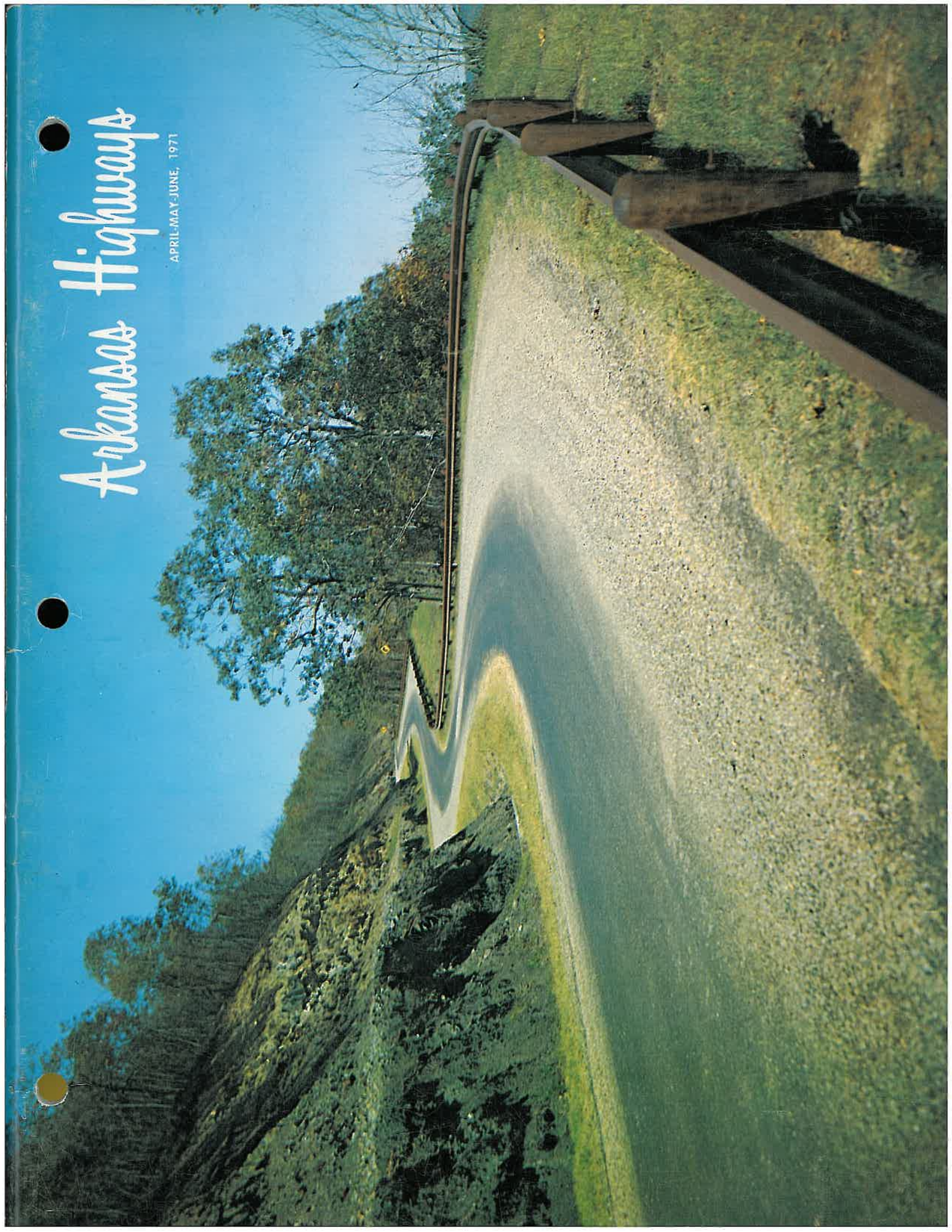


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TALIMENA DRIVE Photo Is Winner

A picture like the one on the cover showing Talimena Drive (Highway 88) between Queen Wilhelmina Park and the Oklahoma state line was chosen a third place winner in the Department of Transportation's third nationwide contest to demonstrate the compatibility of highways and the environment. The Department submitted 9 entries in four of the contest's 11 categories (Aug.-Sept. 1970 issue).

The Talimena Drive scene was entered in Category 1 - "The Outstanding Section of Highway in its Rural Setting and Environment."

The contest is held annually to recognize the efforts made by public and quasi-public bodies, civic and professional organizations and private industry to improve the environment adjacent to highways.

The competition attracted 723 entries from 123 contestants in 46 states who submitted photographs illustrating the beneficial impact highways can have on the areas through which they pass.

As an illustration that competition is contagious, two gasoline filling stations won awards in a category of the 1969 contest which was open to highway-oriented businesses.

Consequently, so many entries (216) were submitted by gas stations in the 1970 contest that another category for filling stations only was established.

ARKANSAS Leads the Nation in Obligating Interstate Funds

THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION has set a pace in the construction of the state's segment of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways which other states find difficult or impossible to match. As of January 1, Arkansas leads all the states in the percentage of obligation of interstate funds.

At that time, Arkansas had obligated 99 percent of the interstate funds apportioned to the state for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1971.

Only six other states had exceeded the 90 percent level. Oddly enough, they were all southern states - Tennessee and Virginia, 95%; Kentucky, 94%; Louisiana, 92%; and Mississippi and North Carolina, 91% each.

Arkansas' interstate mileage open to traffic and percent of total cost obligated, with the averages for

the 50 states is very interesting.

INTERSTATE	ARKANSAS	U. S.
Percent of Total mileage open to traffic	87%	74%
Percent of Total cost obligated	80%	60%

Arkansas has shown similar leadership in the ABC Federal-aid programs - primary rural, secondary rural, and urban extensions of these two systems. Arkansas and South Dakota, with 75%, tied for third place among the states, behind Wyoming (86%) and Arizona (85%), and just ahead of Virginia and Texas with 74% and 70% respectively, in the utilization of apportioned ABC funds for 1971.



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VAN BUREN-FORT SMITH Bridge Opened, Dedicated



Mayor Allen Ray Toothaker of Van Buren welcomes the crowd. Behind him is Circuit Judge David Partain.

Mayor Jack Freeze of Fort Smith also extends a welcome.



At 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, April 13, ceremonies got underway for the formal dedication and official opening of the new four-lane bridge across Arkansas River between Van Buren and Fort Smith with an estimated crowd of up to 1,000 persons looking on, even though a late-season cold front moved through earlier in the day, leaving chilly temperatures and intermittent showers in its wake while threatening clouds moved overhead. The bridge connects Broadway Street in Van Buren and Midland Boulevard in Fort Smith and is the route of U.S. 64-71.

The structure is 3,043 feet long with four lanes divided by a concrete median and rises 53 feet above pool level to accommodate barge traffic. It was constructed at a total cost of \$7,158,436 by H. E. Cummins & Sons of Enid, Okla. under a contract awarded by the Highway Department. It was designed by Veral Pinkerton's squad in Roadway Design, which included Thurman Lassley, Robert Seay, Walker Haigh and Alice Jo Dong. (Pinkerton has since been promoted to Bridge Design Engineer.)

The dedication site was Broadway Square at the Van Buren end of the bridge. Governor Dale Bumpers, Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt, Highway Commission Chairman John Harsh and Col. William C. Burns of the U. S. Corps

of Engineers all appeared on the program. Senator John L. McClellan delivered the principal address. Miss Van Buren, Debbie Smith, cut the ribbon, assisted by Commissioner J. C. Patterson's two little granddaughters, Angela Kay and Alicia Patterson.

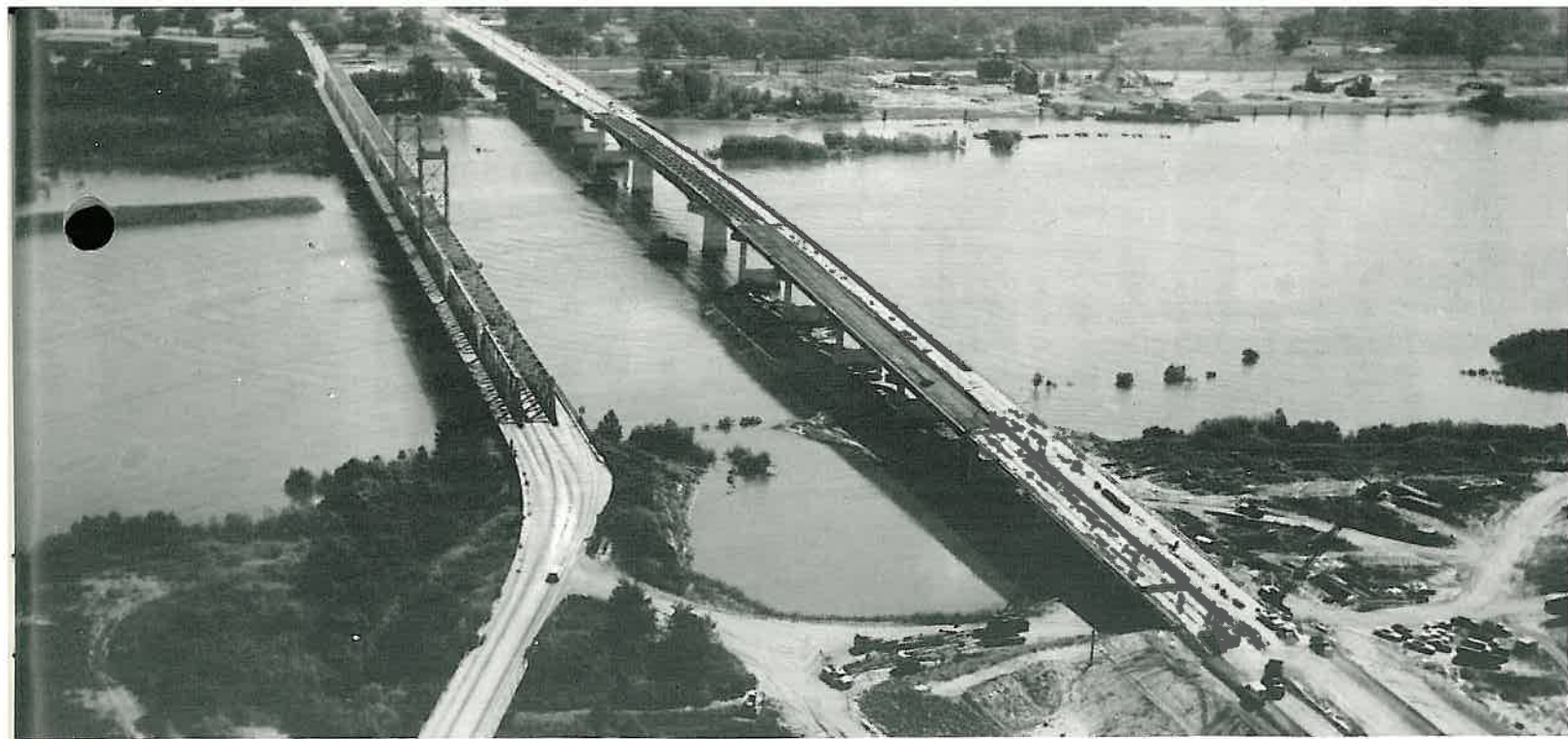
Gene Bell, president of the Van Buren Chamber of Commerce, was the master of ceremonies. Mayors Allen Ray Toothaker of Van Buren and Jack Freeze of Fort Smith extended welcomes after the invocation was pronounced by Rev. Bruce Cushman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Van Buren. Circuit Judge David Partain introduced the special guests, "... the most in Van Buren since Bob Burns' homecoming."

The Van Buren Senior and Junior High School bands presented a pre-dedication concert. The High School junior ROTC presented the colors. The ceremonies were planned and sponsored by the Van Buren Chamber of Commerce and Jaycees. Glen Hawkins, Jr. was the dedication committee chairman. He was assisted by Robert C. Rayburn, Tommy Van Zandt and Calvin Peevy. Dedication programs were prepared by the Highway Department.

Two lanes of the new bridge were opened March 11 by simply removing a barricade. Ernest Cottrell of Dyer was the first person to officially cross the new span. The bridge was built with reimbursable funds from the U. S. Corps of Engineers as a part of the Arkansas River Navigational Program. Calvin Peevy is the district engineer for the Fort Smith area. It is the fourth bridge in Arkansas to be completed as a part of the program. Three others are under construction and one, the Broadway bridge in Little Rock, is being extensively renovated.

Prior to the dedication, the Van Buren Chamber of Commerce hosted a luncheon for visiting officials at the Community Center.

To people in the Van Buren-Fort Smith area, bridge dedications have traditionally been reason for *cause celebre*. As a part of the celebration, schools were dismissed for the afternoon and business houses closed for two hours in Van Buren by



This view of the new bridge, made while construction was still going on, shows the proximity to the old bridge.

proclamation of the mayor. *The Van Buren Press Argus* put out a 16-page special issue.

Old Bridge Ends Period of Area History

Fifty-nine years and twelve days before the old bridge was dedicated in such a gala two-day affair, that even in the fanfare of opening the new bridge, the memories of another great dedication almost overshadowed the present one.

The history of the old bridge — and there is much — is well-recorded, as well as well-remembered by many area citizens. A reprint of the *Van Buren Argus*, Sunday morning edition, March 31, 1912, hailed the new bridge as a "Great Structure of Steel . . . at last completed and ready for the gorgeous dedicatory exercises . . ." which were held April 1-2 in a state-fair setting. The people's joy and exhilaration were well justified. For more than three quarters of a century Van Buren's river crossing had been the gateway to the western frontier beyond. When the great emigration from the north and east set in toward the Mexican border and to Texas, their routes led them to Van Buren. When many of them returned, discouraged and homesick, they again sought out Van Buren as the point of return to a more civilized way of life. It



Governor Dale Bumpers

was also the gateway for American troops in the war with Mexico. During the war between the states, it was a strategic point used by commands desiring to cross the Arkansas River. In 1912 the ferry at Van Buren had the highest volume of crossings of any point on the river.

In 1909 the General Assembly created the Fort Smith and Van Buren Bridge District but only after a bitter fight that went on for several years. Even after the bridge district was established, its legality was attacked, so that it became necessary to have bonds issued by the District declared legal by the Supreme Court.

Condemnation proceedings were at-



Senator John L. McClellan

tacked and the Bridge Commission was forced to fight injunctions preventing the condemnation of land. However, all the obstacles were overcome and a contract for the bridge substructure was let to a Kansas City firm. Arkansas Bridge Company of Fort Smith built the superstructure. The entire job took about 15 months and cost \$750,000. A story in the 1912 edition of the *Argus* is most detailed, even to the point of relating that 160,000 rivets and 147 tons of nails were used in the construction.

The bridge had one standard steam railway track, two street railway tracks,

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two paved roadways for vehicle traffic, two sidewalks for pedestrians and a vertical lift span. The bridge was expected to be the key to a greater Van Buren and to bring about a closer union with Fort Smith, then hailed as the fastest growing city in Arkansas.

Traffic agreements with railway and street car companies were expected to pay for the bridge within 15 or 20 years. The streetcar fare at the time the bridge opened was five cents. According to one long-time Van Buren resident, trains never did use the bridge and street cars passed from the scene in 1932. One of the bridge's outstanding features was lighting by colored "incandescent" lights and a pair of 25-foot-long, 5-to-7 foot wide clasped hands (to show that all former animosity which had grown out of the creation of the bridge district between the people of Fort Smith and Van Buren had vanished with the completion of the bridge) located at the center of the bridge.

Dedication Celebration Like Carnival

The dedication celebration officially began at 9:00, Monday morning, April 1, 1912 with a parade along Garrison Avenue. A round of entertainment, including an air spectacular by two "bird men" from the Curtiss School on Instruction (on flying), a concert by the Van Buren orchestra and the combined Electric Park and Lyric Theater orchestras. Also featured at the concert was a young Fort Smith man, Ben Brasch, who had become a well-known whistler. The bridge was barely completed by the time set for the dedication, for while a Texas carnival owner set up his shows on the Fort Smith side, workmen were busily setting trolley track across the bridge; however the trolley company did not operate its cars during the celebration because they felt it would be dangerous with so many people assembled there to watch the christening.

Other activities included a frontier roundup and steer roping contest, tight wire exhibitions and three baseball games. A game between the University of Arkansas and the University of Wisconsin teams



*Col. William C. Burns,
Corps of Engineers*



*Congressman
John Paul Hammerschmidt*



*John Harsh, Chairman
Highway Commission*



Highway Commissioner J. C. Patterson and Miss Van Buren, Debbie Smith, assist little Misses Alicia and Angela Kay Patterson wield the big scissors. Behind them, left to right, are Governor Bumpers, Representative Hammerschmidt, Commissioner Harsh, Asst. Highway Director Henry Gray, Senator McClellan and Mayor Toothaker.

was played at 10:00 a.m. on Monday. The actual christening of the bridge was held at 1:30 that afternoon. Governor George W. Donaghey delivered the dedicatory address. A balloon ascension and a parachute leap were other features of the Monday program.

