

Arkansas Highways

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Chairman Speaks To Congressional Delegation

“A Pat on the Back and a Problem”

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN John W. Harsh of Magnolia spoke to the Arkansas Congressional delegation in Washington on May 1 relative to the proposed revenue-sharing bill and stressed the state's need to keep the highway trust fund intact if improvements to the highway system mileage are to continue.

Harsh recognized each member of the delegation for his individual interest and involvement in the state road program. Congressman Mills was cited for his efforts in obtaining funds for I-630 through Little Rock, Congressman Hammerschmidt for his support of a Kansas City-to-the Gulf interstate freeway route, Congressman Alexander for his endeavors in extending an interstate or expressway route in the Memphis-Kansas City and Little Rock-St. Louis traffic corridors, and Senators McClellan and Fulbright for seeking federal funding for bridges across Lake Norfolk on U.S. 62 and Highway 101.

Harsh's hometown newspaper, the Daily Banner News, summarized his comments on their editorial page. We have reprinted it herewith:

An Editorial

LACK OF FUNDS MENACES ROADS

“During the next twenty years, Arkansas will need \$4.5 billion for highway improvements. This is a minimum figure designed basically to maintain, improve and extend the present system. It does not, for example, include provision for a major north-south highway. The projected revenue available to meet the need totals only \$2.7 billion. This alarming reality contained in a National Highway Functional Classification and Needs Study was reported to a group of Arkansans by State Highway Commission chairman John W. Harsh in a speech in Washington Monday night.

Mr. Harsh embellished his dismal news with the announcement that there are forces at work which threaten these already meager resources — forces which include mass transit interests seeking to raid the Federal Highway treasury for money and an

Administration-backed revenue sharing plan which would award money for highways more on the basis of population — a potential disaster for Arkansas with its scant 2 million people

The need for an adequate road system, particularly in South Arkansas is vital. Without good roads, industry will look elsewhere to settle, and tourism, a most promising source of outside dollars, will never develop beyond its present modest state. And unless we prefer to live out our days in pastoral obscurity quietly watching our educational system fail and our municipal, county and state services deteriorate for want of the dollars provided by these two sources we had better fight for what we need.

Fortunately, some of the tools to fight are at hand. Arkansas has perhaps the most influential Congressional delegation of any state in the Union. We should urge them to resist any attempt by Transportation Secretary John A. Volpe to dip into highway funds for mass transit subsidy in core cities. Indeed, the cities are in trouble with transporting people in and out, but it is precisely because they took most of the highway money available through the years and built enormous concrete funnels called freeways which added a whole new dimension to the word “bottleneck”. Now they want to take another bite out of the pie and bail themselves out of a mess which may be beyond cleaning up.

Our Congressmen should also defend us against revenue sharing proposals emphasizing population which would simply make the big get bigger — a trend which should be reversed not nurtured. Our interests as a nation would be better served by dispersing people to many communities — not concentrating them in urban ghettos where crime, pollution and poverty are rampant.

We must also do our part. Mr. Harsh has suggested that a 2 cent increase in local gasoline taxes as proposed by Governor Bumpers is a fair way to raise money for highways and would certainly help. To those who argue that higher gasoline prices would discourage the very tourist industry we are trying to develop, Mr. Harsh responds that the visitor to Florida is not disturbed at paying a little more for gasoline if he is going where he wants to promptly and comfortably. An increase in gasoline taxes is a reasonable alternative and worthy of more public debate.

The citizens of Arkansas are a resourceful and independent people represented by an exceptionally influential congressional delegation. We must not accept our lowly position among the 50 states with resignation and apathy but rather with a sense of outrage and high purpose. We must defend what we have and fight harder for what we want.”

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Harsh in his concluding remarks, said: “Gentlemen, your action in Congress which has made a great portion of these funds available is greatly appreciated both by those of us directly involved in providing the highways, and by the people of Arkansas who use and depend on them . . . Since I am a highway man, hope you didn't expect me to speak on any subject other than highways.”



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Assisting with the ribbon cutting were left to right: Mrs. Lawrence Blackwell, Misses Laurie, Lane and Lindy Sullivan, Senator McClellan and Commissioner Maurice Smith. Commissioner Blackwell is behind the girls. To Mr. Smith's right are Representative Wayne Hampton of Stuttgart and Assistant Highway Director Henry Gray. District 2 Engineer John Harris is standing between Mr. Smith and Representative Hampton.

