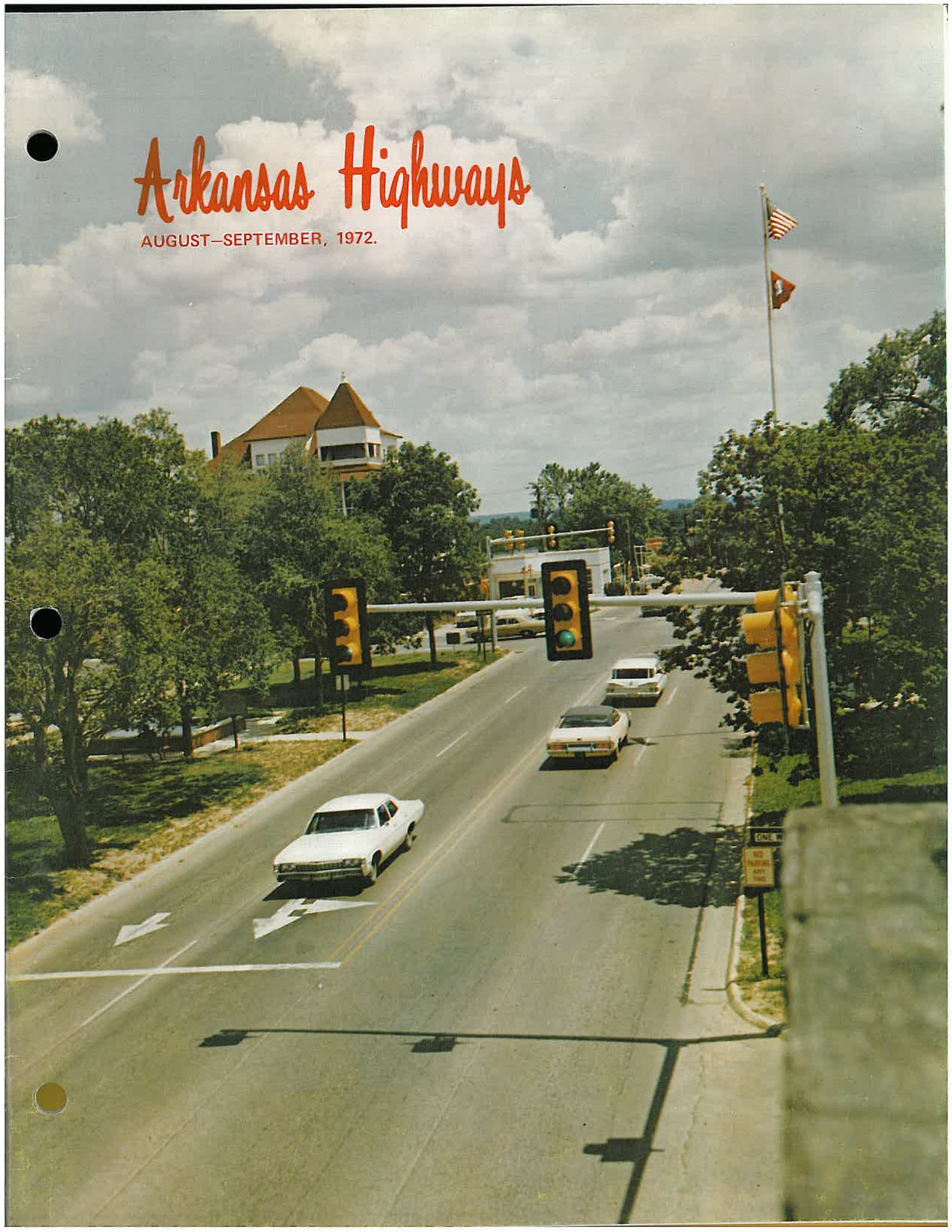


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# Broadway Bridge Takes New Look

*The Broadway Bridge before . . . . .*



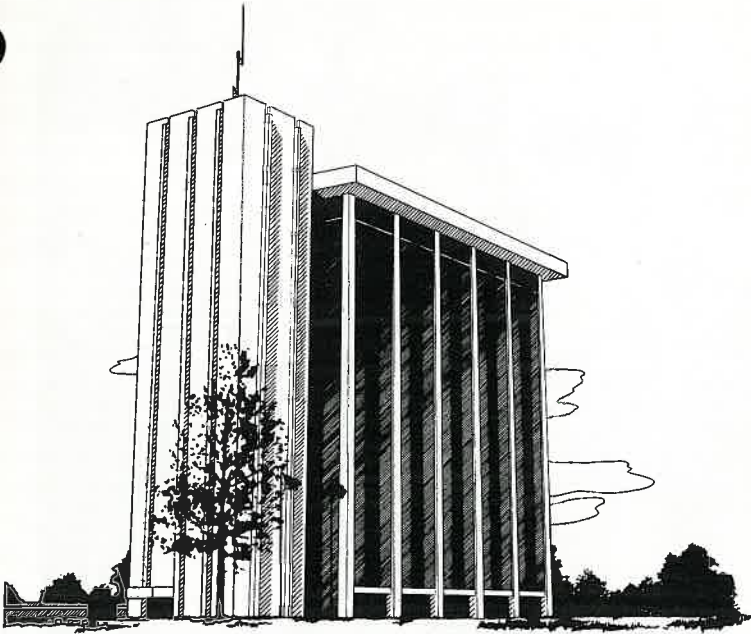
*. . . . . and after*

When the dust settled after the second of two demolition charges was set off on September 15, two concrete arch spans had been blasted away from the Broadway (U.S. 70) Bridge across Arkansas River between Little Rock and North Little Rock, giving the structure, with its new single overhead steel arch, a new look. The first demolition blast to the bridge was on September 11. The arches, weighing more than 1,000 tons each, were blown off the piers intact to prevent flying debris. They sent a spray of water shooting more than 150 feet into the air when they splashed down, causing a tidal wave that rocked downstream docks.

John Dasef of Seattle, Wash., one of two demolition experts called in by the contractor, Martin K. Eby Construction Company, to plan and supervise the explosion, said that to his knowledge, this was the first time a bridge had been demolished in one piece.

After the arches were dropped into the river, divers worked about four days preparing the spans for the underwater blast. About 450 pounds of dynamite was used in the demolition.

Removal of the pier was necessary to widen the navigation channel from 160 feet to 300 feet as a part of the expanded Arkansas River navigational program. The bridge renovation will cost approximately \$2½ million and will be done on a reimbursable basis from the Corps of Engineers. The Broadway Bridge, dedicated to the fighting men of Arkansas who died in World War I, was opened and dedicated on Christmas Day, 1922. Included in the remodeling was more than 2 million pounds of steel fabricated in Japan from Australian iron ore. It was assembled at the Japanese factory to ascertain that the sections and beams would fit, then dismantled, before beginning its transoceanic voyage.



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*Dignitaries posed for the ribbon cutting with the beauty queens are, left to right: State Sen. Jim Caldwell, Lieutenant Governor Bob Riley. Robert Hanby, Congressman John Hammerschmidt, Mayor W. L. Chafin, Director Ward Goodman, Senator-elect Larry Douglas, Assistant Dir. Henry Gray, Commissioner J. C. Patterson and Dist. 9 Engr. Curtis Pangle.*

# U.S. 62 Improved, Dedicated In Berryville

COVER STORY



"Can you imagine a business man not taking advantage of a 5% bond market to hedge against an inflation rate of at least 7% per year?"

"This picturesque city lies in a perfect location to profit from some of the \$340 million dollars in tourist money which will be spent in the state this year. In my judgement, the highway and street improvement, as well as the urban improvement necessitated by road work, will be a great drawing card to tourists coming to and passing through Berryville.

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*Editor's Note: Acknowledgement is made to Klute Braswell who provided the old pictures and the background material for the story.*

Traffic was routed around Berryville's historic square for one and a half hours on Friday morning, July 14 so that a crowd estimated at 300 could witness the dedication of improvements made to U.S. 62 and the city park. The American Honey Queen, Linda Johnson, came all the way from Spring Valley, Minnesota. Miss Carroll County, Barbara McKinney, was also there to lend beauty to the occasion and assist in cutting the ribbon. The dedication was sponsored by the Berryville Chamber of Commerce.

The highway was widened to four lanes through the city, with curbs and guttering constructed in the downtown area. The road narrows to two lanes at the city limits but the lanes were widened from nine to 12 feet between Berryville and Green Forest. The work was done by Freshour Corporation of

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Sweet Home, Ark. On the west side of Berryville Highway Department maintenance forces widened and improved another .8 miles of U.S. 62. Under a separate contract, traffic signals were installed at the intersection of U.S. 62 with Madison and Church avenues.

Highway Director Ward Goodman made the dedicatory address, pointing out in his remarks that the road work in the Berryville vicinity represented an expenditure of some three million dollars.

Students and instructors from nearby Inspiration Point Arts Colony opened the program with a number of musical selections. Carroll County Judge Arthur Carter was the master of ceremonies. Mayor W. L. Chafin made the welcome address. Others on the program were Lieutenant Governor Bob Riley, Congressman John P. Hammerschmidt, Highway Commission members, prominent local businessmen, former mayor Robert "Butch" Hanby and Joe Parkhill, director of the State Apiary Board who introduced the beauty queens.

Rev. Bob Sanders, pastor of First Christian Church, gave the invocation. Members of the local National Guard unit presented the colors.

After the dedication, the Chamber of Commerce was host to dignitaries and special guests at lunch. Burt George was the master of ceremonies.

#### ANOTHER PAGE IN HISTORY

Berryville, located in some of the state's most picturesque locale, is the county seat of Carroll County. Some 200 years ago it was the site of a Choctaw village ruled by one Chief Che-Nibber. A nearby stream with the unassuming name of Mill Creek once carried the colorful nomenclature, Dancing Rabbit Creek. The city park is an inseparable of Berryville's history.

*The Berryville Square as it looked from the southeast corner in 1890. The occasion was a flower parade. Take away the bank building, the hitch rack, trees and parade carriages and imagine what the Square looked like when it was donated in 1875.*



#### THE PUBLIC SQUARE

In 1875 when the lot was purchased for the courthouse, an area was donated to the County to be used as a public square. (Berryville was not incorporated as a town until March of the next year. There is also a second record of incorporation in 1878.) Businesses already established included two hotels; several merchants, one of whom also edited the *Carroll County Bowlder*, forerunner of the present *Star-Progress*; a saloon; two doctors; a house painter; two law offices and a jeweler.

#### THE COURT SQUARE PARK

No one seems quite sure, and the records don't indicate, when the court square park was laid out but the unoccupied area in the square still stood unattended when the new courthouse was built in 1880. The first improvements to the park area included planting trees and fencing, with a chain for hitching horses. Considerable horse-trading came to take place in the park also. Apparently very few changes were made in the park during the next 20 years except that discontent among the merchants increased over the flies and stench created by the horses continually hitched around the park fence.

#### BANDSTAND ERECTED

Construction of a bandstand over the well in 1900 gave a new personality to the park. In addition to Saturday evening band concerts, the park came to be used for various Sundry public meeting.



*The park in 1900 after trees were planted and the bandstand was built. The occasion was a Lodge parade. The third lady from the left is Mother Hubbert, whose hotel was spared during the Civil War. The building in the left background was used to house court records before the courthouse was built following relocation of the county seat from Carrollton to Berryville.*

#### FIRST FOUNTAIN INSTALLED

In 1908 the idea of beautifying the park caught on. The next year the City Council condemned and removed the old band stand and purchased a fountain and concrete style block to be stalled on the site, engendering a lively controversy between the group who thought the Council was being wasteful with municipal funds and the group who thought the money well spent for improvement of the park. The controversy has surfaced a number of times in ensuing years. The fountain was installed even though there was often no water to operate it during the summer when the water level was low. In mid-summer the newspaper stated waggishly: "The cute little statue on the park fountain received a pretty new costume last week, as did the rest of the fountain makeup. Now, if some festive painter can . . . paint something that looks like water coming out of the fountain, we will feel somewhat recompensed for the various outlays of cash on the little enterprise."