Wedding Planned as Part of Celebration

A wedding was planned to take place on the lift span of the bridge at 8:00 o'clock Monday evening, though the names of the bride and groom are not known. However, it was called off when the host

of people gathered there became fearful that the span would fall. An "aquatic sports" show, and a public banquet and dance in the park rounded out Monday's activities, which concluded with a \$10,000 fireworks ("pyrotechnical") display. A second baseball game was held Tuesday morning between the Arkansas and Wisconsin teams. There were also motor boat races on the river and music furnished by three bands. In the afternoon a second balloon ascension, parachute leap and air show preceded the big feature — a baseball game between the Chicago White Sox and the winner of the Arkansas-Wisconsin games.

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Assistant Director Henry Gray, left, and Chief Engineer B. K. Cooper have their own private ribbon cutting with Miss Van Buren.



Representative Bernice Kizer and Miss Van Buren.

Mrs. J. C. Patterson, granddaughters Alicia and Angela, and their mother, Mrs. James N. Patterson.

at the luncheon



Roadway Design Engineer Brooks Nichols and Commissioner Patterson.



Representative Milt Earnhart, left; J. P. Clayton, retired Dist. 4 Engineer; and Adrian Williams of R. A. Young Co. in Fort Smith.

Public Relations Officer Bill Looney, left; Senator Gene Rainwater and contractor E. E. Barber.



Dist. 4 Engineer Calvin Peevy



VAN BUREN – FORT SMITH (continued)

Bridge Nearly Destroyed by Fire

When the bridge was only six years old a fire, supposedly started by short-circuiting electrical wire, was discovered about 10:30 a.m. the morning of June 10, 1918 near the middle of the bridge. The creosote block flooring of the rail and trolley tracks, which were between the steel beams of the superstructure, burned furiously and the fire spread rapidly to both ends of the span and to the underside of the bridge, making the fire extremely difficult to fight with the available equipment. Van Buren's lone horse-drawn fire-wagon was assisted by the Fort Smith

Fire Department which had one auto pumper. Firemen and volunteers fought the roaring blaze for six hours before finally bringing it under control with only one fire hose. Some of the firemen and volunteers crawled along the steel frames under the bridge floor some forty feet above the water, trying to extinguish the flames with hand chemicals. The bridge sustained between \$20,000 and \$30,000 in damages but fortunately it was insured by the Bridge Commission and the loss was fully covered.

First Fire, Then Water

After surviving the 1918 fire, the old bridge was seriously threatened at least twice by flood waters. In the spring of 1940, during one of Arkansas' worst floods, the Fort Smith-Van Buren transmission facilities which cross the river on the bridge, were washed away. A temporary water line was installed and lasted 72 hours before it, too, was washed away

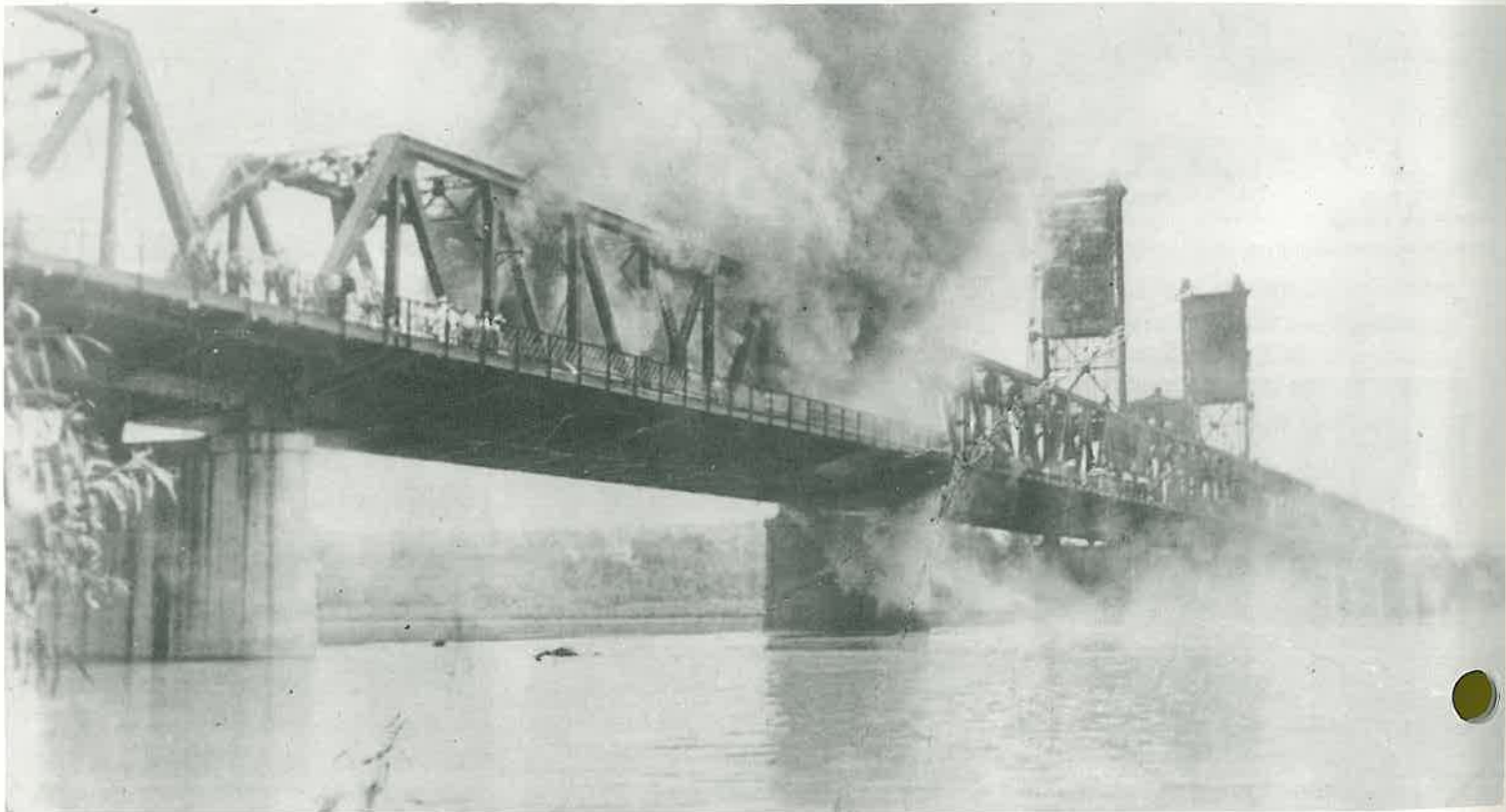
and Army Engineers had to be summoned to lay a pontoon bridge to hold the water lines until they could be permanently replaced later. The water in the center of the river was measured at 80 feet deep at that time.

Again, in 1943, another flood year, the bridge was rendered impassable when the banks on the Fort Smith side were washed away. At that time about one-third of Van Buren was under water. It was then that the bridge was raised four or five feet.

Now Bridge Will Go

After surviving time, fire and water for 59 years, the old lift span bridge will now go. A part of the contractor's job is dismantling the old structure and that process is now underway. However, the bridge's purpose may not be ended. It is expected that the nine steel spans will be bought by county judges by the single span, or perhaps two or three, and placed

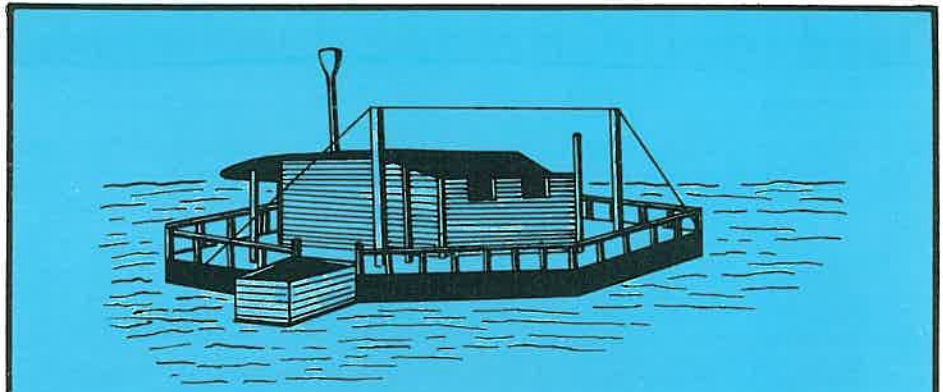
Creosoted timbers on the bridge burn furiously, sending black smoke billowing into the air when the bridge caught fire, presumably from an electrical short circuit to the lift span, on June 10, 1918. The fire was brought under control after about 6 hours. Photo courtesy of Hubert Neff who retired as chief of the Fort Smith Fire Department in 1964 after working 44 years.



across smaller streams in the state. Once the spans are out of the way, Cummins will tear out the piers. The three main channel piers must be taken out all the way down to the bed rock in which they are anchored. The others will probably be broken off at riverbed level. Complete dismantling is expected to take three or four months.

First Ferry, Now Bridge Thing of the Past

After being in operation continuously for 70 years, the Scott Ferry was abandoned abruptly on February 5, 1912 when the "free bridge" was opened but yet undedicated. In like manner, that same structure, having outlived its usefulness and no longer serving its purpose, was abandoned on April 13 with the opening of the new bridge. For many years the ferry was the only way to cross the river. In the late 1800's a railroad bridge was built across the river but foot passengers still had to ride the ferry. Of the 70 years the ferry was in operation, it was owned by the Scott family, the last owner being Col. Phil D. Scott, father of Miss



The above sketch of the ferry "Caroline" which was put out of business in 1912 by the first bridge, was drawn by AHD artist Stella Owen from an actual photograph.

Caroline Scott for whom the last tug was named. Miss Scott still lives in the family home at Drennen Reserve in Van Buren. At one time, ownership of the boat was quite a lucrative business. Col. Scott testified in a court suit in 1911 that he netted "... a little over \$5,000 ..." operating the ferry for a six months period. A portion of the Caroline was retained as a souvenir and given to the Arkansas Historical Society.

As editor Hugh Park of the *Van Buren Press Argus* pointed out, ferries, electric street cars and steam engines have come and gone. The free bridge of 1912 was a vehicle to speed the people into the accommodations of the city. The new bridge of 1971 is a vehicle to speed the people away from the city — to the suburbs. Where do we go from here? No one can claim to know. But as in 1912, all agree — a new era is here.

SECTION OF I-40 NEARS COMPLETION



Mississippi flood waters back up toward the levee (arrow) and rise menacingly under the elevated section of I-40 from the Arkansas end of the bridge, westward over the StL & SF Railroad and on toward West Memphis (top of picture). Decking is being put down by the contractor, Holloway Construction Company of Wixom, Mich. The project is being handled by the Tennessee Highway Department.

Dardanelle Bridge Dedicated



Mayor Hickey of Russellville helps hold the ribbon while Mayor Esch of Dardanelle snips it.

The new bridge, 4-laned and higher, dwarfs the old bridge, during construction.



The Highway 7 bridge over Arkansas River at Dardanelle was dedicated and officially opened to traffic on Thursday February 25. The dedication ceremonies, which were planned and sponsored jointly by the Dardanelle and Russellville Chambers of Commerce in cooperation with the Highway Department, were staged midway the bridge. The Dardanelle High School Band furnished entertainment as the crowd gathered.

Cong. John Paul Hammerschmidt gave the dedicatory address after the invocation was pronounced by Rev. George Meyer, pastor of Dardanelle Presbyterian Church, and special guests were recognized by Dr. J. W. Hull, executive vice president of the Russellville Chamber of Commerce.

The Arkansas Tech R.O.T.C. Unit presented the colors. The ribbon cutting was executed by the mayors of both cities, Henry Esch of Dardanelle and Mike Hickey of Russellville.

The 2,076-foot long, four-lane bridge is one continuous composite plate girder span located a few feet south of the site of the old bridge. The old bridge has been dismantled and approaches to the new structure are wider and straighter, thus eliminating the sharp curve in the approach to the old bridge.

The first contract for the new bridge was awarded September 27, 1967 to Foster & Creighton Co. of Nashville, Tenn., who erected the substructure. The superstructure contract, awarded April 24, 1968 to John F. Beasley Construction Company of Chicago, was part of the largest letting ever held by the Highway Department. Also included in the \$17.6 million letting were contracts for the substructure and grading of a new U. S. 79 bridge at Pine Bluff and a new U.S. 64 bridge between Van Buren and Fort Smith (story elsewhere in this issue). The Pine Bluff bridge is still under construction.

The Dardanelle bridge cost approximately \$3.9 million and is one of the Arkansas River bridges being constructed or renovated to accommodate future barge traffic in the navigation program.



Left to right: District 8 Engr. John F. Price, FHWA Div. 6 Engr. Charles McMillen, Director of Highways Ward Goodman, Congressman Hammerschmidt and Omar Stanfield.

Dr. J. W. Hull



Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt



Omar Stanfield, manager of the Dardanelle Chamber, acted as emcee.

16th Annual Highway Short Course Held

Even after sixteen years, interest in the annual Highway Short Course arranged by the University of Arkansas and Arkansas Highway Department continues to grow. This year's conference, held April 15-16, was attended by more than 400 engineers and other persons with the Highway Department, construction companies and related fields.

Highway Commission Chairman John Harsh presided over the Thursday morning session and Chief Engr. B. K. Cooper made the Highway Department's report. Johnnie Gray showed the 1971 Highway Depart-

ment film. The first showing of the movie to the Short Course group each year has become a traditionally anticipated event.

A. K. McBride, Fort Smith contractor and vice president of the Arkansas Chapter of Associated General Contractors, presided over the Thursday afternoon session. Bryan Davis of Environmental Development, Brooks Nichols of Roadway Design and Operations Engr. Bob Mattox were among the afternoon speakers.

Div. Engr. Charles McMillen of the Federal Highway Administration

presided over the Friday morning session. Speakers included Maint. Engr. Bert Rownd and claims attorney Lee Allen of the Legal Division.

Other speakers during the session included J. W. White of the Fort Worth FHWA office; Jim Reynolds, president of Reynolds & Williams, Inc. of Little Rock, Dr. L. R. Heiple, head of the Civil Engineering Department at the University; and M. W. "Pete" Rice, manager of Distribution Design and Authorization, Arkansas Power & Light Company.



Commissioner John W. Harsh



Chief Engr. B. K. Cooper



Charles McMillen



Bob Mattox



J. W. White



M. W. "Pete" Rice



A. K. McBride



Bert Rownd



Lee Allen



Jim Reynolds



Dr. L. R. Heiple



▲ **Charles McMillen converses with Mrs. Walt LeFevre at the banquet.**



▲ **Alton Van Patten, left, and Arthur Watt of Right of Way Utilities.**



▲ **Dr. E. W. LeFevre, Short Course coordinator, oversees the registration. Office Engineer Hubert Holland is at right.**

Sen. Knox Nelson, executive secretary of A. G. C., and Dr. LeFevre are to the right.

▶ **Left to right, District 4 Engr. Calvin Peevy, District 8 Engr. J. F. Price and Resident Engr. Elmer Smith.**



▶ **Ch. Counsel Thomas Keys, left, Utilities Chief Alton Van Patten, center, and Bob Faulkner, engineer in the Traffic Division, go through the registration line.**



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- 1 – Left to right, M. & T Engr. Joe Magness, Asst. Construction Engr. Norman Pumphrey and Bill Moore, vice president of Ben Hogan Company.
- 2 – Right to left, Bob Seay, Roadway Design; Bryan Davis, R. O. W.; David Marsh, Accounting; and Asst. Maint. Supt. Charles H. Webb, Hope.
- 3 – Right to left, Gerald Sisk and Bill Bosley, Maintenance; and Bill Wall, M & T.
- 4 – Asst. Maint. Supt. Dell Kendall, Springdale, left, and Maint. Supt. H. L. Hodnett, Fort Smith.
- 5 – Resident Engr. J. B. Williamson, left, and Asst. Const. Engr. Don Cahoone.
- 6 – Joe Foster, left, and Charles Frazier, P & R.
- 7 – District 3 Engr. John Tallant, left, and Max Hall, Secondary Roads.
- 8 – Professor and Mrs. Bob Bissett, University of Arkansas.
- 9 – Left to right, Raymond Jones and Mike Herndon, both of Final Estimates; Res. Engr. Charles Presley, Paul DeBusk, Roadway Design, and Don Martin, R. O. W. Hack Phillips (glasses) and John Suddreth, Jr. of Shearman Concrete Pipe Company are at the right side of the table.
- 10 – Left to right, Guthrie Goodwin, James T. "Peg" Harrell and Lee Jarvis, Weights and Standards.
- 11 – Left to right, Jim Barnett, Traffic Division; Bob Narrell, Roadway Design; and Res. Engr. V. O. Selby.
- 12 – Permit Clerk C. E. Woodfield, left, and Maint. Supt. Brewster Shalmy, both of Pine Bluff.
- 13 – Tom Rains, left, and Bernie Babb, both with FHWA in Little Rock.