U.S. 79 Bridge Dedicated

TWO LANES OF THE U.S. 79 BRIDGE under construction at Pine Bluff since 1968 were dedicated and officially opened to traffic on Wednesday, May 3. A projected traffic count estimates that the bridge will carry 15,000 vehicles per day by 1987. A five-day count made immediately after the bridge opened showed that it is already averaging 6,264 vehicles per day. The remaining two lanes are expected to be completed by July 1. The structure has two 30-foot roadways divided by a concrete median barrier. It is 2,501 feet long and rises 60½ feet above pool level. The cost of the bridge and 2.4 miles of approaches was \$8,529,644.

Contractors were San Ore Construction Company, Inc., of Houston (substructure and grading) and H. E. Cummins & Sons Construction Company, Enid, Okla. (superstructure and surfacing).

Ferd M. Bellingrath, president of the Pine Bluff

Chamber of Commerce which co-sponsored the dedication with the Highway Department, was the master of ceremonies. He introduced several legislators, mayors and candidates present. Senator John L. McClellan was the dedicatory speaker to some 300 persons gathered for the occasion. Commissioner Lawrence Blackwell, who lives at Pine Bluff, introduced other Commission members and administrative officials.

Dr. John Lindsay of First United Methodist Church pronounced the invocation. The Arkansas 61st Air Force Junior ROTC of Pine Bluff High School presented the colors. The Pine Bluff High School band, with Wayne Childers directing, played a prededication concert.

Misses Lane, Laurie, and Lindy Sullivan of Louisville, Kentucky, granddaughters of Commissioner Blackwell, cut the ribbon.

OLD BRIDGE BEING DEMOLISHED

Dismantling the old truss structure, which had transported traffic across the Arkansas at Pine Bluff since 1915, is already under way. The old bridge, built by the Jefferson County Bridge District and a private group, was designed as a combination railroad and highway bridge, with rails inside the trusses and highway traffic being carried on cantilever brackets outside of each truss. Early plans to build an inter-urban route between Pine Bluff and Stuttgart failed to materialize and the railroad was abandoned in 1921. Later the center section was concreted, converting it to highway traffic, which practically abandoned the plank-floored outside lanes. After World War II they were also concreted by the Highway Department.

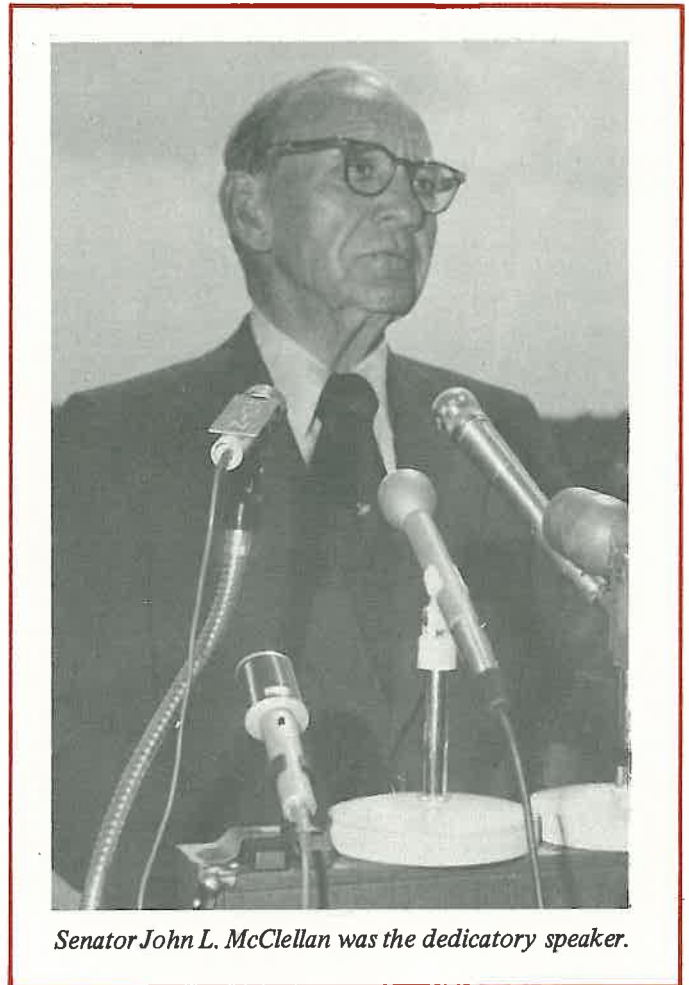
LUNCHEON AT ADMIRAL BENBOW

A luncheon was held at Admiral Benbow Inn by the Chamber of Commerce for special guests at the dedication. E. Harley Cox, Chamber vice-chairman, spoke on the vast long-range highway needs and the dim prospects of realizing them. He compared other states' gasoline tax with Arkansas' and advocated the State borrow money, just as a business does, in order to speed up the needed road improvements.

