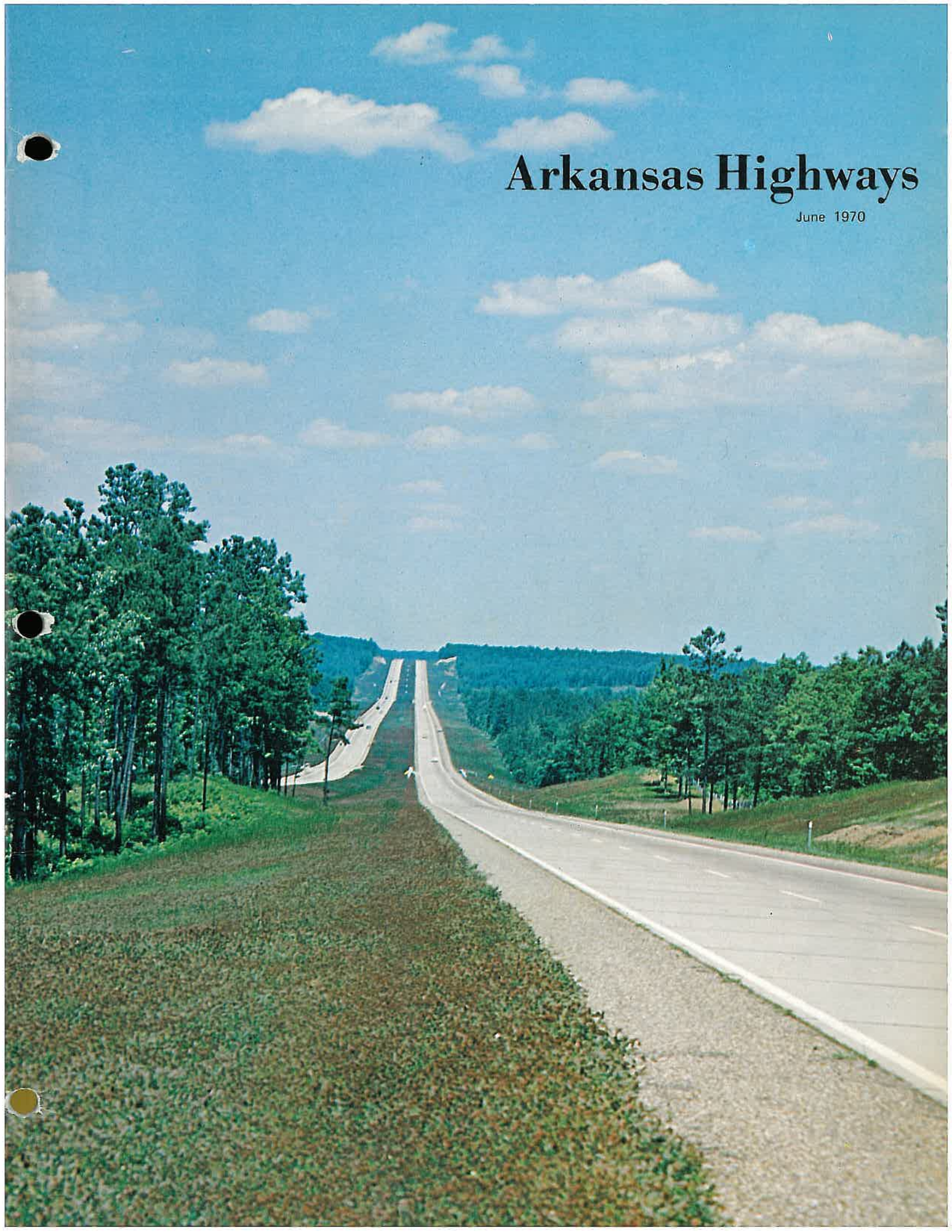


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# CONTRACT TO BE LET IN JUNE FOR MAIN ST. - BROADWAY BRIDGE WORK



▲ The Broadway Bridge will undergo extensive alterations to widen navigation channel.

▼ Main Street Bridge - its days are numbered.



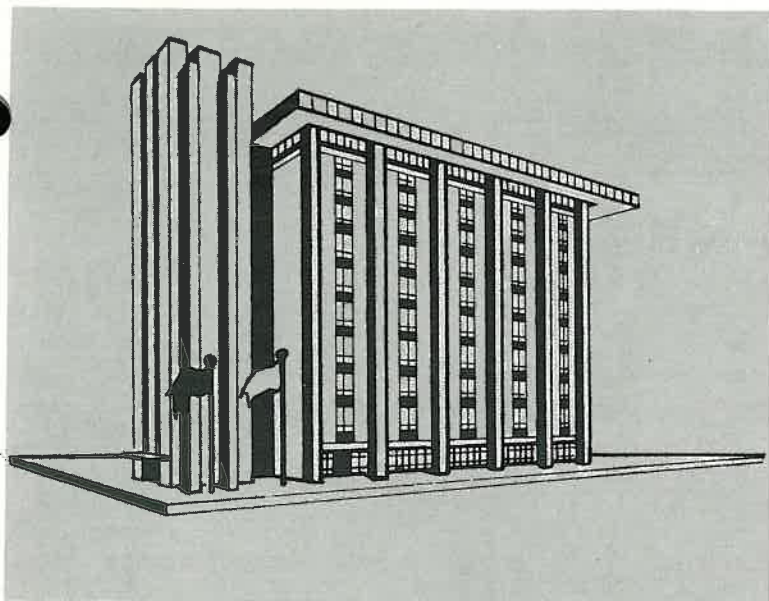
Bids will be opened and read for the replacement of the Main Street (Highway 5) bridge and alteration and renovation of the Broadway (Highway 70) bridge in Little Rock when the Highway Commission meets on June 24. These two are the last of eight highway bridges across the Arkansas which had to be altered or replaced as part of the expansive river navigation program.

The Main Street bridge will be replaced with a new four-lane structure to be located a few yards east (downstream) of the existing bridge. The four lanes will be divided by a median, with northbound lanes connecting Scott Street in Little Rock with Main Street in North Little Rock; and the southbound lanes connecting Main Street in Little Rock with Maple Street in North Little Rock. It will reach grade at Markham Street in Little Rock and at Washington Street in North Little Rock.

Two concrete arch spans will be removed from the Broadway bridge and replaced with one structural steel tied arch span to widen the navigation channel from 160 feet to 300 feet. The Main Street bridge will be dismantled after completion of the new structure and the Broadway bridge will be closed during repairs; however, four lanes of traffic between the two bridges will be maintained during the entire construction period, which is expected to be four years. The work is being let in one bid in order to more efficiently regulate the control of traffic. The movement of traffic will not be affected until the new bridge is nearing completion, two to three years hence. Both the present structures were completed in 1924.

Cost of the new bridge and alteration of the Broadway bridge is expected to be about \$8½ million. The Highway Department will let the contracts and pay for the work on a reimbursible basis from the Corps of Engineers.

*Clifton Hull says Broadway was opened on Christmas Day, 1922 & Arkansas Highways Main St. on May 22, 1924 (Ark. Hwy. 7-2-72)*



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**ON THE COVER**

Looking south on I-30 just north of  
Friendship interchange between  
Malvern and Arkadelphia.

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**PENDERGRASS**

**HONORED BY NSPE**

John T. Pendergrass, recently retired chief engineer of the Highway Department, was given a lifetime membership in the Arkansas and National Societies of Professional Engineers at the May 12 meeting of the Central Arkansas Chapter of the NSPE. To merit a lifetime membership, a person must be retired and no longer engaged in engineering, and have been a paid-up member of the societies for a specified number of years.



# DORA

## INFORMATION CENTER DEDICATED

The sixth tourist information center to be completed and put into operation in Arkansas through the joint sponsorship of the State Parks, Recreation and Travel Commission and the State Highway Department was formally dedicated on Saturday afternoon, June 6. The Fort Smith and Van Buren Chambers of Commerce were in charge of coordinating plans for dedication of the center, which is located just east of the Arkansas-Oklahoma state line on Interstate 40 north of Fort Smith-Van Buren.

Highway Commissioner J. C. Patterson of Lavaca, Ray G. Cooper, executive director of Parks, Recreation and travel, and C. E. Tudor, PRTC commissioner, made the dedicatory addresses. Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt cut the ribbon.

Other Highway Department representatives present at the dedication were W. P. Looney, head of the Economics Section of the Division of Planning and Research, and Calvin Peevy, who as a resident engineer, was in charge of construction on the information center. Other officials on the program were Mayor Jack Freeze of Fort Smith, Mayor Allen Ray Toothaker of Van Buren, State Senator Dave Partain and Reps. Bernice Kizer and B. G. Hendrix. Paul Latture of Fort Smith and Percy Boatright of Van Buren represented the Chambers of Commerce. The neighboring state of Oklahoma was represented by their travel director, Harry Wilson.

Local Weights and Standards personnel handled the traffic when some 300 people gathered for the ceremonies. Several tourists, stopping at the center for information, also stayed for the dedication.

The Dora center will be managed by Don Watson and assisted by hostesses Mary English and Elaine Polk. The senior hostess from each of the other five centers were also guests for the afternoon, distinctive in their uniform-styled dresses, which are red (naturally!) in the land of the Razorback, with colorful paisley scarves.

The Highway Department builds and maintains the tourist centers which are financed with federal and state funds, and PRTC operates them.



*J. C. Patterson*



*Ray Cooper*



*Left to right: Calvin Peevy, Patterson and W. P. Looney converse with an unidentified guest.*



▲ Cong. John P. Hammerschmidt cuts the ribbon while Patterson and Miss Van Buren, left, and Miss Fort Smith and C. E. Tudor, right, look on.



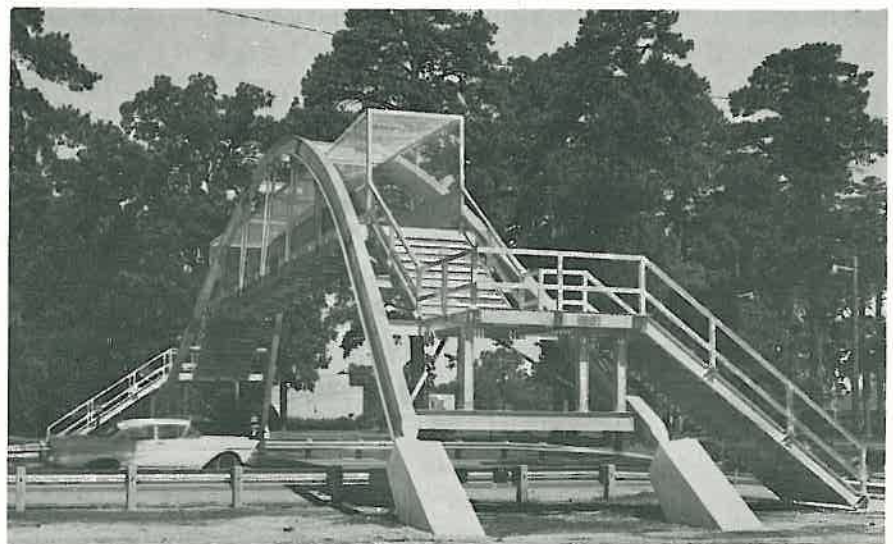
◀ Tourist center manager Don Watson with Miss Van Buren, Debbie Smith, left, and Miss Fort Smith, Pat Ulrich.

▶ Hostess Shelby Bowlby of the Corning tourist center at Corning serves punch to Wgts. & Stds. Supvr. Billy A. Skeets. The other hostess is Linda Czerwinski of the Texarkana information center.



## PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE HAS MODERN LOOK

Construction of a pedestrian overpass of U.S. 79 on the campus of AM&N College in Pine Bluff has been completed. The modernistic structure of aluminum is the first prefabricated pedestrian bridge produced by Reynolds Metals Co. Bituminous, Inc. erected the bridge, which is 100 feet long, 30 feet high and weighs 20,000 pounds. L. K. Howell was the resident engineer.





