't learned to cut corners or goof off. This nut we call the square gets all choked up when he hears children singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee." He even believes in God, and says so, in public.*

*A square is likely to save some of his own money for a rainy day, rather than count on using yours.*

*A square is a guy who reads scripture when nobody's watching, and prays when nobody's listening; a guy who thinks Christmas trees should be green, Christmas gifts should be hand-picked. He wants to see America first in everything.*

*So, will all you gooney birds answering this description please stand up; you misfits in this brave, new age; you dismally*

*disorganized, improperly apologetic ghosts of the past. . . stand up! Stand up and be counted. You squares who turn the wheels, and dig the fields and move mountains, and put rivets in our dreams; you squares who dignify the human race; you squares who hold the thankless world in place.*

—Charles H. Brower  
The Gas Service K. G.

*One picture worth a thousand words? You give me 1,000 words and I can have the Lord's Prayer, the twenty-third Psalm, the Hippocratic oath, a sonnet by Shakespeare, the Preamble to the Constitution, Lincoln's Gettysburg address, and I'd have enough left over for just about all of the Boy Scout oath and I wouldn't trade those for any picture on earth!*

- Author Unknown



### Administrative Section

by Linda Trogden



Donna Barbee

A surprise party was given by the Administrative Section for Donna Barbee, Gip Robertson's secretary. Donna is leaving us to await the stork in April. As gifts she received an electric food warmer dish, a blanket and a gown.

The girls in the Right of Way Division took Donna to lunch and gave her a pair of bedroom slippers as a going away gift. Kay Jones will be filling in for Donna

while she is on leave.

Deepest sympathy for Richard Andry on the loss of his mother.

### Acquisition and Relocation Sections

By Phyllis Erwin

Everyone survived the holidays, heavy eating, partying, etc., reporting back to work ready to start a better year. A few of us were losers before the new year had gotten into the second week.

Jim and Carolyn West are the proud parents of a son, born December 27, given the name of Jimmy Ralph. Carolyn is a former employee of the Relocation Section. She informs us that her days are pretty busy now.

These sections are fairly quiet now. Everyone is storing up their energy for the spring and summer. So, when we come in with that time, the news will be given on all that have informed us of their projects, trips, and who knows what. Until then, "Ta Ta".

### Appraisal Section

by Kathy Phelps

After more than 11 years in the Appraisal Section, Z. L. Mashburn resigned January 19. He was honored with a party on January 9. Guests included his lovely wife, Director Ward Goodman, Asst. Dir. Henry Gray, Jake Sandlin from the Bureau of Public Roads, former employees Herbert Heffington, Jr. now of Newport, and Sue Boyett and her young son, Keith, and many other friends from the Highway Department.



Mashburn (left) and Appraisal Section Head Herbert Hooten.

Mr. Mashburn was presented an attache case on behalf of the entire Right of Way Division and an engraved plaque and gold pen set from members of the Appraisal Section.

There just aren't enough words to describe how we feel about Mr. Mashburn. A man of great integrity and humility, he is deeply admired and respected by everyone who knows him. We will miss him greatly, but since he doesn't live too far away, we expect to see him often.

Two former appraisers, E. P. "Pluty" Scruggs and Gus Clifton, stopped by the other day for a visit. They both work for the Little Rock District, U. S. Corps of Engineers now. It was certainly good to see him again.

Kenneth McMurrough and his wife, Dee, have recently moved into a new home in Hope. We wish them a lot of happiness in the new abode.

Danny Hooten, son of Herbert and Mrs. Hooten, recently enrolled in Southern State College at Magnolia where he will be studying political science. Lots of luck, Danny!

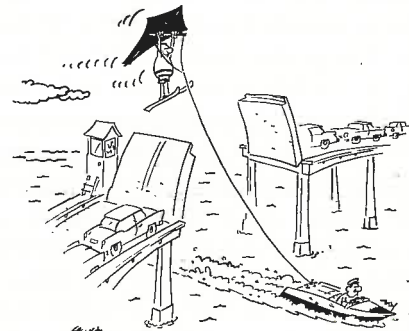
We extend our condolences to Walker Watson in the recent loss of his brother-in-law.



### Engineering Section

by Ellen Gross

Gary Rea and his wife Vickie finally had their baby a month after it was due. Tambrie Marlene (Tammy) arrived January 25. She is a cute little girl and we will try to get a picture of her soon. Congratulations, Gary & Vickie!