A choral group under the direction of Richard Smith provided entertainment. After the luncheon, guests were transported to the dedication site atop the new bridge in an air-conditioned bus.

Right: E. Harley Cox, Pine Bluff Chamber president, spoke at the luncheon about the state's highway needs. Chamber President Ferd M. Bellingrath, seated, was the emcee.

Below: Commissioner Blackwell briefly addressed the group.



Senator John L. McClellan was the dedicatory speaker.





The old Main Street Bridge (left) and the new bridge, looking toward North Little Rock.

Two Lanes of New Main Street Bridge Opened

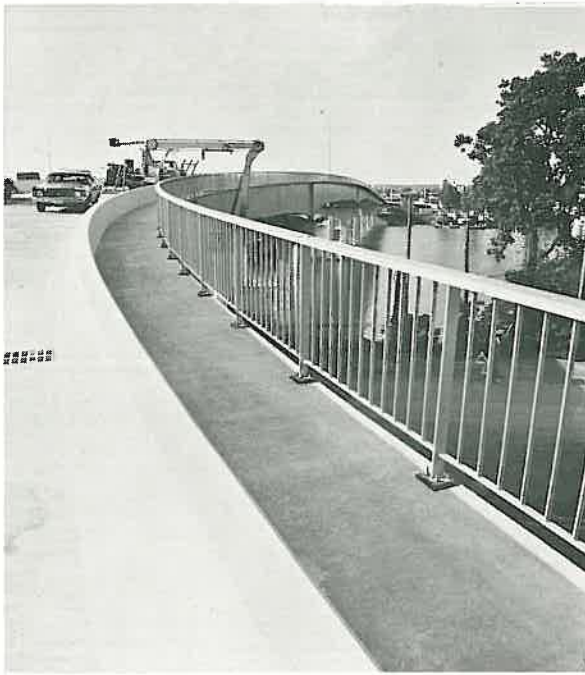
ON MAY 23 the two completed northbound lanes of the new Main Street Bridge were opened to traffic with the old Main Street Bridge being converted to one way operation southbound. Traffic in the downtown area of Little Rock did not appear affected.

Closing the Broadway Bridge the following Thursday morning after the peak traffic period was another story. Despite advance publicity of the bridge's closing, hundreds of motorists headed for the Broadway Bridge just as they always had, resulting in the most massive traffic jam to develop in the city in years, particularly in the areas of Markham Street's intersection with Scott and Main streets, and Broadway.

When motorists were stopped at the foot of the

bridge on Markham, they had only two ways to go — east on Markham (now one lane because of the convention center construction) or west on Markham, which meant making a circle back around through the business district to get to either the Freeway Bridge or the new Main Street Bridge. To worsen the situation, the temperature was 90 degrees at 5 p.m., with the sun boiling down from a clear sky. Overheated, vapor-locked cars became the order of the day.

The cities of Little Rock and North Little Rock and the Department have in close cooperation instituted several measures designed to provide relief for the traffic congestion. In North Little Rock parking has been banned on Main Street from 4 to 6 p.m. for