## TALIMENA SCENIC DRIVE DEDICATED



*Left to right: Rep. John Paul Hammerschmidt (Ark.), Director Ward Goodman, Rep. Carl Albert (Okla.), Commission Chairman Truman Baker and Mrs. Luci Johnson Nugent.*

**A**n estimated 2,000 persons gathered at the Oklahoma-Arkansas state line 20 miles west of Mena in a blazing sun on Sunday afternoon, June 7 to participate in opening ceremonies of Talimena Scenic Drive (Ark. Hwy. 88 and Okla. Hwy. 1). The Drive is a spectacular 55-mile route that crosses the crest of Rich, Coon and Winding Stair mountains in the Ouachita and Kiamichi chain of mountains between Mena, Ark. and Talihina, Okla. Talimena is a coined word formed from Talihina and Mena.

Arkansas Highway Department officials attending the program included Commissioners Truman Baker and J. C. Patterson, Director Ward Goodman, Asst. Dir. Henry Gray and Calvin Peevy, who represented District 4 of the Department. The Arkansas portion of the Drive lies within the area maintained by District 4, which has headquarters in Fort Smith.

A pre-dedication concert was rendered by the Okla-

homa National Guard Band. The highlight of the afternoon was a brief, to-the-point speech and ribbon-cutting by special guest, Mrs. Luci Johnson Nugent to officially open the Drive.

Virtually all the Arkansas portion of the Drive, 17.4 miles, was financed with funds from the Public Lands Federal Highway Fund. The Arkansas Highway Department constructed and paid for the road through Wilhelmina State Park with state and Federal-aid secondary funds. All maintenance is by the state highway departments.

Numerous scenic overlooks have been established along the route. Those on the Arkansas side were improved by the men of District 4 of the Arkansas Highway Department. A \$1.6 million dollar nature study center to be located in the Coon Mountain area of the highway is now in the planning stage.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COMMENDS HIGHWAY DEPT. FOR AWARD WINNING REPORT

**T**HE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE STATE GENERAL ASSEMBLY recently adopted a resolution congratulating and commending the State Highway Commission and the Department for receiving the Golden Milestone Award of Distinction on the preparation and content of the 28th Biennial Report. The award was presented by the Highway Users Federation for Safety and Mobility at the 13th Highway Transportation Congress held in Washington, D. C. on April 21. The resolution reads as follows:

### RESOLUTION NO. 26

WHEREAS, the National Highway Users Federation for Safety and Mobility recently presented its Golden Milestone Award of Distinction to the Arkansas Highway Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Award was made to the Arkansas Highway Commission for its Twenty-Eighth Biennial Report and more particularly for its noteworthy efforts to widen public interest and improve public understanding of highway development problems and highway progress through the use of written and graphic presentations in its Twenty-Eighth Biennial Report; and

WHEREAS, the receipt of this Award by the Arkansas Highway Commission is an honor to the State and will result in nationwide publicity for the State of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Highway Commission and the Arkansas Highway Department are to be commended and congratulated for their outstanding efforts to increase the interest and knowledge of the people of the State in highway progress and problems which earned for them the Golden Milestone Award of Distinction,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. The Legislative Council hereby congratulates the Arkansas Highway Commission and the Arkansas Highway Department for being awarded the Golden Milestone Award of Distinction by the National Highway Users Federation for Safety and Mobility, and commends the Commission and the Department for their noteworthy efforts to increase public knowledge and understanding of highway problems and highway progress.

SECTION 2. Upon adoption of this Resolution, an appropriate copy hereof shall be transmitted to the Chairman of the Arkansas Highway Commission and to the Director of the Highway Department.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Clifton Wade  
Clifton Wade  
Senator, District 2

## ADDITION OF E - W FREEWAY NOT POSSIBLE NOW

Addition of the Little Rock East-West Expressway to the State's interstate mileage cannot be made at this time because no mileage is available, according to Federal Highway Administrator F. C. Turner. The Arkansas Highway Commission requested the addition

of the 7.4 mile urban route to the interstate system early in May through the Little Rock office of the Bureau of Public Roads.

Turner acknowledged receipt of the report justifying the request for adding the mileage to the interstate system and commended the Highway Commission upon its preparation and content. The request will be held in abeyance until more mileage is available for allocation. The Commission is still optimistic about getting the freeway added to the interstate mileage, which would make it available for 90 percent federal funds in financing the remainder of construction. An estimated \$19.4 million is needed to complete the route. One mile has been completed and is open to traffic. It presently serves an average of 8900 vehicles per day.

## J. C. PERKINS Receives 30 Year Award



*Harsh, left, and Perkins*

J. C. Perkins, highway maintenance inspector in the Maintenance Division, received a 30 year certificate and lapel pin from the Highway Commission on May 22. He is a native of Yellville in Marion County and began his highway career at Harrison, where he was assistant maintenance superintendent before being promoted to resident engineer. From resident engineer he was promoted to his present position in 1965. He graduated from Yellville High School and later completed a number of engineering courses through International Correspondence Schools.

Perkins and his wife, the former Lillian Russell, also of Yellville, live at 4918 Oaklawn in North Little Rock and attend Lakewood Methodist Church. He is a member of the Yellville Masonic Lodge. He likes to spend his spare time cruising Lake Maumelle in his boat. Highway building is deep-seated in the Perkins family. J.C. Perkins, Sr. worked for the Department 25 years and J.C.'s brother Hurley, an assistant construction engineer, has completed almost 27 years.

## OBITUARIES



### EDWIN A. WILLIAMS

Edwin Ashley Williams, 70, of 3 Alpine Court, Little Rock, died Monday, May 11. He retired from the Highway Department in May, 1965 after working 35 years in the Bridge Design Division. He was born at Boone, Iowa but moved early in life to Westmoreland, Kans. He was a graduate of Washburn University at Topeka, Kans. Williams had also worked for the Oklahoma and Louisiana Highway Departments before coming to Arkansas. He was a registered professional engineer and a member of the Arkansas and National Societies of Professional Engineers. He was an Episcopalian and a member of Spring Lake Country Club.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Ester Barsachs Williams, and a brother, Finley G. Williams of Oklahoma City, Okla. Funeral services were held May 13 at Ruebel Funeral Chapel by Rev. Rollo L. Rilling. Pallbearers were Veral Pinkerton, James E. Matthews, Dallas Vire, Frank Harrison, Frank R. Battisto and Robert Seay. Honorary pallbearers were employees of the Highway Department. Interment was in Roselawn Memorial Park.

### JAMES L. PURTLE

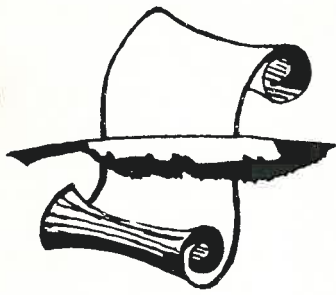
James Lester Purtle, of Mt. Moriah community in Nevada County, died May 22 at the age of 75. He was employed by the Highway Department 21 years and was Nevada County Area Foreman when he retired in 1962.

He was a Baptist and a Mason. For many years he served as a member of the Laneburg School Board.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Nancy Hester Gullick Purtle; two sons, Windell of Philadelphia, Penna., and Wallace of Prescott; five daughters, Mrs. Margaret Alexander and Mrs. Mildred Griebel, both of Little Rock, Mrs. Ellen Stewart of New Boston, Tex., Mrs. Lois Maroon of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mrs. Frances Imus, Brinkley; two brothers, Charles W. Purtle, Sulphur, Okla., and Milburn Purtle, Rosston; 15 grandchildren; and 2 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 25 at Bluff Springs Baptist Church. Burial was in the Bluff Springs Cemetery by the Laneburg Masonic Lodge. Arrangements were by Cornish Funeral Service.





## Letters

Hazen, Ark.

Mr. Ellis  
Arkansas Highway Dept.  
Hazen, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

*This note is to compliment you and your helpers for keeping the Highway Dept. yard so neat. The roses are beautiful. The cleanliness and neatness of your department helps add to the beauty of the town.*

Sincerely,

Maxine Rochelle

Mt. Ida, Ark.

Gentlemen:

*I wish to commend to the Arkansas Park Department a young man employed by you at the roadside rest on Highway 40 between Ft. Smith and the Van Buren turn off.*

*We arrived there about 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 28th. He was cleaning the ladies rest room. He was constantly interrupted but each time he either worked at cleaning the office or picked weeds.*

*When he finally finished the cleaning, the room was spotless. He was constantly answering questions of travelers in a most courteous manner. The spot selected for the rest was beautiful. I wish to express to the Highway Department my sincere appreciation.*

Respectfully,

Eileen K. Allen  
1226 5th Ave., Apt. 7  
Monrovia, Calif. 91016

(The rest area Mrs. Allen refers to is the newly-completed one at Dora. The employee she mentioned is Don Watson.)

## HURLEY WINS "Boss Of The Year"



Cons. Engr. E. E. "Mack" Hurley was judged "Boss of the Year" by Acropolis Chapter, American Business Womens Association at the Chapter's Boss Night banquet held at Holiday Inn in North Little Rock the evening of May 23. Hurley was selected on the basis of information supplied by his secretary, Mrs. Lucille Dishongh.

Austin, Texas

Attn. A. E. Johnson Jr.

Sir:

*I wish to thank you for your kind letter of the 26th in regards to the status of the Interstate system. It has been most helpful in coming to a decision as the route to follow.*

*We have been traversing Arkansas for the past 20 years, the first time (being) after the floods had practically taken the highway out. It is good to know that the State is getting caught up on the matter.*

*We seem to have a sort of soft spot in our hearts for Arkansas (except in football) and wish the state well in all its efforts to better itself.*

*Thanking you for your prompt courtesy in answering my call for help, I remain*

Respectfully Yours,

Arthur R. Lillie  
5509 New Haven Court  
Austin, Texas 78756

# ROADWAY DESIGN ENJOYS OUTING

The just-right weather and fresh greenness of late spring and early summer gives many people the urge to get outdoors and do things — fun things like camping, fishing, picnicking, boating, skiing, etc.

Employees of Roadway Design and their families enjoyed an outing at Boyle Park on Friday night, May 22. The food was bountiful and the fellowship was relaxed and convivial. The fellows sharpened their appetites by playing softball and pitching horseshoes, while the ladies did what ladies like to do best — engage in girl talk.



*Brooks and Linda Nichols*



*Kay and Gay Nichols, left and right, and seated 2nd from right, DeAnn Nichols, and Kim Thompson.*

*Becky and Lynn Major, Kelley DeBusk, and Mildred Squires.*



*Left to right, Billie Sipes, Bennie Robbins, Eve Thomas, Lois Thompson, Shirley Haydon, Marjorie Treece and Ann Green.*



*Lois, left, and Pat Thompson, and Eve Thomas.*



# DISTRICT 8 EMPLOYEES CITED FOR QUICK ACTION

Pollution of Lake Dardanelle was narrowly avoided May 22 by the swift action of four Highway Department employees and the Russellville fire chief. Recognition of their efforts by the U.S. Corps of Engineers was made June 3 when Col. Charles L. Steel, District Engineer of the Corps, presented certificates of appreciation to them.

About 1 a.m., May 22 a tanker truck overturned on I-40 near Russellville, spilling 6,000 gallons of liquid asphalt into a ditch that drains in the Illinois Bayou arm of Lake Dardanelle.

Volunteer Fire Chief David Sacry, Sr. and District 8 employees Maint. Supt. Bernard Bice, Job Supt. Noah Moody, Delbert Pelham and Emil Page stanchied the flow of asphalt by placing large blocks of styrofoam in the ditch and weighting them down with planks. Those recognized, other members of the Russellville volunteer fire department and a number of other Highway employees worked the remainder of the night and well into the next morning covering the asphalt with a bulldozer to prevent the pollution.