The "cute little statue" —a naked little cherub — chosen to adorn the fountain was offensive and shocking to the sensitivity of some modest Berryville citizens who viewed it more lewd than esthetic, particularly in light of a story making the rounds. It seems that the Mayor had received considerable contributions from certain young gentlemen about town who had allowed themselves to be "led astray" by the seductive wiles of an irresistible young woman. The Mayor's alternative to keeping the matter out of court and subsequent publicity was a worthwhile contribution from the gentlemen involved to the park improvement fund.

#### FOUNTAIN DEDICATED

The fountain, nevertheless, had its allies, Dr. Charlie George among them. He felt that the park fountain not only should remain, cherub and all, but that it warranted a formal dedication. When no one else came forth to promote the dedication, the doctor "appointed himself a committee of one to do the job and forthwith informed the people that dedication ceremonies had been set for a given date." The appointed time found Doctor Charlie delivering one of the most eloquent addresses ever presented in the little park. An audience was entirely missing at the beginning of the speech but before its conclusion, quite a crowd had gathered. And

*One of the "Strasbourg" fountains.*



# Russellville Headquarters Dedicated



*Miss Russellville, assisted by Mike Horne and Lieutenant Governor Riley, snips the ribbon. Chief Engr. B. K. Cooper helps Kathy Dunn hold the ribbon at left. Alice Bradley holds the other end. Looking on are Henry Gray, George Kell, John Harsh, J. C. Patterson (behind Miss Martin), Truman Baker, David Moore, and Mayor Hickey.*



*George Kell*

District 8 personnel have moved into the new headquarters at Russellville and the official dedication was held at 11:00 a.m. on August 8 with the Chamber of Commerce and the Highway Department co-sponsoring the ceremonies. Commissioner George Kell of Swifton made the dedicatory address, followed by closing remarks from Lieutenant Governor Bob Riley. Commission chairman John Harsh introduced the special guests who included Senator Carl Sorrels, Representatives L. L. Bryan and Ron Archer, FHWA Div. Engr. Charles McMillen, Commissioner J. C. Patterson, former Commissioner Truman Baker, Dir. Ward Goodman, Asst. Dir. Henry Gray, Chief Engr. B. K. Cooper, retired Chief Engineer John T. Pendergrass and former District 8 Engr. John F. Price, also

recently retired. Price was presented a plaque by the Chamber of Commerce in recognition of his several years of community service.

Mayor Mike Hickey made the welcome address. Mike Horne, Chamber president, was the master of ceremonies. Miss Russellville, Jerri Martin, helped cut the ribbon. Rev. Jim Westbrook pronounced the invocation and the High School band, under the direction of H. L. Sheperd, entertained with music. Some 150 people gathered for the dedication and an open house held prior to and after the program.

The building complex is located on a 30-acre tract just off Highway 7 north of Interstate 40. The style of architecture and overall layout is the same as headquarters already in use at Wynne, Batesville, Camden, Harrison and Paragould. The Baldwin Company of Little Rock was the contractor.

David L. Moore, district engineer, supervises construction and maintenance of more than 1500 miles of highways and almost 14 miles of bridges from his offices at the Russellville headquarters. An agreement has been reached on sale of the old headquarters, located on North El Paso, to the City of Russellville.

A luncheon for Highway officials and other dignitaries was hosted at noon by the Chamber of Commerce at the Country Club.

# I-40 OPEN for 280 Miles in STATE

The Altus Chamber of Commerce and the State Highway Department formally dedicated the last 20.2 miles of I-40 between Fort Smith and Little Rock on June 30. The dedication was held at the Highway 186 interchange near Altus. Interstate 40 stretches 2,410 miles long from Greensboro, N.C. to Barstow, Calif. Arkansas' mileage is 285, all of which is open to traffic with the exception of approximately five miles comprised of the Mississippi River Bridge and its approaches at West Memphis. To date, more than \$215 million has been authorized in the planning and construction of the route.

Commissioner John Harsh and Governor Dale Bumpers made the dedicatory addresses. Then-Miss Arkansas, Marilyn Morgan of nearby Clarksville, participated in the ribbon-cutting.

Special guests included Lieutenant Governor Bob Riley, Mayor Mathew Post of Altus, Mayor Tilden Rogers of West Memphis and Allen Toothaker of Van Buren (representing the east and west ends of I-40 in the state), Highway Commissioners J. C. Patterson, Lawrence Blackwell and Maurice Smith, FHWA Div. Engr. Charles McMillen, former AHD Chief Engineer John T. Pendergrass (Ret.), former Commission chairman Truman Baker, Director Ward Goodman, Assistant Director Henry Gray, and District Engineers Calvin Peevy and David Moore. Clyde L. Hiatt was the master of ceremonies.



*Henry Gray, John Harsh, Maurice Smith.*



*Platform guests included, front row, left to right: Clyde Hiatt, Lieutenant Governor Riley, Governor Dale Bumpers, Franklin County Judge Paul McFerran, and Mrs. Betty Mayner Brown whose family owned the property where the interchange is located. Back row: Commissioner Smith, former Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Blackwell and District Engineer Peevy.*



# NEW SEGMENT OF HIGHWAY 7 OPENED AT EL DORADO

A 3.8 mile route connecting Highway 7 with U.S. 167 near the north city limits of El Dorado was opened to traffic in mid-August. The highway, built on new location, is constructed to primary standards and designed to handle up to 8,300 vehicles per day. Thru traffic is being channeled along the route to the El Dorado east bypass, thereby relieving the urban congestion which has existed on West Avenue (U.S. 167 business route).

Mickey's, Inc. of Warren and Ben M. Hogan Co. of Little Rock were co-contractors on the project which cost \$1,754,786 plus right-of-way. J. B. Williamson was the resident engineer.

I-40 OPEN FOR 280 MILES IN STATE

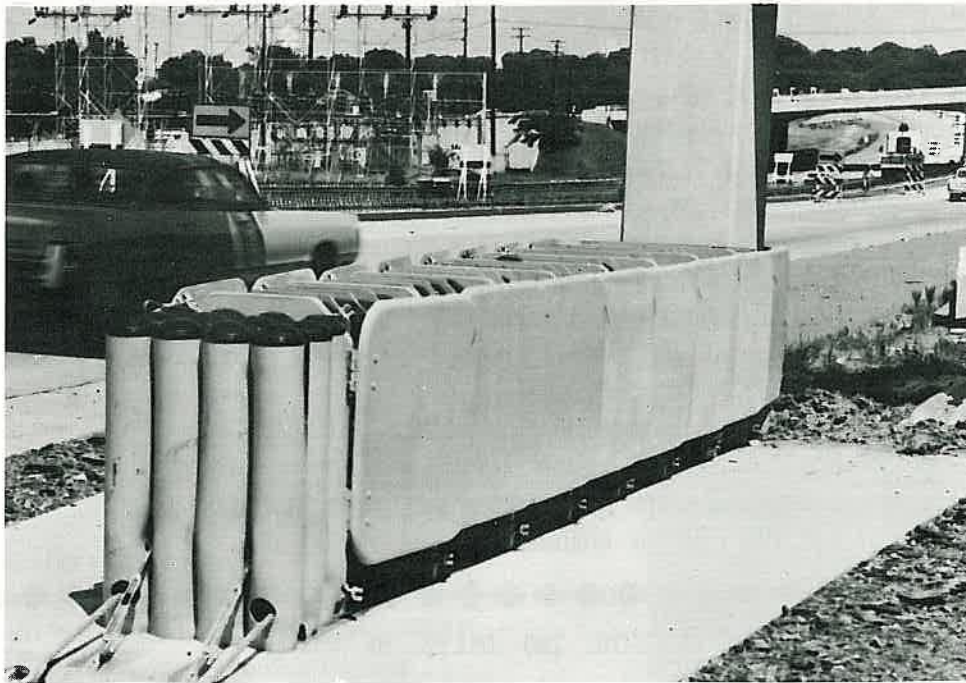


*Left to right: Altus Mayor Mathew Post, Miss Arkansas, John T. Pendergrass and Charles McMillen.*



*Highway Commissioners, administrative officials and local citizens attending the dedication visit after the ceremonies. In the foreground are John Harsh (facing camera), Ward Goodman and J. C. Patterson. Former Commission Chairman Truman Baker is at left facing camera.*

# AHD Installs Hi-Dro Cushion Crash Barrier



The Highway Department has installed its first energy-absorbing crash barrier in a maximum effort to protect passengers if a vehicle hits an immovable object protected by such a barrier. The basic concept of the barrier, technically called a Hi-Dro Cushion crash moderation device by the manufacturer, is simply a cluster of hollow flexible plastic cylinders which may be filled with water or left empty. They contain openings at the top which act like a soft plug in a boiler. Upon impact, water is expelled through the orifices, thus absorbing or moderating energy set in motion by the crash. The cylinders spring back into shape and will withstand numerous impacts with little or no appreciable damage. They are unaffected by exposure to sun, oil, acid, water, or hot and cold temperatures.

The energy dissipation concept was first used in the design of a car bumper which came to be known as the water bumper. The bumper's performance was so impressive that engineers soon applied the principle to develop a highway safety device designed to reduce damage and injuries to impacting vehicles and their occupants from immovable objects, such as bridge and overpass piers, overhead sign supports and the

areas around exit ramps on elevated structures, that cannot be diminated from the roadside.

The barrier on I-630, installed on the eastbound lanes at the pedestrian overpass between Pine and Dennison streets, consists of twelve water-filled cylinders. The site was selected for the Department's first such installation because when all six lanes of the freeway are useable, officials expect the volume of traffic to reach 50,000 vehicles per day.

Since the first such crash moderation unit was installed in Portland, Ore. 23 months ago, 45 vehicles hit it. Of that number, 33 were driveable afterward. Minor injuries were suffered in only six of the accidents and many motorists drove away without reporting the crash. Most importantly, there was no loss of life. Without the buffers, 11 lives would probably have been lost. The energy-absorption barriers are sanctioned by Federal Highway Administrator F. C. Turner. The I-630 barrier cost approximately \$8,000. It is estimated that the highway user realizes \$28 in benefits from every dollar spent, in benefits due to lower property damage, injury and death costs.

# AHD hears largest Delegation EVER



*A capacity crowd*



*One of the Caravan's pretty banner bearers.*

Approximately 500 people from White, Jackson, Lawrence, Randolph and Clay counties appeared before the Highway Commission in June requesting that U.S. 67 be made a four-lane primary highway all the way from Little Rock to the Missouri state line. Fred Pickens, a Newport attorney and spokesman for the delegation, also asked the Commission to give the improvement of the heavily traveled route planning and construction priority. The group, which called themselves the 67 North Caravan, overflowed the seating capacity of the Highway Building auditorium and filled most of the standing room. It was the largest group of record to ever appear before the Commission.

U.S. 67 is already four lanes to Beebe and construction is under way from Beebe to Searcy. Bids were opened on the Searcy Bypass the day the delegation appeared before the Commission and the contract was awarded to Reynolds & Williams, Inc. Paving began September 18.

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## BILL ALEXANDER Meets with AHC

Congressman Bill Alexander of Osceola appeared before the State Highway Commission on August 23, with a delegation of 25 other persons, including five state legislators and the chairman of the Ozark Expressway Association, asking the Commission to conduct a feasibility study on an expressway through North Arkansas. Alexander feels the study would strengthen a bill to add 5,800 miles to the interstate highway system which he introduced to Congress in June. A portion of the added mileage would be designated for a route through Arkansas which would connect Kansas City and Georgia via Memphis. Alexander said 19 of the 21 counties in his Eastern Arkansas district had been designated redevelopment

areas and that they had not enjoyed good economic health and balanced development partly because of the lack of good highways.

Senator Bill Walmsley of Batesville and Representative John Miller of Melbourne also spoke for the route. Miller said that the influx of tourists who would be attracted to Blanchard Springs Caverns when it is opened next year would create chaotic traffic problems so great that the region could not fully benefit from the tourists.