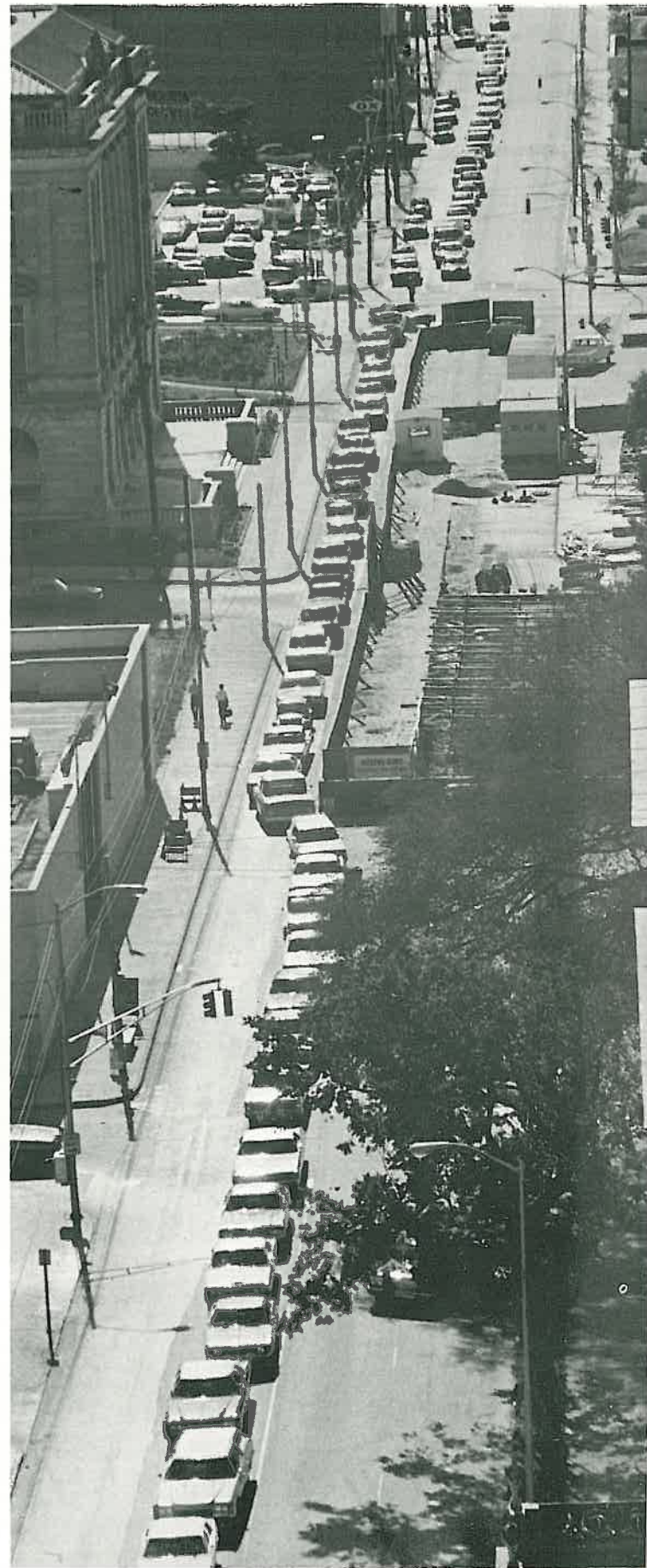


Above: A concrete barrier protects pedestrians' walk from traffic lanes on new bridge.

Right: Traffic backed up for blocks when home-going motorists realized the Broadway Bridge had been closed earlier in the day.

northbound traffic. Maple Street has been striped for one northbound and three southbound lanes. The City of Little Rock banned parking on Main from 7 to 9 a.m. for southbound traffic and provided a direct connection from the old Main Street Bridge to Louisiana Street. On June 12, the old Main Street Bridge was converted to two-way operation from 4 to 6 p.m.

The Broadway Bridge was closed for alterations necessary to accommodate river navigation. It will be closed several months. The southbound lanes of the new Main Street Bridge will be opened about January, 1973.



Bridge, Airport Dedications

At

Marked Tree



Governor Bumpers

THE DEDICATION OF A NEW BRIDGE over the St. Francis River on U.S. 63 was part of a two-day celebration which drew the largest turnout of citizens to Marked Tree in many years. Festivities which had been planned weeks in advance began on Friday night, June 2 with a street dance, a moonlight madness sale and an unveiling of the petrified form of the original marked tree which gave the city its name. The tree, which had lain in the river since a flood in 1890, was recovered and moved to a base prepared for it downtown. The tree was marked with a large "M" by early settlers to denote the site as a portage point between the St. Francis and Little rivers.

Saturday morning's activities included a fly-in, an exhibition of antique planes and an air show featuring aerobatics by the Mid South Skydiving Club of Memphis prior to the dedication of a new airport.

The afternoon bridge dedication was preceded by a parade which included a caravan of antique cars. The parade began downtown, crossed the new bridge and disbanded at the high school. Some 3,000 people were on hand to see Governor Bumpers and Miss Arkansas (Marilyn Morgan of Clarksville) snip the ribbons at both ceremonies. Governor Bumpers was



the principal speaker at the airport dedication. Also participating in the ceremonies was FAA representative Hugh Lyon.