- 14 – Maint. Supt. Hillman Watkins, Harrison, foreground.
- 15 – From left, Bill Anderson, and P & R staffers Charles Parsons, Ed Johnson and Bob Kessinger.
- 16 – Left to right, Don Martin, R. O. W.; and Bob Andrews, Hubert Holland, V. A. Roy and Marvin Staton, all of Office Engineer's.
- 17 – Charles Means, A. H. D. engineer-in-training, listens to a "tall one" from Frank Battisto of Surveys. Ben Evans of FHWA is at right.
- 18 – Mr. and Mrs. Bob Crafton, left, and Mr. and Mrs. Lem Tull, Crafton-Tull Assocs., Rogers.
- 19 – The "Skunk Holler Gang", a group of Springdale businessmen and the wife of one of them, furnished uproarious entertainment at the banquet held Thursday evening at the Fayetteville Country Club.



Recognized for Long Service

TWELVE employees have been recognized by the Highway Commission for lengthy service since the last publication deadline; four in January, four in February and four in March. The twelve have accumulated 335 years of employment.

JANUARY

Those receiving service awards in Janu-

ary were Frank J. Boyett, Central Shops, Jacksonville; Lucille B. Dishongh, Construction Division; John C. Gossett, District 7 headquarters, Camden; and Edgar H. McClure, District 5 headquarters, Batesville. All have completed 25 years. Commissioner Lawrence Blackwell presented the certificates and lapel pins.

Frank Boyett is the parts man at the central mechanical shop in Jacksonville, where his entire 25 years of A.H.D. em-

ployment have been accumulated. He was hired in January, 1946, not long after being discharged from the Army where he served as a heavy machine gunner during World War II. Frank is a member of the American Legion and enjoys fishing for bass and crappie as a pastime. He and Mrs. Boyett live in North Little Rock and have three children.

Mrs. Dishongh also came to the High-
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way Department in January of 1946 as a clerk stenographer but she has been secretary to the Construction Engineer for several years. She is the eighth female employee of record to complete 25 years of service. She claims most all of the district and resident engineers as "her boys." Lucille was born in Oil City, La. but moved to Little Rock at an early age where she graduated from high school and junior college. She is a member of Esther Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; Acropolis Chapter, American Business Women's Association; and Preceptor Alpha Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, which she is presently serving as vice president. Her husband, L. E. Dishongh, Jr., is a Shriner and Lucy and Dish, as they are known by their friends and associates, enjoy active participation in Shrine activities. One of Lucy's most cherished possessions is a Countess of Pulaski Award presented to her in 1966 by Judge Arch Campbell. She is a collector of antique china and cut glass, and enjoys a reputation for culinary skill, particularly desserts. The Dishonghs are members of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. They are dog fanciers and raise poodles for sale.

On the day she received the 25-year award, a number of her friends and her husband came to see the certificate presented to her. Lucy will never live down the fact that when asked if she wished to acknowledge special guests present, she introduced her friends and forgot to introduce her husband!

John C. Gossett is a Ouachita Countian from Bearden. He first joined the Department as a truck driver in August, 1944 after working as a mechanic at a sawmill in Camden. After working a short time he left the Department to work in a defense plant for the remainder of World War II. He returned to A.H.D. in May, 1946 and worked most of that time as an auto/diesel mechanic at the District 7 headquarters in Camden where he and Mrs. Gossett now live. He is a member of Bearden Missionary Baptist Church. As a leisure time activity, John likes to rebuild old cars.

Edgar H. McClure is a special maintenance supervisor in the Batesville district. He started as a truck driver in a maintenance crew in January, 1946 and has held several positions of responsibility. He gained valuable prior experience while working as an equipment operator for Independence County forces and various construction companies. He was born at Moorefield in Independence County, received his early education in Newark Public Schools and presently lives in Batesville. He is a member of Calvary Baptist in Batesville and serves as a member of the church's Finance Committee. He is a Mason and likes to hunt and garden. He takes pride in growing fine tomatoes. Edgar and Mrs. Gossett reside in Batesville. They have one daughter, who lives in Little Rock.

FEBRUARY

Recipients of awards at the February 24 Commission meeting were Dist. Engr. John S. Harris of Pine Bluff, 40 years; William R. Shay, District 9, 40 years; Thomas L. Parish, District 6, 30 years; and William C. Booth, District 7, 25 years.

John S. Harris has participated in just about every engineering function known to the Department. Beginning as a rodman, he steadily progressed upward and since 1959, has been the district engineer for the Pine Bluff district. He is a registered professional engineer, a member of the Arkansas and National societies of Professional Engineers, a certified land surveyor and holds the AASHO Certificate of Merit. Mr. and Mrs. Harris are active members of Lakeside Methodist Church. He is a Mason, a Rotarian, and is active in Pine Bluff civic affairs. He is an expert shot and nearly always gets the limit of quail and duck on hunting trips.

William R. Shay is one of two Benton County area foremen. Buck, as his friends call him, began as a laborer in a maintenance crew 40 years ago. He has been an area foreman since 1959. He served three years in the Army during World War II. Buck has one daughter, and is a member

of Gentry First Baptist Church. He loves the outdoors and in summer may often be found at a favorite fishing place.

Thomas L. Parish has worked up from a tractor operator to his present job as a construction inspector with Jim Gee's residency out of Little Rock. Tom was reared and received his education at Newport. He and his wife Celeste live near the central headquarters at 9220 Chicot Road. He is a Mason with membership in Jackson Lodge No. 191 at Newport, a member of the Consistory and Scimitar Temple. He enjoys all sports but his favorite pastimes are fishing and football. The Parishes are proud of their son Ross and three grandchildren, all of whom are champion swimmers and divers.

William C. Booth is a motor patrol operator in Columbia County. He started to work for the Department as a laborer in 1941 and has since become proficient in the operation of many types of maintenance equipment. Booth resides at Stephens where he is a member of the Official Board of Ebenezer Methodist Church. He is an ardent Razorback fan and enjoys watching sports on television.

MARCH

Four employees recognized at the March 19 Commission meeting for long tenure of service were Const. Engr. E. E. Hurley, 40 years; Walter L. Owen, 35 years, and Ted Hurst, 25 years, both of District 8; and Jim Moore, District 4, 25 years.

E. E. Hurley, known as Mac to most everyone, is the eighth employee to complete 40 years of service with A.H.D. He started in 1927 as an instrumentman at Pine Bluff and in the intervening years has performed practically every engineering function within the Department. He has served as resident engineer and district engineer in a number of districts and has been Construction Division engineer since July, 1967. Mac was born in Alabama but moved to Little Rock as a youth and attended the University of Arkansas, ma-

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OPEN HOUSES HONOR FOUR

Frank Boyett of Central Shops was honored by the employees of the Equipment Section on January 27, the day he received a 25-year service award.

When someone teased Frank about his out-of-the-ordinary attire of suit, tie and boutonniere, he abashedly replied, "My wife made me do it." Mrs. Boyett was also present to meet Frank's many friends who came by to extend best wishes.

DISHONGH

Lucille Dishongh was honored at open house in the Construction Division offices the same day. She also received a 25-year award. Many central headquarters associates, as well as a number of other friends, came by to express congratulations.



Luci, who affectionately claims any number of fellas ranging in age from 20-80 as "my boys", enjoys her day with four of her favorite people — Jack Teasdale, I., and boss E. E. Hurley, C. Don Hayes and former boss C. A. Shumaker.

MATTHEWS

Haskell Matthews retired from the Construction Division on April 6 after nearly 40 years. He and Const. Engr. E. E. Hurley were honored at an open house on March 24. Hurley received a 40-year service award. When queried about why he was retiring while in such good health and before the mandatory date, Haskell gave three very good reasons: a new house, more income and a more flexible schedule.

Actually, Haskell can't be regarded as retiring in any sense — he is merely relocating and changing duties. Long before Haskell's retirement, the Matthews had acquired property and drawn plans for a new home in Jonesboro, where Haskell's brother-in-law has a business. Once the house is completed and they are settled in, he will be a part-time bookkeeper for the business.

So eager was he to get started on the new house, his co-workers helped by outfitting him with a pair of carpenter's overalls, gloves, tool box including hammer and nails, a hand saw and even a bandana to mop the perspiration that's bound to come before the house is complete.

Probably the most delightful departure gift that Haskell received was a "practice thermostat" made into a plaque by Bldgs. & Grounds Supt. Gene Cagle because of Haskell's reputation of never having the temperature quite to his satisfaction. The plaque and a goodwill ambassador's certificate were presented by Commissioner Lawrence Blackwell. The plaque's inscription read: "Practice Thermostat — So That You May Maintain Your Touch — To Twist or Not to Twist — From This Moment On, Never Let That Be The Question."



Commissioner Lawrence Blackwell, left, presented Gene Cagle's "practice thermostat" to Haskell Matthews. Haskell models his new clothes at the right.

The following poignant letter was submitted by Haskell to E. E. Hurley, notifying him of his (Haskell's) intentions to retire:

Dear Mr. Hurley:

The time has come in my life to slow down and enjoy some of the things that have always seemed so far away.

It has been a pleasure working at the position I now hold. I have been at my present position 25 years as of last September — for a total service of 39 years and 7 months — in March, 1971.

It is my desire to begin retirement effective April 6, 1971, and I wish to thank you and all Highway employees for many fond remembrances.

Haskell B. Matthews

MILUM & COPE

Two other long-time employees who retired in March are pictured below. R. A. Milum of Gassville was supervisor of the Lake Norfolk ferries for several years. Prior to that, he was area foreman in Baxter County for a number of years. He worked for the Department 31 years.

Seldon R. Cope of Van Buren worked 29 years as a mechanic in District 4.



R. A. Milum

Seldon R. Cope

Two In Roadway Receive Awards

BROOKS NICHOLS

Brooks Nichols, engineer of the Roadway Design Division, has completed 15 years' service and was presented a certificate and pin on April 27. He came to the Department directly from college and was assistant division head in Roadway Design for two years before being promoted to head of the Division. He is a graduate of the University of Arkansas and a registered professional engineer. In presenting the certificate to Brooks, Chief Engr. B. K. Cooper quipped that Brooks grew up in Locust Bayou, a small community of about 250 people on Highway 4 between Camden and Hampton in Calhoun County, therefore he is well-qualified as a designer of complex highways and interchanges.

Twin cakes were prepared for Brooks and Glen Trammel, Brooks' assistant, who received a 25-year certificate the same day. The cakes were decorated in the theme of job estimates for "Nichols Road" and "Trammel Lane". The time each had worked (according to them) was calculated all the way down to seconds. The total time came out to be enormous figures in both cases.

PAUL HAYDON

Paul Haydon, a designer in Bob Narrell's squad in Roadway Design, has also completed 15 years with the Department. He has attended UALR and is presently studying through correspondence.



Nichols, I., and Cooper



Haydon, r., receives certificate from Asst. Rdwy. Design Engr. Glen Trammel.

HAGAR & ESCARRE ALSO RECEIVE AWARDS

E. H. Hagar, an employee with the Heavy Bridge Maintenance crew, has completed 10 years' service and received a certificate from Hvy. Bridge Maint. Engr. John Hall. Hagar lives at Des Arc.

John Hall, I., makes an on-the-job presentation of a 10-year certificate to E. H. Hagar. →



Peter A. "Pete" Escarre, reproduction equipment supervisor in the Records and Reproduction Section, received a certificate on February 22 for completion of five years. He has extensive experience with microfilm equipment and prior to coming to the Highway Department, was employed by the Jefferson County Judge.

Escarre, I., and Records & Repro. Section head Allen Dunn. →



Resident Engineers

Hold Annual Conference

THE Annual Resident Engineers Conference was held February 17-18 at the central headquarters to bring the engineers and their assistants up to date on the latest in administration and specification requirements, and new or improved techniques and methods of getting their job done.

In a chock-full day and a half meeting, the group heard discussions on a wide-ranging number of subjects including construction problems, sampling and testing,

right of way activities, time charges, ecology, the personnel shortage, bridge and roadway design, maintenance as it relates to construction, and the working relationship between the Highway Department and the Federal Highway Administration. Director Ward Goodman, Asst. Dir. Henry Gray, Chief Engr. B. K. Cooper and Asst. Chief Engr. J. E. Lowder welcomed the engineers and made opening remarks. Other speakers included several division heads and others in supervisory

capacity, contractor Jim Reynolds of Reynolds and Williams, and FHWA Division Engr. Charles McMillen.

Const. Engr. E. E. Hurley was the moderator. He was assisted in planning and sponsoring the conference by Asst. Const. Engrs. Hurley Perkins, Norman Pumphrey, Charles Mitchell and Don Cahoon.

Col. Charles L. Steel (U. S. Army, ret.), former district engineer for the Little Rock District of the U. S. Corps of



**M. D. Bagwell
McGehee**



**J. E. Belknap
Hope**



**Van Bratton
Pine Bluff**



**T. D. Casey
Russellville**



**A. H. Cockrill
Wynne**

**Jack Coleman
Ozark**



**Claude Dunne
West Helena**



**Lawrence Fletcher
Morrilton**



**J. M. Garrett
Osceola**



**Jim Gee
Little Rock**





**Gary Godfrey
Harrison**



**Ralph Jones
Little Rock**



**Cliff Martin
Paragould**



**Bob Myers
Camden**

**Harry Gray
Huntsville**

**Abby Hardy
Magnolia**

**R. C. McConnell
North Little Rock**

**Charles Mauk
Texarkana**

**Bobby Joe Parker
Malvern**



Engineers and present director of public relations for Arkansas Power and Light Company, was the after-dinner speaker at a Dutch treat banquet held on Wednesday evening at The Gardens Restaurant.

While each organizational level, beginning with the Director of Highways, is partly responsible for a construction job, the Department's 35 resident engineers are a vital part of the engineering team because they are the on-site men who are primarily responsible for seeing that work

is done according to specifications.

Somehow they don't get their pictures made very often and consequently are unknown to many of the other employees. During the conference a special effort was made to corral each of them long enough to get a photo. All are pictured except Carl Sanders of Van Buren; Dale Spencer of Mena; W. P. Anderson of DeValls Bluff, the newest resident engineer; Gayle Gunn of Prescott; and Ralph Wyatt of Batesville.



**Claude Parton
Jonesboro**



**Charles Presley
Monticello**



**V. O. Selby
Fayetteville**



**Virgil Shassere
West Memphis**



**Elmer Smith
Clarksville**



**John Ed Smith
Batesville**



**Leroy Swink
Searcy**

**Curt Shaddox
Nashville**



**John Shaw
Hope**



**Ken Tyler
Pine Bluff**



**Jim Williamson
El Dorado**





Letters

4021 Pecos Street
Texarkana, Texas

Mr. Raymond Behrens
P. O. Box 2261
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

The Texarkana, Arkansas Garden Club members are most grateful for your time and labor which you provided for our "Bradford Pear Project". Without your support we would not have been able to accomplish this work.

Enthusiasm for this tree planting has been most wonderful and we envision our beautiful pear trees in full bloom in the not too distant future.

Again let us thank you for your cooperation in helping us to do our part in making America beautiful.

We were so sorry that we missed seeing you the last day that you were here.

Sincerely,

Mr. M. J. Lucy
Mrs. Arthur Jennings

Rt. 1
Fayetteville, Ark.
January 28, 1971

The Arkansas Highway Department
P. O. Box 2261
Little Rock, Ark.

Gentlemen:

A few weeks ago I wrote a letter about the condition of our Highway No. 45 east of Fayetteville.

This is to express appreciation for your prompt action.

Mr. Kendall of Springdale and Mr. Watkins of Harrison came by and explained what they plan to do and even promised to fix it up, by mowing time, even better than it was before. That is all anyone could ask for.

Thank you for your concern and for sending those two courteous, concerned gentlemen to look in to the matter.

Sincerely yours,

Stella Hall

(Dell Kendall is the assistant maintenance superintendent at Springdale and Hillman Watkins is the maintenance superintendent at Harrison. Ed.)

January 29, 1971

Mr. J. F. Price
District Engineer
Arkansas Highway Dept.
Russellville, Arkansas 72801

Dear Mr. Price:

On behalf of the United States Postal Service, and carrier Wallace T. Gay, I would like to express my personal appreciation for the cooperative effort of you and your employees in relocating rural mail boxes along Highway No. 124.

We feel that the off shoulder grouping of several boxes will help to alleviate potential traffic hazards to our carrier as well as to the general driving public, while at the same time render improved service to our customers.