Col. Steel said that if the asphalt had gotten into the lake it would have fouled the shoreline for several miles and

probably would have killed many fish.

The certificates were presented at the District 8 headquarters office.



Left to right: Moody, Bice, Page, Pelham, Sacry and Col. Steel. (Corps of Engineers photo.)



## HIGHWAY DAMES

ENJOY

## ANNUAL PICNIC



Five of the new officers are left to right: Bonnie Magness, Bobbie Moore, Elyeene Gray, Doris Butler and Rebecca Daggett.

Dames members and their guests present at the picnic are left to right: Ginger Jones, daughter of Wilma Perkins; Wilma Perkins, Doris Butler, Bonnie Magness, Margaret Bartleson, Mada Vandenburg, Mada's daughter Ann Colvert, Elyeene Gray, Bobbie Moore, Eleanor Pattilo, Bobbie Pumphrey, Rebecca Daggett and Nadine Head.

The Highway Dames held their annual picnic and installation of officers at Burns Park on May 21. New officers are Bonnie Magness, president; Bobbie Moore, vice president; Elyeene Gray, secretary; Doris Butler, corresponding secretary; Rebecca Daggett, parliamentarian; Maxine Kizer, treasurer; and Eleanor Longcoy, historian. Ginger Jones and Ann Colvert, daughters of Wilma Perkins and Mada Vandenburg, were guests.

## A.H.D. GOLF TOURNEY ENDS

The Highway Department's Annual Golf Tournament at War Memorial Park has reached a successful conclusion. After much soul-searching, arbitration, negotiation and head-knocking, awards were distributed as follows:

Lowest handicap score, 72 holes, 246 - Rex Leathers  
Runner up 249 - Dave Conner

Highest handicap score, 72 holes, 334 - Geo. Green

Lowest handicap score, 1st round, 61 - John Sage

Lowest handicap score, 2nd round, 58 - D. Conner

Lowest handicap score, 2nd round, 58 - R. Leathers

Lowest handicap score, 3rd round, tie 57, D. Conner and Morris Reinhart

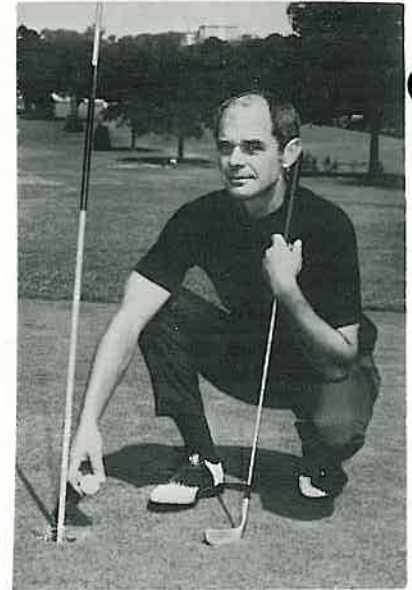
Hole in one (15th) - Rex Leathers

Eagle (14th) - Ben Landers

Birdies: Jim Barnett, 3; Ron Watson, 4; Chas. Rain, 1; B. Landers, 1; Leon Noel, 3; Bob Narrell, 1; Larry Johnson, 1; Dale Loe, 4; R. Leathers, 4; Bernie Babb, 1; Travis Orton, 3; Wilbert Chapman, 1; O. E. Smith, 3; Roland Copeland, 1; Ron Baker, 3; D. Conner, 2; M. Reinhart, 3; and Marlin Powell, 1.

Closest 72-hole net score of 260 - Brooks Nichols (260)

Every golfer, down to the last duffer, enjoyed himself and is already looking forward to the fall tournament, which will be 4-ball play. So find a partner and start practicing. Actual scores from this tournament will be used to develop handicaps for the fall event.



Rex Leathers

## Bullfrog Classic Is "Jumping" Success



Bob Mattox (right) was the individual low-score winner. (The eyelashes on Madame Frog were enough to inspire anyone to competition for her possession). Mattox and Frank Neighbors (left) won the "King Frog" trophy (which Frank holds) for the low scoring team, with scores of 79 and 114 respectively, and a low ball score of 8 over par 70.

by Janet McElduff

The first Annual East and Northeast Arkansas Bullfrog Invitational Golf Classic was held at the Crowley Ridge Country Club in Wynne on June 5. Co-hosts were Commissioner Maurice Smith, Dist. 1 Engr. Bill Mulhollen and Dist. 10 Engr. Sam Smith, with a generous assist from Dist. 1 Maint. Supt. Jim Tucker. AHD personnel were paired with industry-related entrants as follows:

1st flight: Maurice Smith, John Harsh - Ben Hogan, Jim Reynolds.

2nd flight: Jim Lowder, Jim Tucker - Rex Leathers, Bill Moore.

3rd flight: Sam Smith, Bob Mattox - James Quessenberry, Frank Neighbors.

4th flight: Frank Caple, Bill Mulhollen - George Thweatt, Fred House.

Wives attending were Mesdames Maurice Smith, Sam Smith, Mulhollen, Mattox, Caple, Neighbors, Moore, Thweatt, House and Quessenberry.

Despite plaguey intermittent downpours of rain, the entrants sportingly held to their determination to win the tournament. V. V. Hellums was "fairway refreshment chairman" and the golfers were overwhelmingly indebted to him for helping maintain their stamina on the course. His ingenuity in transforming a golf cart into a "good humor wagon" with built-in ding-a-ling (a drink can filled with small rocks) was one of the wonders of the afternoon.

Supper was enjoyed at the lakeside cottage of Mrs. Maurice Smith's father, after which the awards were presented. A genuine native fare of frog-legs, blue channel catfish, slaw, french fries and hush puppies was cooked in excellent fashion by Sam Smith and Jay Hensley, with pre-party preparations by Yvonne Mulhollen and Mary Virginia Smith.

Supper guests were Jay Hensley of the Asphalt Institute and his wife, and V. V. Hellums, Portland Cement Association, and Mrs. Hellums.

Most entrants expressed a mutual opinion that this tournament was a golfing epic, a true classic with awards that will probably become the most coveted and sought-after in the country. Some described the whole affair (and quite properly so) as a "real croaker." Still others were overheard exclaiming far into the night, "Rivet - Rivet - Rivet." (continued page 30)



## Employee's Son Is Athlete Of The Year



Name a sport and Tom Ed Gooden of Carlisle is good at it - so good, in fact, that the sports staff of the Arkansas Gazette has chosen him as the state's high school Athlete of the Year of 1969-70. Tom Ed, some of whose feats we mentioned in the March, 1970 issue, is the son of Lowell Gooden, a member of the Lonoke County crew.

He signed a letter of intent with the University of Arkansas Razorbacks after turning down offers from Harding, the University of Missouri and Vanderbilt. Turning down Harding wasn't easy because of his and his family's sincerity in the Church of Christ faith but he chose the University because he said he had always been a Razorback fan and now he wants to be a Razorback player.

Gooden excelled in basketball (all-district high scorer) and track events (he holds five school records). He showed promise as a pitcher and shortstop during Pony League baseball years but Carlisle's Legion team disbanded last year. He took up golf and now shoots in the low 80's.

He was president of the student council and graduated 7th in a class of 50, with a 3.2 grade point, which he achieved without the necessity of study hall. He was selected as the outstanding male student and outstanding senior student. He played trumpet in the band and was twice chosen all-region for that.

On May 22 he entered his first state decathlon and won, with the fourth highest point total and slimmest margin on record. As a reward, his parents immediately presented him a new Chevrolet Camaro; "a graduation present I guess." Principal Raymond Brown said, "I'm sure it will be a long time before we have another student of Tom Ed's all-round qualifications." Basketball coach Bill Johnson: "There's no way you can go wrong with him. He could get a college scholarship in three sports."

But football and track coach Ervin Kulbeth, who had worked so closely with Gooden, had the most to say about him: "Say anything good and it will be right

about Tom Ed. He has confidence in himself but isn't brash. He's unselfish. He never created jealousy. He responded real well to pressure and coaching, and nothing ever goes to his head. He recognizes and reads football defenses sufficiently to audibleize regularly, a rarity in high school. He has a great competitive spirit and always goes all out in everything. His manners are also exceptional." Kulbeth summed up his characterization of Gooden by saying, "I've never seen anyone like him."

When Coach Wilson Matthews came to sign up Tom Ed with the Razorbacks, he offered to take Gooden and his parents to dinner. But Mrs. Gooden, who teaches junior high English at Carlisle, insisted that Coach Matthews stay for dinner at their home instead. Coach Frank Broyles said he would attend the signing and stage a state-wide televised ceremony but the unassuming Gooden family declined that special attention. This summer Tom Ed is working on the construction of a new bank at Carlisle.

## Wilhite To Safety



J.E. Wilhite, who has been in the Current Planning Section of the Planning and Research Division since he was employed in 1966, has transferred to the Safety Section. While with P & R, he collected data by working on both routine and special traffic counts, turning movements and speed checks. He will now be assisting Safety Officer Roland Humble in carrying out the Department's state-wide safety program in the districts.

## TREES BEAUTIFY SOUTH L.R. INTERSECTION

Working in cooperation with the Little Rock City Beautiful Committee, the Highway Department is in the process of planting some 30 pine and hardwood trees at the intersection of I-30 and South University Avenue. John Gill of the City Beautiful Committee obtained the trees through the cooperation of Ed Briscoe, Felix Green and W. F. Rector. Transplanting is being done with the Department's mechanical tree mover-planter under supervision of Bryan Davis, head of the Roadside Development Section of the Maintenance Division.

Plantings for aesthetic enhancement were made last summer at the junction of I-40 and U.S. 67-167 in North Little Rock.

# FROM THE HALLS OF IVY



*Janis Andrews*



*Connie Sipe*



*Ed Rownd*



*Mike Gray*



*Phil Hutchison*



*Wilma Koonce*



*Lisa Lowe*



*Robt. Venable*



*Rich Johnson*



*John Pharris*



*Barbara Shelby*



*Yolanda Hardin*



*Debbie Staton*

Among the proud moments of any parent's life is the graduation of sons and/or daughters from high school. It is a time of pride in achievement, mixed with a tinge of sadness at the realization that family ties are about to be broken by college, jobs, marriage, etc. Among the employees in the main building there were 13 graduates that we know of. If others were overlooked, it was, of course, unintentional.

Five of the 13 graduated from Central High. Janis Lin Andrews, daughter of Bob Andrews in the Office Engineer's office, plans to attend U.A.L.R. in the fall. Connie Sipe, daughter of Nancy, secretary to Asst. Dir. Henry Gray, says she has had enough of that learnin' and stuff, and wants to work and make money. Ed

Rownd, son of Maint. Engr., Bert Rownd, as all Razorback fans are probably aware, was an outstanding athlete at Central and has signed a letter of intent with the University at Fayetteville. Mike Gray, son of Asst. Dir. Henry Gray, was a member of the Beta Club and will also attend the University. Phillip Hutchison, son of Frank Hutchison of Roadway Design, was a member of the honor society and plans to attend Arkansas Tech.

From Hall High: Wilma Koonce, daughter of Pat in Accounting, plans to go to college or business school but hasn't decided which or where. Lisa Lowe is the daughter of Cameron Lowe of Roadway Design. She will attend Hendrix. Robert Venable is the son of Surveys Engr. Charles Venable. He plans to go to the

University of Arkansas. Richard Johnson, son of Art in Computer Services, will attend Centenary College in Shreveport, La.

Barbara Ann Shelby, daughter of Roy in Computer Services, graduated from Metropolitan and plans to be married in September.