Ron Johnston got the car fever last week and bought a baby blue Toyota. He says it is a great little car and they put 50 miles on it the first night they had it.



 DISTRICT  1  
by Janet McElduff

Our hat's off this month to the residency of C. G. Dunne, Jr., in West Helena, for sending us some news. We are forwarding it direct to our editor so that credit will go where it belongs, and hope that all other field offices will be green with envy and immediately, if not sooner, take the hint and do likewise! The same goes for area foremen.

Due to the bad weather, slow work season, ill dispositions, colds and flu, and some people with broken ribs, the news from this office goes something like this. First of all we say "from this office" for the simple reason that this is the only place we know, see, hear or go. Them that goes gits, and them that stays in the office all the time don't know from nothin! I have just made the rounds, from my desk through the radio room, maintenance clerical, stock room, parts, out in the shop, back around up the hall and I ain't met anyone yet who is remotely interested in sharing this task with me. That means they don't know anything, either or if they do, they ain't telling!

I got a new Opel station wagon, something I've wanted for a long time and I love it. Troy Lambert and Leroy Curtner both have Datsun trucks, and Bob Deslauriers, an Opel wagon, too. I think the four of us are going to have to take on the entire force of District One to shut up some of the smart mouths about our little cars. I've just about had it about starting with a cigarette lighter, running on lighter fluid and the like. I must admit the day we had the big snow everyone else came out at quitting time and found their car, but mine was lost somewhere under a drift. I also would like to go on record as retracting all the nice things I said last month about Gene Horton, our Stock Clerk. His mean streak really came out the same day as the snow when he made elaborate arrangements for James Kay to get out the low-boy and go around to pick up my car, as well as Bob's, Troy's and Leroy's, just to be sure we all got home. He really knows how to hurt a feller.

The boss and spouse went to New Orleans for the Sugar Bowl — had a ball even though the boss said he didn't care too much for the night life. No, what I believe he really said was that it didn't show him much, and brother, you can take that any way you want to!

My family had one of the nicest days we've had in years on New Years when we went down to Hazel and Charlie Matthews' to spend the day watching the parades, games and enjoying Hazel's wonderful cooking. Everything went perfectly except the game and we lost, as all know, despite our personal cheering section and Mr. Charlie's expert coaching.

That's all I know and in reading it over it seems to be not much of anything, so you know how desperate I am for news. Come on fellers — we all love to see news from District One, But I sho can't make it up, so start today in sending me tid-bits all through the month so that when deadline comes I'll have something to write about. We're interested in everyone in the District, but we can't write about you unless you let us know what you're doing.

See you next month, and yawl come.



**C. G. Dunne's Residency**  
by Ralph J. Blackwell

As of December 16, last year, members of this residency are happy to say that we have a new home — a paneled, air-conditioned, tiled, soundproofed, insulated, brick building. Excuse my enthusiasm about the new office, but the old one had none of these features.

Congratulations to Jimmy Shirley, one of our engineering aides, who is the proud father of Sandra Kaye, born January 6, 1970.

Due to the heavy workload this year, most of our people spent the holidays squeezing in their vacation and enjoying every minute of it. Most of us spent this time taking it easy, or visiting relatives as Verlon Drennon did by traveling to Hot Springs.

Claude, the boss, has had trouble with his "Hot" Hurst Oldsmobile. While it's in the shop, Claude is sporting a flaming red 1958 Rambler Ambassador. Any difference there, Claude?

 DISTRICT  2  
by Leslie Long

On December 24 the job superintendents, area foremen and District 2 headquarters personnel honored Elbert Martin, special maintenance supervisor, with a surprise lunch and gifts and many good wishes upon his retirement after 27 years, 6 months and 3 days of loyal service and he never used a single day of sick leave!

Elbert was born February 29, 1904, so he has celebrated 16 birthdays in his life. He is one of 24 children of the late William M. Martin, better known as "Uncle Math". He is married to the former Lillian A. Winningham of Star City. They have a son, Gary, and daughter, Debbie. The Martins are active members of North Side Baptist Church of Monticello, where Elbert serves as a deacon. He is an outdoorsman who likes hunting and fishing. He and Mrs. Martin are planning a year's vacation to be spent travelling to some of their favorite faraway places.

Johnnie Harris and Brewster Shalmy presented Elbert with some camping paraphernalia which was especially selected for his retirement pleasure.