Also urging the study were Senator Clarence Bell of Parkin, Representatives P. K. Holmes and Tom Collier of Newport, Frank Carlisle of Mountain Home, and Howard House of Batesville, president of the Ozark Expressway Association.

# TALLANT NEW CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER



**John Tallant**

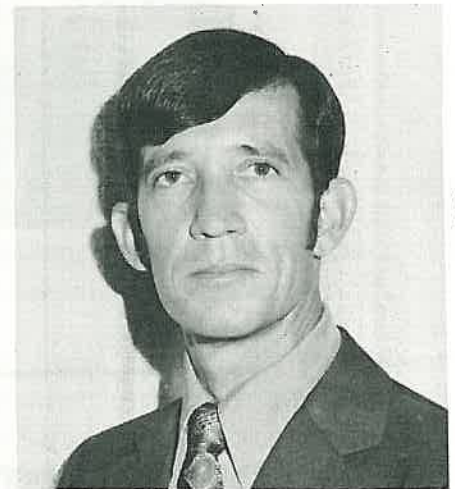


**Charles H. Mitchell**

Charles H. Mitchell, assistant construction engineer, was promoted to District 3 Engineer in Tallant's place. He attended Arkansas Tech at Russellville and graduated from the University of Arkansas with a degree in civil engineering. He has been with the Department a total of 10 years and is both a registered professional engineer and registered land surveyor. Mitchell worked as a resident engineer at Forrest City and Brinkley and was responsible for the West Helena residency for two years. He is a native of Helena and a three-year veteran of the Air Force. He is married to the former Patsy Smith of Helena. They have three children.

John Tallant, District 3 engineer at Hope since 1968, has been promoted to Engineer of the Construction Division to fill the vacancy created by the death of E. E. Hurley. He is a registered professional engineer and has been with the Department 23 years.

Tallant is a native of Glenwood and a graduate of the University of Arkansas with a degree in civil engineering. During his Highway Department career he has worked as a resident engineer, assistant construction engineer and engineer of Secondary Roads Division before being promoted to District 3 Engineer. He is a member of the Arkansas and National Societies of Professional Engineers. He is married and the father of a daughter, Miss Kay Tallant, a teacher at Henderson High School in Little Rock.



**Bobby Joe Parker**

Effective October 1, Mitchell's place will be taken by Bobby Joe Parker, a career Highway employee who came to the Department 10 years ago through the Engineer-Orientation program for new engineering graduates. He is a native of Dermott and graduated from the University of Arkansas engineering school. After completion of the orientation program, he was assigned to the Malvern residency. He has been a resident engineer there for the last seven years.

Parker is married to the former Judy Johnson of Malvern. They have a daughter, Paige, 6, and a son, Bryan, 3. Parker's favorite pastime is hunting — especially deer.

# Handouts being Distributed on Leslie-Marshall Job



*Motorists wait for the go-ahead.*



*Rock and earth yield at the construction site – but unwillingly.*

*Traffic is stopped at intervals to protect motorists from falling boulders such as the one being hauled away in the earth-mover.*

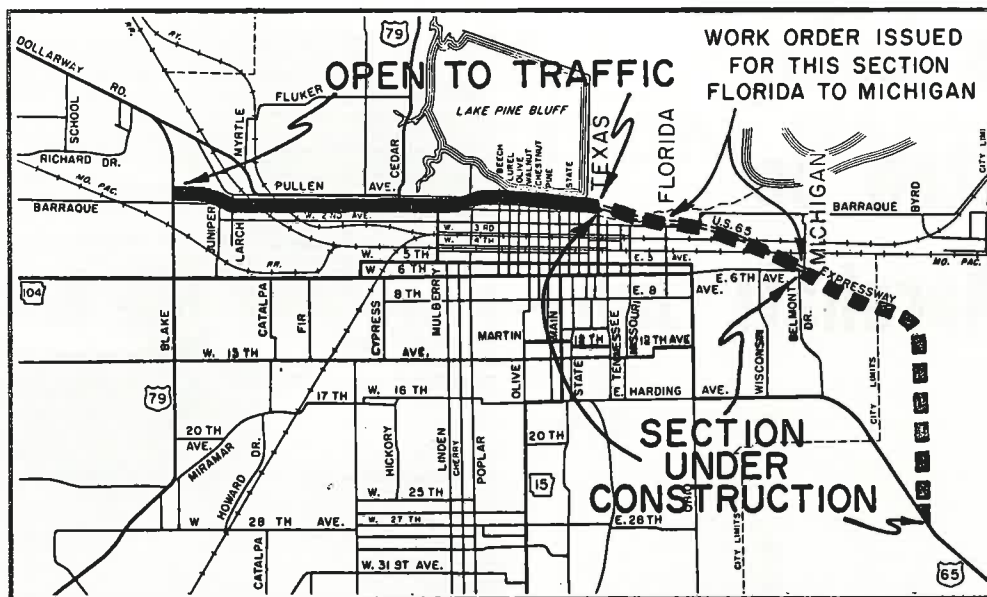


## WE'RE SORRY

A printed handout is being distributed to motorists being inconvenienced because of blasting and rock removal at a job site on U.S. 65 near Marshall. Heavy construction is under way where a steep cut is being made in a rock cliff to straighten out curves through the mountains. The pamphlet says "WE'RE SORRY about the temporary delay!" and explains why traffic is being detained at intervals. Also included in the packet is a tourist map, a brochure about the state, a schedule of northwest Arkansas events up through the end of October and a pamphlet on safe driving issued by the AHD Safety Section.

The contractor, D. B. Hill Company, is making every effort to not detain traffic longer than 15 minutes but after some blasts a little more time is necessary to clear the highway of falling rock. Work requiring traffic stoppage is expected to continue throughout the remainder of the construction season.

Gary Godfrey is the resident engineer.



**WORK TO BEGIN ON 4TH SECTION OF EXPRESSWAY THRU  
PINE BLUFF**

A work order was issued September 11 authorizing construction to begin immediately on the Florida-Michigan Street section of the U.S. 65 Expressway through Pine Bluff. The 1.3-mile project will be four lanes wide, divided with a 10-foot median. Included in the construction will be a 2,342-foot long overpass over the Missouri Pacific and St. Louis and Southwestern railroad tracks.

The first section of the Expressway, completed and

opened to traffic in July of 1971, is presently carrying over 17,000 vehicles per day.

The project is the final contract necessary to complete the gap in the four-mile uncompleted segment from Texas Street to the junction of U.S. 65 southeast of Pine Bluff.

Moro, Inc., a Warren firm, was awarded the contract on their low bid of \$3,603,080. The contract allows 350 working days. John S. Harris is the district engineer and Van Bratton is the resident engineer.

**ARKANSAS PRAISED FOR OBLIGATING FEDERAL FUNDS**

J. W. White, regional administrator for the Federal Highway Administration's Fort Worth office, has praised the Arkansas Highway Department for the amount of federal funds obligated during the 1972 fiscal year.

"Arkansas had a remarkably fine year in obligating a total of \$36,505,231 of Federal-aid highway funds. This amount exceeded by \$6,685,231 the amount Arkansas could have obligated under the scheduled obligation authority for Fiscal Year 1972," White wrote in a letter to Director Ward Goodman.

The difference is due to an additional \$400 million of

obligation authority released during the second quarter of Fiscal Year 1972 on a first come, first serve basis, and further reinforced through the establishment of special category funds, also released on a first come, first serve basis during the third and fourth quarters.

"Your excellent record of fund obligations is an eloquent testimony to your organization's ability to meet changing conditions and to respond to shifts in program emphasis. It is, therefore, a distinct pleasure to congratulate you on this accomplishment and to express my sincere appreciation for your responsive cooperation in advancing the Arkansas Federal-aid highway program in such an effective manner," White said.

# Traffic Division holds seminar on Control Devices



*Jim Barnett, assistant chief of the Traffic Division, Arkansas Highway Department, left, discusses a new type sign with Gene Gardner, Jonesboro city engineer; Coordinator of Public Safety A. Brooks Griffith, and Lafayette County Judge-elect Jim Alexander.*

The Traffic Division held a seminar on August 29 to acquaint City, County and State officials with a new manual on uniform traffic control devices. A state statute requires the adoption of a uniform traffic devices manual to be used by state and local governmental bodies within the state. The American Association of State Highway Officials (AASHO) and the Federal Highway Administration also recommend the use of uniform signs and devices throughout the United States.

Included in the manual are the new symbol highway signs which have no words. The Highway Department began the changeover to symbol signs almost a year ago. The complete transition is expected to take about five years. The manuals, issued by the Government Printing Office, were distributed to approximately 90 representatives of local agencies present at the meeting. They were purchased by the Highway Department through the Office of the Coordinator of Public Safety.

Items discussed during the day-long meeting were traffic signals, warning and regulatory signs, pavement markings and railroad crossing protection devices. The newest techniques in striping and signalization to achieve uniformity were also discussed. The Highway Department is cooperating fully with all local governmental agencies during the sign transition.

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## BROCHURE AVAILABLE ON IMPROVEMENT PROCEDURES

The Planning and Research Division has prepared a colorful brochure which outlines the general procedures followed by the Department in the course of improvement of an existing highway or the construction of a new one. The outline is divided into four phases: Phase I – Project Authorization; Phase II – Route Location Studies; Phase III – Design Studies; and Phase IV – Right-of-Way Acquisition and Contract Award. A brief description is given of the work involved and an average time and an accumulated timetable have been estimated. Copies of the pamphlet are available upon request by writing Public Information Officer, Arkansas Highway Department, P.O. Box 2261, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203.

# ENGINEERS IN ORIENTATION



Engineers who have recently completed orientation are, left to right: Bob Fureigh, Carl Lancaster, Rodney Price, Dwayne Harrison, Mike Jetton, Mike Selig and John Beale.



Engineer still in the orientation program are, left to right: Carl Lindstrom, Wayne Casteel and Jim Darnell.



Larry Polk, also still in the program.

The Highway Department has employed 24 young engineers in 1972 – an all time high. Of that number, 19 have completed the program, four are in the process and one, J. M. Cameron, elected to not go through the program.

Orientation takes a young engineer at the outset of his employment through a get-acquainted period where he spends two weeks in each Roadway Design, Bridge Design, Surveys, P&R, and M&T, one week each in the offices of Construction and Maintenance, two weeks in a district where his time is divided between construction and maintenance, and two weeks in various other divisions such as Legal, Right-of-Way, Computer Services, and the FHWA office, making a total of 16 weeks.

After completion of orientation, employees may request to be assigned to whatever division he feels he is best suited for and if there is an opening in his chosen division he will be considered for it.

Those presently in the program are Wayne Casteel and Carl Lindstrom, University of Arkansas; Jim Darnell, Mississippi State; and Larry Polk, Louisiana Tech.

Those who have already completed the program are Bob Fureigh, Tulane; Dwayne Harrison and John Beale, University of Missouri; and B. J. Barnett, J. W. Burnett, R. T. Fulton, B. L. Graham, R. J. Hall, Mike Jetton, D. A. Lambert, J. E. Rogers, R. L. Walters, Ken Carter, Mark Bradley, Charles Brand, Leonard Hall, Carl Lancaster, Mike Selig and Rodney Price, all University of Arkansas.

# Sam Smith elected to Retirement Board



District Engineer Sam Smith of Paragould has been elected to membership on the Board of Trustees of the Employees Retirement System. His two-year term runs from July 1, 1972 through June 30, 1974. It is Smith's first time to serve on the Board.





# Two New Internal Adult Staffers



*Mike Cope, seated, and Leonard Davidson.*

Mike Cope of Paris, Arkansas, and Leonard Davidson of Little Rock are recent additions to the Internal Adult staff.

Cope came to work July 3 after graduating from Arkansas Tech with a BS in accounting. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Cope of Paris. His wife is the former Mary Parker, also of Paris. The Copes will continue to live in Paris, where Mrs. Cope teaches fifth grade.

Mike's hobbies include hunting, fishing, and sports in general.

Davidson is a graduate of McClellan High and State College of Arkansas, with a BBA in accounting. He began work with the Department on July 15. His wife, the former Judy Hepp, also of Little Rock, teaches sixth grade at St. Theresa's School. Leonard has many interests, among them hunting, fishing, water-skiing, tennis, swimming and handball.