John E. Pharris, son of Floyd in Computer Services, graduated from North Little Rock High School. He plans to work this summer and decide later about going to college. Yolanda Hardin, daughter of Peg Hardin in Computer Services, graduated from Whitehall High School near Pine Bluff. Debbie Staton, daughter of Marvin in the Office Engineer's office, graduated from Malvern High School and wants to go to business school this fall.





Friday, May 28 started out to be an ordinary day for Pilot Ed Ray. About mid-morning he was checking out the Department plane at Adams Field when a DC-3 came in nearby. The pilot deplaned, came over to Ed and engaged him in casual conversation while the plane was being refueled. After some 10 minutes, the pilot offered his hand and said, "I'm Cary Grant." Ed's reply was what anyone's might have been under similar circumstances: "I'm Ed Ray, pilot for the Highway Dep.....CARY GRANT!!!" It seems Mr. Charm himself was in town to negotiate the purchase of a locally owned Con-vair.

Art Johnson, assistant head of Computer Services Division, and Mrs. Johnson really enjoyed their daughter Lynne's vacation but in a sort of unusual way. Lynne is a stewardess for American Airlines, stationed at Dallas. One of American's employee benefits allows their parents to travel anywhere that American flies during the time the employee is on vacation, for a minimal service charge. Through those accommodations Art and his wife flew to Acapulco for part of a week, returned home for a few days, then went on to Phoenix, San Diego, San Francisco and New York! How about that?! Art is already looking forward to next year's vacation because American will soon begin service to Hawaii and Australia.

Records and Reproduction has five summer employees and one new permanent employee. Gary Kirklin, the full-time employee, is from North Little Rock

and graduated from high school there.

Vicki Huffsmith graduated this year from U.A.L.R. and will teach sixth grade at Franklin School this fall. Joyce Linton is from Benton and a sophomore music major at Oklahoma Baptist University. The organ is her specialty.

Ronny Tollett coaches and teaches at Catholic High. He is a graduate of Southern State College. He and his wife Darla live in Little Rock.

Diane Feimster has returned for her fourth summer with the Department. She will become a bride in August and return to the University of Arkansas in September where she is a senior business major.

Marty Bemis is from Prescott. She will also be a senior at the University of Arkansas next fall, where she is majoring in English education. Both Diane and Marty attend the Fayetteville campus.



Left to right: Gary Kirklin, Vicki Huffsmith, Ronny Tollett, Joyce Linton, Diane Feimster and Marty Bemis.

Denise and Ben McCool have a little baby girl born May 25. Denise was out visiting in the building June 11 and show-

ing off her little (and I do mean little!) offspring. She is a former secretary in the E.E.O. office.

Former Roadway Designer John Hicks, now retired, won first place as a feature writer at the annual Arkansas Writers' Conference held recently in Little Rock. More than 300 writers attended.

Res. Engr. Jim Gee's wife has been elected a vice-president of the Little Rock Jaycettes.

Cheryl Gandl and Terry Williams are summer employees in the Accounting Division. Cheryl graduated from Mount St. Mary's Academy in 1969 and will be a sophomore at A.S.U. this fall.

Terry will be a senior at Metropolitan — the best school in the state, he says — in September.



Cheryl Gandl



Terry Williams

Troyce Wilson is going to kill her husband Arthur and me, but we thought you ladies should know the proper, easy way to ride a ferocious longhorn — side saddle, or rather, bare back and side-ways, as Troyce demonstrates. Arthur yanks back on the reins and sticks like glue to the saddle of Old Lightnin! This picture was no doubt made in their more adventurous years. But even then, I wonder if it would

have required a bit more courage had the longhorn and the bucking bronc been living, breathing, snorting animals instead of mockups especially for picture-taking. Troyce is secretary to P&R Engr. A.E. Johnson, Jr.



Troyce



Arthur

Ronnie Hill of the Mail Room is justifiably proud of his brother Danny's pole vaulting record. Danny, who graduated this year from Westside Junior High in Benton, won the pole vault in the region 3-AA junior high track meet at Russellville with a 11-9½. He set a new school record and a new region 3-AA record, surpassing the old one of 11-9 set for the region in 1965. Danny then went on to

win first place in the state junior high AA tournament with a 11-6. He came in second with a 11-9 in the junior high Meet of Champions.



Danny Hill

Pat Koonce of Accounting is looking happier these days and for good cause. Her son Jerry came home June 9 after finishing his tour of military duty, the last 18 months of which was spent in Viet Nam.

Soon after the May issue of *Arkansas Highways* went to press, the 13-year-old grandson of IZARD County Area Foreman R. L. Moser, Bobby Keith Moser, who lives at Mt. Pleasant, Ark., wrote in to say that he could identify the Where Is It? in the April issue. And he correctly identified the picture as being Ramsey Mountain south of Batesville on U.S. 167. We appreciate Bobby's interest.

As we stated in the May issue, many people identified the April Where Is It? but no one's identification was nearly so positive as that of Forrest C. "Bogie" Bogart, retired from the Right of Way Division. He writes: "Mary: That picture on the back of the April 1970 issue of *Arkansas Highways*, Where Is It, looks familiar. My guess (italics ours) is Construction Job 593 Route 11 Section 14 (now route 167). Federal-aid project No's. NRH 240-A 1935 and 240-C 1935, Batesville-Ramsey Mt. road, Independence County. Length of project, 1.113 miles, covering grading, drainage and concrete pavement. The project was from the south end of Ramsey Bottoms bridge, construction Job 541. A 4800' reinforced C.D.G. bridge, to the Jct. of Highway 25 at the top of Ramsey Mountain. The "U" turn shown in the picture is about halfway up Ramsey Mt."

Bogie, are you telling us that "guess"

is on the basis of recall alone? If so, what elephant school can we go to to develop a memory like that!

Retiree Sarah Henry called the magazine office June 12 for a little telephone visit and to let us know that she was home after a 16-day stay in the hospital. Sarah's health is quite delicate these days but her spirit is ebullient as always. She would appreciate cards and phone calls from her friends.

Bryan Davis of Roadside Development wants the central headquarters employees to feel free to use the picnic table which has been placed on the grounds by its manufacturer for testing.

### GUESS WHO!

Since so many employees had fun trying to identify the Guess Who? in the April issue, we've included another. This young gunslinger is employed by the Department and has been for more than 25 years.



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"Now that we're equal partners, Dad, I'll make all decisions, and you'll see that they're carried out."



## DEPARTMENT NEWS



### BRIDGE DESIGN

by Willie Whitmire

We welcome Garland Land, who recently completed the Engineer in Training Program. We are pleased that he chose to join our group permanently. Garland and his wife, Kitty are from Shreveport and are graduates of Louisiana Tech. They have a year old son, Jeremy Ray, and live in Indian Springs Mobile Home Park. Naturally Garland's hobbies are hunting, fishing and water sports. Welcome to the group, Garland.



*Garland Land*

The ole stork has visited our Department once again. J.P. and Frankie Jo Sumner are proud parents of a little girl, Kelly Ann, born May 7. J.P. is the proudest papa we have seen in a long time. He says getting up at that early hour in the morning to feed Kelly is a joy! However, Frankie Jo is there to give a helping hand, if necessary. Congratulations, J.P.

We had a family picnic for our Department on Tuesday, May 19 at Reservoir Park. Mr. and Mrs. L.P. Carlson were our honored guests and I think everyone had enough to eat and drink. We have some pretty hardy appetites in this group, considering the number of times some of us went back for "seconds", but isn't that what a picnic is for? We were royally entertained by the "Sunset Singers." This

group consists of Dallas Vire's twins, Clay and Craig, and another son Dennis, and Marilyn, Richard and Susie Manson.



*Left to right: Willie and Sarah Whitmire, and J.P. and Frankie Jo Sumner.*



*Foreground, Don and Robbin Harbour and their daughter Kristin. Behind them are Mr. and Mrs. L.P. Carlson, Dallas Vire, and Harry and Sue Dinsmore.*



*Several of the employees' children are shown here. Veral Pinkerton and Dale Loe are in the background.*



*The Sunset Singers. Left to right, they are: Susan Manson, Clay Vire, Richard Manson, Craig Vire, Dennis Vire and Marilyn Manson.*

## COMPUTER SERVICES

by The Staff

Art Johnson took the kind of flying vacation in May that we've all dreamed about. He left Little Rock for Acapulco, from there to San Diego, then on to Phoenix, San Francisco, then to New York. Chicago, his old stomping grounds, was his last stop before coming home and back to work again. Now he needs a vacation to rest up from his vacation!

Before Art left on his trip he received his 15-year pin presented by Chief Engr. B.K. Cooper. We had cake and punch for the occasion.

Jo Anne Dailey is recuperating at home after an operation. Hurry and get well, Jo Anne. We're anxious to have you back at work.

Jerry Conway and his family enjoyed a fun visit to Six Flags recently. Hope it wasn't too windy on the rides, Jerry (a little office joke!!)

Wayne Eubanks took the crucial step the 13th of June. He and his bride were married in Geyer Springs Baptist Church. Much happiness to them.

Roy Shelby, Art Johnson, Peg Hardin and Floyd Pharris had graduates this year from high school. Congratulations to them. Roy's daughter Barbara Ann will be getting married in September. Art's son Rich will be going to Centenary at Shreveport this fall. Peg's daughter Yolanda, plans to attend school, also.

Danny Sullivan, Fay's son, is head life guard at Camp Devereaux near Mt. Ida. We hope he enjoys his summer job. Sounds like the perfect way to get a nice tan.

Maxi excitement at the Peg Hardin home - Charlotte will be getting married in July to Claude E. Hughes. Best of luck to them.

Evelyn Handley and her husband made a quick trip to Chicago to visit relatives.

Mrs. Grover Smith and daughter paid us a visit with the new grandbaby, Michalle Ann. Smitty just beamed like a proud new grandfather should!

Barbara Smith and her family recently spent an enjoyable weekend camping out at Buckville on Lake Ouachita.

With such an active group of people in our Department some news may not have been reported, but you can be sure there's always the next issue.



by John C. Helgen

### Final Estimates

by Sandra Cearley

Debra Tracy is no longer with us. She left to join her husband at Devil's Den State Park. We wished her farewell with an office party and a gift. Good luck, Debra.

Debra's replacement is Laura Worstell. Laura is a native of Little Rock, where she graduated from McClellan High School in 1969. She drives a green Firebird and has an unusual hobby - bull riding in Arkansas rodeos. Her best time is 3 seconds. That may not sound like much, but think about it. Quite a lot, considering.



Chuck Jones, left, and Laura Worstell

Chuck Jones has come to our crew from Lawrence Fletcher's office in Conway. He attended Arkansas Tech after graduating from high school in Morrilton. He likes to hunt, fish and play pool.

Vic Moody never gives us many news items. We hear he has just bought a new home in Benton. He and his family plan a vacation trip to Texas.

Judy Lawrence, our swinging single girl, has just gotten back from a vacation in Florida where she spent a week with her parents. They went deep sea fishing two days; one day was just the three members of Judy's family on a chartered boat. They caught enough fish to create envy in all the fishermen in our crew. Judy is sporting a Florida tan as her greatest souvenir.



Judy Lawrence

Kathy Gault is taking the big step on June 26 when she and "Tiger" McLain will be married. We all wish them much happiness and good luck.

### MAINTENANCE, RADIO, & ROADSIDE DEVELOPMENT

by Billie Boyd

This has been an exciting month for me. I had a birthday May 7 and received a beautiful pot of flowers from my office. Then, Jimmie Farnam took me to lunch at the Casa Bonita where we met Virginia Neighbors, formerly of Roadway Design. I really enjoyed the entire day.