Highway Director Ward Goodman, a former resident of Marked Tree, made the dedicatory address at the bridge. In his remarks he pointed out that the structure being dedicated was the third bridge to be built across the St. Francis River at Marked Tree. He quipped, "Already I've outlasted two bridges." Governor Bumpers and Commissioner Maurice Smith also spoke briefly.

Other special guests included Lieutenant Governor Bob Riley, Mrs. Bumpers, Assistant Director and Mrs. Henry Gray, District Engineer Sam Smith and several other Department officials, local legislators and Mrs. Goodman. Mayor Jess Waskom was in charge of the gala weekend which was held as an appreciation event to the Highway Department for road improvements made in the Marked Tree area during the past several years.

The bridge was built by Folk Construction Co., Inc. of Memphis at an approximate cost of \$266,000. It was financed with all state funds. C. C. Parton was the resident engineer.

Participating in the bridge ribbon cutting are, left to right, Mayor Jess Waskom, Governor Bumpers, Director Ward Goodman, Miss Arkansas, Commissioner Maurice Smith, and Lieutenant Governor Bob Riley. Looking on are Assistant Director Henry Gray (to the right of Miss Arkansas), Senator Clarence Bell and Mrs. Goodman. Mrs. Bumpers is behind Mr. Goodman.



Commissioner Maurice Smith



Director Ward Goodman

Gap On I-40 Closed

COVER STORY

On June 30 the Highway Department and the Altus Chamber of Commerce formally opened and dedicated 20.2 miles of I-40 between Clarksville and Ozark. Altus is about half-way between the termini. The dedication was held at the Highway 186 interchange.

Completion of this section, long-awaited by highway users, closed the gap on I-40 through Arkansas except for approximately five miles comprised of the Mississippi River Bridge and its approaches at West Memphis. The bridge and the approach from the Arkansas side are virtually complete. The Memphis approach is under construction and is expected to be completed late this year or early in 1973. Opening of the bridge will be delayed until that time; however, motorists can travel the breadth of the state and even beyond on four-lane controlled access highway by using the present I-55 bridge.

The entire length of I-40 reaches east from Greensboro, N. C. westward to Barstow, Calif., 2,410 miles, of which 285 are in Arkansas. It is the fourth longest route in the nation's 42,500 mile interstate network. The first I-40 contract in Arkansas was awarded in October, 1957.

Vehicle miles traveled on the portions of I-40 open in 1970 were 1,038,270,000. Projected mileage by 1975 is 1,338,524,000. If you cannot comprehend how many miles that is, it's the entire length of I-40 from North Carolina to California 555,404 times!

Total money authorized to date in the planning and construction of the highway is \$215,691,000. Of that amount, \$15,283,000 was expended in right of way acquisition.

Route Historically Significant

While skimming along the broad stretches of the four-lane divided highway in the Ozark foothills at 70 or 75 miles per hour in a modern auto, it is difficult to conjure up how wearying and wearing a trip along virtually the same location was by Overland stage-coach in 1858, even under prime conditions such as a mild day in May. After Congress authorized New York businessman John Butterfield to carry mail westward from St. Louis and Memphis to San Francisco, Butterfield organized the Overland Mail Company. On September 16, 1858 two stages departed St. Louis and Memphis just before noon with Butterfield himself in charge of the St. Louis coach. Traveling along a road which would hardly be considered a passable trail by today's standards, the Memphis coach passed through Little Rock and along the Clarksville-Ozark route. It reached Fort Smith a few minutes before the St. Louis coach arrived, scarcely more than 14 hours after departure, thus

shaving three hours and eight minutes from the scheduled time. A welcoming party greeted the Memphis stage first and then everyone, including the Memphis stage riders, greeted Mr. Butterfield and the St. Louis stage. With the nation's interstate system now nearing completion, a motorist can drive from Little Rock to the east coast in 14 hours. (Wouldn't Mr. Butterfield have liked to operate the mail service under those conditions!)

Some years after the mail service was begun, telegraph wires were strung along the road, causing it to gradually become known as the Wire Road, particularly after completion of a transcontinental railroad brought on the discontinuance of stage service. Nearby Highway 292 and a county road extending through Johnson, Franklin and Crawford counties supposedly follow the actual route of the Old Wire Road more closely.



WEST MEMPHIS CENTER DEDICATED

A tourist information center opened in December of 1971 on I-40 at West Memphis was formally dedicated May 18. It is located two miles west of the I-55 interchange.