Sincerely,

G. E. Fryer, Postmaster
Russellville, Ark.

Sao Paulo, Brazil
February 4, 1971

Dear Sir:

I am receiving regularly your magazine, Arkansas Highways. This letter is to thank to you. I am an engineer of the Departamento de Estradas do Rodagues do Estado de Sao Paulo Highway Department (engineer of the Department of Streets and Roads for the State of Sao Paulo Highway Department) and this magazine bring to me a good knowledge of human relations between employes and technical details of construction and design. On July 1970 I have participated in program of highway orientation in the Colorado Department of Highways and the Department of Public Works of State of California. I have like too much your country. Knowledge of it for me is of great importance and your magazine bring to me new and more knowledge.

Yours truly,

José Landi

February 26, 1971

Mr. Ward Goodman, Director
Arkansas Highway Department
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Ward:

As a member of the Board of Apportionment, I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to you and your staff members, Miss Betty Wiggins and Mr. Mel Beckett for your cooperation with the Board of Apportionment.

Both members of your staff were most willing to be of service, and handled their assignments in a most capable and efficient manner. The preparatory work done by them was a tremendous help to the members of the Board in completing the task of redistricting of the legislative districts.

Again, may I say thank you for your help and cooperation with the Board of Apportionment.

Warm personal regards,

Kelly Bryant
Secretary of State
Ray Thornton
Attorney General

April 6, 1971

Mr. Otha Hewitt
Chief, Traffic Division
Arkansas Highway Department
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Hewitt:

We have certainly been impressed with the manner in which your division has planned and installed temporary traffic control signing while diverting traffic to the new Van Buren-Fort Smith Bridge. It is commendable that this very difficult situation was handled in such a way that no complaints were received, and to the best of our knowledge, there was not a single traffic mishap. We want to express our appreciation to you, Mr. Van Campbell, Mr. Frank Blaylock, and the department crews that worked with them.

Yours very truly,

H. E. Cummins & Sons
Const. Co.
James B. Cummins

April, May, June, 1971

Robert H. Mattox
Operations Engineer

March 25, 1971

Dear Mr. Mattox:

I am sorry that I missed you when I stopped by while on leave for a visit.

I am finally settled here in Kaiserslautern, Germany assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery of the 32nd Army Air Defense Command. I am working as a clerk-typist and receptionist in the Legal Assistance branch of the Staff Judge Advocate's office. The job is quite interesting because of the various legal matters that I come in contact with.

I am looking forward to my stay in Germany especially after Joanne and Lance join me in June. There are many interesting places that we hope to visit while here. We are located approximately 100 miles from both France and Switzerland.

I am hopeful that someday I can either work with or visit some German engineering firms to learn their ideas and methods of design. I believe would be interesting and possibly helpful to me after I return to practice.

I would like to have the magazine sent to me so I may keep up with things back there.

Sincerely yours,

Wayne Jones



Wayne Jones, wife Joanne and 10-months-old Lance.

(Editor's Note: Wayne completed the Department's engineer-in-training program in September, 1970 and was drafted immediately. He is a native of Pine Bluff and a graduate of Watson Chapel High School. He attended Arkansas A&M College and graduated from the University of Arkansas with a degree in civil engineering.)

3714 E. 23rd Street
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74114
March 17, 1971

Arkansas Highway Patrol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Gentlemen:

Recently we had car trouble on the Interstate Highway that runs through Little Rock and Russellville.

With a broken fan belt that ruptured a water hose, a car just doesn't limp to an exit. After more than an hour's delay and struggle to makeshift somehow, my husband and his brother were about to walk five miles to Blackwell, when two gentlemen in a State Highway Patrol car stopped and offered help.

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*Here, There
and Everywhere*

EDITOR'S NOTE: Since the Arkansas Highway Department has already spent several million dollars over the last five years for bridge construction and has a number of bridge projects under way, styles and kinds of bridges are of particular interest to me. I believe you will find these out-of-the-ordinary structures interesting, too.

A Bridge Made of Ice — is a fact in Alaska. The winter trail (called the Walter J. Hickel Highway) to the North Slope oil fields crosses the Yukon River near an Indian community called Stevens Village. The crossing of the Yukon at this point is over a bridge made of ice. In the early fall when ice begins to form on the river, workmen place logs on the ice crosswise the stream. Those logs are interlaced with smaller poles parallel to the river current. Water is sprayed over the logs by use of portable fire pumps. As one layer of ice freezes, more logs are added and more water is sprayed over them until the desired height is reached for the bridge, usually about 6 feet. It is a rather simple structure but because of the depth of the ice, the load limit is virtually unlimited.

As the spring thaw approaches it becomes necessary to test the ice for safe crossing. Usually the determination is made by drilling holes in the ice, a slow and time-consuming process. Last year, however, some Alaska Highway Department men developed a frost indicator which was installed in the ice for measuring its depth.

A 10-foot hollow plastic tube, sealed at one end, is set into a drilled hole entirely through the ice and well into the water.

A smaller tube, filled with sand and fluorescein dye, and capped, is dropped into the larger tube, which is then also capped. Thus, checking the ice thickness becomes a simple matter of pulling up the inner tube, like the oil dipstick in a car, and checking the color. Fluorescein dye is highly sensitive to the freezing point, turning red if the temperature is 32 degrees or colder, and green if warmer than 32 degrees. The measuring device is accurate to one-half an inch ice thickness.



Checking the ice thickness by the old method.

Workmen cutting poles to add to the base of logs in the background.

(Photos courtesy Alaska Highway Dept.)



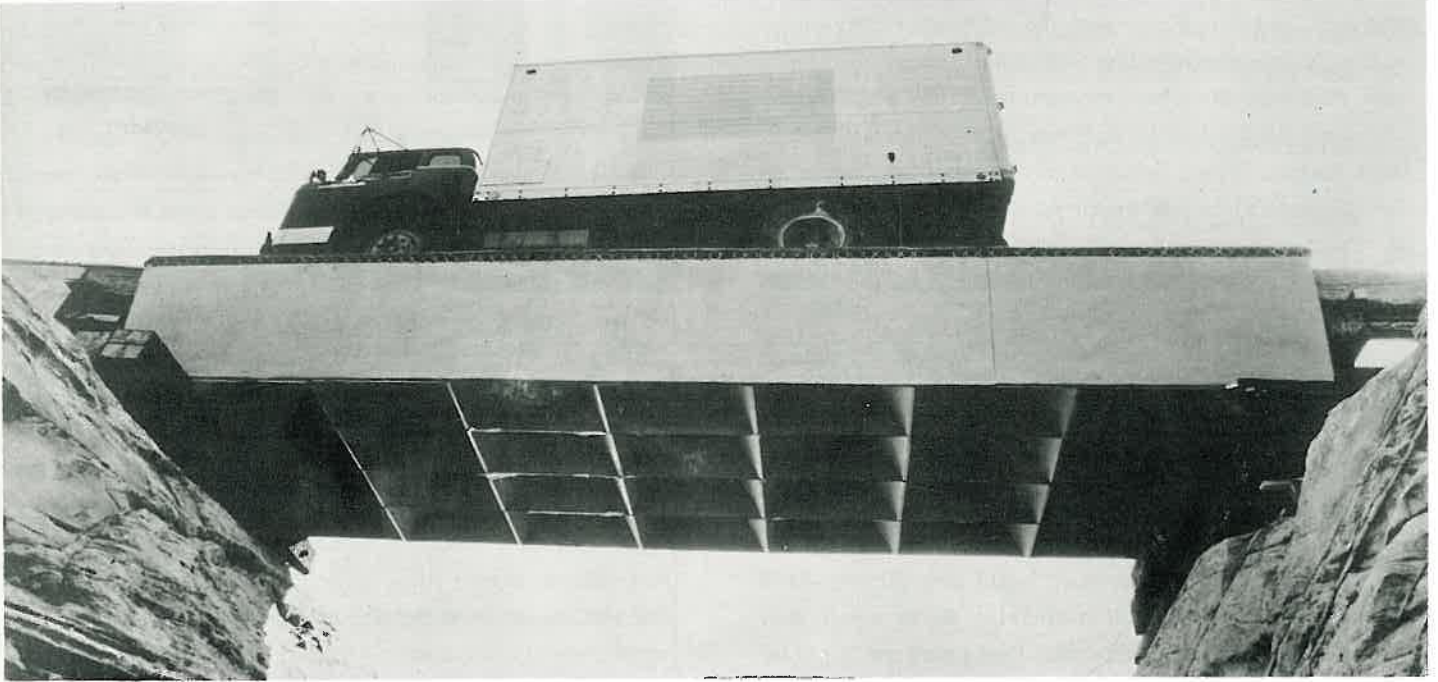
A Bridge Made of Paper — is a fact in Valley of Fire, Nevada.

It was designed by the structural engineers of a large paper company who said they had to throw away everything they knew about conventional bridge design. Why? Because nobody had ever done it before, consequently there were no guidelines. The design is based on the unique tensile properties of paper itself. It is the "stressed skin principle" in which the bridge

flexes with the texture of the paper as pressure is applied.

The bridge has two distinct advantages: (1) it is lightweight enough to be moved by a helicopter, and (2) it is sturdy. A 12,000 pound truck drove back and forth across the bridge 40 times. The entire structure is made from paper and glue. It weighs 9,000 pounds.

(Photo courtesy International Paper Co.)



(Photo courtesy Reynolds Metals Co.)

Portable aluminum bridge can support five times its weight.

A Bridge Made of Aluminum — is a fact in Virginia. The 62-foot long portable structure was fabricated by Reynolds Metals Company for a Virginia utility company who set it down piggyback style over weak bridges to handle excess weight when heavy equipment such as the 80-ton transformer pictured must be moved. The 62,000-pound structure will support more than five times its own weight. It was engineered with a 30 percent impact factor to handle a design load of 468,000 pounds. It can be set up, crossed and moved to another location in about an hour.



Obituaries

HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE, FORMER EMPLOYEE DIE IN CRASH

In a tragic head-on collision Raybon E. Camp, 37, of Benton, a laboratory technician in the Materials and Tests Division, and Guy P. Howard, 26, of Little Rock, an employee of the Reproduction Section until about six months ago, died instantly when the crash occurred early Saturday morning, April 10 on U. S. 70 about 13 miles northeast of Hot Springs. Camp, whose vehicle crossed the centerline into Howard's lane, was presumed to have gone to sleep.

Camp was a native of Sheridan and a graduate of the High School there. He had been employed by the Department 12 years.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ruth Ann Mayhugh Camp; two sons, Steve and Mark of the home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brad Camp of Sheridan; a brother, Lynn Camp, Sheridan; four sisters, Mrs. Conal Linn of Morrilton, Mrs. Lorene Wisely of Benton, Mrs. Floyd Mashburn of Little Rock and Mrs. Cloma Dean of Loomis, Calif.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 Easter Sunday, April 11 at Buie Funeral Chapel in Sheridan. Burial was in New Hope cemetery south of Sheridan. Pallbearers and honorary pallbearers included Jerry Stacks, Bill Langston, Joe Magness, A. T. Beard, Wendell Williams and C. A. Phillips of the Highway Department.



CAMP



HOWARD

Howard was employed as a cameraman at Balfour Printing Co. He was a graduate of North Little Rock High School. He was manager of a baseball team sponsored by Cliff Peck Chevrolet.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Dianne Beck Howard; a daughter, Donna Michele of the home; his mother, Mrs. Glenna Howard of Warren; and two sisters, Mrs. Deloris Wilson of Dallas, and Mrs. Kay Butler of Mabelvale.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 P.M. Monday, April 12 at North Little Rock Funeral Chapel. Burial was in Pine Crest cemetery south of Little Rock. Pallbearers were: Allen Dunn, Buddy Aley, David Johnson, Jerry McKown, Jimmy Clements, and Doine High.

DISTRICT 5

DONATES 49 PINTS OF BLOOD

When the American Red Cross Bloodmobile visited Batesville recently, District 5 employees and their spouses donated 49 pints of blood. In order for employees of the Batesville district to qualify for full group coverage under the blood program, a minimum of 72 pints must be donated within a 12-month period.

Full group coverage includes the total blood needs of the employees, their spouses and children under 18, single children over 18 if unable to be donors, and parents and grandparents of both employee and spouse. The 72-pint quota represents 25% of the number of employees in the district.

OBITUARIES (Continued)

RETIRED EMPLOYEE VICTIM OF WRECK

Rhonie G. Powers, 76, of Route 2, Perryville, was killed in an automobile accident on Highway 10 Sunday, February 21. He retired from the Department in 1960 as a mower operator after 8 years' employment.

Powers' mother-in-law, Mrs. Lillie Ida McCormack, 89, of Route 2, Perryville, also died in the wreck. A double funeral service was held at Harmony Baptist Church on February 24 with burial in the church cemetery by North Little Rock Funeral Home.

Powers was a member of Harmony church, the Masonic Lodge of Roland and Woodmen of the World. Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Docia Ann Boyette Powers; two sons, Clyde Powers of North Little Rock and Oliver Powers of Perryville; a daughter, Mrs. Tyler Fielder of Searcy; a brother, Oliver Powers of Bigelow, five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

CHARLEY M. CARTER

Charley M. Carter, 80 of Murfreesboro died February 5. He was a lifelong resident of Pike County and retired from the Department in 1960 after working 16 years with the Pike County maintenance crew.

Survivors include two sons, Charles Carter of Little Rock and Jack Carter of California; two daughters, Mrs. Evelyn Gabl of Illinois and Miss Catherine Carter of Mammoth Spring; two brothers, Schley Carter of Murfreesboro and O. M. Carter of Florida, nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on February 7 at First Christian Church of Murfreesboro, with interment in Murfreesboro cemetery by Latimer Funeral Service of Nashville.

Each year the Maintenance Division rates the Department's 80 area headquarters facilities on house-keeping. The Randolph County headquarters at Pocahontas was the only site to receive a 100 percent rating for 1970. The headquarters at Texarkana, Warren, Arkadelphia, Mountain Home, Corning, Walnut Ridge and Blytheville all received 99 ratings. Newport, Hazen, Hot Springs and Jasper were each rated 98%.

The buildings and grounds are inspected and rated by the following percentages:

- Building** — 10% (Painting, 5% and Repairs, 5%);
- Office** — 5% (Painting, 2% and Cleanliness, 3%);
- Shop** — 20% (Cleanliness, 10%; Equipment and Benches, 5%; Paint, 3% and Arrangement, 2%);
- Stock** — 10% (Cleanliness, 4%; Arrangement 6%);
- Rest Room** — 10% (Paint, 2%; Cleanliness 5%, and Misc. 3%);
- Landscaping** — 10% (Trees and Shrubs, 3% and Grass, 7%);
- Fence** — 3%;
- Drainage & Yard** — 10% (Drainage, 3% and Surface, 7%);
- Material Storage** — 15% (Arrangement, 15%);
- Parking Area** — 2%;
- General Upkeep & Appearance** — 5%.

By comparison, none of the facilities received a 100 percent rating for 1969 and only two, Warren and Corning, received a 99. Five headquarters, Hot Springs, Hazen, Jasper, Walnut Ridge, Blytheville and Pocahontas, were each rated 98 in 1969.

The inspections and ratings are made to instill and promote safety, pride and a spirit of competition among the maintenance employees who work out from the area headquarters in each county.

Employee Active In Association For Mental Health

Bernie Cox of the Purchasing Division has been appointed to a 3-year term on the board of the Pulaski County Association for Mental Health. Presently he is serving as chairman of the speakers' bureau and is a member of the Membership committee and the Hospitalized Mentally Ill committee.

The Association at the local level provides person to person help to those

who need it through volunteer work in hospitals, clinics, schools, residential centers and aftercare centers, etc.; hospital programs to improve care; rehabilitation programs; and social action to support better understanding of mental illness, development of local treatment facilities and many other services.



Conference on Engineering Economic Analysis Held

From time to time, as times, people and the desires of people change, certain aspects of what constitutes the needs of people change. It then becomes necessary to realign practices and procedures in use, and to replace some of them, while others are revamped and supported by new ideas. There was a time when the all-important consideration of choosing the route of a road and its subsequent construction was cost — the shortest distance between two points at the least possible cost.

Some years later, as the public became more mobile, the American way of life created the need for an additional consideration — how the route would serve the most people efficiently and safely. Thus developed the benefit-cost ratio — in other words, the shortest distance between two points — which would serve the most people — at the least possible cost.



Robley Winfrey, left, and Carl McChesney, head of the Advance Planning Section of Planning and Research.

During the last decade a third consideration has surfaced — that of environmental enhancement. While cost yet remains a factor, strong emphasis is being placed on what is pleasing to the eye and the social

impact when highway routes are being selected. However, it is the opinion of Robley Winfrey that engineering economic analysis must also remain a vital consideration in decisions for the selection of alternative highway projects and alternatives between transportation modes. He emphasized that judgment must be applied to the economic and environmental studies by those who make the final selection.