A couple of weeks after my birthday, I received a letter saying my cat had been chosen a regional winner in the 1970 All American Glamour Kitty Contest. He won a few small prizes, but best of all, I was contacted by Tom Bonner from

Channel 4 TV, who wanted to come out and film Pino for their news program! I feel I have quite a celebrity in the family.



Glamour Kitty contestant Poco Pino.

J.C. Perkins had a nice party on May 22 for receiving his 30-year certificate and pin. Quite a few friends dropped by, including Mrs. Ceceil Burns, formerly of Maintenance.



J.C. Perkins, right, with Mrs. Perkins and Maint. Engr. Bert Rownd.

Of all the engineer trainees we've had, we're finally getting to keep one for our very own. Bill Bosley has decided to work for Maintenance, and we're very glad to have him. I haven't gotten around to asking him about himself, but I do know he is married and a motorcycle lover. He has a new Triumph 650, I understand. Seems like everyone has the fever.

Gerald Sisk's daughter-in-law and granddaughter are visiting from the Virgin Islands where his son is employed. Doesn't that sound like a nice place to work?

John Hall and family are visiting friends in Indiana this month. I believe they plan to do some camping out along



the way.

Madge Livingston's son Richard is combining business with pleasure this summer, lifeguarding at War Memorial Park. That's like getting paid to watch girls. He is also teaching science and chemistry two days a week at MacArthur Park. Richard will be a senior at UALR next year.

Well, it is swimming and ball playing season. Jimmie Farnam's son Tony is playing on a Little League team this year. Jimmie's family will probably have to survive on bologna sandwiches all summer, because I can guarantee that she won't miss a game or practice.

While at a game one evening recently, the father of one of the players told me that you can say all you want about a boy's playing around the men, but for goodness sakes, don't let a mother hear you!

## MATERIALS & TESTS

by *Sibyl Maddox*

We are busy making preparations for our annual fish fry at Burns Park, June 5. The fish fry is always a good time affair. As usual the "Captain of the Fry" is Bill Langston. What would we do without you, Bill?

Bill and family recently went to Lake Nimrod for a weekend of camping and fishing.

Doug Turney, son of R. C. and Georgette Turney, was married May 6 to the former Alexa Keith of Nacogdoches, Texas. R. C. and Georgette and friends went to Lake Ouachita for camping and fishing.

Jack English and family have been visiting his sister in Dallas.

Harry Doyle has a new grandson born March 10. His name is James Harry. The proud parents are Mr. & Mrs. Jim Doyle of Pensacola, Fla. Harry and wife recently visited relatives at Tuckerman, Ark.

John Redding is sporting a new white Datsun.

Geri Burks and family spent a weekend at Mt. Magazine recently.

Margaret J. Ellis spent several days in St. Vincents Infirmary undergoing tests. We are so glad to have you back, Jean.

We have a blonde in the office of Materials and Tests. Guess who?

Julia Halliburton and Yours Truly attended the South Central Regional meeting of the International Toastmistress Club at St. Louis, Missouri. We had a ball!

We have several new summer employees in our midst. They are: Elaine Roberts, a senior at Parkview High; Bob Fore, a sophomore med student; Ken Carter, civil engineering student at the U. of A.; Robert Hammock, a sophomore engineering student at the University of Arkansas; Greg Porter, Ouachita Baptist University business administration junior; and Hugh Battershell, instructor at Arkansas State University's Beebe Branch. This is Hugh's sixth summer with us. Welcome aboard!

George Green is my new roving reporter. I credit this newsy column to his ability to shirk his regular routine for the sake of the Highway Magazine.

## NINTH FLOOR WEST

by *Marie D. Wano*

I have to pry and snoop in order to find out the civic participation and family camaraderie (and it's much) that goes on in the group our Editor asked me to report on. I'm able to pass on to you the following incidents.

Marvin Staton's daughter, Debbie graduated from Malvern High School and plans to work in Arlington, Texas this summer; then, on to a business school in the fall.

Bob Andrews' daughter Janice graduated from L.R. Central High and will go to U.A.L.R.

Bill Spratlin's son John, of Dermott, visited him for a few days and is thinking of transferring into Hall High here. I know he will be company for his father during the week if he decides to. (Bill and Mrs. Spratlin still maintain their home at Dermott. Bill lives in Little Rock during the week and goes home on weekends.)

Vershal Roy and Chuck Freeman attended an Executive Training Seminar held May 25-June 2 at the State Hospital. I hope they received a validated certificate for the session. (It might be a good idea to post it for all to see.)

Vershal's son Kenneth spent four days visiting in Chicago. The most surprising

announcement at the Roy house lately was made by their 4-year-old Margaret, who informed her daddy that she has decided to be a boy from now on and can no longer be "his girl." Perhaps Vershal will need to buy another girl?!

Millie Houston and family went to Delhi, La. to visit her sister, Shirley Burroughs.

David Covey bought a new Triumph motorcycle. Guess his next purchase will be a rumbleseat for Tanya, Shawn and his wife.

I commented that Bill Rainwater had prepared an excellent speech on "Science and Technology" to be presented before the Arkansas Reserve Officers' Association and was informed that he is well-known as a speaker and is a charter member of Hi-Noon Toastmasters Chapter No. 2217-43. Resolved now by this reporter: To keep looking for AHD talent!

Mary Rowland has everything she needs to set up housekeeping on June 5. Even so, Millie Houston was racking her brain for something useful that Mary hasn't already acquired and I'll bet she came up with an item unthought of. She seemed determined not to be outwitted.

I, me and myself, have had quite a time keeping plans and preparations for boss Bob Mattox' 20th AHD anniversary party on June 12 (D-Day) a secret. He surely does move around! I couldn't even get out invitations as early as I would have liked - afraid he might see a copy and get wise. My heartfelt thanks to those of you who helped me. It was a pleasure working on this and to hear my own thoughts repeated over and over - "He is such a nice guy."



## PLANNING & RESEARCH

by *Janet Billingsley*

Everyone in the Division seems to have had a nice, outdoors, Memorial Day from the looks of their sunburns!

Ronnie Ross, who has been working in the Mapping Section as a trainee in the Industrial Cooperative Training Program, has graduated from Metropolitan High and is now working full time.

Marlin Powell and Helen McNutt re-

ceived their certificates of service May 11. Marlin has been working in P&R for 20 years, and Helen has rendered 15 years of service to the Department. Cake and punch were served on this occasion. We hope to see both of you around for a long time to come.



*Helen McNutt and Marlin Powell*

Eleven of the ladies from our Division treated Margaret Harris of Mayo White's office to lunch at Casa Bonita on May 23. Margaret is now on leave of absence, making a trip to California.

Stella Owens, artist in Mapping Section, has some of her art work on exhibit at the Arts Center. The art works exhibited are from the students and faculty of the center.

Nathan Bingham and wife spent Memorial Day in St. Louis. Neb played 9 holes of golf, lost 8 balls and his temper. Wondering how he lost so many balls, could it be there were good-looking girls on the golf course?!!

Mayo White's 5-year-old grandson Jason is visiting him from Tennessee. Hope granddad doesn't spoil him too much!

John Hume's 11-year-old poodle Sauci had surgery last week. She seems to be doing fine in spite of her age.

Charlie and Bennie Parsons visited Charlie's parents over the Memorial Day weekend. They were joined by cousins Jim and Joyce Gilbert and Jim's parents. Fishing must have consumed a great deal of their time according to overheard conversation.

Brenda and Paul Kirkpatrick went to Petit Jean on a cookout, but what got cooked — the food or them?

Memorial Day weekend Fernie, Jim and Shane Speights spent Saturday night and

Sunday in Conway where Jim played three "miserable rounds" of golf in the Conway Country Club Four Ball Tournament. Saturday afternoon they drove to Heber Springs for a quick visit with some friends, then back to Conway to spend the night. The next day Fernie and Shane came back to Benton the long way — across Toad Suck Ferry and down Hwy. 9-10 — while Jim played his last round of "miserable golf."

June Brown took her family to the creek with a cane pole and a can of worms but didn't catch anything but 43 chigger bites.

We have five new employees in our Division. Joe Henderson transferred from M&T, where he worked for three years. He is now in the Advance Planning Section. Joe is a graduate of Arkansas Tech. He and his wife Cheryl live on Base Line Road. Joe transferred from Materials and Tests where he worked for three years.

Mrs. Ursula Schlesier, a cartographer in the Mapping Section, comes to us from the Corps of Engineers where she had worked for six years. She has two daughters and a son attending college, and a daughter who will be a senior at Central High School this fall.

Carl Krebs is a summer employee in the Advance Planning Section. He lives in Benton with his grandfather and attends Henderson State College, where he is majoring in business administration. He enjoys all types of sports.

Skipper Bosley is a new employee in the Economics Section. He was born in Alexandria, La. From there his family moved to Baltimore, Md., and finally to Arkansas in 1962. Skipper is a graduate of U.A.L.R. He and his wife Glenna live in a trailer park on Base Line Road. He likes all water sports.

Bob Roberts is working in the Current Planning Section. He lives at East End community with his wife and two children. Bob is a graduate of SCA and comes to us from Edward G. Smith and Associates.

Current Planning has employed three girls and eight fieldmen for the summer. The girls are Donna Buchanan and Pamela Alagood from Little Rock, and Hilda Crabb from East End.

We are happy to hear that Buddy

Lewter's son Doug is coming along fine after his operation.

Jerry Stussy and his family visited their kin folks in Neosho, Mo. over the Memorial Day weekend. While there they visited the Black Diamond Ranch on Elk River.

After the long weekend, Marie came back to work looking like a different girl. Her boyfriend Buddy bought her a wig. Now she can go swimming and still come to work the next day looking great!

Dan Morgan's gospel quartet, The Travelers Quartet, have just cut their first record, which will be out soon.

We apologize to Danny Flowers and his wife, Sara, for not mentioning the new addition to their family. Susan Lea, born March 17, weighed 8 lbs. She is now 2½ months old.

Peggy McFarlin and her family left Memorial Day for a week of camping at Bull Shoals. The weather isn't ideal, since it rained and turned off cold, but we hope they are having a good time. We should hear all about the trip next week.

Doug Nielsen is the proud owner of a Honda 55. Just wondering who he bought it for, himself or his mother.



*Front row, left to right: Joe Henderson, Ursula Schlesier and Carl Krebs. Back row: Bob Roberts, left, and Skipper Bosley.*

## PROCUREMENT

by Liz Jacobs

The seasonal illness called "spring fever" is upon us . . . the symptoms; a wild yearning to be outdoors, an inactive mind, a faraway look in the eye, and an awakening of the senses to the vibrant call of Nature showing off her resplendent, aromatic beauty.



This is the most beautiful time of the year . . . everyone feels so wonderful, even the old grouches smile every once in a while. Thoughts are turning to iced tea with its cooling touch, rather than the steamy cups of coffee that got us through the winter months. The benches and tables on the lawn are finding occupants easily, and the fountain in the back of the building emits a tempting invitation to sneak in and wade around.

Suntans and freckles are promenading on a few of our people who have had the opportunity to be outside. I fall into the latter category . . . the only way I end up with a suntan is when all my freckles finally melt together into one — and believe me, that takes a lot of sun worshipping! My kids have been making good use of the lake in our area already, and so, much of my evening hour is spent supervising water activities of the young. Even my three-year-old is getting to be a pretty decent “dog-paddler.”

School is out — Yippee! No more homework or grueling tests to study for — just endless days ahead full of swimming lessons, camp-outs, ballgames, picnics and afternoon matinees at the cool local theatres . . . Wouldn't it be nice to be a kid again?

The countdown has started for Norma Hawk — only a few days of freedom remain. The wedding will be June 6, and promises to be sensational. The matron of honor and five bridesmaids will be her sisters. Her brother will be giving her away. The same applies to Chip's attendants. His dad will be best man and the groomsmen will be three brothers and a cousin . . . might say it's a “family affair”, for this pattern is repeated from the ushers to the little flower girls. Norma was given a nice miscellaneous shower, and most of our girls attended. She received some very nice and beautiful gifts, which I know she is anxious to break in. May she and Chip have that “just married” feeling all the rest of their lives.