The center, the seventh to be put into operation through a cooperative effort of the State Parks/Recreation and Travel Commission and the State Highway Department, is one of the most strategically located service facilities in the state. It was needed so badly that service was begun sometime before it was completed. During the month of April the center served more tourists than all of the other six in the state combined.

The center was constructed by Bituminous, Inc. of Pine Bluff under the supervision of the Highway Department at an approximate cost of \$560,000. The Highway Department maintains it. It is staffed, stocked with tourist materials and operated by the Parks/Recreation and Travel Commission.

Governor Dale Bumpers, who made the dedicatory address, Lieutenant Governor Bob Riley, Miss Arkansas (Marilyn Morgan), Highway Commissioners John

Harsh, Maurice Smith, George Kell, and the Parks/Recreation Commissioners were among the dignitaries present. The Governor told a crowd of some 250 persons that tourism is now taking its rightful place in the state's expanding economy. He said that whereas a projection had been made of \$300 million to be spent by tourists in Arkansas during 1971, the actual figure was \$340 million. He anticipates that by 1975 the figure will have increased to \$500 million.

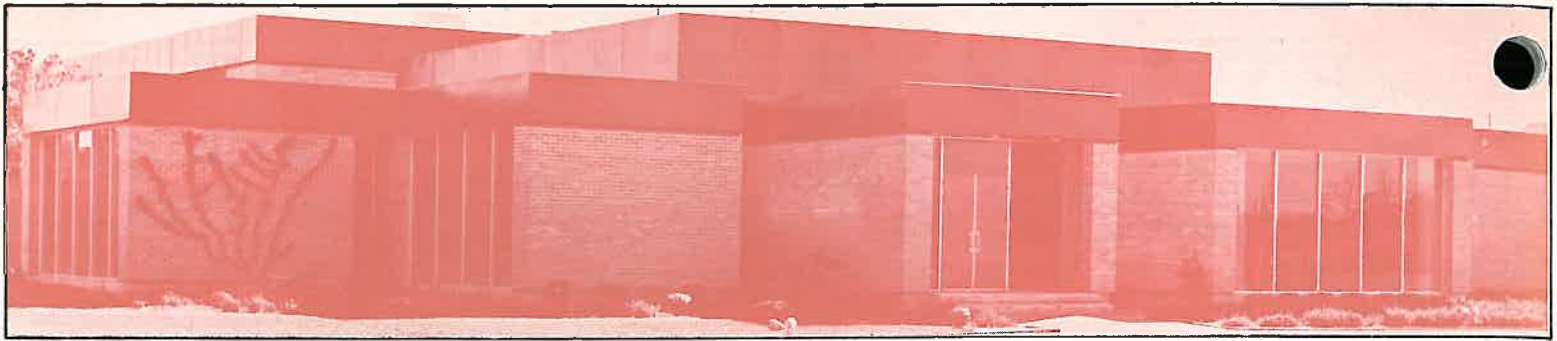
It was a special day for State Senator W. K. Ingram of West Memphis who was the master of ceremonies. He proposed legislation in 1965 which appropriated

certain state funds to be used in the construction of the centers.

The East Junior High School Band played prior to the 11:00 a.m. ceremonies. The Headquarters 5th Howitzer Battalion of the National Guard presented the colors after the invocation was pronounced by Father Charles Filiatreau of Holy Cross Episcopal Church.

The Chamber of Commerce was host to a number of invited guests at a luncheon at Holiday Inn following the dedication. State Rep. Lloyd McCuiston, Jr., Chamber president, was the master of ceremonies.





DISTRICT 2 HEADQUARTERS BUILDING BEGUN; contract awarded for District 3

Construction of a new headquarters for District 2 at Pine Bluff has begun and a contract was awarded May 24 for the construction of a new headquarters for District 3 at Hope.

Work on both headquarters will be done under one prime contract each. Each facility will include an administration and maintenance building capable of being used as an emergency operations center, a resident engineer's building, a service station, a chemical storage building, an equipment storage building and site

improvement work. A radio equipment building will also be constructed at Pine Bluff.

The style of architecture and overall layout will be the same as headquarters already in use at Wynne, Batesville, Camden, Russellville, Harrison and Paragould. The exterior of Pine Bluff's building will be gray brick. District Engineer John S. Harris tentatively plans to occupy the new facilities late this year.