Winfrey, of the Highway Users Federation for Safety and Mobility in Washington, led a discussion group of section heads, squad leaders and others involved in design and planning at a meeting here March 3. Winfrey is retired from the Bureau of Public Roads and has been engaged by the Highway Users Federation to promote more extensive use of economic analysis in highway planning and design. Approximately 50 Highway employees attended the conference.

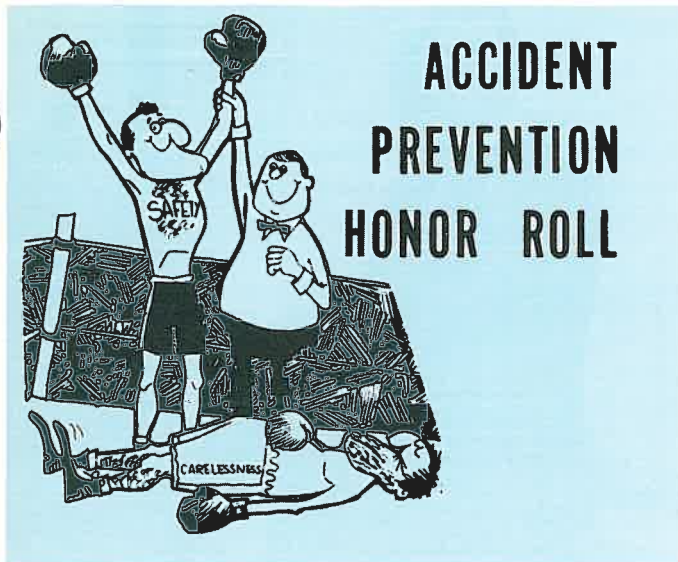
A BARGAIN KEPT

Some time ago Jack Freshour, vice president of Freshour Construction Company, grew out a full beard. It became quite a conversation piece as he encountered his friends and acquaintances. One day Commission Chairman John Harsh jokingly told him that if he ever cut off the beard, he (Harsh) wanted it to make a toupee. Freshour agreed to make Harsh a present of the chin whiskers if the time came that he decided to part with them.

Just before broadcast time at the bid opening of April 27, Freshour presented the beard in a jar to Harsh, who retorted that if Jack would grow one more beard and give it to him, he would have enough for a full toupee and they would then be some sort of kin but he hadn't figured out just what the relationship would be.



Freshour, I., presents the remains of his beard to Harsh.



Fifty-seven field supervisors earned certificates of safety for the calendar year 1970 for having worked the entire year without a lost-time personal injury or a chargeable accident to a motor vehicle or equipment. Of that number, five crews have a clean five-year record. A program to closely record accidents and give recognition to those who successfully meet the Department's safety standards was initiated five years ago.

Working an entire year without a lost-time personal injury or chargeable accident is no easy accomplishment. It requires alertness and cooperation on the part of each individual. Of the ten crews who had completed four years at the end of 1969, only five were able to complete the fifth year accident free. They are Surveys Party Chiefs Tom E. Wacaster of Harrison and Bobby Brown of Plumerville, Res. Engr. Gary L. Godfrey of Harrison, Area Foreman Jadie Allen of Washington County and Equip. Supvr. Otis W. Vaughan of Springdale. All of the five crews are in District 9 except Brown's crew in District 8.

During the past five years 14 other crews have completed 4 years, 13 have completed three years, 6 have completed two years and 19 have one year to their credit. The number of accident-free years is indicated by figures in parentheses.

District 1 – Sign Foreman Earl Mauppin, Wynne (3).

District 2 – Res. Engrs. L. K. Howell (now retired), Pine Bluff (4); and George E. Karnes (ret.), McGehee (4); Drew County Area Foreman Floyd Fulbright, Monticello (2); Crew Leader Aubry

M. Murphy, Pine Bluff (2); and Signmen Victor Brown, Jr., Pine Bluff, (1).

District 3 – Res. Engr. Gayle E. Gunn, Prescott (4); Job Supt. Otis K. Walden, Hope, (1); Sign Foreman John W. Barham, Hope (4); and Spring Bank Ferry Foreman Hermit Vestal, Doddridge (3).

District 4 – Res. Engrs. Dale Spencer, Mena (4); and Carl Sanders, Van Buren (1); Area Supvr. B. G. Sanders, Ft. Smith (2); Job Supts. J. R. King, Ft. Smith (1); and L. E. Sanders, Waldron (1); Logan County Area Foreman J. C. Wingfield, Magazine (2); Franklin Co. Area Foreman M. J. Carpenter, Ozark (1); and Sign Foreman C. L. Oliver, Waldron (3).

District 5 – Res. Engrs. Leroy Swink, Searcy (1); and John Ed Smith, Jr., Batesville (4); Sign Foreman Handford Magness, Batesville (2); and Area Foremen Henry Anderson, Mountain View (1); R. L. Moser, Mount Pleasant (1); Bill Weaver, Cave City (1); and Marvin E. Steward, Judsonia (1).

District 6 – Res. Engrs. Jim Gee, Little Rock (2), and Bobby Joe Parker, Malvern (4); and Garland Co. Area Foreman R. J. Johnson, Hot Springs (3).

District 7 – Res. Engrs. J. B. Williamson, El Dorado (4); and Abby Hardy, Jr., Magnolia (3); Job Supts. J. M. Renfro, Camden (1); W. A. Cubage, Camden (1); and George E. Griffis, Bearden (1); Sign Foreman Kenneth W. Dunn, Camden (4); and Moro Bay Ferry Foreman Jim B. Gates, Hermitage (4).

District 8 – Job Supt. Ewin T. Caudle, Russellville (3); Dist. Sign Foreman Joe Duvall, Morrilton (3); Res. Engr. Sherman James, (residency now closed) Morrilton (3); and Yell Co. Area Foreman Cecil Gilmore, Briggsville (1).

District 9 – Bridge Foreman F. M. Parker, Jr., Harrison (1); Area Foremen J. M. Tate, Yellville (4); J. J. Pratt, Pea Ridge (3); and J. C. Miller, Combs (1); and Res. Engr. V. O. Selby, Fayetteville (3).

District 10 – Mississippi Co. Area Foreman W. E. Raspberry, Blytheville (1) and Res. Engr. Cliff Martin, Paragould (3).

Surveys Division Party Chiefs – Lonnie F. Radford, Beebe (3); John L. Adams, Plumerville (4); Gerald T. Kirksey, Amity (4); Harold E. Wacaster, Ozark (1); John H. Campbell, Jr., Malvern (4); and John A. Sims, Morrilton (4).

Four Complete 20 Years

J. E. LOWDER

Asst. Chief Engr. J. E. Lowder has completed 20 years' service and received a certificate and lapel pin from Chief Engr. B. K. Cooper on March 27. The presentation was made at a cake and punch time in the Commission conference room.

Lowder has a distinguished service record, having progressed from an instrumentman and assistant resident engineer in 1951 upward through various promotions including District 3 engineer at Hope for 4½ years and engineer of the Maintenance Division for 3½ years. He has been assistant chief engineer since July, 1969.



Lowder, J., receives certificate from Chief Engr. Cooper.

Lowder with some of his associates and members of the Commission. To his left is Virginia Williams of Internal Audit, and on the right are Commissioners George Kell and Maurice Smith, Dir. Ward Goodman and Commissioner John Harsh. In front are Cooper; Ann McLain, Lowder's secretary; and Nancy Sipe, secretary to Asst. Dir. Henry Gray.



R. C. "Bob" ANDREWS

Bob Andrews, assistant division head in Office Engineer's, began his highway career working in the field on construction. He later came into the Final Estimates Section and has been in Office Engineer's since 1956. He is a registered professional engineer.

Bob was the victim of a genuine surprise party at the afternoon coffee break on April 12. Upon returning to the office after being briefly called out on a ruse, he found a refreshment table set up and his wife there. He was so startled to see her, he said in an unflattering but direct manner, "What are you doing here?!" as though the office was entirely off-limits to her.

Office Engr. Hubert Holland presented a 20-year certificate and lapel pin to Bob. He also received a plaque painstakingly made by Marvin Staton in the same office. The plaque was made of polished wood and red velvet on which were outlined in gold piping the three main interstate routes in Arkansas. The location of the 10 district headquarters were marked with gold-headed pins and the figure "20" in the lower right-hand corner showed that it was a gift at the occasion of Bob's completion of 20 years' service.

Bob Andrews displays his interstate plaque.



JOHN HALL

John Hall has been heavy bridge maintenance engineer since 1966. He is a registered professional engineer and a graduate of the University of Arkansas. He has previously worked in Bridge Design, the Construction Division and for a time, was a private engineering consultant. He lives in North Little Rock.



Maint. Engr. Bert Rownd, I., presents a 20-year certificate to John Hall.

JAMES TAYLOR

James Taylor is a materials inspector. He lives at Walnut Ridge and works over a large area of northeast Arkansas. He was given a cake and punch party by the Materials and Tests office personnel at Central Headquarters to receive congratulations on his completion of 20 years.



M&T Engr. Joe Magness, r., presents certificate to James Taylor.

Ashcraft Replaces Matthews



Eugene Ashcraft has moved from Final Estimates Section of Construction to the main Construction office to fill the vacancy created by Haskell Matthews' retirement. Gene, who will receive a 25-year service certificate in a few days, has worked both in the office and in the field on construction. He has been in the Final Estimates office continuously since 1960.

Ashcraft was the second Arkansas Highway Department employee to become a certified engineering technician at the Senior Engineering level and has been active in publicizing the ICET program in which many Department employees have subsequently become qualified at one of the three possible levels.

Ashcraft's duties now include handling the huge volume of incoming and outgoing mail which includes current and final estimates, field changes, daily, weekly and monthly reports, correspondence, etc.

Gary McDonald

Receives Marine Citation

Gary L. McDonald, Civil Engineer IIA with Res. Engr. J. B. Williamson at El Dorado, has been awarded the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" distinguishing device authorized for meritorious service while serving with the 3rd Marine Amphibious Force in Vietnam from July 29, 1969 to May 12, 1970. The citation, which is rarely given to an enlisted man, was for outstanding performance in keeping communication lines open in the section of Vietnam where he was stationed near the demilitarized zone. He was discharged as a corporal.

McDonald, a native of Marcelline, Mo., went through the engineer-in-training program after discharge from the Marines before taking his present assignment.

He has a BS degree in physics from Northeast Missouri State College and a masters degree in civil engineering from the University of Missouri.

PERSONNEL ASSISTANT EMPLOYED



Arte Williams of North Little Rock has been employed as an assistant to Personnel Officer Hugh Wadley. He is a graduate of Harris High School at McAlmont and Philander Smith College where he majored in social work and minored in psychology. Arte and his wife Charlotte have a two-year-old daughter, Simone. His main outside interests are fishing and basketball.

1970 Safety Analysis Report

During calendar year 1970, Highway Department employees sustained 152 lost time injuries and 207 non-lost time. District 1 employees had the most lost time injuries — 27, while District 6 had the most non-lost time — 34. District 4 had the fewest lost time injuries — 4. District 2 had the fewest non-lost time — 7.

Accidents involving equipment and motor vehicles are designated as preventable or non-preventable. District 1 had the most preventable equipment accidents — 5, and District 9 had the most non-preventable — 5. A total of 28 preventable and 22 non-preventable equipment accidents were logged during 1970. District 10 had no preventable accidents during the year and Districts 4, 8 and 10 only had one non-preventable accident reported.

The number of non-preventable motor vehicle accidents — 177 — was only one shy of the number of preventable accidents — 178. District 3 logged the most preventable accidents — 29. District 1 was close behind with 26. Central Offices amassed the greatest number of non-preventable accidents — 28. Thirteen of them were incurred by the Weights and Standards Division.

YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE

John E. Box, a retired job superintendent at Springdale, has requested that the following letter regarding the purchase of a kidney machine for Bill Basler of Huntsville to be published in Arkansas Highways so that anyone wishing to make a contribution to the Bill Basler Foundation may do so.

"Bill Basler, age 17, a resident of Madison County, has been treated by me and doctors at the University of Arkansas Medical Center, Little Rock, for severe kidney disease since 1969. Bill has been admitted to the Madison County Hospital and the UAMC on numerous occasions. He has had to have dialysis twice weekly for the past 3 months, and recently has undergone surgery at which time both kidneys were removed. It is hopeful that Bill will be able to have a kidney transplant in the future but this may be delayed indefinitely because of a chronic mastoid infection.

The hospital and medical bills for all this treatment have completely exhausted the family's finances. Even though the parents are regularly employed and continue to make payments toward the medical expense, it is useless to hope that they will ever be able to completely pay off all these expenses and the ones that will incur in the future.

I am hereby proposing that a Bill Basler Foundation be established whereby interested persons can contribute money for the purpose of buying a kidney machine to be used by Bill Basler, and to provide money for its operation, with the provision that the machine may also be used by other needy persons in the future under the direction of the Arkansas kidney transplant program.

Contributions may be sent to Bill Basler Foundation, Box 629, Huntsville, Arkansas, 72740.

Sincerely,
Ivan H. Box, M.D.
Huntsville Clinic, Ltd."

Letters

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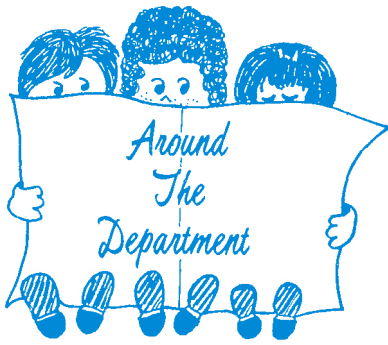
They took my husband to Morrilton for the needed accessories, back to the car, and then waited to make sure everything was all right.

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for the courtesy and thoughtfulness shown by trooper J. L. Stone and his partner, and in behalf of other motorists, a thank-you to all State Troopers.

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Clyde E. Pray

(The men Mrs. Pray refers to are Weight Officers James L. Stone of Morrilton and Marvin H. Stover of Plumerville who make up W & S roving unit 288. Ed.)



We are happy to have Frank Arzt (pronounced Arts) as a new reporter from the Utilities Section of Right of Way. Frank attended four years of school at Benton after moving there as a teenager, then returned to California whence he came, to major in mechanical engineering at Valley State College. As a student he played football and baseball, and was on the college's varsity weight-lifting team. He now lives in Benton with his wife Sandi and 4-year-old son Skip. He has a 190 bowling average. Other hobbies include chess, photography, fishing, hunting and sports in general. He teaches the senior class in Sunday school at Mulberry Missionary Baptist Church north of Benton. Frank, we are glad that you like Little Rock and Benton better than North Hollywood.



Frank Arzt

Pat Koonce of Accounting is quite proud of the showing her daughter Janice made in the AAU State Senior Girls' Gymnastics Meet held at UALR on April 3. Janice, a senior at Hall High, won a gold medal in the Balance Beam section of the meet after practicing only three weeks!

Dorothy Switzer, former secretary to the Highway Commission and now secretary to Public Safety Coordinator Y. W. Whelchel, was the subject of a feature story in the April 18 *Democrat*. She was chairman of Secretaries Week activities for the Little Rock Chapter of the National Secretaries Association (International). Secretaries Week was April 18-24.

Bud Witter called a few days ago to chew on me a little because his name was not listed among those who retired in 1970 but whatever the reason, it's always refreshing to hear Bud's voice. The list of retirees printed in the Jan.-Feb.-March issue are those members of the Highway Department Retirement System who have been employed 10 years or longer. But it's good to hear from ya, Bud. Call and complain anytime.

Ken Rounsaval of Office Engineer's and his wife Darla are the parents of their first child, a son, Kenneth Allen, born April 5. The equally proud grandmother is Doris Harper of Legal.



Kenneth Allen Rounsaval



Katherine Jones

Katherine Jones of the Assistant Chief Engineer's office is president-elect of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Southwest Little Rock V.F.W. Post 4558 for the coming year. Katherine, who is presently serving

as junior vice president, will assume her new duties in July.

Jane Greenlee, PBX operator, received her 10-year pin March 19. The folks in Personnel enjoyed an in-office luncheon which they brought and spread in her honor.



Personnel Officer Hugh Wadley presents a 10-year certificate to Jane Greenlee.

Aleene Boysen Faulkner retired the last of March after 20 years of service in the Accounting Department. A lovely reception was held for her and many friends came in to extend good wishes. Aleene and Marvin have moved out to his farm off Highway 107 in the northern part of the county, where she is happily being a housewife to a farmer and very active Shriner. If her friends would like to drop her a card, the address is Mrs. Marvin Faulkner, Rt. 1, Cabot 72023.



Did anyone ever look so happy to be retiring? Aleene is surrounded by office friends, l. to r., Sue McKelvey, Irene Hawkins, Georgia Cottrell, Willene Dorris, Rose Clingan, Bonnie Hill and Ann Forte. The piece of luggage at right was a going-away gift.

Betty Claude has also retired as secretary of Bridge Design to be a housewife and travel some with her husband while he works and plays golf. A few days be-

fore Betty left she was showing off her very pretty new little granddaughter. And just in case Gary and Lynn Claude need a babysitter, Betty could probably be pressed into service.