*Dist. Engr. John S. Harris (right) congratulates Martin. Shorty Fullbright and John Hollis are looking on.*

We were especially pleased to have Johnnie Gray stop at this opportune moment to take pictures and join us for lunch. We were privileged to enjoy Brewster's specialty, baked beans, and they are really something to brag about! We thank the ladies who donated the good pies, cakes and cookies. They were so-o delicious.

Elbert, though you are retiring from

one phase of your life, you are beginning another. May it bring you much happiness and the fulfillment of many hopes and plans.

A number of other employees have retired from our District since we last reported. Jim S. Whitten, a truck driver in Lincoln County, retired June 30 of 1969 after 20 years' service and was officially authorized to function in the capacity of an ambassador of goodwill for the Department. Hollis Lisenby, an equipment operator in Drew County, retired October after 17 years' service. Monroe House, an equipment operator with the Heavy Equipment crew, retired December 30 with 21 years' service. Roscoe Vernor, a deckhand at Preston Ferry, also retired in December. We hope the years ahead may be fruitful, rewarding and enjoyable.

We regret that J. V. Morphis, an equipment operator with the Chicot County crew, has found it necessary to retire due to a prolonged illness. His co-workers will miss him very much and we sincerely hope he will soon regain his health and strength.

Our employees had a very successful deer season that we haven't boasted about as yet. As is the custom, many had saved their vacation for this season. At the Deane Camp in Drew County, those bagging deer were Area Foreman Floyd Fullbright of Monticello, Job Supts. Joe Hays and Virgil Green of Jefferson County, Asst. Maint. Supt. Woodrow Wilson, and Mrs. Wilson. Also from the Drew County crew, L. M. Rabb killed a 3 pointer; Roth Rabb, an 8 point; Elbert Martin, a 4 point, and Jeffie Burnett, a 4 point.



*Mrs. Woodrow Wilson and her deer.*





*Shorty Fullbright and his kill.*

W. J. Ryals killed a 6 point buck, and L. J. Bishop killed a spike buck. Hilliard and B. W. Slaughter did not have much luck, but their sons killed a 5 point buck each. All four of these fellows are with the Chicot County crew. Gary Dewayne of the Pine Bluff residency and his 8-year-old son joined a group at the Desha County Conservation League. This was the son's first hunt and he killed a deer. Gary is an old hand at bringing home the venison. He nets at least one each season, so the story goes.

Of the seven men who took off from the Desha County crew to deer hunt, the only one who brought back a deer was Johnny Yelvington. It was a 7 point. Some of the fellows just didn't have the opportunity to get a good shot, like John Hughes. And, then there was George Cooley who shot and wounded a big one, but it got away. In the Lincoln County crew, Ozee McGehee and Steve Reeves brought home the deer meat.

James Henderson of our shop hunts each year with Shanny Crain, Willie Key and DeQuince Lewis at the Rison Hunting Club. James was the only one this year with the rabbit foot (or the buckeye?). Red Goins saw a hunter who had killed an all white deer. Something most unusual for us deer hunters.

More news from Desha County - - Mr. and Mrs. Paul Earl Barley are happy to announce the arrival of their son, born Sunday, December 7 in Dermott, They named him Keith Earl. Paul also killed a 5 point deer on the 28th of November. He is an equipment operator.


**DISTRICT**

  
 \_\_\_\_\_ by *Sharon Bailey*

Congratulations to Imon A. Harris on completing five years with the Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Tullis are the proud parents of a baby boy, Eddie Dwayne, born October 24. The proud grandfather is Job Supt. Otis Walden.



Mr. Tallant's daughter Kay has begun practice teaching at West Side Junior High in Little Rock. She is a senior English major at Hendrix College and is a member of Alpha Psi Omega national drama fraternity and Student National Education Association.

Some more lucky deer hunters are: Ruel Staggs - 4 pointer; Clifford Hulan - 10 pointer; and his wife, Winfred Hulan - 10 pointer.



*Clifford Hulan*







Winfred Hulan

Joe Barham, welder in the district shop has been off work for quite a while due to a broken ankle. He underwent surgery but is now at home and doing well. His daughter also had to undergo back surgery and will be on the sick list for some time. We wish you both a very speedy recovery.