The Pine Bluff headquarters is being constructed by Jack Morgan Construction

Co. of England, Ark., on a 31-acre site on U.S. 81 on the Pine Bluff-Gould road.

Hope's headquarters will be built on a 30-acre plot at the northeast corner of I-30 and Highway 29 north of Hope by Bush Construction Co. of Hot Springs. The building will face I-30 but entry will be gained from Highway 29. This is the tenth, and last, of a long range building program to provide each District with an adequate field operations building.

Williamson Elected To NSPE



Resident Engineer James B. Williamson of El Dorado was recently elected a national director of the National Society of Professional Engineers. He is a member and past president of the Southwest Arkansas Chapter of the Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers and is presently a director on the State ASPE Board. Williamson is a graduate of the University of Arkansas and a registered civil engineer. He has been with the Highway Department 11½ years and a resident engineer since May, 1966.

Williamson is active in the South Arkansas Shrine Club of the Scimitar Temple, where he is past president and now serving as a director. He is a member of the El Dorado Toastmasters Club, a Webelo leader and a committeeman for Troop 13 of the De Soto Area Boy Scouts. He is a member of First Baptist Church.

Jim is a native of Star City. He is married to the former Earlene Adams of Fouke, who is currently serving as president of the State Ladies' Auxiliary of ASPE. The Williamsons have two sons and two daughters.

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY USERS CONFERENCE Hears Summary Of Future Highway Needs

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS are looking to either an increase in full taxes or a bond issue to continue the Department's highway construction improvement program.

Commissioners and officials speaking for the Department have been using every opportunity for several months to acquaint citizens with the effects of proposed revenue sharing bills and what their passage will likely mean to Arkansas, and to talk up the Department's most favorable alternative, the issuance of \$300 million in bonds. In recent weeks the state of Mississippi has just passed a \$600 million bond issue supported by a one cent increase in gasoline tax.

Last month Civic Club spokesmen sought the support of the Arkansas Highway Users Conference in pushing the bond issue. Commissioners John Harsh and Lawrence Blackwell, and Director Ward Goodman explained the findings of a recent highway needs study to a meeting of the Conference which was attended by representatives of various associations and agencies interested in better highways.



John W. Harsh

"The Name of the Game is Money."

In the words of Chairman Harsh, "The name of the game is money." Pine Bluff Chamber of Commerce representative E. Harley Cox urged highway users to start prodding their state leaders into taking the lead for a \$300 million bond issue for highways. Governor Dale Bumpers vetoed a 1971 Legislative proposal to put a bond issue to the people for a vote but he has since indicated he might now support a bond program. The figure of \$300 million was decided on, said Director Goodman, because that is the amount the Commission feels it can repay. He said the Department needs much more.

"Decision Has to be Faced."

"Whether he wants to or not, every citizen will soon have to face the decision of which direction he wants the state's



Lawrence Blackwell

highway program to go," Blackwell said. "I don't consider that we on the Highway Commission are spending the citizen's tax dollar. I look upon it as an investment that is coming back to the welfare of the state by some 10 fold."

For many years (so many, in fact, that most citizens have forgotten and take it for granted) designated monies have gone into the Federal Highway Trust Fund to be used only for the construction of highways. The transportation revenue sharing measure being discussed would allow that fund to be divided and shared by states and cities for use on all forms of transportation. A complex division of the money has been formulated on the basis of population, urban concentration and poverty. An effort by opponents of the bill to shorten the program to 4½ years by reducing the amount \$2.7 billion was



Ward Goodman

defeated. Funds set up for interstate construction will not be disturbed.

The American Roadbuilders Association, which has actively supported defeat of the revenue sharing bill since it was first proposed, said that its passage would be a mortal blow to the eminently workable federal-state highway building partnership. . . which has provided the United States with the world's finest highways system. Dissolution of this partnership in favor of a state-by-state highway program of fragmented development would. . . be nationally catastrophic and a grave disservice to the nation's citizens, highway user and nonhighway user, alike."

The Arkansas Highway Users Conference is a chapter of the American Highway Users Conference which has similar groups in most of the states.



Mississippi Passes \$600 Million Highway Package

In an unprecedented action, the Mississippi State Legislature last month passed a \$600 million highway program, constituting the largest public works program in the history of the state. Mississippi's three highway commissioners realize the challenge before them and have pledged themselves to meet it. The program, which calls for the construction of 1,200 miles of four-lane highways, will get under way very soon. Another significant piece of legislation passed now allows the Highway Department to obtain right of way through condemnation. Previously the Department could only obtain a right of entry upon judgement in the Circuit Court and deposit 75 percent of the appraisal, a procedure which sometimes stretched into years.