## Employee's Son Elected AHD Director



Craig Wilson, son of Troyce Wilson, was elected to the Highway Director's position when nine Boy's State delegates visited the Department in the summer. Troyce is secretary to P&R Engineer Al Johnson. Craig is a senior at McClellan.

## 39 Complete Course



*Director Ward Goodman presented the "diplomas" to the first "Class of '72".*

Thirty-nine female employees have successfully completed the first Basic Office Skills course of a Secretarial Certification Program and a second group is presently taking the course. The training sessions are offered by the State Personnel Division and funded with a federal grant authorized under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act.

Twelve employees are enrolled in the current training program. The first session generated a great deal of interest among

those attending and the general concensus was that the time was well spent and the material presented highly beneficial.

The ladies enrolled in the first course requested a "rap session" with their bosses to discuss problems and work out agreeable solutions. Several bosses did attend the last session and it turned out to be quite a lively discussion, particularly in the handling of telephone calls.

Certificates were presented to all who completed the three-day training course.

## HIGHWAY DAMES RESUME MEETINGS



President Donna Bosley, center, with Treasurer Betty Gee, right, and Corres. Sec. Doris Bulter, left.

The Highway Dames Auxiliary resumed their monthly meetings on September 21 after adjourning in May for the summer. They met for lunch at the main highway building and viewed the highway film.

Officers for the 1972-73 season are Donna Bosley, president; Maxine Kizer, vice-president; Betty Gee, treasurer; Betty Hutchison, secretary; Doris Butler, corresponding secretary; Mary Beth Gray, parliamentarian; and Eleanor Longcoy, historian.

The October meeting will be Thursday, October 19 at the home of Mrs. Bosley. All members are invited to bring a sack lunch and materials with which to work on projects to be sold at the Christmas auction. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m.

## EMPLOYEE'S WIFE RECEIVES CITIZENSHIP PAPERS



Mrs. Heath displays a Japanese Festival doll dressed in the traditional Japanese silk kimono.

Mrs. George Heath of Pine Bluff was one of 19 foreign-born persons who recently received naturalization papers in ceremonies conducted by Federal Judge G. Thomas Eisele. Chief Justice Carleton Harris of the State Supreme Court welcomes the new citizens.

Mrs. Heath is the former Sumako Niwa of near Tokyo, Japan. She met her husband while he was in the Navy and came to the United States 14 years ago. She is looking forward to voting for the first time in the November election but says she thinks she will not exercise another of her new rights as a citizen — that is, she has no plans to run for office. Heath is the station attendant at the Jefferson headquarters.

## ADELE MATTOX AUXILIARY PREXY



Mrs. Adele Mattox, seated, is president of the Auxiliary to Central Arkansas chapter, Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers (ASPE). The wife of Operations Engineer Robert Mattox, she is also a member of Highway Dames. Other officers are, from left: Mrs. Hollis Conway, secretary; Mrs. Virginia Neighbors, treasurer; and Mrs. William J. Driggers, vice president, and Mrs. Mada Vandenburg, pictured separately, historian. Mrs. Neighbors is a former Roadway Design secretary. Her husband Frank is a former district engineer at Camden. Mrs. Vandenburg is the wife of the late John L. Vandenburg, retired from Planning and Research. Also serving but not shown is Mrs. Kent Pettit, parliamentarian.

# SERVICE AWARDS EARNED

Several employees have earned service awards since publication of the last issue. There are doubtless many more but these have been mentioned:

## 20 YEARS

Asst. Const. Engr. Norman Pumphrey  
 Harry Doyle, inspector in the Soils Testing section, M&T  
 Floyd McCorkle, District-wide bridge crew, District 3  
 Troy Henderson, Gayle Gunn's residency, Prescott

## 15 YEARS

Calvin Cooper, Roving unit at Paragould, W&S  
 Joe Burchfield, Heavy bridge maintenance, Bismarck  
 George Weatherley, heavy bridge maintenance, Des Arc  
 Donald Embry, equipment operator, District 3  
 Kenneth Kidd, heater-planer operator, District 3  
 Clarence Crane, District shop, Hope

## 10 YEARS

Assistant Director Henry Gray, Central Offices  
 Lester Mullins, Hempstead County crew  
 Ed Fears, Ken Harris residency, Nashville

## 5 YEARS

Engineer of P&R Al Johnson, Central Offices  
 Permit Officer Buddy Dumas, Central Offices  
 E. E. O. Officer Frank Newsham, Central Offices  
 Larry Myers, Charles Mauk's residency, Texarkana  
 Thomas Yocom, Gene Belknap's residency, Hope  
 Floyd Ward, Mauk's residency  
 Ronnie Jones, District shop, Hope  
 H. D. Cox, Pike County crew



Director Ward Goodman, right, presented Asst. Dir. Henry Gray's certificate.



Al Johnson, left, and Chief Engr. B. K. Cooper.



Norman Pumphrey, left, receives 20-year certificate from his new boss, John Tallant.



W&S Chief Roy Johnson, left, and Calvin Cooper.



Permit Officer Buddy Dumas, left, and E.E.O. Officer Frank Newsham.



Harry Doyle, left, and M&T Engr. Joe Magness.



Don Brown, senior bridge inspector, left, presents 15-year pin to George Weatherley.

# AHD Visitors Philippines Brazil England



*The Philippino governors, front row, with FHWA and AHD officials behind.*

The Central Headquarters has had the distinction of being host to two Brazilian engineers, eight Philippino governors and two English college students during the last two months.

Dr. Arnaldo Feinstein, a bridge design engineer, and Dr. Maria do Carmo Abreu Jorge, a roadway design engineer, were in Little Rock for two weeks observing the Department's methods and procedures in road and bridge design, signing, computerization in highway design and the use of aerial photographs in planning and design. (All graduate engineers are addressed as doctor in Brazil.)

Eight provincial governors from the Philippines spent one day in the state observing rural road construction and the use and maintenance of construction equipment. The group saw the current Highway Department film, received Arkansas Traveler certificates from Director Ward Goodman, inspected the District 6 mechanical shop and equipment, then made a field trip on I-40 to Brinkley and traveled over Highway 38 and 39 to Des Arc. Other points on their itinerary included Washington, D.C., South Carolina, Puerto Rico and Hawaii where they were to obtain information on rural electrification, family planning, housing, tourism and agricultural development. They were accompanied by the Philippine executive officer of the Provincial Development Assistance Project, National Economic Council; John Dubois of the State Department in Washington; Regional Federal Highway Administrator J. W. White of Fort Worth; and former Regional

FHWA Administrator A. C. Taylor, also from Fort Worth. Taylor, now retired, spent a number of years in the Philippines after World War II. The Philippino visitors' trip was sponsored by the Agency for International Development (AID). Arrangements for the Arkansas portion of their tour was handled by the FHWA office in Little Rock.

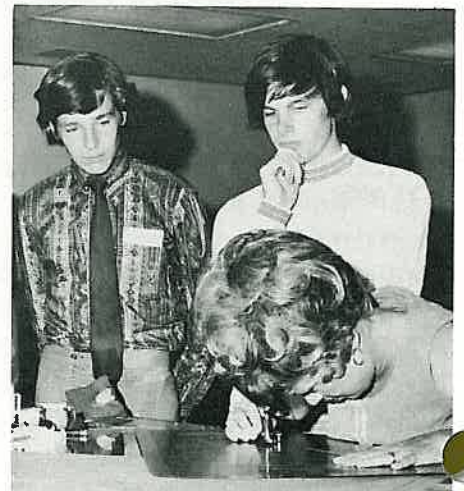
Rob Wyke and Neville Clark of England spent one day touring the Highway Department while on an eight-week visit to the United States. Their trip was sponsored by the International Student Projects Committee of the Little Rock Rotary Club. They observed the Computer Services and Materials and Tests divisions and the Mapping Section of P&R. They also saw the highway film and visited the administrative offices. Rotarian Frank Potter, general manager of the AAA Automobile Club, accompanied them to the Highway Department.

The young men live in neighboring communities approximately 100 miles northwest of London. They said they enjoyed both Southern hospitality and Southern cooking, though in their opinion, Southern cooks are a bit liberal with sugar and spices. They also thought American clothes, especially mens', to be "quite garish."

Clark will be a theological student at Oxford during the next three years, studying for ordination into the priesthood of the Church of England. Wyke will be studying law at Cambridge.



*Roadway Design Engr. Brooks Nichols explains work notations on a set of plans to Dr. Feinstein and Dr. Maria Jorge. Their interpreter, Lina Sattamini, is at left.*



*Neville Clark, left, and Rob Wyke observe Margaret Hudson of P&R scribing a map.*

# Obituaries

## E. E. (MACK) HURLEY



E. E. "Mack" Hurley, Construction Division Engineer for the Arkansas Highway Department since July, 1967, died at his home in Little Rock on August 12. The son of a contractor and materials firm owner, Hurley spent his entire career in the highway construction field. He had

been with the Highway Department a total of 41 years and four months, beginning as an instrumentman in 1927. His employment had been continuous since 1935.

Hurley, known as Mack to all his friends and co-workers, was born in Alabama, and lived a few years in Tennessee but most of his life was spent in Arkansas. He attended the University of Arkansas and was a registered professional engineer. He was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and a member of Pulaski Heights Baptist Church. He was selected an ABWA Boss of the Year in 1970. Mrs. Hurley preceded him in death by 12 days.

Survivors are one son, Patrick J. Hurley, Rochester, Minn.; his mother, Mrs. Bertie Black of Daytona Beach, Fla.; two brothers, James E. of Little Rock and John J. of Conway; two sisters, Mrs. John Oswald of Jacksonville, Fla. and Mrs. Louise Hunt of Leesburg, Fla.

Funeral services were held at Reubel Funeral Home on August 15. Burial was in Pine Crest Memorial Park

## LEM KIRKPATRICK



Lem Kirkpatrick, 67, a retired buyer in the Procurement Division, died July 21 while visiting his daughter and family in Houston. He worked for the Department 22½ years before retiring in October, 1971. He was a member of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church and Trinity Ma-

sonic Lodge 694.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Marguerite Nowlin Kirkpatrick; his daughter, Mrs. Kathryn W. Tardy Houston; and one grandson.

Funeral services were held July 24 at Griffin-Leggett Funeral Home in Little Rock. Pallbearers were Bernie Cox, Frank Caple, Lewis M. Wade, Charles West, Aubrey Blount and Maurice Head. Burial was in Rest Hills Memorial Park.



## BLAKE CONNELL



Blake Connell, an auditor on the Internal Audit staff, died September 19. He was killed in a truck-car crash in Jonesboro four days after his 28th birthday. He had been with the Highway Department two years. Connell was a native of Leola and a graduate of Henderson State College.

He was a member of Leola United Methodist Church and Hopewell Lodge 599. He was a Vietnam veteran and a first lieutenant in the 431st Civil Affairs Company, U.S. Army Reserve.

Survivors are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Connell of Leola; and two brothers, Rayburn Connell of Jackson, Miss., and Robert Connell of Hot Springs. Funeral services were held in Leola United Methodist Church on September 21 with Atkinson Funeral Service of Malvern in charge. Burial was in Brashears Cemetery. Pallbearers were Paul Broyles of Right-of-Way Acquisition and five other members of his Reserve unit.