News is scarce this month. The only person who did anything was Patsy Downing, who made a trip to Memphis to visit her sister and to attend a dance recital in which her seven-year-old niece Shannon performed.

On June 5 my husband and I will celebrate our 15th wedding anniversary. We've

probably had as many “downs” as “ups”, but I wouldn't trade a moment of it for anything else in the world. You know, it's sort of funny how things change with the years. The first few anniversaries there come flowers and small personal gifts, but gradually it alters to more practical things such as appliances, etc. Maybe the candlelight atmosphere has gone, but it's good to have a companion who is a part of your own life and breath without having to even think about it.

Sorry to be so philosophical this month . . . maybe it will teach our crew to get busy and do something exciting, so they won't have to read my mutterings.

Happy Father's Day, all you Dads!



## ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

by Linda Trogden

On May 5 the stork left a beautiful baby girl at the doorstep of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Barbee. Her name is Christy Michelle. We will try to have a picture of Donna and daughter for the next edition of the magazine. Congratulations to these proud new parents on doing such a good job their first time around. Donna is a former secretary to Right of Way Chief Gip Robertson, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Andry celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a trip to Memphis in their new 1970 Buick Skylark.

## APPRAISAL SECTION

by Kathy Phelps

We regret to report that Z. L. Mashburn, who retired from AHD in January, had major surgery May 22. However, he is now home and feeling much better. We're looking forward to his feeling well enough to visit us.

We were all glad to see Pluty Scruggs, a former co-worker, who dropped in and had lunch with us. Pluty left AHD to go to work for the Corps of Engineers and is now being transferred to Ft. Smith.

Herbert Hooten's son Mike graduated last month from Southern State College in Magnolia and is now employed by Daisy

Mfg. Co. in Rogers.

Walker Watson's son James, who is 17, was recently injured while playing baseball. He fractured two bones in his ankle and will be on crutches several weeks, curtailing his baseball playing for the summer.

Several from our Section attended the annual Right of Way fish fry June 5 and we had a real good time. This event is really enjoyed by our children, as this is the only time of the year they get to meet and play together.

Appraisers Henry Williams, Bill Hayes, Kenneth McMurrough and Jim Johnson will be attending an Appraisal Seminar at Memphis State University June 15-26.

Charles and Allena Scott have a beautiful new boat and they are really looking forward to spending a lot of time on the lake this summer. Charlie said any contributions toward payment of the boat will be appreciated.

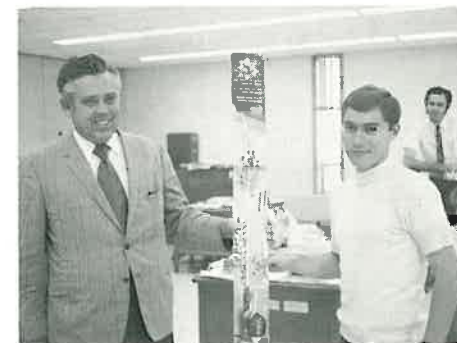
Bob Shockley was so sure that no one would even wish him “happy birthday”, that Rochelle Cullins baked a chocolate cake for him and brought it to the office. We all enjoyed the cake, celebrating Bob's 21st (more or less) birthday.

## ENGINEERING SECTION

by Janice Hartman

Fred Williams' son Steve and Hall Harger were awarded one of the 1st place prizes for their joint project in the Electrical Division of the Meadowcliff Science Fair.

Gary Rea left us for a job with Arkansas Power & Light Co. in Danville. We had a nice party and gave him a rod and reel for his going-away gift. He and his wife Vicki will move to Danville the first week of June. We miss you, Gary.



Glendol Jackson, left, presented a rod and reel to Gary on behalf of the entire Section.

Charles Rankin is our new draftsman, employed to fill the vacancy Gary left. He is from Little Rock, married, and has a baby girl. His hobby is fishing. He recently graduated from Capital City Business College.



*Charles Rankin*



by *Benny Robbins*

A picnic was enjoyed by all in the Division who attended on Friday night, May 22 at Boyle Park. We really had a ball, as you can tell by the pictures which appear elsewhere in the magazine. About 50 were present.

We regret to report that Bill Hurt has left AHD for employment with another firm. We wish Bill all the luck in the world. We had a cake and coffee for him on April 17, his last day with us.

Richard Butler just got back from his vacation this Monday morning and his words were "I'M TIRED." Which is what all of us will be saying, I'll bet. Richard and his family went to Buffalo River State Park. Bob Mize and family joined them Friday. They floated the river and caught a few small fish. The weather was perfect and they enjoyed it very much.

Bobby Welch is the proud new father of a baby boy, born May 25. He has been named Jason Scott. Bobby and his wife Carolyn have another son, two-year-old Wayne.

This reporter and family are the proud owners of a new Giles 17 ft. camper-trailer. We are planning a trip to Yellowstone

National Park this summer, by way of Colorado. We can hardly wait!

Lisa Lowe, daughter of J. Cameron Lowe, graduated from Hall High May 27. She will attend Hendrix College in the fall.

Phillip Hutchison, son of Frank P. Hutchison, graduated from Central High May 28. He plans to attend Arkansas Tech. Both Lisa and Phillip are members of the National Honor Society. We are almost as proud of them as their parents.

Randy Gray, our student trainee, graduated from Metropolitan High School May 27. We are proud of all our graduates.

## SECONDARY ROADS

by *Barbara Oldham*

John Kizer has now been our boss for one year and in May, for celebration, Mrs. Kizer made an angel food cake with white icing and strawberries all over. She has won all the hearts of the men in our office, (and mine, too). Thanks again, Maxine, for the "goodies" you send to us.

Mr. Kizer is to attend the AASHO meeting in June which is being held at Louisville, Ky. He is a very busy boss. And between traveling and keeping us all in line, he just might be the busiest boss in the whole Department!

Joe Nemecek III is the proud father of Anastacia Carmel Nemecek (Staci), born February 12. Staci's pretty mother is named Janis. Staci is now 4½ months old and weighs 16 pounds. Janis is a housewife and mother, which is enough job for anyone. She graduated from Hall High School. Joe was in the U.S. Navy Submarine Service as a sonar technician for 3½ years. Of that time, under-water assignments totalled 1½ years. His longest under-water patrol was 80 days. Joe says under-water "velly interesting", especially after 50 days.

Joe graduated from Hall High in 1966 and has just completed night classes at UALR in western civilization and English. He plans to be an architectural engineer. Besides being a father, working and going to school, Joe likes to hunt and swim. He is just waiting to get little Staci into the water and watch her swim. We are glad to have Joe as part of our office team.



*Joe Nemecek and Staci.*

Everyone is thinking about taking a vacation. Anyone for camping? Yours truly and husband Jim recently spent a week's vacation at Buffalo River State Park near Yellville. We hauled my brother's motorcycle up there in the truck, then roamed all over the country and pig trails on it. In fact, my brother Kermit was fascinated to discover that we had put 350 miles on his Yamaha. By motorcycle is the only way to see such places as Rush, Ark., which is now a ghost mining town. Only one man and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Setzer, live there as caretakers. Rush was once a booming mining town for zinc and over a thousand people lived there. Now Rush has three houses and an old abandoned general store. Also, you can make your way back to the zinc mines. For a real interesting vacation place, I would say that ARKANSAS is THE place!

## TRAFFIC DIVISION

by *Joan Niehaus*

Our little Division has had a lot of illness this last month.

Bill Harrod's wife fell and broke her shoulder while riding a bicycle on loose gravel. She was hospitalized for a short time and is now at home, doing as well as can be expected.

Charles Rains' little baby girl was hospitalized last month with scarletina. She is doing fine now.

One of my twins, Jeanette, was hospitalized for two weeks last month and is doing real good so far. (Mother and Daddy are worn out, though). I want to thank everyone for their concern and prayers for

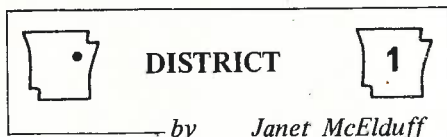


Jeanette.

Jim Barnett came to work the other day with a red eye. (Looks kind of fishy to me).

Van Campbell sure has been wearing some "cool"-looking sports jackets around the office lately.

## DISTRICT NEWS



Sometimes you see big girls with broken legs who have perhaps fallen down a flight of stairs, or slipped, or had some accident relevant to big-girl activity. Then, sometimes you see little girls who have fallen off their bike, or out of a tree, or some accident relevant to little-girl activity. But I'm about to tell you of a case which concerns a big girl with a broken leg who was doing not what big girls ordinarily do but, with all the glee of a little girl, was roller-skating, and therein lay her downfall, literally! Mrs. Phillips Latham, daughter of Leonard and Clara Roberts, isn't nearly so gleeful after 3 months in a cast as she was on those skates! Mrs. Roberts says she hopes all kids (including her own) will stay off them!



*Mrs. Phillips Latham*

For a long time we have wanted to draw a picture, so to speak, of one of our favorite characters in District One to share with the readers of the magazine. Now, this isn't always easy to do with words, and if you are not exposed directly to the personality of an individual, you sometimes miss the real impact of that personality. Tell you what - if you are ever driving through Monroe County and experience any difficulty, just have someone call the Area Headquarters number in Brinkley and ask for Ross. If you are driving through and don't have any difficulty, just go by and visit. To be perfectly proper, which Ross ain't, this is Henry Milan Ross, Monroe County area foreman since 1964, and AHD employee since 1956. In looking over our editor's instructions on writing up an employee, I see these questions: "What is his hobby?", "Does he belong to any team?", etc. When I approached Ross (better known as "Ol' Ross") with some of these queries, his answers were just about what I expected. Hobbies? "Workin' men don't have 'em." Church? "Go once in awhile, when my daughter makes me." Pets? "Daughter has a pet rabbit - course I have to take care of him." Children? "3 married boys, one married daughter, one boy and two girls at home." Grandchildren? "Can't remember that far - 3, 6, 8 . . . 11 in all, I reckon." And that is Ross. He does deer hunt. And we know of his kindness and helpful nature from letters that come to the Department acknowledging his assistance time and time again to people who are traveling through his county.

Now, all of this has been written in a perfectly serious vein, and the pictures submitted in the same manner. However, I might add that in soliciting information on our friend Ross, I got varied and conflicting versions of several things. When I say that we affectionately call him "Ol' Ross", one his bosses said, "Well, that's not what I call him." (The tone of his voice implied a lot.) The same goes for the time one of the men out of Little Rock reported back to his superior, "You just don't know this fellow Ross." But the crowning blow was when the aforementioned boss viewed the pictures below and emphatically stated that this was the first work they had done all by themselves and they were kinda proud!



*The Monroe County crew pulling old concrete posts to replace them with steel reflectorized posts on Hwy. 1 near the White River Refuge. The truck driver is Lloyd Foster, James Quinn is the flagman and Jerry Morris is loading. That's Ross in the background walking along the edge of the pavement.*



*Chow time! Sign Foreman Earl Mauppin relaxes a moment on the table while his helper, Bud Jones, right, finishes his lunch. Ross leans on the hood of a truck with his back to the camera. Others in the picture are Homer Storey, sitting on the table, Bill Brown and Ralph Smith.*

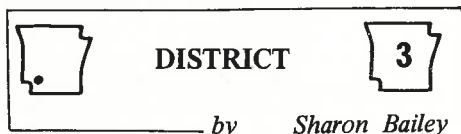
Awards in District One have been as follows: for 5 years' service, B. C. Martin, construction employee; W. J. Miller, W. W. Kennedy, J. A. Quinn, B. G. Haynes, and Paul J. Coulter, maintenance employees. For 10 years, in Maintenance we had A. A. Weeks and J. R. Wilkins. Construction employee Ed Travis received a 15-year pin, as did O. L. Shirley in maintenance. Eugene Taylor of the maintenance Division received his 20 year pin. We are proud of each of these employees for their record.