Our annual Christmas dinner was held at 7:00, December 22, at the district shop. A catered dinner of turkey and the trimmings was served to 130 employees and wives. After dinner, everyone was entertained by a talent show. Well, most of them were talented and all were employees except the Langston Sisters, Ronda and Donna of Prescott, well-known local vocalist duo. Vinie Mae Holt, fuel clerk; Job. Supt. Edgar Andrews and your reporter sang; Floyd Pharris, Calvin and Charles Webb provided the band; Helen Glanton, bookkeeper, played the piano, and Danny Mulhollen played the banjo and sang. He also led the carol sing.



A part of the group during serving time.



She: "How often do cars going 70 miles an hour crash?"  
He: "Just once."



Danny Mulhollen, the evening's "star attraction".



Kay Tallant (left) and Sharon Bailey give forth with a little schmaltz while Res. Engr. John Shaw handles the ivories.





The "Firehouse Five" was a trio this year. They are left to right, Floyd Pharris, Calvin Webb and Charles Webb.



Motels located 28 to 37 miles apart on ancient Roman roads were called mansions. The distance apart was the riding distance for a day. By law, all Roman motels were located near public baths, although rich guests could have private baths.



Head table personalities: Dist. Engr. and Mrs. John Tallant, and Maint. Supt. and Mrs. Ted Maryman.

by  DISTRICT  The Informers

The Jim Adamses are the proud parents of a new daughter who arrived December 15, 1969. She was given the name of Christina Rene. Jim and Jo Ann have two other children. We've seen pictures of the new addition but the weather has been too bad for her to come to see us.

Another Californian, Daniel Lister, joined the stock room group sometime ago. He and his wife Jean and three boys, Dan 14, Randy 8 and Kenny 6 are from Lomita, Calif. They are now thoroughly enjoying Arkansas farm life near Midland in Sebastian County.



We're extra proud of our two employees who received their twenty-five year pins in January, Asst. Maint. Supt. H. L. Hodnett and Thomas Leakey, equipment operator. Congratulations to you both!

We've had so many sick people the last month, we can't mention names but we sure will be glad when everyone gets well and BACK TO WORK!



Today we have almost 90 million cars on the road plus another 17 million trucks and buses.

A net increase of more than 12,000 vehicles is being added to that number every 24 hours! At the same time, the volume of traffic is rising 5 percent a year - doubling every 15 years at the current rate.


**DISTRICT**


Well, that stork done done it again! Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Joe Parker (Bob is resident engineer at Malvern) became the proud parents of a son, Bryan Lee on November 15. Congratulations to Bob on the new "staff of his old age."



*Bryan Lee Parker*

Georgia Russenberger and Billie Jones both became grandmothers in December, Billie for the first time. Jimmy Ralph West, Jr. was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jim West on December 27. Carolyn (Jones) West formerly worked with the Right-of-Way Division. Carl Dean Lewis was born to Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Lewis on December 28. Jerry (Russenberger) Lewis was formerly with the Office Engineer's staff. Nothing is worse than two doting "gran-nies at the same time! Congratulations to the parents.



*Carolyn West and little Jimmy Ralph.*





*Jerry Lewis with Brent, 3½ and Dean, 5 days old.*

J. E. (Gloves) Harrington of the Pulaske Two area headquarters is the proud owner of a new Ford XLT Ranger pickup. He says it will pass everything but a gas pump!

Also, in the new car department - Lonoke County Area Foreman "Woody" Hardin is sporting a fire engine red Opel G. T.

Word from the Annual Lonoke County Rabbit Safari is that little blood, human or otherwise, was shed. We understand that the manufacturers of powder and shot were well pleased with the results.


**DISTRICT**


by *Shirley Morton*

**January**

Dist. Engr. Jewell Whitaker retired from AHD with over thirty years' service on December 31. District 9 employees presented him a gift at a Christmas party held in his honor at district headquarters on December 24. Jewell's wife, Maymie, their son, John Ed and daughter, Jane Rogers and husband, Sinclair, and many of the district personnel attended the party. Jewell's loyalty and dedication to AHD and District 9 has been an inspiration to all of us and we will miss him.

Congratulations to the following who were promoted on January 1st: Curtis G. Pangle to district engineer; Hillman Watkins to district maintenance superintendent; Jeff Davis to assistant maintenance superintendent; Ray Duffy to job superintendent and John Parker to mainte-

nance supervisor.

We are happy to report that Willis Cantrell, heavy truck driver, is recuperating satisfactorily from a heart attack. We send him our wishes for a speedy recovery.