# LETTERS

July 1, 1972

Supervisor  
Arkansas Highway Maintenance  
Hot Springs, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

*This is just a brief note to express my sincere appreciation for the courtesies and help rendered me by two of your staff members when my wife and I were vacationing in Hot Springs.*

*On Monday June 12th my wife and I were driving on Highway 70 East toward Little Rock at about 4:30 p.m. to visit some friends in Little Rock. One of the water hoses burst in my automobile and it overheated to such a extent that the car began to stall and we were barely able to make it into the first rest area just outside of Hot Springs.*

*Two of the members of your staff came over to see if they could be of any aid. They saw to it that the radiator hose could be trimmed off and could be refastened to the cooling system to where it would be workable.*

*One of the two gentlemen was named Johnson and I was unable to obtain the name of the other gentlemen as he had to get back to take care of some of his duties.*

*In addition to repairing the hose, Mr. Johnson made several trips to the water fountain in order to cool my radiator down and make sure that I would be able to re-start my car.*

*I cannot tell you how appreciative I am of the efforts of these two gentlemen on your staff. They would not accept any financial remuneration from me and said that it was all part of the job.*

*Please convey my thanks to these two gentlemen again and tell them I'll always remember their thoughtfulness and consideration.*

Sincerely,

Arthur E. McDermott  
Dallas, Texas

July 27, 1972

Arkansas State Highway Department  
District 9  
Harrison, Arkansas

Gentlemen:

*We would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks for the cooperation of your department in helping us to get the mail delivered without delay, and very little inconvenience in the reconstruction of Highway 206, from Harrison to the junction of Highway 62.*

*All of the men on the job were very helpful in every way.*

Sincerely,

Joe L. Knox  
Officer in Charge

W. C. (Bill) Russell  
Rt. 6 Carrier  
Harrison, Arkansas  
August 8, 1972

Mr. Dell Kendall  
Arkansas Highway Department  
Springdale, Arkansas

Dear Dell:

*I want to express to you and all the people of the Highway Department in Springdale, the thanks of all the people at KBRS for repairing a bad place on the highway in front of the radio station. I am sure the many motorist that pass this spot each day appreciate it too, although they will probably never say so.*

*We would appreciate your telling all your people that we thank them.*

Sincerely,

Phil Phillips

July 24, 1972

Mr. Curtis Pangle  
District Engineer  
Arkansas Highway Department  
Harrison, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Pangle:

A recent newspaper item says that your new mowing procedures will leave the wild flowers along the highways in your district except where removal is necessary for sight distance.

This is indeed welcome news and we wish to commend you for it. Our wild flowers add so much to the pleasure of driving and the highway right-of-way is almost the only place left to see some of them.

The Council of Garden Clubs of Fayetteville is very grateful to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Laird Archer  
Council of Garden Clubs  
of Fayetteville

September 1, 1972

Director  
Arkansas Highway Department  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

On August 25, while I was traveling east from Little Rock to Memphis on I-40, my suitcase was lost off the top of the car. I know it was there when I stopped at the new rest area between Little Rock and Forrest City, I discovered it was gone when I reached the other side of Memphis, just after getting on I-40 from I-240. I went back as far as Forrest City and tried to spot it on the side of the road but couldn't. I would like to know if it has been found by one of your road crews. The suitcase is a green Royal Traveler, containing clothes, jewelry, and an electric shaver. Please help me if you can.

Sincerely,

Dianne Smith  
19 Kimball Street  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

August-September, 1972

August 21, 1972

Mr. Curtis Pangle  
District Engineer  
Arkansas State Highway Department  
Harrison, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Pangle:

May I take this opportunity to express on behalf of the Physical Plant Department of the University of Arkansas our sincere appreciation for the work performed by State Highway Department personnel in re-surfacing certain streets and drives on our Fayetteville campus. I am particularly appreciative of your cooperation as well as the cooperation received from personnel of the Springdale Maintenance Office staff. Three of these people who were directly involved in supervising the project deserve, I believe, special recognition for their display of professional knowledge, their interest in the University and for the excellent cooperation they provided us while the project was in progress. Would you take a few moments of your time and express my appreciation to Mr. Dale Kendall, Mr. Larry Hodnett, and Mr. Paul Bennett. Their efforts are sincerely appreciated.

If in the future personnel of this department can be of assistance to Arkansas Highway Department personnel, please do not hesitate to call on us. Thanks again for a difficult job well done.

Sincerely,

Joe Talley  
Superintendent

June 28, 1972

Mr. Elmer Smith  
Resident Engineer  
Arkansas State Highway Department  
Clarksville, Arkansas

On behalf of the officers and men of the 39th Infantry Brigade (Sep), I would like to express our gratitude to you for the assistance you gave in allowing our convoys to use the unopened portion of Interstate 40 between Clarksville and Ozark, Arkansas. Your action saved both the Brigade and civilians utilizing highways of that area, considerable difficulty and helped avoid possible accidents.

Joseph R. Chappell, Jr.  
Brigadier General, ArkARNG  
Commanding

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How many times have you listened to a talk like this and when it was over you asked the question, "What was he trying to say?" So that there will be no mistake, I am going to point out in the beginning the points I intend to make.

1. The people in Berryville and this area are among the most patient and deserving in the state.

2. The members of our legislature are most helpful and cooperative and we thank them very much.

3. Federal-aid for highways is no "pie in the sky" -- But actually a mirage or illusion.

4. If you want to continue to enjoy the completion of projects like this, and at a more rapid rate, you must support the Highway Commission's request for more funds to spend on your roads. Gas tax increase? Bonds? Both? You must decide."

"THE PROGRESS IS NOT RAPID ENOUGH . . ."

"The Highway Department is aware that it is one of 200,000 miles of primary highway throughout the country which is too narrow, too crooked, and not safe enough for future projected traffic. We have spent millions of dollars during the last 10 years on the improvement of U.S. 62 alone. But the progress is not rapid enough.

The nation's 42,500 miles of Interstate routes will largely be completed by 1975. It was the hope of highway administrators throughout the country, whose responsibility it is to plan for future highway needs, that the highway taxes you pay could be used to continue to improve arterial routes such as this. Unfortunately, those hopes were dimmed when a comprehensive study of reclassification of our highway system and the anticipated cost for the next 20 years was completed.

The study revealed that it will cost a staggering \$4.5 billion to construct and maintain what is adjudged to be an "adequate" state highway transportation system in Arkansas. But the study also revealed that under present financing laws, we can anticipate receiving only about \$2.7 billion, or less than 60% of the money we need."

"WE GET BACK LESS THAN 50% . . ."

"When I say -- 'under the present financing laws' -- I am taking into account that for many years certain tax money has been set aside in the Federal Highway Trust Fund to be used solely for the construction of highways. As you no doubt know, there is a move afoot to divert that money for various other transportation uses, as well as manipulate the Trust Fund so that only a percentage of what you have paid in as highway user taxes is returned to us for highway expenditures. In Arkansas, we get back less than 50% of what we pay -- and with such strings attached that it is almost impossible to get a job ready for contract. Would you believe? -- That if all the primary Federal-aid funds available for this fiscal year were spent on jobs such as the one we are dedicating, only about 2 could be contracted for in the entire state? It is time for us to quit leaning on Federal-aid alone, and to advance a road program financed by you. Either a pay as we go, by increased gas taxes, or a bond issue, or both. Can you imagine a business man not taking advantage of a 5% bond market to hedge against an inflation rate of at least 7% per year? From past experience with our Legislature who cooperate with us and do the right thing about highways, I know they will make the correct decisions and you will support them."

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July 10, 1972

LETTERS

June 24, 1972

Gentlemen:

We had a very interesting and successful convention last week. This was due in part to the many nice gifts and items we received for door prizes and gift bags for our visitors.

We are very grateful for the highway maps you contributed to this project.

Sincerely,

Oleta Lewis  
C.P.A. Wives Club of Arkansas

Mr. John S. Harris  
District Engineer  
Arkansas State Highway Department  
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Dear John:

The work done by the State Highway Department certainly helped make Pine Bluff a much more attractive community to enter, and contributed to a most successful visit with the industrial prospect.

We appreciate all that you and your people are doing, and thanks again for your help.

Most sincerely,

Wallace A. Gieringer, President  
Jefferson Co. Industrial  
Foundation, Inc.



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thus the fountain with its cherub remained until some time in the late 20's, when the little figure was so vandalized the entire fountain assembly was removed.

The next park improvement came in 1911, when the Council and town businessmen contributed money to buy and set out 50 varieties of roses in the park. Ironically, at the same meeting a vote on a town stock law failed, 33-47.

#### HITCHING RACK REMOVED FROM PARK

In 1912 the newspaper editorialized that the hitching rack should be removed from around the park. However, the hitch rack remained and in 1925 iron posts were installed to replace concrete ones which had been erected some years earlier. But discontent about hitching horses in the middle of town continued to grow and one Friday night in the spring of 1927 the hitch rack — posts and all — vanished from the scene. Needless to say, its disappearance caused considerable consternation and speculation. Several years passed before the culprits who took it ventured forth with information about who and how. One of the three involved, Bruce E. Kendall, the Mayor's son, said that he and several friends, all in that year's graduating class, were sitting around in Poyner's Drugstore one night, discussing how the park would never be cleaned up as long as horses were hitched around it, so they decided that the chain and posts had to go — that night. They finished just before dawn. All were anxious to see the reaction on Saturday morning when the farmers came to town. Kendall had an excellent vantage point from the hardware store on the Square where he worked. The reaction was mixed — all were puzzled, one or two got mad, and one resourceful fellow jabbed a stick in a hole where one of the posts had been and hitched his team to the stick! Klute Braswell, then editor of the *North Arkansas Star*, and presently chairman of the Roads and Streets Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, commented that “. . . no improvement made in Berryville in recent years, has added so much not only to the attractiveness, but the sanitation of the city, as the removal of the hitch rack.” And no doubt it did, since Berryville was the first north Arkansas town to dispense with the mid-town hitching rack.

#### FIRST HARD — SURFACED STREETS

The Highway Department constructed the first hard-surface streets in Berryville when U.S. 62, bounding the Square on two sides, was blacktopped in 1933. Those were lean years and lack of funds prohibited the Department from surfacing the other two sides but the City Council and property owners became so enthused over the improvement that they made up the cost of blacktopping the remaining two sides. Work was completed in December of that year.

In 1953 the City of Berryville purchased the historical Square from the County for \$75.00. At that time the Highway Department helped the City work out a traffic plan. Curbs were built around the park and traffic lanes designed and constructed. At the time the park was cut down 10 feet on the east and west sides to make room for one-way traffic lanes. The Department filled the park area with top soil and sodded it with grass.

Fifteen new vapor street lights installed around the square were officially turned on at the conclusion of a dinner hosted by AP&L for members of the Council in July, 1954.

#### SECOND AND THIRD FOUNTAINS INSTALLED

Just as the city park had become inseparable with the City of Berryville, fountains seemingly became necessary park adornments. Two 20-foot ornamental structures with concrete pools were constructed, one in the north end of the park and one in the south end, but the homemade sprays were discontinued because they did not function properly, leaving the pools empty.

Ten years later when the subject of fountains came up again and gained momentum. Soon thereafter publisher Braswell and postmaster Tom Morris made a trip to Europe. While visiting the University of Strasbourg, Braswell made a sketch of the simple layout of fountains in a park on the campus. When they returned to Berryville, the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club agreed to help the City Council promote and finance improvement of the city square, including installation of the fountains, whose beauty was enhanced at night by multi-colored lights. The park was prettier than it had ever been and civic pride in it continued to grow. Even numerous old-timers who frequented the park benches and spent their days whittling and reminiscing began to clean up their shavings.

#### AHD SEVERS PARK

With municipal growth and traffic volumes being what they are, city improvement is never complete. When the Highway Department made plans to reconstruct U.S. 62 through Berryville, it was decided that the most feasible design would be to build four lanes straight through town instead of skirting the Square, which meant that the park would be cut in half! Negotiations worked out with City officials included an agreement by the Highway Department to improve the park and replace the fountains which lay directly in the path of the new route of the highway through town! However, in the process of altering the park to accommodate the four lanes of improved highway, the park areas were actually enlarged by several square yards. Director Ward Goodman, in his dedicatory remarks, stated: “Alterations to it (the park) in connection with the U.S. 62 work may have at one time been regarded by some as an intrusion. I hope that is not true now . . . I am happy to tell you today that we have given back at least a part of what we took away 20 years ago . . .” “The Strasbourg fountains” were replaced with two of contemporary design.