About this time of year we learn of all sorts of smart things that our Highway children have done. Res. Engr. Ralph Jones' son, who is also named Ralph, was recently announced as one of 13 Arkansas students, and one of four from Pulaski County, who were named to the President's Honor Roll at Rice University in Houston for the fall semester.

SuElla Beard and John Greenlee were winners in the statewide art and literature talent contest sponsored by the Little Rock Chapter of the National Society of Arts and Letters. SuElla, daughter of Alton Beard of M&T, won third place in art. John, son of Jane Greenlee, PBX operator, won second place in the short story division. Both are seniors at Central.



SuElla Beard

John Greenlee

Marie Wano, secretary to Operations Engr. Bob Mattox, has resigned to reopen her letter service business. Marie has a lot of experience in the field and will no doubt do well in business. We miss seeing her about the building.

Some dear retired friends have been in for all-too-brief visits during the last few weeks. Henry J. Williams, retired as custodian of the Vault, was here from Ruleville, Miss. where he now lives. He looked well and was wearing the same pleasant smile. Jimmy Zinn was by visiting in the building on April 7. Jimmy, one of the ageless ones, has recently undergone cataract operations and was getting accustomed to new glasses but is just as full of

spirit as ever.

Babe and Mrs. Williams were here the 11th of May. They had come down from Wausau, Wisc. to attend his 50-year high school reunion at Nashville, Ark. He said it was the first get-together the class members had ever had and they enjoyed it tremendously. The only thing is, Babe doesn't look old enough to have graduated from high school 50 years ago.

Ferol Jones attended South Central District meeting of ABWA at Kansas City in April. Over 800 ladies were present. It was her first meeting to preside as district vice president. She was a bit jittery at the responsibility but others who attended the meeting said she carried it off like a pro.

We note by the newspaper that Ronnie Smith, former Final Estimates employee, has been named Technician of the Year by the Southwestern Region of the American Society of Certified Engineering Technicians. Ronnie is president of the Arkansas Chapter, ASCET.

Tommy Hensley is an Engineering Aide II-B with Jim Gee's residency. The day the photographer came along, Tommy was running gradation on crushed stone base course for Job 1429, the construction of interchanges on U.S. 67 between the Pulaski County line and Beebe. He is the assistant to the bridge inspector.

Tommy is married and lives at Lonoke.
— MDH



Tommy Hensley

WHO IS IT?

A couple of clues: This picture was made in 1916 when the subject was 5 years old. She has been with the Department over 18 years.



ART JOHNSON TOP TOASTMASTER



Arthur W. Johnson of the Computer Services Division has been named Toastmaster of the Year for a tri-state district of Toastmasters International, an organization devoted to development of men's speaking ability. The three states in the district are Arkansas, Mississippi and west Tennessee.

Art is president of the Little Rock Toastmasters Club.

DEPARTMENT NEWS



BRIDGE DESIGN by Willie Whitmire

Fishing season is here again and by the time this is read there will be fishing lies galore.

We have two men in the division who come up with a million dollar idea every day. The only trouble is, they never seem to be able to sell the idea. Don Harbour and Gary Ashley can vouch for this. Right, fellows?

We are happy to have Eddie Fain back with us. He was a summer employee a couple of years back. Now he is here to stay. Welcome aboard, Eddie.

We also have three new employees in our division — Dennis Smith, Bill Reed and Jim Kuykendall. Dennis was formerly with Arkansas Foundry. He and his wife enjoy camping and fishing, and Dennis especially loves to hunt. They are members of Martindale Baptist Church. Dennis is a member of a National Guard unit. His wife is employed at the U of A Medical Center.

Bill Reed and his wife Ruth have a son, Darron Lamar, and a daughter, Cynthia Dejuan. His hobbies are fishing and hunting. Bill is a Vietnam veteran, having been wounded twice and awarded the purple heart with a "V" device and various other medals. He attended school in Little Rock and after being discharged from the Army, he enrolled in Capitol City Business College for training in drafting.

Jim Kuykendall was in our engineer-in-training program and chose to make our division his permanent home with the Highway Department, for which we are happy. Jim's hobbies are golf, hunting, fishing and woodworking. His wife Cindy is a registered nurse at Baptist Medical Center. Jim graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1966 and worked two years for the Tennessee Highway Depart-

ment while in school. He also worked for General Dynamics in Fort Worth, Texas 4½ years on the fatigue testing of the F-111 airplane. We welcome these men to our division and hope their stay with us will be long and happy.

Frank Harrison has finally moved into his new office and assumed the full duties of assistant bridge engineer. In other words, more headaches. Lots of luck, Frank. Another promotion: Dale Loe has moved up to squad boss. Congratulations and good luck, Dale.

We are very pleased to announce that Betty Claude is now a certified grandmother! Her first grandchild, Keeley Lynne Claude, was born February 26. Betty's feet haven't touched the ground yet!



CONSTRUCTION

Final Estimates

by Sandra Cearley



James Edward Brown

The newest addition to the Final Estimate Section is James Edward Brown, a business major from AM&N at Pine Bluff. James, a native of Pine Bluff, was active in the Business Club at AM&N and a member of the jazz band. James, a drummer, recalls that his jazz group won first place in the Missouri Jazz Festival at Kansas

City the last year he was a member.

James' hobbies are playing jazz and shooting pool. One of his most pleasant memories is a trip to California, where he saw some celebrities and a few movie stars. James and his cousin "batch" in an apartment in Little Rock. He's even getting to be a good cook.

Ronnie Mize has also joined our crew. He originally was a mail and supply clerk in the Mail Room. Ronnie is a graduate of Central High and attended UALR. He is a medic with the National Guard. Ronnie likes to hunt, fish, tinker on cars, and train his German shepherd, Shep. Girls, Ronnie is single.

We all miss Laura Malone, who is out on maternity leave. We took her to lunch at Franke's and presented her a play pen as a departing gift.



PLANNING & RESEARCH

by Janet Billingsley

You sure can tell spring is in the air (some days, that is). People are smiling, trees are budding, everything in general seems to be O.K., except that our P & R employees are falling down on the news. Let's see if we can start picking it up a little.

Congratulations to Margaret Harris and Troy Hudson who are preparing to be married on the 20th of March. Best wishes to both of you.

Joe Foster is in the process of becoming the owner of a 1971 Pinto (car—not a horse). If anyone is looking for a good, clean 1969 Pontiac, contact Joe.

What's this going around about Polly Cloud winning the daily double at the races the other day! It seems to be a fact and we are wondering when the victory party is going to be.

Bob Kessinger is finally getting settled in his new home. Bob and his family moved from Harrow Drive to Blount Road during the Christmas vacation.

Ray Kellar, 14, son of Legeina Kellar in P & R, caught a 5-lb. fish in Crystal Lake at Little Rock. I'll bet they really had a good fish fry.



Ray Kellar and his catch.

Employees of the P & R Division express their sympathy to the families of John Vandenberg and Dodson Leonard.

Neb Bingham is recuperating at home on doctor's orders. Hurry up and get well, Bingham. Margaret needs help on this highway log.

Congratulations to Herman Sanders, one of our road inventory men from Current Planning, who received his 15-year pin. Mayo White had the honor of giving Herman his pin.



Mayo White, left, and Herman Sanders.

Three new employees have joined us since the last magazine. They are Glen Philip Keaton, Jane Doughty and James Marshall.

Phil is from Little Rock. He and his wife Linda are living at 4501 Rosemont. He graduated from the University of Arkansas in August and started to work in the

Advance Planning Section the 21st of December.

Jane Doughty is in the Administrative Section. She, her husband Mel and their daughter Necole are from Bastop, La. They are living on Base Line Road.

James Marshall graduated from Ouachita Baptist College in 1964. James and his wife Mary and their two daughters, Christie and Susan, live in Sardis. James is also working in the Current Planning Section. We welcome these fine people to our division.



Glen Keaton, left, Jane Doughty and James Marshall.

Last month was the month for broken legs. We were sorry to hear that Betsy Morrison and Thelma Jones suffered broken legs. Betsy is back with us and doing fine. Be careful, you two!

PROCUREMENT

by *Jean Cadjew*



Al Sacco

Al Sacco is a new employee in our Section. He and his wife have two children, a girl 18 and a boy 5. They came from

Omaha, Neb. but Al says his family is presently very scattered since they are in the process of moving and getting settled. Welcome to Procurement, Al!

Frank and Mrs. Caple are the proud grandparents of a little granddaughter born in February. We don't get a lot of comment from Grandfather but he grins from ear to ear when asked about her. He says she does know how to cry. Grandmother says she is a beautiful little roly-poly doll. Wish they could show her off to us.

Well, the Cadjews have been residents of Arkansas for a year now, and we still agree that it is one of the most beautiful states ever; in fact, we are anxious for the weather to warm up a little more so that we can camp out and fish. Recently we met and visited with Governor and Mrs. Bumpers at church. Our 10-year-old got quite a boost from Governor Bumpers' telling him he looked like a future governor.

Several in our section have been taking a day or two of vacation. Also, some have a lot to tell if they have been attending the horse races and others won't say too much. We attended for our very first time a few weeks ago on Saturday. It was quite an experience to be caught up in that crowd, but quite thrilling.

Bernie Cox's family recently enjoyed a family reunion. He reported eating so much, he didn't want any food for days. I thought camels were the only ones that could do that!

Wade, Lem and Lewis recently got together at the Olde West Dinner Theatre. Each had a different story to tell and it was hard to believe them all, but I guess the most convincing was Wade. He was there with a date and Lem and Lewis were spying on him.

Everyone has spring fever it seems. A lot of yard work, fishing and getting out to see the trees that are blossoming out has been reported.

We are losing Melba Shepard from our section. However she isn't going far — to Roadside Development. Everyone knows that she is quite a worker and a very pleasant associate. We will miss her and the

goodies she frequently brings for us to eat.

Patsy says she isn't looking forward to summer too much. Her husband plans to attend summer school and she says it is quite lonesome when he is away.

We are glad that Rita's family is about to get back to normal. She was ill at the same time her little girl was hospitalized. Soon afterward her mother-in-law passed away.



Utilities Section

by Frank Arzt

Bon Voyage, "Dusty". We are sorry to see such a capable employee as J. L. Rhoads disembark our midst. He has resigned as assistant chief of the Utilities Section to accept employment with the Department of Housing and Urban Development. It's a rare quality to generate such a degree of leadership and employee confidence as Dusty achieved in just seven months. Now, where will the Highway Department ever find another Dusty Rhoads? We'll miss ya, Dusty.

A farewell party was given in his honor Friday, April 2. A silver butane lighter and a box of cigars were presented to him by Shirley Campbell and Carolyn Halbert.



Alton Van Patten, left, and Dusty Rhoads.

Your new reporter is a 26-year-old Californian transplanted to Benton and a new Utilities employee. (See *Around the Department. Ed.*)



by Benny Robbins

We in Roadway Design are about ready for spring. We are already planning our picnic, like the one we had last year, which was a real feast. All the good food everyone could eat, of all kinds.

There has been some illness and a few tonsillectomies in this division, though nothing serious, I'm happy to say. My daughter Vickie, Glenn Trammel's grandson Brent, Rick Henriksen's son Kevin and Paul DeBusk's daughter Paula were the patients. All are doing fine at this time.

Sidney and Mrs. Lee brought us the most beautiful and most delicious German chocolate cake one Friday, which we all enjoyed at coffee break time. It was delicious. Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Lee.

We are happy to welcome two new employees. Phillip McConnell, who comes to us from the engineering training program. Steve Prater, who is a cooperative education student, attends Metropolitan High School in the mornings. Also, Wayne Sutton is back with us after a short absence. We are happy to have all these fellows with us.

Of course, we are looking forward to vacation time, which is just around the corner. . . .

TRAFFIC DIVISION

by Joan Niehaus

Sign Shop

by Marlene Hogan

We send get well wishes to R. V. Maxon who is recovering from surgery in the Veterans Hospital and to Bill Hamilton who is sick at home. Hope to see "you all" before next report time.

Congratulations to Charles and Sharry Latture on the birth of their new son, Raymond Eugene, born March 8, weigh-

ing 8 pounds 4¼ ounces. With that start, who knows, maybe he'll be a new world champion.

Congratulations are in order to two new grandfathers, although they say they have so many by now that it isn't new anymore; but, anyway, congratulations to Earl Hillis on the arrival of Christie. Proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hillis of Bigelow. And to Hubert Loyd. His new grandson Ronnie was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carol Free, Jr. of Mt. Vernon.

Douglas Crotts of the Sign Shop was married on February 27 to Nancy Cate, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cate of Sylvan Hills. Congratulations to Doug and Nancy and wishes for many years of happiness.

Odell Hightower of the Center Stripe crew had a pleasant visit with his son Lowell and daughter-in-law. Lowell is serving with the Army at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

Jean Guinn, wife of Harold Guinn in the Sign Shop, made the Dean's list at SCA and is now practice teaching in the Morriston Schools. She will graduate this spring.

Harold Guinn and Julia Hopkins received their 5-year pins this month.

WEIGHTS AND STANDARDS

by Memmy Turner



Mitch Ray

Mitch Ray, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Max L. Ray of Jonesboro, has been chosen to receive the William E. Bailey Memorial Award, the highest award given

at Nettleton High School. Mitch, a ninth grader, received the award from junior high coach Jerry Rook at an all-sports banquet sponsored by the Nettleton Booster Club. The award is given in memory of the late coach who died in November, 1970 to a student based on overall character and individual competitiveness in athletics.

Max Ray is half of Weights and Standards Roving Unit No. 280 which works in the Jonesboro area. Marion C. Showalter is the other member of the team.



A good day's catch.

J. W. Bellar, Jr., weight officer at the Hoxie Weight Station, proudly displays proof of his off-time activity. Bellar holds 35 pounds of bass caught in Sloan Lake near Lynn in Lawrence County.



Sharon Whittenburg

Sharon Whittenburg, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Artie S. Whittenburg of Judsonia, won the District 5 Voice of Democracy Contest sponsored by the V.F.W. and its auxiliary. The contest was

held at Heber Springs in mid-February. District 5 is comprised of Cleburne, Stone, Independence, Jackson, Woodruff and White counties. Sharon is a sophomore at Judsonia High School where she is an honor roll student, a member of the Rainbow Girls, Beta Club, Future Homemakers of America and the high school sextet called "Telepathy Tones".

She is also a member of First Baptist Church, where she is very active in choir and other activities, and serves as assistant pianist. She attended the State Music Camp at Ouachita Baptist University last summer. Her father is assigned to Roving Unit 275.

Weight Officer Gerwood C. Miller, foreman of the Weight Station at Garland City, indulges in a pastime which earns him many compliments. He and his black and white poodle, Honey Boy, give programs to kindergarten pupils and nursing home patients in the Waldo area. Honey Boy is practically a one-man show, jumping through hoops, and pushing around a doll carriage while nattily decked out in mod sunglasses and as often as not, holding a pipe between his teeth.



"Man, aren't these glasses the most!"



"A little stroll with the pram."



"A perfect front paw landing."



"Whee, this is fun."

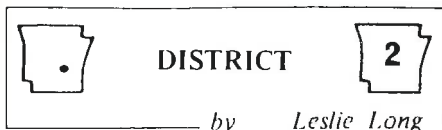
Heath Long, 6-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Long of Tichenor, and Grandpa Johnson get along pretty well. Roy Johnson is chief of the Weights and Standards Division and Heath is his only grandchild.



Roy Johnson and grandson Heath

Danny Hyde, son of Osmer R. Hyde, was recently awarded the Expert Medical Badge for meritorious service in the Army. Osmer lives at Paragould and is half of Roving Unit 270.

DISTRICT NEWS



Ed Nissblatt's niece, Shelley Alexander from Paterson, N. J. visited Ed and Mozelle recently. This was the first time Ed had seen Shelley in 12 years. Needless to say, they all really enjoyed the visit. Shelley loves Arkansas and wants to come here to teach when she graduates in January from Montclair Teachers College.

Charles Lee Presley was recently promoted to resident engineer and assigned to District 2. He and his family are living in Monticello. Max Bagwell was also recently promoted and assigned to the McGehee area so he and his family have moved from Pine Bluff to McGehee. Max reports that they are really enjoying living in McGehee. Congratulations to each of you.

Great big congratulations to our district engineer, John S. Harris, Jr., on receiving his 40 year service award and pin.

Plans are being prepared for our new district headquarters. John Harris and Brewster Shalmy from our office and Jim Francis from the Little Rock office flew in the Department plane to Districts 9 and 1 on March 4 to look over their new headquarters facilities. The report is that they are real nice and we are looking forward to ours being started. We will all be inspecting it and waiting for the completion date.

John Thomas Shalmy, son of Brewster and Sunny Shalmy, joined the Navy and is stationed in Orlando, Fla. He was made a Section Sergeant the second week he was in.