Neal Taylor, district mechanic for over twenty-four years also retired December 31. He was presented gifts from his AHD friends at a party on January 5, along with wishes for good luck and good health during his retirement years.

**February**

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Burgess who are the proud parents of a third son, Michael Warren, who arrived on January 12. Big brothers are Stephen, 11, and Kevin, 8. Lloyd is a construction inspector at a Harrison residency.

Res. Engrs. Gary L. Godfrey and Carl Sanders at Harrison and Huntsville, attended the Radiological Defense Officer's School at State College of Arkansas at Conway in January.

Herb Robinson, district clerk, is the proud owner of a 1970 beige Chevrolet Caprice. Just as soon as the snow melts he plans to give it a good road test.

We extend our sympathy to Wade Whitney, Equipment Operator III, on the loss of his father in January.

We are happy to report that Huel Pack, Searcy County area foreman, is back on the job after a recent illness which necessitated a week's stay in the Marshall hospital.

V. O. "Jim" Selby, resident engineer at Fayetteville, entered a Fayetteville hospital for surgery on January 22 and is recuperating nicely.



*The fleecy flakes come fallin' down  
Deep in the stillness of the night,  
An' robe the earth so bare and brown,  
In bridal dress o'purest white.*

# THIS'LL

# KILL YA



When the new preacher moved into town, one of the first people he met said: "I certainly hope you're not one of those narrow-minded ministers who think that only the members of their congregation are going to heaven."

"I'm even more narrow-minded than that," replied the preacher. "I'm pretty sure some of the members of my congregation aren't going to make it!"

*The wife was always antagonized by her husband's going out all night. His departing words, which especially angered her, were always, "God night, mother of three."*

*But one night she could stand it no longer. When he took his hat, started out the door and called cheerily, "Goodnight, mother of three," she answered quite cheerily, "Goodnight, father of one." Now he stays home.*

Snow began to fall on the morning of December 24 and during the following four weeks, we had an accumulation of approximately 28 inches, along with sleet and freezing rain. Our crews worked around the clock in sub-zero and sub-normal temperatures. They are to be commended for keeping the roads in District 10 passable and helping stranded motorists on their way.



*Snowdrifts higher than the window sill are a bit uncommon in Arkansas but it happened at the Harrison headquarters.*



ceived his 20-year certificate in January. We had cake and coffee and a foremen's meeting to help him celebrate. Darrell, it's so nice to have you with us. Maint. Engr. Bert Rownd from Little Rock flew up for the presentation. We were glad to have him. Come back any time, Mr. Rownd.



*Dist. Engr. Sam Smith (left) presented Holder's certificate. Maint. Engr. Rownd is at right.*

Several men from District 10 went to Little Rock for the open house honoring Mr. Pendergrass. He will be missed but we wish for him many happy years of retirement.

Maint. Supt. John Sanders brought his two grandsons in to visit the office today. Darren John and Brian David are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Sanders while their parents are attending a convention in Chicago. Two cuter live wires we haven't seen in a long time.

 **DISTRICT**   
by *Isabelle Psalmonds*

Guess it has been too cold and snowy this month for much news. At least, not much has come in.

We know, from checking 125's submitted changing marital status, that Wayne P. Hay and Gary South, both engineering aides at Jonesboro, and Larry Lynn, engineering aide at Osceola, have entered the matrimonial state. We haven't been able to get any details but we do congratulate these men and wish for them much happiness.

Terry Carty, engineering aide at Jonesboro, received his 5-year certificate in January. Shortly afterward, he resigned to re-enter college. We hate to lose him but are always glad to see men further their education. We trust Terry will enjoy college and do well.

Asst. Maint. Supt. Darrel Holder re-



*Greg Pumphrey, 12-year-old son of Asst. Const. Engr. Norman Pumphrey, wears a big smile after winning the individual high score trophy in the Bantam Division of the Greater Little Rock Bowling Tournament held in December. His high score was 356. The tournament is recognized by the American Junior Bowling Conference.*



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*Where is it?*



LAST MONTH'S WHERE IS IT? was the old bridge over Cedar Creek on Highway 28 just east of Cedar Creek community in Scott County. About 10 years ago the highway was partially relocated to eliminate a dangerous curve and a new bridge was built, allowing the old one to fall into disuse. The picture was submitted by Roger Taylor of the Photogrammetry Section and was not identified by anyone.