Ah-h-h. . . Fall is here at last, officially that is, though the temperature doesn't know it yet. But there are little unobtrusive signs — like, Razorback games, a big tree that I can see from my window whose topmost leaves are paling from green to yellow, the absence of summer employees who have gone back to the Halls of Ivy, and the new wardrobes which some of our more stylish employees are sporting. 'Tis nice after a long hot summer. There has even been some of that scarcely seen product of the skies during recent months — rain. It's also nice except between 7:00 and 10:00 on Saturday evening. Guess you already knew that the only time a 20 percent forecast of showers turns into a six-inch flood is during a Razorback game.

Betty Wiggins of the Advance Planning Section of P&R received her five year certificate and pin early in August. Betty is an urban planner and a full member in the American Institute of Planners.



Carl McChesney, head of Advance Planning, presents a service award to Betty Wiggins.



L. P. Carlson with a 15-pound king salmon.

L. P. Carlson, retired Bridge Design engineer, visited his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Carlson, in Douglas, Alaska in August. When he returned he came out to visit the folks in Bridge Design and tell them about his trip and the fish he caught while there.

And speaking of fishing, Willie Whitmire of Bridge brought in the picture below to show, he says, that the Maintenance Division reporter's allusion that fish talk from the fifth floor "ain't just fish stories."



Willie, left, and Stewart Perry caught these beauties at Greer's Ferry.

Susie Nix is a new employee in Procurement. She is the wife of former U of A football star Bobby Nix. They live at Benton, where Bobby is with a bank. They have one little daughter, Kris, 6.



Susie Nix

Retiree Sarah Neel has had surgery again in recent weeks but is now well enough to get out some. She would love to receive cards from those who know her. The address is 5001 West 65th St., Apt. B-123, Little Rock, 72209.

Cecil Byrns and I bumped into each other at the grocer's not long ago as we do occasionally. She looks well but must take it easy these days.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Matthews were visiting in the building last week. He says they are now settled in their new home in Jonesboro. He's slim and trim, so if he is called "Fats" now, it's a misnomer.

Jean Cadjew's son, Jimmy, is an avid scout. Recently he participated in a tree planting ceremony on the Capitol grounds with Secretary of State Kelly Bryant as part of a community service project needed to complete the requirements for an Eagle Scout badge and he is only 13 years of age! Most scouts don't attain the Eagle rank until they are seniors in high school. Jean's husband Ralph is the scoutmaster of Jimmy's troop.

Barbara Oldham has left Secondary Roads and gone home with bright, shining eyes to await the visit from Mr. Stork. She and Jim have been trying to get that bird to make a stop at their house for several years.



Jane Jones

Jane Jones, a native of "a little town in West Texas", (not Muleshoe, she said when I asked), is taking Barbara's place while she is on leave. Jane's husband Tommy is the assistant district manager of the Little Rock Security office. They were transferred here from Houston. The Joneses have two sons, David, 10, and Bruce, 9. Jane is a graduate of Texas Tech with a degree in business

administration. She has worked as a substitute teacher in the Pulaski County schools for three years but has never wanted to teach full time, she says. She is a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority and a member of Geyer Springs Baptist Church. Her hobbies include ceramic art and camping.

We miss seeing the pleasant countenance of Audrey Harper on the tenth floor. She worked in the Internal Audit office before going back to U of A for her third year's study.

There have been many happenings during the weeks since the last issue, some of them happy (births, weddings) and others (deaths of co-workers on their family members). It was a happy happening at the Rick Henriksens and the Vera Pinkertons. Rick and Sharon's little son (well, not all that little - 9 pounds 10 ounces) was born July 7. They have one other son who is 5. Rick is a junior designer in Roadway Design.



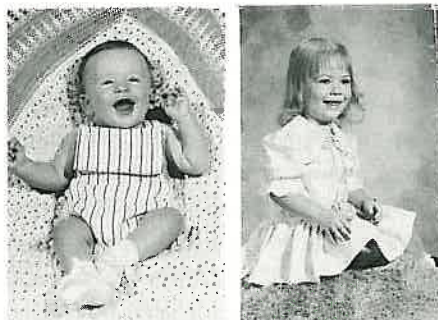
*Kyle Wade Kenriksen*

The Veral Pinkertons finally have a son to be spoiled by the four sisters already at his house. Allen Veral was born September 11. Veral is Bridge Design Engineer.



*Jill and Mark McMahan*

Helen Hackett is justifiably proud of her adorable nieces and nephews. John Paul is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Jones. Jill and Mark are the daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McMahan. Jo Beth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hubbard. The Joneses and McMahans live in Little Rock, the Hubbards in North Little Rock.



*John Paul Jones and Jo Beth Hubbard*

Jan Hunt from Benton, our summer employee, was married July 16 to Roger Wright and a more bubbly bride you never saw. She resigned August 15 and is now attending UALR.

Susan Patterson, this publication's copysetter and layout artist, and Mike Gray were wed August 12 and we have since lost her to the School of Engineering at the University-Fayetteville campus, where she is doing similar work for Dr. LeFevre. Mike is a chemical engineering Major at the University. Mary Jack Tatum, whom we introduced last issue, has taken her place.



*Mrs. Joe Bartie Scruggs III*

Marjorie Royston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grandison Royston, Jr. of Hope, and Joe Bartie Scruggs III of Little Rock were married August 12 in First Baptist Church of Hope. Her father, Buster, is a construction inspector with the Hope residency. Marjorie is a former Miss

Ouachita and homecoming queen, and winner of the Miss Congeniality award in the 1970 Miss Arkansas Pageant. They are living in Little Rock where Mr. Scruggs is Arkansas' Central Area Director for Young Life Campaign and Mrs. Scruggs is employed at Arkansas Baptist Medical Center.

Madge Livingston of the Radio Room and her husband Carl have a new daughter-in-law. Their son Richard was married to Elizabeth Martin Harris on Saturday morning, September 3. Richard and his bride are now living in Tampa, Fla. where he teaches and is working on his master's degree. Liz is a senior at the University of South Florida.

Johnnie Gray and Joyce Spencer are the envy of all the rest of us, having left Labor Day weekend for three weeks' vacation. Three weeks! Johnnie and Elyeene Gray went west, through Colorado to California. They must have pretty thoroughly "done" the state, going all the way into old Mexico (Baja California) and up through the redwood country in the northern part. Joyce and Gick went and went and went - all the way to Africa where they visited a nurse friend who is attached to a mission in Kenya. She has, oh, so many things, places, customs and people about which to tell.

Ferol Jones leaves in a couple of weeks for the national ABWA convention in Miami, a part of which is a Caribbean cruise where they will make port at points in the Dominican Republic, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Haiti! Ooh, la, la! If I were making that little trip, I'd sing "Take Me Out To The Ballgame" all the way - especially the line that goes, "I don't care if I never get back. . .".

Herman Belk, operator, poses beside the newer, all-in-one tree planter now used by the Highway Department. The planter is decorated as it appeared in the parade held in Pine Bluff August 19 to kick off the opening of the Babe Ruth World Series baseball tournament.

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## DEPARTMENT NEWS

### BRIDGE DESIGN

by willie whitmire

I suppose by the time you all read this hunting season will be here; oh! I can hardly wait.

There are some things I must report on that have happened in our division this summer. We had our annual picnic at Kanis Park May 19. Boy, you ought to have been there, talk about a belly full of grub!! We had a horseshoe tournament between the three squads of Bridge Design; would you believe Loe's Loafers won!!!

Could you believe that engineer Garland Land delivered his own baby on Febuary 15 at 1:00 p.m.! A girl, Anna Katura weighed 9 pounds 4 ounces. Man, anything can happen these days!

Dennis and Doris Smith were blessed with a girl, Deana Rae, on July 15 at 7:09 a.m. (Things will change in that household now!) Jim and Cindy Kuykendall's son, Dan Walter, arrived 25 minutes later on the same day, at the same hospital. He was even delivered by the same doctor! (That's what I call getting it together.)

Did you notice anything similar about all three births: (they were all born on PAYDAY. I wonder why?)

The people in Bridge Design keep their minds entertained during lunch with inter-squad chess matches. The score is two games to none. Loe's Loafers did it again. The other squad has tried almost everything to beat them but to no avail. Want to give up now, boys?

Design Engineer David Lamber came to Bridge Design in April. He is a graduate of the University of Arkansas and a native of Dumas. He is 24 and single. His hobbies include girls, swimming, girls, chess, girls, tennis, girls and girls. We are especially glad to have him with us.

Tennis Matches!!! this bunch has gone tennis crazy. I believe (with the exception of me) that everyone has played everyone without a winner.

### PLANNING & RESEARCH

by janet billingsley

Vacation time is here again and several employees have been away enjoying themselves. Troyce Wilson and Allen Taylor went to California, so they have much to tell about. Several spent vacations at the lake — Larry Johnson, Bob Kessinger, Hilda Harris, Joe Lovell, and Katie Brasel. Others generated a lot of trail burning to Florida. Leroy and Mary Ruth Beckett visited their daughter Vareen in Niceville and almost let Hurricane Agnes over take them. Mr. Beckett has some stories to tell about the storm and the deep sea fishing he did. Margaret Hudson and family spent their time soaking up sunshine. Jerry Stussy and Roger Almond are relating some wild tales about their trip to the southeast part of the country. Polly Cloud and her family will be going to Florida before long.

Helen McNutt, a cartographer in the Mapping Section, retired after 18 years of service. Prior to employment with the Highway Department, she was a multiplex

operator with the Corps of Engineers and private engineering companies for 13 years. A retirement party was given for her and she received many lovely gifts. We wish Helen a happy retirement.



Helen McNutt

We welcome Robert Fureigh, a new engineer in Advance Planning. He is 24, single, and his home town is Little Rock. He received a B.S.C.E. from Tulane University in New Orleans in 1969. After graduation he served in the Army Corps of Engineers with the rank of captain. He went through the Department Engineer-Orientation Program before choosing Advance Planning.



Robert Fureigh

Charles Parsons and Phil Keaton are in the proud parents' category for July. The Keatons have a baby boy named Glen Philip II, born July 27.

The new member of the Parsons' household is Rebecca Kathleen, born July 5. From all accounts, the mother and little ones are doing fine. Even the fathers are beginning to recuperate.



*Glen Philip Keaton II*

Marriages seem to be pretty popular in this Division. Jerry Rogers exchanged vows with Deborah Susan Ellen Shipe of Little Rock July 15 at Baptist Tabernacle. They are making their home at Salem.

Paul Elcan is engaged to Carol Ann McCann. Their date is planned for September 15 of this year. Paul is a little shook up, so if he says August 15, just laugh and say O.K.

Doug Nielsen and Deborah Ann Crain are only two weeks away from being man and wife. They have bought a trailer and will be living here in Little Rock. Research will have a time getting these two grooms to go out on overnight trips.

Cecil Rider's wife, Madolyn, recently underwent major surgery but is convalescing fine.

If Wayne Harper comes up and asks you what are you doing this weekend, and you haven't any plans, make up something fast! He has been trying to get everyone signed up to help him move into his new home. Congratulations and good luck on getting help!

Steve Teague and his wife are back in the States after spending two wonderful weeks in Spain. There were two Spanish customs that fascinated Steve, four meals a day and the afternoon siesta. The afternoon siesta sounds like a great idea!

It must be barn-painting time in Ohio. Darrell Dobbins will be leaving soon to go paint a barn in Ohio and goodness knows what else is going to get painted!

Charles Frazier spent two weeks in Mississippi for the Air National Guard and took advantage of the deep-sea fishing.

Anyone needing lessons in deep-sea fishing, ask Charlie and Leroy.

Polly Cloud is shouting because softball season is finally over! Her girls, Connie and Suzanne, played on the Senior Girls team, that won 2nd place in the Saline County tournament.

Someone else is also rejoicing that baseball is over for the year and is wondering how he is going to survive when all four start playing!

Current Planning has three new additions. Linda Sue Taylor is married and has two daughters. Kelly Jon, 6, and Lee Ann, 7. The Taylors live at Salem.

Lynn Sebastian helps with the accident reports. She is 19, single and lives here in Little Rock.