The first Annual North East Arkansas Pro-Am Invitational Bullfrog Open is being held at the Crowley Ridge Country Club in Wynne on June 5. At this writing

extensive planning is in progress for what promises to be an outstanding golf and social event. The arrangers have promised a detailed report and pictures in time to make this issue of the magazine, so look elsewhere for news on this event.

Former Dist. Engr. Charlie Matthews has been in recently, but would you believe that he is so busy in his yard, garden and other retirement chores that he can't stay long at a time for a visit? Retirement has certainly agreed with him and we say, more power to all that contentment!

Until June and July, then, yaw'l come!



Congratulations to John Gray on reaching 20 years with the Department, John William Barham and S.A. Flowers for 15 years, and Hubert Carter, Linda Cox and Sharon Bailey for 5 years.

May 12th was Ted Maryman's birthday and we had a small party for him in the office. As you can see from the picture, we sort of cut down on the number of candles; after all, we do have strict fire regulations here. Ted, we hope you have many more birthdays and that we all get to share them with you.



*Ted Maryman blows out all those candles.*

Andy Schaeffer, motor patrol operator in Miller County, retired the last of April after almost 20 years' service with us. A fish dinner was given in his honor at the Panther Inn at Fouke just before he left. Since he is an avid fisherman and gardener, I'm sure he will be busy. We all wish you a most enjoyable retirement. Come see us when you can.

Best of luck to Jim Ederington. After working in the Miller County area headquarters for about 13 years, Jim resigned to accept a position with the Cooper Tire & Rubber Company in Texarkana.

Edna, Helen and I were guests at the Guernsey weight station's fish fry recently, where the food was absolutely delicious and the fellowship grand. It was held under the pines right beside the station and after we ate, we took a grand tour of their building. One thing we found out for sure, it's a good thing they are building you guys a new building; that one has just about had it. Thanks for inviting us and we hope we can reciprocate soon.

May 15 was the big date for the BPR—District 3 "Bowl-Off", which was held in Hot Springs. Pictured is the BPR team. I guess our team was so ashamed they just didn't want to get their pictures taken — they only won 2 of the 3 games and total pins! I would like to know one thing though, why are you BPR guys smiling? The picture must have been taken before you bowled. Everyone said they had a good time and can't wait until next year. Of course, that's just hearsay, because I couldn't go - something about having too many in the car already and there just wasn't room for me.



*BPR team members are, left to right: Paul Steward, W.H. Reynolds, Tom Raines, Bernie Babb and Rex Leathers.*

We extend our sympathies to Terry Powell on the death of his mother, Mrs. Verdo Powell of Patmos, and to Mancel Crenshaw on the death of his brother-in-law.

Another year has passed and we are fortunate in having quite a few graduates again. I know that their parents are very proud of their accomplishments and we

extend our congratulations to them.

Kay Tallant is a graduate of Hendrix where she was a member of Alpha Psi Omega, Student National Education Association, and was awarded the Margaret Nicklous Lyon Memorial English Award for general excellence in the field of literature. Kay has been teaching an adult English course in Little Rock for the past couple of months and plans to continue teaching next year. Her father, John Tallant, works in our district somewhere.



*Kay Tallant*

Mary Sue Hulan Lavender graduated from Henderson, where she was one of the top ten on the Dean's List and made the highest grade in business subjects. She was also a member of the 4-H Club, Kappa Delta Pi and Alpha Pi. Recently she received a gold pin from her church for not having missed Sunday School for the last 13 years. Clifford Hulan is in our Nevada County crew.



*Mary Sue Hulan Lavender*

Grandy Royston, Ouachita Baptist University, was president of Rho Sigma Social Club and was selected for Who's Who in Colleges and Universities. He will be working in Tennessee this summer and



then plans to go back to school for a master's in either biology or chemistry. Buster works in our Hope residency.

Pat Goodson has graduated from Nashville High School and plans to enter Southern State this fall. Her accomplishments and activities include Who's Who, Student Council president, French Club, Drama Club, Thespian Society, National Honor Society, FHA, Youth HARC, Pre-Professional Club, and Governor's Youth Council. Thomas Goodson works out of our Nashville residency.

Also graduating from Nashville High is Brenda Aylett. She was a member of the band, pep band, Tattler staff, FHA and Pre-Professional Club. She plans to attend Henderson next fall. Ramage is a member of our Howard County crew.



*Brenda Aylett*



*Pat Goodson*

Ruelene Staggs is a graduate of Lockesburg High School. She was a member of the FTA and the basketball team, where she won the championship trophy on rebounds her senior year. Ruel is our Sevier County area foreman.



*Ruelene Staggs*

Edward Saffel graduated from Bright Star High School and plans to attend the Hope Vocational Technical School. His father, C. E., is a deckhand on the Spring Bank ferry.



*Edward Saffel*

Patricia Ann Petty is a graduate of Fouke High, where she won an English award. She was senior class president, manager of the senior girls basketball team, a member of the Beta Club, Library Club and FHA. Her plans include attending Texarkana Junior College next year and then transferring to Southern State to become a laboratory technician. Floyd is also a deckhand on the Spring Bank ferry.



*Patricia Ann Petty*

Faye Crenshaw graduated from Foreman High and plans to join the Air Force. Her activities during school included the Business Club, Glee Club, Francis Club and FHA. Mancel works in our Little River County crew.

Vernon Gore is a graduate of Gillham High, where he was FFA president and received the DeKalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award. Vernon plans to attend Southern State next fall. Lewis Gore works in our Sevier County crew.

Also graduating from Gillham High is Kenneth Jester. He won the FFA Award and first year typing award while in school. He plans to work this summer and perhaps attend college next fall. Noel Dillard Jester is in our Sevier County crew.



*Faye Crenshaw*



*Vernon Gore*

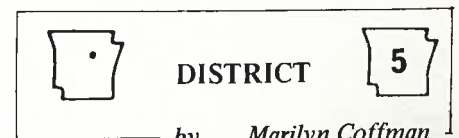


*Kenneth Jester*

Donald Ray Walston graduated from Dierks High School, where he was captain of the football team, all-district in football and basketball, was elected Mr. D.H.S. and belonged to the National Honor Society. He plans to attend Henderson next fall. J. J. Walston works in our Howard County crew.



*Donald Ray Walston*



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by Marilyn Coffman

We are pleased to have Fuel Clerk Sally McMillan back at work! Her pleasant smile was missed by all of her fellow

workers the three months she was recovering from a heart attack.

Our temporary employee, Sharon Trusty, and faithful stock clerk Oscar Syfert did a wonderful job taking care of Sally's work while she was away. Sharon left in April to do her housewifely chores and watch the soap operas (envy - envy). We honored her with cake and coffee and reminded her to invite us out for lunch just anytime. This is our usual farewell speech that everyone seems to ignore, but a few weeks later "us girls" were invited, and did we have a feast!



*Sharon Trusty*

In May we said farewell to one of our dearest employees, Hale Hayden, Stone County area foreman, who has been with this district for eighteen years. Office personnel honored him with cake and coffee and wished him the very best in his retirement. Henry Anderson is the new replacement for Hale, but is certainly no newcomer to the Stone County area, as he also has eighteen years' service.



*Hale Hayden*

April service awards and pins were presented to equipment operators Ernest James, 5 yrs., and Paul Cummings, 15 yrs. May service awards and pins went to the following; Job Supt. Kirby W. Johnson, 5 yrs.; James R. Evans, equipment operator, 10 yrs.; Oliver Z. Stephens, carpenter, 15 yrs., and Oscar D. Syfert, stock clerk, 15 yrs.

District Five employees had several graduates this year of whom we are very proud! Our sincere congratulations to all of you.

Vicki Stanbrough was named valedictorian and Randy Burge salutatorian of the Southside High School graduating class. Vicki, daughter of Equip. Supvr. O. H. Stanbrough, has a grade point of 4.00. She received several scholarships and plans to attend State College of Arkansas. Randy, son of R. G. Burge, mechanic in the District shop, had a grade point of 3.73 and will be attending Arkansas State University in Jonesboro this fall with a full tuition scholarship.



*Vicki Stanbrough*



*Randy Burge*

Donna Kaye Taylor, daughter of Job Supt. Harold Taylor, was valedictorian of Concord High School with a grade point average of 3.65.

Vickie Roberson, daughter of Verlon Roberson, inspector for Resident Engineer Swink in Searcy, and granddaughter of Leo Aunspaugh, White County area foreman, is a 1970 graduate of Pangburn High School.

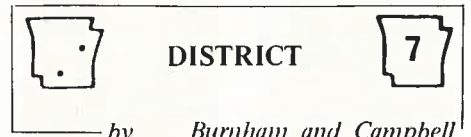


*Vickie Roberson*

Lawson Johnson, ferry foreman, is just one of our many proud grandfathers. He "just happened to have" this picture of one of them. Little Tanya Carol Johnson is the 8-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Johnson.



*Tanya Carol Johnson*



Congratulations! to those who received service awards last month. Res. Engr. Abby W. Hardy, Jr. of Magnolia received a 10-year award. Five-year awards were presented to Equip. Opers. Jasper L. Strickland, Hangus O. Norsworthy and Marshall L. Purifoy; and to Deckhands Roy W. McClain and Floyd Belin at Moro Bay Ferry.



*Shanan Lea Lawless doesn't seem at all happy to share Grandpa Ray Rogers' lap with his dog. Shanan's father, Miller B. Lawless, is to the right. Rogers is Columbia County area foreman.*



Maint. Supt. and Mrs. G. E. Nunnally are proud to welcome their second grandson, David Christopher, born May 17 to Anne and Bob McKanna of Columbia, Mo. Mrs. Nunnally made an extended visit to stay with older brother John; Mr. Nunnally arrived later for a visit and to bring his wife home.

Asst. Maint. Supt. and Mrs. Jewell Prince seem none the worse for wear after having two children and six grandchildren visiting them during May.

Guy Spears, Engr. Aide IV for Res. Engr. Bob Myers, has stenciled a red razor-back on his safety hat; looks real neat!

Glenda Parker, daughter of Dist. Equip. Supvr. and Mrs. Jesse Parker, has been chosen as a delegate to Girls State by the faculty of Harmony Grove High School. Glenda, who will be a senior next year, was selected because of her achievements, cooperation, willingness and dependability.



*Glenda Parker*

Equip. Clerk Mildred Russ was initiated into Pilot Club International of Camden on May 12. She and her husband John recently spent an enjoyable vacation in Columbus, Ohio visiting relatives and friends. Mildred worked for the Ohio Highway Department several years ago.

Receptionist Mary Lane is driving a sporty 1968 Fury in gold and black.

Dist. Engr. Coy Campbell's son, 12-year-old David, fell from a tree at their home on May 2, injuring his right elbow and necessitating several bone fragments to be replaced with pins in surgery. He was able to return to school in about 10 days but will undergo a slow process of healing and therapy.

Carolyn Milner treated the office em-

ployees to chocolate and blueberry pies recently. Delicious!

Mary Nell Carlson's daughter Robin graduated this year from Hampton High school. Mary Nell is the clerk for Res. Engr. Bob Myers.



*Robin Carlson*

Bob Myers enjoyed a couple of days' vacation June 1 and 2. He and his family made a trip to Six Flags over Texas.

According to Donald Beard, all that's necessary to get rain is for him to plan a fishing trip. But from the looks of the fish his wife caught, we are wondering - could that just be Donald's excuse for being "out-fished"?