Steel is being erected on the Pine Bluff bridge and we are looking forward to the

completion. It is necessary to open the draw span on the existing 1915 bridge some 60 times each month as river traffic is increasing.

We extend our sincere sympathy to K. F. Tyler and family on the recent death of his mother.

We send our best get well wishes to the following people who have been in hospitals recently, Mrs. K. F. Tyler, Mrs. J. A. Allbritton, H. M. Hester, Artis Lee Saunders, Mrs. John C. Ashcraft, Paul Barley, Richard Waller, Mr. and Mrs. Willie B. Bustie, Mrs. Earl Appling, Mrs. Jessie D. Nelson and Mrs. Floyd Nelson. Also, we just learned that George Karnes is ill. We hope he will be back to work soon.

John Wilhite with the Safety Section is in our District conducting safety meetings.

We are always glad to see or hear from our retired employees. Elbert Martin, L. K. Howell, W. H. Cook, Robert Rinehart, Lee Cox, Sanford Varnell and Havis Laminack have been by recently to visit. Elbert Anderson is in the Jefferson Hospital and we wish him a speedy recovery. Inez Royston has moved out of her home of 51 years into a lovely new apartment. She is very happy with the move.

Ouida Grimes' daughter Debbie has a new car, but she is going to let her mother drive it until she is 16, which is one whole year!

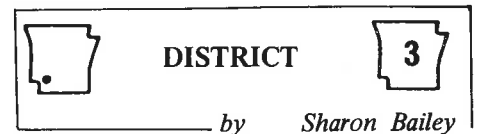
Bookkeeper C. R. Gaddy joined the rest of the millionaires when he spent Christmas vacationing in the sunshine of Florida. He, his brother Guy, and Guy's daughter Beth, spent a week in Lakeland, where they visited Beth's sister Anne and brother-in-law, Charles Alling. He made side trips to Tarpon Springs, where he took a trip on a sponge boat, and toured Cape Kennedy on a bus tour. He says Cape Kennedy is really an enormous sight to see. Another highlight of the trip was to Sarasota where Guy visited the priest who married him and his late wife 25 years ago. They also went to Clearwater Beach and toured Busch's Gardens and Brewery at Tampa. He brought back oranges and grapefruit that he picked for the office force.

Selma Chavis has a new grandson, Brent

Daniel, born January 23. The proud parents are Dr. and Mrs. Phillip Chavis of Pine Bluff. They also have a 4-year-old daughter, Lara.

Mary Jane Bratton, daughter of Van and Betty Bratton, sustained a broken arm while taking P.E. in school. She was playing kick ball and the ball hit her arm in the same place it has been broken before. We are happy to report that she now has the cast off and is doing fine.

If anyone has a coon dog they want to give away, call Joe Leopard in our stock room. Joe has been having bad luck with his dogs lately.



Congratulations to Floyd Allen on reaching 20 years with the Department; Lewis Gore and William Hulan for 15 years; Denvil Sparks for 10 years; and Robert Ghormley, Floyd Petty, Roy Wilson and Oscar Allison for 5 years.

Pat Thornton, engineering aide with Gayle Gunn's residency, won the Arkansas State Power Lifting Championship for the third straight year. The state tournament was held at the new North Little Rock Recreation Center on March 13. His total for the three events — bench press, squat, and dead lift — was 715 pounds, with a dead lift of 350 pounds, which tied the Arkansas state record for the 132 pound weight class.

Congratulations are extended to the parents of these new arrivals: Velvet Ann Gray, Margo Suzanne Walden, Darrel Keith Williams and Michele Leigh Bradley.

Velvet Ann was born to Paul and Sara Ann Gray on January 29. The Grays live at Hope and have one other daughter, Stacy Inez, who is 6 years old.



Velvet Gray



Stacy Gray

Margo Suzanne is the 6-months-old daughter of Larry and Cecilia Walden and the grandchild of Otis Walden and Hoyt Archer.



Margo Walden

Brenda and Douglas Williams welcomed Darrel Keith, their first child, March 4.



Darrel Williams



Michele Bradley

Larry and Eloise Bradley became parents for the first time when Michele Leigh

was born November 11. Eloise is the clerk at Gayle Gunn's residency in Prescott.

Mt. Moriah Methodist Church was the setting for the wedding of Miss Judith Ann Waddle and Jim Bruce Westmoreland at 7:30 Friday evening, February 26. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jodie Waddle. Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Westmoreland are the parents of the groom. The couple is now at home in Prescott. We all extend our congratulations to the newlyweds and wish them the best.

Clara Jean Cantrell and Larry H. Hazel were united in marriage February 6 at the bride's home. Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Burnett of Bright Star are parents of the bride and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hazel of Texarkana are parents of the groom. Larry and his father, Howard, work in our Miller County crew.

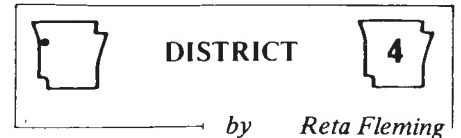
Jim Foster's son James exhibited paintings in the water color section of the student art exhibit at Southern State College December 7-18. James is a junior majoring in history.

R. M. Harrison's daughter Jane is really an outstanding senior at Arkansas High in Texarkana, where she ranks eighth in a class of 369. She is a National Merit Scholarship finalist, Texarkana's Junior Miss, listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students, and a member of the National Honor Society, Nike Club, Future Teachers of America, Future Business Leaders of America, Science Seminar, Arkansas Youth Council and Red Jackets. R. M. is the Miller County area foreman.



Jane Harrison

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Res. Engr. Charles Mauk on the death of his father, Samuel F. Mauk of Lilbourn, Mo., and to Pete Collums on the death of his wife Goldie Collums of Hope.



A goodbye and good luck party was held March 12 at District 4 headquarters for Seldon R. Cope, Earl Clem and Jim Moore, all of whom are retiring this month. Seldon has accumulated more than 29 years of service as a mechanic and shop foreman in District 4. Earl is a crew leader in Sebastian County. He is retiring with approximately 17 years' service. Jim Moore, a motor patrol operator in Crawford County, has been with the Department over 24 years. Retired Dist. Engr. J. P. Clayton came out to join us and say goodbye to them as employees.



Jim Moore, I., Seldon R. Cope, center, and Earl Clem.

Foise Pippin, an equipment operator in Franklin County, also retires this month. He has been with the Department 10 years.

Two employees in Carl Sanders' residency, Tommy Berna and Bill Hendricks, were hospitalized a few days in February. Tommy returned to work after an absence of two weeks, but Bill still isn't able to be back with us. He is certainly missed around here and everyone will be glad when he is able to return.

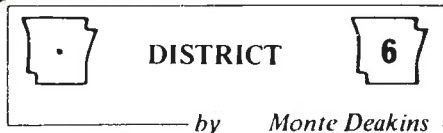
Rodney Peevy, 10-year-old son of Dist. Engr. and Mrs. Calvin Peevy, caught a 6 pound, 13 ounce bass in a private lake

near Van Buren on February 7.



Rodney Peevy: Wonder if Daddy can top this one?

Gary Elkins is a new employee in Sanders' residency. He is a Highway Civil Engineer IIB. He is married and has two daughters. Welcome, Gary.



We have three retirees to report since the last news. S. V. "Preacher" Rambo, a crewleader in the Pulaski Two area, retired after more than 17 years. Job Supt. L. B. Baker of the District-wide bridge crew had more than 36 years' service and crewleader J. R. Cearley had more than 28 years. All will be greatly missed by their fellow employees and we hope they enjoy the rest.

The Christmas party was great! (How's that for fresh news?)

Woody Hardin has been promoted to job superintendent of the District-wide bridge crew. Johnny Cheek follows Woody as area foreman of Lonoke County. Congratulations to both on well-earned promotions.

Certificates of service go to: Buster Thompson and M. E. Anderson, 15 years; E. L. Trickey and Carolyn Wise, 10 years; and Odie Sullivan, C. U. Bailey, L. W. Rogers, R. S. Jackson, B. L. Gaiser and

D. Castleberry, 5 years.

We have some birth announcements: Kimberly Anne was born February 19 to Johnny and Mrs. Cheek, and Amanda Elizabeth was born March 12 to Jim and Mrs. Gee.

Woody Hardin became a grandfather for the second time on February 17. Matthew — all 3 pounds 13 ounces of him — was born to Woody's daughter Phoebe and her husband, Doc Carter. Congratulations to all.

McConnell's Residency

by Pat Main

Our sincerest sympathy to Carrol Cunningham, whose grandfather, Albert Cunningham, passed away March 16.

March birthdays are plentiful around here, so we wish all our Martians (?) a Happy Birthday! Gary the 4th, Ruben the 5th, Bud the 9th, and I'm sure everyone over at District 6 office remembers Elmer's Day is March 20. So Happy Birthday again, Leo.

Goodbye, Good Luck and God Bless to Bobby Ingle and Dorris Weems who transferred to Office 62 at DeValls Bluff, which is closer to home for both of them. I'd use that French word which means "Until we meet again" if I could find someone who could spell it. I couldn't look it up in the dik - dix - ah, Who took my book?

Also, Hello and Happy Birthday to our two newest employees, Stanley T. Harrison and Kenneth W. Williams. Both are graduates of Horace Mann High School, both are married, and would you believe, both will be twenty in April? Kenneth on the 20th and Stanley on the 28th.

A belated hello to our not-so-new-any-more employee, Troy Hensley, who has been with us since February 16. He lives in Lonoke, is married and has one little girl, or should I say little-bitty girl? (2½ months old). Troy has been working with Leon out on Crystal Hill and seems to be well liked by everyone.

There are glorious moments which we shall always remember, and alas, those times we'll never be able to forget. Our fish fry on the 13th of February was generously spiced with some of each.

At the last minute the deal for the dressed fish fell through, so our fish cleaners deserve recognition: Ruben, Bud, Gary, Leon and also Bobby Ingle, who not only cut them up but cooked them. I might add he did a mighty good job of that, too. A special thanks to all who helped.

All the children, and boy, do we have a bunch of them, (or is it herd?) behaved very well. I think they all had fun, too. I know mine did. The youngest, and the only one of mine with new clothes on, spilled an orange drink all over herself not ten minutes after we arrived. My 10-year old and Cindy McConnell sure tried hard to get a couple of boys named Ingle to play cards, with no luck. See, Cindy and Theresa, I told you that you just can't make up the rules as you go along. They finally wound up just giggling at each other.

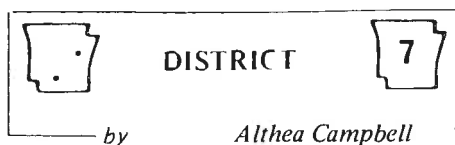
I was real proud of my 8-year old son, usually rowdy, he was perfect — until after we got home and he blossomed out with a full-blown case of the mumps no less! No, I'm not entering any popularity contests for at least 9 to 21 days.

On the first day of March Leo Parker began his 29th year with the Highway Department. Let's see now, according to what he told us last Elmer's Day. . . LEO! I didn't know the Highway Department ever hired any 11-year old boys. . . with 12 years experience?!?

W. H. "Red" Merriman had 17 years of service March 5. That may not win a pin or certificate but it sure impresses me. My two years doesn't look like much compared with 28 years, or even 17 years.

We had another case of mumps the first week in March. My 6-year old, and no, no Highway Department employees or families were exposed. Just three kids that spent a Saturday night with us. Boy, am I batting 0 this spring.

For those who were fortunate enough to watch the splash-down of the Astronauts a while back: That first frogman to hit the water was my brother, EMI Mike Bennett and, yes, I'm bragging, I think he's the greatest!



by *Althea Campbell*

Congratulations to the following service award recipients: 25-year award to John C. Gossett and William C. Booth; 20-year award to Doyle P. Jacks; 10-year award to Res. Engr. J. B. Williamson of El Dorado; and a 5-year award to Bobby G. Davidson. Gossett is an auto/diesel mechanic. Booth, Jacks and Davidson are equipment operators.

A Basic Materials Inspection school was held at the District headquarters during the month of February, with the following in attendance; S. L. Howell, T. Oglesby, C. Shaw, R. Fields, L. D. Reeves and J. H. Cantrell from A. W. Hardy's residency in Magnolia; T. L. Casteel, E. F. Peisert, J. S. Bethea, G. L. Lindsey, P. A. Walker, K. D. Womack, J. G. Rowland, G. H. Newport and J. R. Wilson from R. E. Myers' residency in Camden; and H. F. Stevenson, J. G. Nash, T. W. Quimby, G. S. Steelman, R. G. Covey and S. C. Smith from J. B. Williamson's residency. Williamson and Myers conducted the 7-day school.

William P. "Bill" Anderson, assistant resident engineer for Myers, has been transferred to District 6 as of March 1. He will be given a residency at DeValls Bluff. We will miss Bill and wish him well in his new position. Stop by to see us sometime, Bill.

Employees from this area attending the Resident Engineer's Conference held February 17-18 at central headquarters were Coy Campbell, J. B. Williamson, Gary McDonald, Gene Naugle, Bob Myers, Bill Anderson, Paul Blankenship and A. W. Hardy.

Don Smail, Crofford Harrison, Larry Anger, Bill Bosley and Lonnie Parsons have been holding meetings of the Maintenance Research Committee at the District office.

Glenda Parker, daughter of Birdie and Jesse Parker (equipment supervisor), has been selected to participate in the 1971 secondary high school program, "A Presidential Classroom for Young Americans."

As one of 350 selected seniors from high schools throughout the United States, its territories and dependent high schools abroad of the Department of Defense and Department of State, she will spend a full week studying government under the tutelage of high ranking government officials. Presidential Classroom is governed by a 10-man board of directors, and an advisory board of senators, congressmen, a Supreme Court justice, a cabinet officer, the military chiefs of staff, leading national educators and private citizens.



Glenda Parker

Dist. Engr. Coy Campbell's son Mark was chosen to play with the All-Star Camden Boys' Club basketball team for 7-8 year olds and Clifford Smith's grandson, Billy Smith, was chosen to play with the 9-10 year age group. Clifford is an equipment operator. Congratulations to Mark and Billy.

Theresa Griffis, daughter of George and Mrs. Griffis, is one of two girls chosen by the faculty of Bearden High School to attend Girls State at Camp Robinson in June. The girls are selected when they have completed their junior year and are chosen on the basis of leadership, character, honesty, physical fitness, scholarship and cooperation. George is a highway special maintenance supervisor.

Charles T. Anderson has returned to his job as a carpenter in Maintenance after helping us as custodian in the office for several months.

A hearty welcome to Beatrice Jackson, our new custodial worker. She is married, has 2 married sons, a son coaching at Hope,

and 2 adopted daughters at home. She also has two grandsons, 9 months and 3 years. Beatrice and her family spent last weekend in Dallas helping one son and his family move into a new home.

Equip. Supvr. Jesse Parker is happy to have his son Kenneth home for a 30-day leave from the Air Force at Coos Bay, Ore. Jesse took a week of annual leave and the two enjoyed a camping and fishing trip together before Kenneth leaves for further training on Coronado Island near San Diego. Jesse had ear surgery in Union County Hospital at El Dorado in February.

The smiling young man below is Thomas Scott Lindsey, 2-year-old son of Ouachita County Area Foreman and Mrs. Thomas Lee Lindsey.



Thomas Scott Lindsey

Trent Sneed, 8-year-old son of Alice and Gerald Sneed (Materials & Tests), injured an eye recently while playing. He ran into a shrub and a small branch stuck in his eye. We are thankful the eye has improved and that the vision was not impaired. Trent, a third grader, recently received honors for his art work.

Bookkeeper Sula Burnham attended the graduation of her son-in-law from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville in late January. Susan's husband, Ralph Faulkner, received a degree in law.

Res. Engr. and Mrs. Bob Myers, their daughter Kim, this reporter and husband Elwood, son Bill and grandson Roby enjoyed trips to Little Rock recently to see the presentation of "Disney on Parade" at Barton Coliseum.

Congratulations to Fuel Clerk Mildred

Russ who has been elected president of the Pilot Club of Camden for 1971-72.

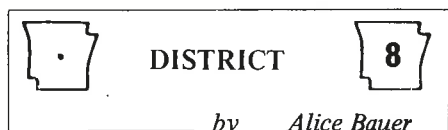
Dist. Engr. Coy Campbell, Maint. Supt. G. E. Nunnally and Stock Clerk Ralph Toward have been in the hospital for X-rays and diagnosis; all are back at work and improving at this time.

Johnny and Betty Ann Dowty have a little 5-week-old daughter who has been named Synthia Annette. Johnny is a maintenance repairman.



Synthia Annett Dowty

Coy Campbell gave an interesting talk and Mary Herndon showed the Highway film to the Methodist Men's Fellowship of Fairview Methodist Church on March 4. We enjoyed a visit with Mary and her husband, who also happened to be in town. They came by for coffee and a brief visit the next morning.