Jackie Maxwell of Sweet Home is married and has a two-year-old son, Gerald Wayne. Welcome to the Division, girls!

Brenda and Paul Kirkpatrick spent a weekend in Big "D". Dallas will remember Brenda in her purple bikini.

Florence Routh and family enjoyed a two weeks' vacation visiting her relatives in Augusta and sightseeing at Silver Dollar City, and along the Gulf Coast.

Mayo White and family are vacationing at Estes Park, Colorado.

## PROCUREMENT

by jean cadjew

We were all saddened at the sudden passing of Lem Kirkpatrick who retired from our Section last October after 22 years of loyal service. A life-long resident of Little Rock, Lem suffered an apparent heart attack, while visiting his daughter and her family in Houston.

Patricia Ellis participated in the Miss Arkansas Valley Contest in Clarksville the last of June. Patricia said it was a wonderful experience everyone should experience.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Caple spent a week in Hawaii the first of July. They attended a magicians' convention, visited relatives, went on sight-seeing tours, and even got in a few games of golf.

Lewis Wade's mother came from Alabama and joined Lewis and his son for a vacation in lovely Dallas. They really enjoyed seeing Six Flags over Texas.

Al Sacco spent two weeks in Omaha, most of the time at the race track. (What time was left was spent with relatives.)

Henry Plunk and his family traveled to Kansas City on their vacation. They visited relatives and "just went on a vacation."

Patsy Downing and her husband spent several days in Iowa visiting relatives. Patsy and Henry both celebrated birthdays in July.

Rita Hart, who had been in the Procurement Section for two and a half years, recently resigned to move to Houston, Texas. We surprised her with several gifts, punch and cake on Friday afternoon.

We extend our sympathy to Bennie Cox in the loss of his grandmother, Mrs. Georgia Copeland of Delight, Arkansas. He has also attended funerals of several close friends.

Ann Johnson's children spent several days in Florida with their grandmother. After such a busy summer playing baseball, Ann didn't know what to do with herself.

Arnold Sanford's little 10 month old son will undergo eye surgery, to correct a weak muscle, in the near future.

## REPRODUCTION

by sue walls

We have a very lucky lady in our midst. Angela Vick spent her vacation in New York! It's the type vacation everyone dreams about, but few can take! She visited the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State and the United Nations buildings and China Town. She also saw three Broadway plays - "No. No. Nanette," "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," and "Sleuth." She also saw a stage show at Radio City Music Hall with the Rockettes. An added treat was meeting Johnny Cash in Central Park and

having her picture made with him. What an exciting vacation this must have been!

We were sorry to see Gary Kirklin leave. He left us for employment with Missouri Pacific Railroad. We wish him luck, but will miss his cheerful smile and constant "singing."

Jerry Heffington has returned to our Section as a multilith operator, welcome back!

We had a potluck luncheon in honor of Jerry, Laurie Cronin and Jerry McKown. It was the Jerrys' birthday and Laurie a summer employee, is leaving to go back to college.

Patsy Roling has been in the hospital again, but she is now back at work. We miss her when she is off.

Pat Latson and family took a trip to Silver Dollar City.

Kathy Pullum and Kenneth Ingram will be married September 16 at the Nazarene church at East End. We wish them the best of luck.

We are losing another faithful employee. Mariea Bornemeier is leaving for employment as a secretary with Opportunity Schools.

Lucille Huffstutlar's daughter, Irene Birdsong, has completed a course at a barber college. She works with her husband Bill, as a men's hair stylist in his barber shop.

Larry Foreman and Tommy Daniel have been away for two weeks with the Reserves, for summer camp.

A. C. Ledbetter and his family have been on a tour of Colorado. A. C. advises anyone going to have a good car, because in those hills it's a long way to the next service station.

Butch Wilson and his family have been down in Louisiana vacationing. Butch has also been doing a little fishing but must not have caught much because I haven't heard any "fish stories".

Chuck and Karen Hicks have a trip planned to Six Flags and a few other interesting spots in Dallas.

Henry Droughter really thinks a lot of his brief case. Enough that he chased two thieves to get it back. Henry walked out just in time to see the culprits running off with it. He gave chase in his car and just drove up beside them and yelled, "Give me my brief case" —which they did! Pretty brave! Don't you agree?

Denny Webster has a new Dodge Charger. (Some of his friends say it was really quite an experience to go along when Denny was trying to trade cars. . . you just gave it a hard hit on the hood and then it opened.) We are glad you have a fine new car now, Denny.

Suzann Dry entered a 4-H "Youth Speaks Out" speaking contest and won a first place trophy. Her topic was "The Aging." Her mother was very proud of her.

Marie Crawford and Marilyn Ford are busy with their usual tasks.

Engineering shirley childress

Charles Rankin III bounced into this world July 21 at St. Vincents. The proud parents of this teeny leaguer are Charles and Barbara Rankin. Charles is a draftsman in the Engineering Section. Little Charles has an older sister, Victoria, 3.



Glendol Jackson, right, and Gip Robertson.

Congratulations to Glendol Jackson, chief of the Engineering Section, upon completion of fifteen years of service to the Highway Department. Shown presenting Glendol his certificate is Right-of-Way Chief Gip I. Robertson, Jr. Dwight Little, retired chief of the Engineering Section, and several other guests were also present for cake and cokes.



David Wingfield

Welcome to our newest addition, David Wingfield. He is not new to the Highway Department, since he worked in District 6 at Rodney Parham and Markham Streets before joining us. All together he has worked fourteen months for the Department. David is formerly from Arkadelphia and his wife Nancy is from Cabot. She employed with the State Purchasing Department. David's hobbies include building and restoring cars and skiing.

## RIGHT OF WAY

by mary dry

### Administrative

Florida has been our Division's favorite spot this summer for vacations. Rusty and Diane Kauffman spent a few days there. Dick Andry and his family soaked up some of that Florida sunshine. Retha Griffin and her son Bob had a good time visiting her oldest son, Terry, and taking in all the sights.

Charles Rankin III



Fred Williams' youngest son, Kyle, 7, underwent surgery July 6. The surgery was successful and he is doing fine, though disappointed about having to miss the last two or three games his ball team played this season. However, he was there long enough to help them win enough games to come out in second place. While Kyle was in the hospital his sister Karen spent the week with her grandparents at Prescott. Fred's older son Steve, 12, is on an outing with a group of young people from Asbury Methodist Church. About thirty young people and six adults made the trip. They traveled to Houston, where they visited the Astrodome, zoo and Nassau Space Center. They also took the Ship Channel tour. The group then went swimming in the Gulf at Galveston before going on to see Six Flags and attend church in Dallas before heading home.

This reporter's daughter, Ann, 16, is on tour with the Calvary Crusaders of Calvary Baptist Church in North Little Rock. During the 6 day tour the group will sing in five churches and several shopping centers in Missouri, Illinois, and Blytheville.

Glendol Jackson made a very interesting trip during July. He and another man took nine Boy Scouts ages 14-16, including Glendol's son Johnny on a trip to Canada. They stayed at Iowa State University, Ames, the first night and at the air base at Duluth, Minn. the second night. They bought provisions at Ely, Minn. continued then by car to Moose Lake, Minn. There they began a 9-day canoe trip, going through Canadian Customs at Prairie Portage. They continued on into Quetico Provincial Park, a forest reserve dedicated in 1913 to the benefit and enjoyment of the people of Ontario. I'm sure it was a trip they will never forget.

Canada was also the vacation choice of another Engineering Section employee this summer. Willard Holt, his wife Beverly and another couple made a 10-day trip, driving all the way in a Toyota Land Cruiser and pulling a U-Haul trailer containing their equipment. One of the stops they made was at Winnepeg, Canada

where they got in on the Diminon Day celebration) which means the same as our Independence Day) in Winnepeg, Manitoba. They camped on Lake-of-the-Woods in Ontario Province three days and fished. Willard said they caught several bass but nothing spectacular. (He is one of the most honest fisherman I have seen in a long time.) He said the only bad luck they had was that they ran out of gasoline once and had to use the gasoline for the boat motor in the Land Cruiser. On the way home a Missouri State Policeman stopped them because they looked suspicious. They figured that was because Willard's friend hadn't shaved in ten days. They also heard the police were looking for some drugs being transported by trailer through Missouri.

Otis E. Shelton, Jr. recently returned from Madrid, Spain and the nearby Island of Majorca. He was there for a week with other U of A Alumni on this Majorcan Carnival group trip.

Neil Gibbs and family made a trip to Michigan June 14 to visit his mother. Neil's 14-year-old sister returned with them to visit them until her mother comes to Arkansas for a visit, later this summer.

In case anyone is interested, (after reading about my widely-traveled associates) my family went to Six Flags Over Texas in July.

## SECONDARY ROADS

by shirley wesson

Welcome to Ronnie Smith, engineering aide.

Barbara Oldham, secretary of Secondary Roads, was honored at a surprise party, where she was the recipient of a 10 year service pin and certificate from John Kizer, our boss. Afterward cake, punch and coffee were served to the guests attending. The outstanding statement and object which seemed to shock Barbara most was the fact that she was facetiously voted "Mrs. Southwestern Bell of 1972" (for talking on the phone). It was re-emphasized with a telephone outline on the cake. Congratulations Barbara!



Barbara Oldham

Lindsey Bellomy, engineering aide, was awarded his 10 year pin and certificate by John Kizer on August 15. Punch, cake and coffee were served to each guest. Congratulations, Lindsey!



Bellomy, left, and Kizer.

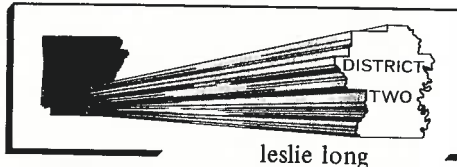
John Kizer and his family visited Six Flags Over Texas this summer and had a great time.

Max Hall and his wife Mary have had lots of visitors this summer. They also have been making several out-of-town trips.

A week of this reporter's vacation was spent in Colorado Springs, a beautiful and very mountainous place. While there I visited the Air Force Academy and Garden of the Gods. Three of the rock formations in the Garden of the Gods which I admired most were Balancing Rock, Steamboat Rock and Kissing Camel Rock.



# DISTRICT NEWS



leslie long

John Hughes sent in a news clipping on a part of his "Fearless Crew" – Gary Bullock and Bennie Hollinger, summer college students in the Desha County crew. They captured a large rattler while working on Highway 208 one-fourth mile west of Halley. They SAID they caught it and smothered it to death with their hands! (Obviously nobody believed the story, as they even appeared leery of it when they knew it was lifeless.) The snake possessed rattlers and a button, and was "yea" long.

Frank Novak, Larry Tucker and Joe Akin, employees with the Monticello residency, are very pleased to have been certified at the Engineering Technician grade in the Institute of Certified Engineering Technicians (ICET).

We welcome Jim Allbritton to our staff as permit and instrument clerk. He transferred to us from Pine Bluff residency and has just completed 10 years' service.

DeQuincy Lewis, an equipment operator, in the Jefferson County crew, is in the Jefferson Hospital for tests. We hope he gets a clear slate and will be back with us soon.

Jimmie Hines, an employee in our maintenance shop, and Mildred Cavitt of Los Angeles were married in a ceremony performed at the Blue Ribbon Club House in July by Rev. Elijah Mason. The couple are at home in Pine Bluff.

Mary Louise McGee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. Z. McGee of Star City, became the bride of Tommy Cornish, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cornish of near Warren, in a Baptist ceremony June 12 in Warren. O. Z. is the station attendant at the Lincoln County headquarters.



Mrs. Tommy Cornish

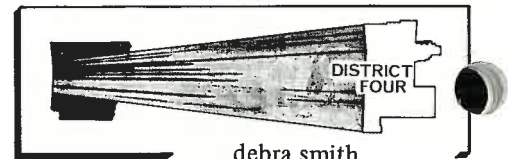
Shop Supt. Calvin Rawls is a real proud grandparent, and grandmother Patsy enjoys baby-sitting and molly-coddling. No wonder – they are surely real cuties. Marty, 4, and Toney, 2, are the sons of Jerry and Sandra (Rawls) Reed of Tulsa. Scott, 4 months, is the son of Randy and Ellen Rawls of Pine Bluff.