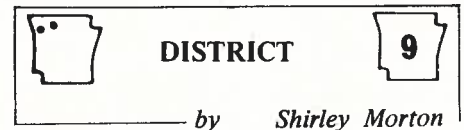


*A 2½-pounder taken from Millwood Reservoir by Mrs. Beard with a "Big Dig" and "a lot of luck", says Donald.*

Our congratulations to Dulane Adams who is to be married June 7.

We welcome all new summer employees who have reported to work.

We extend our sympathies to Kermit Wendell, construction inspector for Bob Myers, whose sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barron and 2 children, were killed May 30 when an airliner crashed on top of their car as they drove along an interstate highway just outside Atlanta, Ga. The plane was attempting to land on the highway due to engine trouble. Funeral services for the Barrons were held June 1 in Selmer, Tenn.



by *Shirley Morton*

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Cantrell, 615 South Oak Street, Harrison, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Kathy Jo to Paul Charles Roten, son of Rev. and Mrs. Chester Roten, also of Harrison. The wedding will be solemnized September 3 at 8:00 p.m. at Emmanuel Baptist Church by Rev. Roten. Willis is District 9 permit clerk.



*Kathy Jo Cantrell*



*Laura Cantrell*



Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cantrell of Route 3, Harrison, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Laura to Marvin Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Richardson of Route 4, Harrison. The wedding will be solemnized on June 26. Both are graduates of Bergman High School and are employed in Harrison. Raymond is a construction inspector at the Harrison residency.

Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Blankenship announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Jo Ann to Harold McEntire, son of Mrs. Sybil McEntire of Harrison and James McEntire of Yellville. The wedding will be solemnized at 12:00 o'clock noon on July 4 at the Crawford Community Building with Rev. Lon Brown officiating. P. D. "Tiny" is a mechanic at the District headquarters.

District Nine employees express their sincere sympathy to Paul Whitley in the loss of his son, Paul, Jr., on June 5.



Jo Ann Blankenship

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by Isabelle Psalmonds

Those who received service award certificates in May were J. D. Smith, 5 yrs., and Daniel J. Dale, 15 yrs. Both are Equip. Opr. II's in Paragould. Congratulations, men.

Leon Sneed of the Safety Division was in our District for most of three weeks holding safety meetings with all the crew. We always enjoy having Leon in our District and we trust the men are more safety conscious since his visit.

Res. Engr. Jim Garrett's mother is in the hospital in Osceola. We hope she will soon be better and able to go home.

Virgil Taylor, Maint. Repairman II, Paragould; Daniel J. Dale, Equip. Opr. II, Paragould; and George W. Brady, Equip. Opr. II, Walnut Ridge, all retired in May. Ed Meeks, Equip. Opr. II, Corning, resigned, looking forward to retirement later in the year. We wish for each of these men the best of everything and a long happy retirement.

Clint Parton, 4-year-old son of Res. Engr. Claude Parton of Jonesboro, had a wreck on his bicycle and broke his collar bone. However, Claude says Clint is getting along fine.

Floyd Lancaster's wife recently had surgery but is home recuperating very nicely. Floyd is Engr. Aide III at Jones-

boro.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sanders took a short vacation trip to New Orleans and did some fishing. He reports a good time. They caught fish and got a sunburn, so the vacation was a success.

Storekeeper DeWayne Combs and his family have moved into a newly acquired house. They moved in on Saturday and left Monday on vacation to Texas. They have their work cut out for them when they get back home — a happy end to a vacation. Fuel Clerk June Troxel and her family moved into the house the Combses vacated. So she is busy getting things straightened up, too. We are happy for both families.

Among those who were graduated from high school this year are Sherry Lynn Wells, lovely daughter of Charles Wells, auto/diesel mechanic, and Elden Tritch, handsome son of Job Supt. James Tritch. Sherry graduated from Paragould High School. Her future plans are indefinite. Elden graduated from Lufe High School. He plans to enter the United Electronics School in Little Rock in June. His father bought him a Volkswagen to go to school in. Congratulations to these fine young people. We wish for them the best of everything as they begin a new phase of life.



Sherry Lynn Wells



Elden Tritch

Approximately 400 District Ten employees gathered at Walcott State Park for a fish fry on May 29. Things were really getting underway when the sky opened up and the rains came down. But the rain did not dampen any spirits or cause any loss of appetite. Everyone who could get under the pavilion where the food was being served and just kept eating and visiting. Some got in cars and some stayed under the trees, and ate, and got wet. Nobody seemed to care — they were having fun.

A musical group, the Trèble-Tones from East Side Baptist Church, performed

several numbers and we learned something new about Melvin Brown, area foreman in Lawrence County — he can pick a guitar! How about that?

We certainly appreciate the substantial discount on cooking oil given us by Osceola Foods, Inc. and the supply of Atkins pickles from Ed Wilder of Corning. We sure had fun!



A part of 450 odd pounds of catfish ready for the cooker. (Wasn't very odd - just good!)



Ten of the 16 retirees who attended: Left to right, front row, Bill Pillow, Virgil Taylor, Oscar McDaniel, E. R. "Shorty" Rooker and Dan Dale. Back row, O. E. Jones, H. O. McFall, George Floyd, Wm. A. Dodge and Jason Adams.



Retired employees Bill Pillow and Graham Apperson talk over old times with Book-keeper Essie Butler.



O. E. Jones took early retirement because of ill health. He still seems like one of us and comes out to visit.

Other retirees present were Carl Willis, Clifford Cook, Graham Apperson, Ott Tinsley, Ralph Lewis and Jess Rush. It was good to see all of you fellows again.



*Treble-Tones entertain.*



*Part of the crowd waiting for the entertainment to begin.*



*Six of the eight cooks on the firing line: Luther Hayes, Alva Gwyn, Arthur Cole, R. C. Brittingham, Carl Frazier, Benny Childers. Johnny Osteen and Charles Wells did their share of cooking but are not shown in the picture.*



*Part of the crowd going to the chow line.*



*Some more hungry folks going to chow.*



*Dist. Engr. Sam Smith welcomes the group.*



*The real authority in District 10 - Left to right: Betty (Mrs. Charles) Hesselbein; Virginia (Mrs. Sam) Smith; Betty (Mrs. Darrel) Holder; and Jewel (Mrs. John) Sanders.*



*Leslie Smith, daughter of Dist. Engr., dispenses drinks to Scotty Hesselbein, Betty Hesselbein, Virginia Smith and Charles Hesselbein.*



*Melvin Brown, area foreman in Lawrence County, tunes up for entertainment.*

## HELENA BRIDGE

by George Cloud

Skeeters am a-hummin' and they ain't just sniffin' the honeysuckle! They are after blood! The "big, muddy" has been on a rampage and the back waters along the levee and in the woods have produced millions of the pests. The "Blue Angels" would have to go some to beat the accuracy of these "black devils."

I asked Bill Morton to look over the news checklist to help me come up with something to write. He looked at the first one and remarked that a birth to any family here would be a miracle but I say that it would be a calamity! The second and third items, deaths and illness, we have been fortunate enough to avoid lately. As for engagements and marriages, Dick Walton and Archie (Mr. Jones, excuse me) are the two bachelors here but I



wouldn't certify their eligibility. At any rate, they keep us well uninformed about these things.

No parties recently that I have heard of, but Ann and I will observe our twentieth wedding anniversary this week. Heaven help me if I forget! In that case I might have to leave on a trip (item 8) or even worse, have an accident (item 9).

Archie suggested that I mention the pretty night view from the bridge — the many colored lights of the riverboats laboring under the strain of their barges, the electric generating plant and chemical plant to the south, the flow from Helena, nestled between Crowley's Ridge, and the levee to the north. These things do make a pretty scene but it would take a bachelor out with his best girl to notice it. I have a strong suspicion that Archie is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, or it could be that he wants to entice some more traffic across the bridge.

Bring your can of "OFF" and come to see us!

## WELL, WHAT DO YOU KNOW ?

With all the efforts being made these days to solve problems both great and small, one area that has failed to attract the interest of anyone for a long time is grammatical punctuation. But now, that has changed, too. We have a new punctuation mark, the first innovation along that line since the 17th century introduction of the quotation mark. The new one, created by an advertising executive, is an exclamatory question mark properly named the interrobang. It looks like this:



The new symbol is a combined form suggesting the interrogative and exclamatory punctuation marks, and printers call exclamation points "bangs", thus interrobang.

It would naturally follow question-statements such as "How many times do I have to tell you," "Is your mother really going to move in with us, dear," and "What do you mean, you forgot to put gas in the car." Isn't that ingenious ?

## BULLFROG CLASSIC

(Continued from page 12)



Commissioner Harsh and Jim Reynolds received the "Tadpole" award, a ceramic toad-stool, for high scoring team.



William L. "Water Moccasin" Moore recounts his golf round with wife Jo Nell (left) and Sylvia Caple.



Commissioner Harsh (left) presented the awards, with assistance by Commissioner Smith (right) and heckling from Rex Leathers.



Frank Neighbors, also winner of the "Lily Pad" award, displays his golf ball retriever to wife Virginia and boss Ben Hogan. (The award was for the greatest number of golf balls (11!) lost in the lake).

LAST MONTH'S WHERE IS IT? is a well located on the right of way of U.S. 64 near the west city limits of Altus. When condemnation proceedings were instituted against the property owner for right of way, the Highway Department left the well at the request of the owners because, of the several wells on the property, this one, they said, was the only one which doesn't go dry in summer. Water is still hauled from it if needed. It was correctly identified by Nathan Garrett, Right of Way; Glen Trammel, Roadway Design; and Internal Auditor Hugh Murray.





## Coming Events

Continuing through Sept. 1 — "Arkansaw Traveller" Folk Theatre, open Tuesday and Saturday nights. Open Saturday nights only during September. One mile south of Hardy on U.S. 62-167.

Continuing through Mid-Oct. — Great Passion Play. Mount Oberammergau, Eureka Springs. Each night except Monday and Thursday.

Continuing through Sept. 7 (Labor Day) — Dogpatch, U.S.A. Open Saturdays and Sundays thereafter through October. Seven miles south of Harrison on Hwy. 7.

July 15-18 — Miss Arkansas Pageant, Convention Center, Hot Springs.



"You broke the course record, sir. I've never seen a golf club thrown that far."

## Where is it?



## THIS'LL KILL YA



A lady reported a robbery at her house, to which the insurance agent asked: "Why didn't you report the robbery immediately?"

The lady exclaimed, "Well, I really didn't suspect anything at first. With all of the drawers opened and the contents scattered, I thought my husband had just been looking for a clean shirt."

The girl gazed soulfully into the eyes of her new boyfriend and asked: "Am I the first girl you ever kissed?"

The boy thought seriously for a moment, then replied: "You may be. Did you ever live in Pittsburgh?"

Nothing makes you more tolerant of a neighbor's noisy party than being there.

The Bank of England requires its employees to sign a daily register. If they are late for work, they have to record the reason on the register. London weather being what it is, the first tardy worker generally writes "fog" opposite his name. And human nature being what it is, those who sign in after him just make ditto marks.

One morning the first latecomer wrote in the book, "Wife had twins." Under this gentleman's name twenty people placed their ditto marks.

You have to hand it to the Internal Revenue people. If you don't, they'll come and take it.

The law professor was lecturing on courtroom procedure.

"When you are fighting a case and you have facts on your side, hammer on the facts. If you have the law on your side, hammer on the law."

"But what happens if you don't have facts or the law on your side?" asked a curious student. "Then what do you do?"

"In a case like that," said the professor, "hammer on the table."

The topless waitress walked over to a customer and snapped, "Sir, please stop staring at me - this isn't my table."

Sign in an apartment house for young swingers: "No baby carriages or foreign cars parked in the lobby."





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