District 8 may not be doing so well in its fight against the Devil, but we feel sure we have conquered the creek that bears his name. The bridge crew has just completed a new 68-foot steel and concrete bridge over this wild stream where it crosses Highway 247 in Conway County.

On Thursday, February 25, the new Dardanelle Bridge across the Arkansas River between Dardanelle and Russellville was dedicated and opened to traffic. Representative John Paul Hammerschmidt was the guest speaker and the mayors of the two cities cut the ribbon. Other officials present at the proceedings were Ward Goodman and B. K. Cooper from Little Rock and our district engineer, John F. Price. It was a beautiful day for the cere-

mony and everything went as planned. This bridge is one of the few four-lane structures on the Arkansas River and we are certainly proud to have it in District 8.

Our new District headquarters building is progressing as well as weather will permit. Most of the foundation work is done, and the building is beginning to take some shape. We are anxiously awaiting the results.

Maint. Supt. John Sanders and Asst. Maint. Supt. Tommy Kinslow attended the Tri-State Conference on Management of Highway Weed Control Program in Memphis, Tenn. on February 25.

A going-away party was given on February 26 in honor of Auditor Roy Taylor, who is retiring. The party was held at the District office with all the office personnel, area foreman and job superintendents present. Roy was presented a cross pen and pencil set as a going away gift, and cake and coffee was served to all. We shall all miss you, Roy.

U. L. Gray, gas house attendant, is certainly happy that his son Roger and family have moved back to Arkansas from Waynesville, Mo. Roger is manager of a Ben Franklin store in North Little Rock. Now that they are close by, it will be much easier for U. L. to spoil his grandson, Roger Jr.

Netha Brown, formerly payroll clerk, has been promoted to auditor. We wish her the best of luck with her new position.

Donna Hays, our fuel clerk on leave, and her husband Charles, were blessed with a second son on January 22. He has been named James Trevor. They already have one son, Kevin, who is 3. Donna will be the new payroll clerk when she returns to the office.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Jr. Condley are the proud parents of a new son, Ronald Todd, born February 24. The Condleys have three other children. Jesse Jr. is an equipment operator.

Kenneth Ellis, a mechanic, is at home recuperating from a knee operation. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope he will be able to return to work soon.

Russell Owen has transferred from the residency in Russellville to Little Rock.

I'm sure he will be greatly missed by his office.

Several District 8 employees have retired recently, including Clayton Crow, Yell County; James C. Skaggs, Faulkner County; Lewis McGee, Pope County; Clarence Booher, night watchman; and Carl Dowdy of the Russellville residency. These men are gone but not forgotten, and we hope they will return often to see us.

Job. Supt. Bill R. McAlister is very proud of his son Billy Jack, an engineering major at Arkansas Tech. Last semester Billy Jack, a sophomore, maintained a 4.0 grade average, which made him first in the System of Science, first in the sophomore class and first among all Tech students. These are notable honors and very well deserved.



Billy Jack McAlister

Permit Clerk Thomas Daily and his wife Ann, are the proud parents of their first child, a baby girl named Kelly Michelle born March 30. We finally got to see her this week and she is really the spittin' image of Thomas. No wonder he's such a proud papa!

Don Luther Wilkinson, who used to be in Construction is our new fuel clerk. He just recently returned from military duty. He and his wife, Sandra, have an 11-month-old daughter, Stephanie.

Carol Nesbitt, field clerk in the Clarksville residency, has suffered a broken arm. Carol, who has an avid interest in horses, was working with one when it knocked her down, breaking her arm near the shoulder. We wish for her a quick recovery.

Dist. Engr. John Price appears to be a

bit luckier during turkey season than in deer season. He came in on April 6, amid the snow and rain, with a 22-lb. wild turkey which he had shot.

Four safety awards for 1970 were issued in District 8: Ewin T. Caudle, Job Supt; Joe Duvall, Sign Foreman; Cecil Gilmore, Yell Co. Area Foreman; and Sherman James, Morrilton residency.

Several service awards have been received in this district recently: Grady Lasley, Faulkner County area foreman, 20 years; Wallace Hubbard, District-wide crew, 5 years; and Mosie McKinney, Perry County crew, 15 years.

Bob Boyd of the District sealing crew and his wife, Patricia, became the parents of a little girl, Tamara Devon, on April 6. She is their first child.

On March 22, quite an interesting event occurred in our district. A group of about 300 hippies, traveling in an assortment of 54 buses, spent the night at the Johnson County rest area on I-40. They said they were a religious group en route to Tennessee to look for a farm where they all could live. The group consisted of men, women, and children, most of the men long-haired and most of the women in long dresses.

My nickname for the past week has been "Rudolph." I went fishing last weekend without a hat and that sunshine really worked me over, especially my poor nose. I keep saying it's worthwhile, though, because we sure caught lots of crappie.

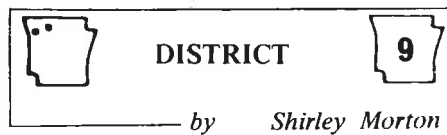


James Trevor Hays

This little cutie belongs to Payroll Clerk Donna Hays. James Trevor is now eleven weeks old and appears to be very well fed.

Hope everyone had a Happy Easter!

(It's good to hear from District 8 and Alice Bauer. I hope we will be receiving news regularly from D-8. Ed.)



by *Shirley Morton*

Miss Patricia Ann Duffy of Yellville and William Paul Clinkinghead of Calico Rock were married at 7:30 p.m., February 23, in Cedar Grove Church at Yellville in a double ring ceremony performed by Rev. Carl White. The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown fashioned with fitted bodice and gathered skirt which swept into a chapel train. She carried a bouquet of pink roses. A reception in the fellowship hall followed the ceremony. The couple will reside at Spring Lake, N. C. while Paul is stationed with the Army at Fort Bragg. The bride is the lovely daughter of Job Supt. and Mrs. Ray Duffy.



Mrs. William P. Clinkinghead

Hvy. Equip. Oper. and Mrs. Clint Dodson are proud to announce the arrival of their second grandchild, Kimberly Ann Manley, on February 28. Our congratulations to their daughter and son-in-law and to "big sister", three-year-old Regina Gail.

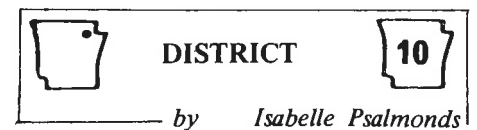
Miss Rhonda Mardel Ply, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Ply of Pyatt, became the bride of William H. Phillips, son of

Mrs. Inez Phillips of Jasper, in a double ring ceremony on Tuesday evening, December 22 at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. J. R. Burr of Stark City, Mo. officiated in the Pyatt Church of Christ. The bride is a graduate of Pyatt High School and Twin Lakes Vocational School. She is employed at Berry Land & Abstract Company in Yellville. The groom graduated from Jasper High school, attended Arkansas Tech, and has been employed for the past six years as an engineering aide at the Harrison residency. Our belated congratulations are extended to these two nice people!!



Mr. and Mrs. William H. Phillips

The employees at V. O. Selby's residency in Fayetteville, and their wives and guests, hosted a party in honor of Charley Clarence Edwards at Venesian Inn in Tontitown on March 11. Mr. Edwards, who was a construction inspector, retired from AHD on March 6 with 17 years of service.



DISTRICT

by *Isabelle Psalmonds*

On Friday, January 29 we had cake and coffee honoring Essie Butler, book-keeper, who retired effective March 1. Her last day to work was February 3. Dist. Engr. and Mrs. John Price and Maint. Supt. and Mrs. John Sanders from Russellville, and Gerald Sisk of the Little Rock Maintenance Division office were here for the occasion. Price and Sanders are former district engineer and maintenance superintendent of this district. Essie received a pendant watch as a retirement

gift from her fellow employees.

We miss her in the office but wish for her many years of happy retirement. She reports that she is almost completely recovered from her eye surgery.



Dist. Engr. M. S. Smith presents Essie Butler a certificate, officially declaring her a public relations officer for the Highway Department. She will make a good one.



Essie cuts her cake while the ladies look on. To her right are Mrs. Price, your reporter and Betty Holder, wife of Maint. Supt. Darrell Holder. Behind them are, l. to r., Stock Clerk June Troxel, Payroll Clerk Jackie Hopkins, Fuel Clerk Karolyn Gregory (face hidden), Mrs. Sanders (partially hidden), Clerk Jackie Black of Res. Engr. Cliff Martin's office, Receptionist Jo Ann Carlile and Betty Hesselbein, wife of Asst. Maint. Supt. Charles Hesselbein.

Job Supt. Rex Hall became a grandfather on January 31 when Christopher Edward Hall, son of Terry Hall, was born. By this time Rex has settled down, but he was sure strutting for awhile. Christopher is his first grandchild. Congratulations, Rex.

Gregory Clifton Pillow, third child but first son of "Babe" and Greta Pillow, made his appearance on February 13. Babe is area foreman in Greene County. Congratulations.

Welcome to Nancy Mahan, our new bookkeeper. She comes from Marianna and has four children.



Nancy Mahan

We were glad to have "Fat" Matthews drop by to see us in February. Perhaps we will get to see more of him when he moves to Jonesboro.

During a heavy snow on March 2, Sam Smith was on his way back to the office. He had stopped in a line of traffic waiting for the flagman's signal when his car was hit from behind by another car going about 50 miles an hour. He received a whiplash which still bothers him but he says he is thankful for head rests and seat belts.

Charles Hopper, formerly area foreman in Mississippi County, was promoted to job superintendent and B. J. Montgomery, construction inspector at Osceola, was promoted to area foreman in Charles' place, effective March 1. We congratulate both men.

We are real proud of J. W. Nobles, attendant at the area headquarters in Pochontas. This was the only area headquarters in the state to receive 100% rating on inspection. The credit goes to Nobles and we are justly proud of him.

Service award certificates went to Waukeen Bateman, equipment operation at Paragould, 20 years; Carl M. Shocklee, equipment operator at Pochontas, 15 years; and James W. Riley, auto/diesel

mechanic at Paragould, 5 years.

Our deepest sympathy to Glen Bolden, equipment operator at Paragould, and his family. Glen's wife died March 4 after a long illness. She was the mother-in-law of Huey Brasher, also an equipment operator at Paragould.

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...joring in civil engineering. He is a registered professional engineer and has been awarded the AASHO Award of Merit. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers. Mac is an enthusiastic fisherman and has a fishing boat on Lake Maumelle. He and Mrs. Hurley have one son, Pat, an engineer with I.B.M. in Rochester, Minn. They are members of Pulaski Heights Baptist Church.

Walter L. Owen is the motor patrol operator who is responsible for maintaining the roads in Perry County, where he has lived most of his life. He was a farmer before coming to work for the Highway Department. Walter and his wife Anna live in Perryville. They have one son and three grandchildren. His leisure time activities are fishing and hunting, particularly deer.

Ted Hurst is also an equipment operator from District 8 and is responsible for keeping the roads in Yell County in good condition. He and his wife Gladys live in Danville. They have five children, all of whom live in Little Rock, and eight grandchildren. Ted is a member of Mount George Baptist Church.

Jim Moore of Dyer community is a motor patrol operator. He began as a laborer in a maintenance crew in 1941. He is a native of the area, having been born at Hartman. Since Jim retired at the end of March, he was presented a certificate declaring him a goodwill ambassador for the Highway Department. Now that he has retired, he will have more time to indulge his favorite pastimes — fishing and gardening. He and Mrs. Moore have six children. They are members of the Assembly of God Church.

Jim Briley Is "Boss of The Year"



Briley, an antique buff, and Sibyl sit on a conversation piece, made from an old wagon seat, in his office.

Jim Briley, assistant division head of Materials and Tests, was chosen "Boss of the Year" by Golden Chapter of ABWA at the chapter's annual Boss Night dinner held at Coachman's Inn on April 6.

The selection was made on the basis of a letter submitted by Sibyl Maddox, who was chosen "Girl Friday" of the year for her winning letter. Each member has the privilege of nominating their boss and must list his qualifications and the reason for wanting her boss to be selected.

Ferol Jones, secretary to Dir. Ward Goodman and South Central Regional vice president, and Mrs. Maddox gave the history and growth of ABWA.

The banquet theme was "Gypsy Caravan" and the evening's interest was heightened by the interesting costumes of approximately 80 persons who attended.

Razorback Chapter, ABWA Wins Ribbon on Scrapbook



Susan Patterson, left, and Nancy Sipe proudly display their handiwork at the Boss Night dinner held at the Little Rock Country Club with a "Ye King and I" theme.

Susan Patterson and Nancy Sipe of Razorback Chapter of The American Business Women's Association won another blue ribbon with the Chapter's scrapbook at the district meeting in Kansas City. The win qualifies the scrapbook for competition with other chapters throughout the United States at the national meeting to be held in Anaheim, Calif. in October.



Secretaries of the Day

Virginia Williams, secretary to Chief Auditor Ed Orsini, and Pat Koonce, secretary to Accounting Division Chief J. E. McCarthy, were each chosen as Radio Station KMYO's Secretary of the Day on their birthdays. Virginia's was April 7 and Pat's was April 12.

Each received a beautiful floral arrangement and a plaque, plus tickets and gift certificates to a number of Little Rock businesses and functions.

It was the second time that Virginia has been chosen Secretary of the Day. The first time was in October, 1968.



Pat Koonce

**THIS'LL
KILL YA**



Asked where he would like to be if a nuclear bomb went off, a farmer replied, "Somewhere so I could say, 'What was that?'"

The bus was crowded and a ragged little boy took a seat beside a haughty matron. The boy was snuffling with gusto when finally, the exasperated woman turned to him and asked: "Don't you have a handkerchief?"

"Yeah," replied the boy, "but I ain't loaning it to no stranger."

People who cough seldom go to a doctor, but they always go to movies and concerts.

Woman to husband as she arrives in auto with smashed front: "And the policeman was so nice about it. He asked if I'd like for the city to remove all the telephone poles."

"What am I to do with this?" grumbled the motorist as the police clerk handed him a receipt for his traffic-fine payment.

"Keep it," the clerk advised. "When you get four of them, you get a bicycle."

The little fellow was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday school.

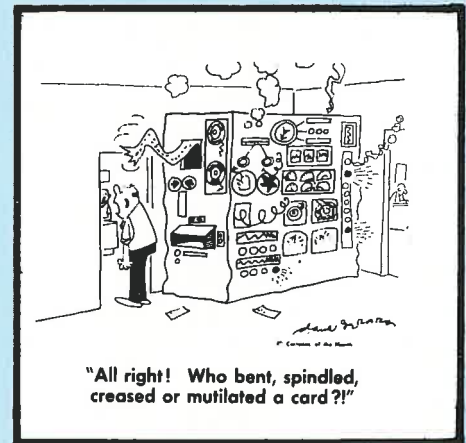
"Well," he answered, "teacher told us about when God sent Moses behind the enemy lines to rescue the Israelites from the Egyptians. When they came to the Red Sea, Moses called for the engineers to build a pontoon bridge. After they had crossed, they looked back and saw the Egyptian tanks coming. Moses radioed to headquarters on his walkie-talkie to send bombers to blow up the bridge — and the Egyptians didn't make it across."

"Bobby!" exclaimed his mother. "Is that really the way Mrs. Greene told the story?"

"No," Bobby admitted. "But if I told it her way, you'd never believe it!"

Did you hear about the fellow who gave up smoking for his health? He took up chewing toothpicks instead — now, he's got Dutch elm disease.

No labor-saving device developed in recent years has offered any real improvement over taking it easy.



IT'S JUST A COINCIDENCE!

It's just a coincidence that the name of the maintenance man who looks after the Dollar Way roadside park between Little Rock and Pine Bluff is named A. L. Dollar. The park, of course, is named after the old Dollar Way road, a part of which can still be seen on the grounds of the park. The Dollar Way gained its name from the fact that back in 1913-14 when it was built, the construction costs were one dollar per square yard or per lineal foot of the nine-foot wide pavement.

Park attendant A. L. Dollar cleans one of the barbecue grills at Dollar Way Park.





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Where is it?



The Where Is It? in the Jan.-Feb.-March, 1971 issue is U.S. 71 looking south toward Mountainburg near the junction of Highway 282 which goes to Chester. (The snow is not this winter's.) It was correctly identified by Frank Vozel, Traffic Div.; Bill Bosley, Maintenance; Res. Engr. V. O. Selby, Fayetteville; Jewel D. Kuykendall, Jack Coleman's residency at Ozark; Auditor Hugh Murray; Wgts. Officer Billy Skeets, Fort Smith; and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Russenberger.

It was very near this point that Stephen H. Long, early explorer and engineer, crossed what is now U.S. 71 as he returned east from a mapping expedition which had carried him to the Rocky Mountains. In 1817-1818 he came through Arkansas exploring the Arkansas River and its tributaries.