Marty and Toney Reed



Scott Rawls



debra smith

A retirement party was held on Friday July 28 at the Franklin County area headquarters in Ozark in honor of Marvin Carpenter who is taking disability retirement. He had been with the Department for fifteen years and area foreman in Franklin County for 6 1/2 years. Several friends and fellow workers gathered to wish him well.



Shown with Carpenter center are former Dist. 4 Engr. J. P. Clayton and Maint. Supt. Bud Hodnett, left and Dist. Engr. Calvin Peevy and Asst. Maint. Supt. Carl Winn, right.

C. D. Whitson assumed the responsibilities of area foreman in Franklin County effective August 1. He has been with the Department 13 years.

John Beal completed the engineer-in-training program, and went to work in Dale Spencer's residency in August. John, his wife Pat and their four-month old son will be living in Mena.

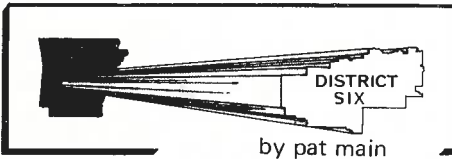
Hershel Henry, Engineering Aide II, completed an 8-year stint of Army National Guard duty in August. Bet he is glad to have that behind him.

The Lewis Martins vacationed at Dogpatch, U.S.A. and Silver Dollar City the last part of July. Lewis is an engineering aide.



We regret losing the summer employees but education must advance. Ron Brixey and Allen Hale with Spencer's residency, and Larry Schmalz and Tony Leraris in Sanders' residency will be leaving about September 1 to return to the University of Arkansas.

Wayne Goodson, Civil Engr. I in Carl Sanders' residency recently underwent surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery. Wayne's brother Ralph has been transferred from Jack Coleman's residency to Carl Sanders' crew.



by pat main

This reporter was on vacation when news was requested for the last issue — please accept my apologies. Frankly, all of Texas wasn't worth it.

A belated welcome to our new district engineer is all the more sincere, by being so late. We've now worked for and with Don Cahoon long enough to know we like him. All the personnel changes seem to have worked out pretty well now . . . if I ever learn to tell the voice of Bob Valentine from Monte Deakins I'll have it made. Bear with me guys, I'm a slow learner.

Still another apology — The service awards are not included this time, seems my source has completely dried up. This information should come from the various residencies in District 6, from whom, by the way, I haven't heard a peep. Nobody is doing anything?

A month or so ago I visited the Maintenance area headquarters in Lonoke and admired their flowers . . . and was invited to a fish fry. (Surely they've had that fish fry by now!)

#### YOUNG RESIDENCY:

We had a fish fry before Ruben McConnell left us. (We still miss him.) Even though a lot of "Farewells" were said that day, we did have a good time.

"Chip" Young, our new resident engineer, was no stranger to any of us but

we were most pleased to meet the rest of his family for the first time. Son Steve is a cute little fellow, and Mrs. Chip Young, to us, is Doctor Sandra Young at the Medical Center. She is now an intern and plans to be a pediatrician. While that is very impressive, she is truly a nice person, too, and a welcome addition to our "Family".

Tom Parrish has been in to visit us several times. He is usually accompanied by a little black poodle, whom I strongly suspect is the co-pilot for that long green Cadillac Tom now drives. As I've said before, retirement seems to agree with Tom, even the fish cooperate . . . don't miss the picture.



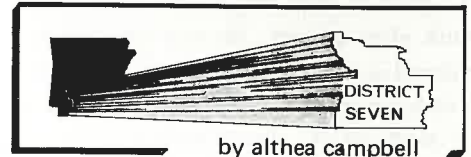
Retiree Tom Parrish and "The One That Didn't Get Away!" This 7 pounder was caught out of Harris Brake.

This office had a big weekend camp-out and fish fry August 5-6 at Lake Nimrod. I didn't get to go, but from all the talk going on around here, everyone sure had a ball. I hope to attend the next one and therefore do a much better job of reporting on it.

Jim Rives will be moving about the first of September, or sooner . . . Sure don't envy that job, I still haven't completely recovered from our last move.

Don Dunn wanted to know what I planned to write about him — well, here it is Don, Happy Birthday (August 27). It does seem, though, that there should be something else one could say about a young graduate engineer who is also a very eligible bachelor, but he just doesn't do much talking.

I hope the news next time will be better, and more of it . . . let's hear from some of you folks who missed seeing your news this time.



by althea campbell

Helen Cecile Turner is the new payroll clerk for District 7. She was formerly secretary to the Superintendent of Schools in Camden. Miss Turner is on the Board of Directors of the Ouachita County March of Dimes and is presently serving as treasurer and Anchor Club Committee chairman for the Pilot Club. Her hobbies are reading and outdoor sports.



Helen Turner

Congratulations! to Highway Engineer Aide III Eddie A. Beasley of Bob Myers' residency for completion of 20 years' service; Asst. Maint. Supt. John E. Livingston, 15 years; and Dist. Equip. Supt. L. D. Hopper and James C. Davis, equipment operator, 10 years each.

Coy Campbell and family returned from a vacation "camper style" in Panama City, Fla. L. D. and Mrs. Hopper spent a week sight-seeing in San Antonio and other points in west Texas, Corpus Christi and into Old Mexico. Beatrice (custodian) and Edward Jackson with daughters, Belinda and Patty report a delightful trip with their son and family through the Blue Grass Mountains in Kentucky. Jimmy Gates (Moro Bay Ferry pilot) and his family are planning a trip all of us would enjoy — to Hawaii! Don't you have a little more room, Jimmy?

Larry Hollis of the District office underwent surgery in El Dorado this week. We miss you, Larry, and hope you are back at work when this is printed. It's good to have Eugene Slaton back at work after surgery. He and Mrs. Slaton enjoyed a short restful trip to visit their oldest son in Mississippi before returning to work. (J. C. Davis kept the floors shining while Slaton was away.)

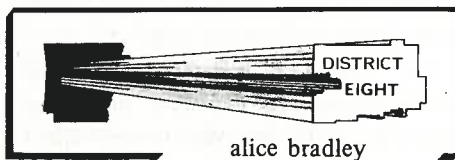
John Livingston is quite handsome these days! After many years of wearing framed glasses, he has switched to contacts.

Durwood L. Erwin, area foreman in Bradley County, retired recently. We wish him and Mrs. Erwin a pleasant retirement. A. O. Reddin is the new area foreman in Warren area.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Rick Guesner (Equipment Operator III) and family, whose mother passed away in July.

Mary Nell (clerk for Bob Myers) and Joe Carlson have a new son-in-law. Their daughter, Robin recently married Wayne Curtis of Texarkana. (The Carlsons left on vacation to Wisconsin and we were unable to get a picture of the new bride. Perhaps next issue.)

*A recession is a period when you tighten your belt. In a depression you have no belt to tighten, and when you have no pants to hold up, it's a panic!*

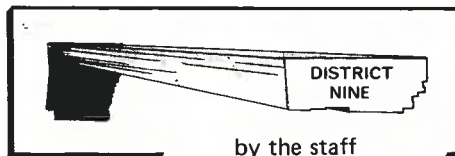


Congratulations to Kathy Mace and George Durkee, who are engaged to be married September 29 at St. John's Catholic Church in Russellville. George is our shop foreman. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. James Mace of Russellville and Mr. and Mrs. George Durkee of Paris. Miss Mace is a secretary for Bechtel Corporation.

Congratulations to James "Slim" Blalock, who recently became the new Pope County area foreman. He was formerly an Engineering Aide III at the Russellville residency and we wish him luck in his new position. He replaces Claude Shuffield, who took a position of less responsibility while awaiting eye surgery and later retirement. Claude has devoted many years of loyal and dedicated service to the Highway Department and we hope his surgery is successful.

Several recent service award recipients include: I. A. Pointer, Johnson County; W. W. Williams, Van Buren County; M. H. Opheim, Johnson County; L. B. Allen and H. R. Pruitt, District-wide crew, 5 years each; G. O. Martin, Morrilton residency, 10 years; and Claude Shuffield, Pope County, 15 years.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Engrng. Aide George Martin, Jr., of Adona, whose mother, Mrs. Irene Harkey Martin also of Adona, passed away August 4. Other survivors are her husband, George O. Martin, Sr.; another son, Dr. Damon Martin of Ola; one daughter, Mrs. Marilyn Tipin of Ola; two brothers, two sisters, and three grandchildren. Interment was in the Adona cemetery.



### Springdale Office

An open house was held in honor of Otis Vaughn, who retired as equipment supervisor at Springdale, after 32 years' service. Several out-of-district guests were present, including; Auditor Ed Orsini, Jim Tucker, of Maintenance, Thurman Payne of Equipment and Mrs. Payne. We presented a gift to him in appreciation of his being such a good boss for so many years. We wish for him a long and happy retirement.



*Otis Vaughn is second from left. Dist. Engr. Curtis Pangle is to his right. To the left are Auditor Ed Orsini, Maint. Supt. Larry Hodnett (behind Orsini), Fay Karnes (retired), Job Supt. Don Jennings, Dist. Bridge Foreman Buster Parker, Job Supt. Paul Bennett, Asst. Maint. Supt. Dell Kendall and Jim Tucker, Maintenance Division at Little Rock.*

Arvis Clark has been promoted to equipment supervisor at District 9-S Springdale.

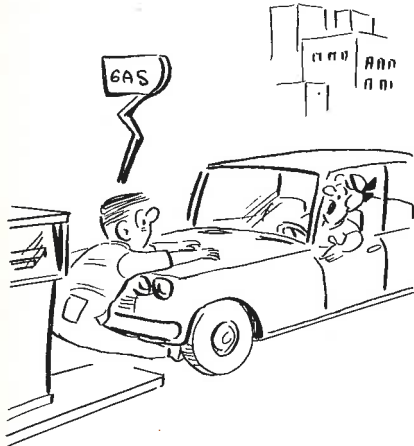
We extend our sympathy to Arvis in the loss of his wife in April after an extended illness.



*Then there was the disillusioned engineer who built nothing but crossroads.*

*Perhaps you can't fool all the people at the time, but the person who writes directions for highway interchanges comes close to it.*

## This'll Kill Ya!



**"And check my brakes while you're at it, sir."**

"Should I take Junior to the zoo tomorrow?"  
"If the zoo wants him, let'em come and get him."

The most frustrating post card received from a vacationing colleague contained this message: "Haven't time to write a letter so will write a card. Can't say much on a card, so will close."

*The parking problem has really gotten out of hand. I saw a man the other day lying in the gutter. I asked, "Are you sick? Did you faint? Can I get you some water?" He said, "No, I never felt better, I just found a parking place and sent my wife home to get the car."*

Man to wife, on motor trip:  
"Mind nagging me a little? I'm starting to fall asleep."

*It's sad to realize that 20 years from now all of today's beautiful young women will be five years older.*

A golfer having a bad day on the links went into a tantrum at the last hole. Cussing and swearing he broke up his clubs, moaning over and over: "I've got to give it up. I've got to give it up."

"Give up your golf?" asked the caddy. "No," he said "give up the ministry."

## AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

(continued from page 27)

Many of us have been saddened by the deaths of several employees and family members in recent weeks. John Helgen of Construction lost his mother July 22 after a lengthy illness. Mrs. Dell Hurley, Mac's wife passed away August 1, just 12 days before his sudden death, as mentioned in his obituary. And then the shock of the accidental deaths of Frank Boyett's son Jimmy who drowned after falling from a boat July 4 while on a holiday outing, and Blake Connell in an automobile accident. Jimmy Boyett was the husband of Sue Boyett, a former Right of Way employee.



*Herman Belk with tree planter.*

## Who Is It?



No one recognized last issue's Who Is It? as being retired M&T inspector L. G. Willcockson. Perhaps that was a bit unfair since the picture was made in infancy.



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*Where is it?*



Ronny Stephenson at the Hope weight station identified last issue's Where Is It? as being I-30 east of Texarkana.