Signs To Meet The Need



Problems of modern traffic are calling upon the ingenuity of officials to devise ways of getting the message over to motorists. In Nevada an eye-catching "Cattle Grazing" sign not only

carries the words and the silhouette of a cow, but it also has especially rigged "horns" so that a pair of red flags can be affixed to the top of the sign for emphasis! In Rochester, Minnesota the city's main attraction — a flock of Giant Canadian geese — are protected by this "Geese Crossing Area" sign where they cross Broad Street from their habitat on Silver Lake to the city park to graze. The reason the geese are such an attraction is because the Giant Canada variety was thought for many years to be extinct until 1964, when a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service authority on Canada geese identified them.



Oklahoma Turnpike Closes Restrooms

The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority has closed its public restrooms on the Indian Nation Turnpike near the South Canadian River because of vandalism, abuse and misuse. According to the Turnpike engineer, conditions became so bad that the restrooms, constructed for continuous use, were closed at night. Even with daytime-only use, the facilities became a health hazard which the Turnpike Authority could not tolerate. The Authority says it is sorry to deprive the public of the conveniences but that the public had only itself to blame.

Snoopy Rescued With A Pipe Cleaner

It was all in a day's work to Virginia Highway Department maintenance supervisor James Burge but it was a most unusual and joyous occasion for a 12-year-old youngster and his mutt, Snoopy when Burge rescued the adventurous Snoopy after being entrapped in a culvert for three days. Snoopy ran into a culvert which was practically blocked at one end with dirt. There wasn't room to turn around and, having only a canine's reasoning power, the dog didn't know he could back out. Burge made short work of the rescue with a "pipe cleaner", a tool made from a scoop welded to an 8-foot piece of galvanized water pipe and threaded on one end so that extensions can be added. It is used routinely in culvert maintenance. Burge prodded the dirt — and Snoopy — out the blocked end of the culvert, into his master's waiting arms. He was wet and muddy but frisky and joyful at the sight of his master.

Obituaries

TWO EMPLOYEES KILLED IN 6 DAYS

Two Highway Department employees were killed within six days of each other while performing their jobs. Clarence P. Hobson of 309 Parkdale Street in North Little Rock was killed June 13 about 3:50 p.m. when struck by a car on U.S. 167 about a mile north of the McAlmont overpass.

Hobson, 54, was a driver with Pulaski County Area Foreman I. H. Nute's maintenance crew. He had parked a three-quarter-ton truck on the highway to protect construction workers and was hit as he walked around the back of the truck. He had been employed by the Department 13 years.

The driver of the car was Arves L. Moss, 49, of 2919 West 26th Street, who was injured. The car, which was traveling north, overturned after it struck the truck.

W. L. Gage, 47, of Route 2, Beebe, was killed June 19 as he flagged traffic while Ralph Buchanan's heavy bridge crew was working on the L'Anguille River bridge on I-40 near Brinkley. He was struck by a truck and trailer rig driven by Willis Lewis of Bristol, Va. The accident happened about 3:15 p.m. He had worked for the Department five years.

Funeral services were held for Hobson June 15 at Landmark Missionary Baptist Church of Rose City with interment at Mulberry Cemetery by Wilson Funeral Service of England. He was a Baptist and a Mason. Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Dorothy Rauls Hobson; two sons, Danny and Jimmy Hobson, and a daughter, Miss Angela Hobson, all of North Little Rock; three brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services were held June 22 for Gage. He is survived by one son, James Edward with the U.S. Navy; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Gage of Beebe; two brothers, Brooks Gage of Warner, Okla. and Lawrence of Beebe, an employee of the District 6 bridge crew; and a sister, Mrs. Paul Griffith of North Little Rock, wife of Pulaski County Area Foreman Griffith.

JESSIE M. MOSS

Jessie M. Moss, aged 76, of Des Arc died May 26. He was with the Maintenance Division 21 years before retiring in February 1961. He was a Baptist and a member of Rebekah Lodge No. 23, Independent Order of Oddfellows. He was also a World War I veteran.

He was survived by his widow, Mrs. Hattie Moss; a daughter, Mrs. Ruby Parker of Des Arc; one brother, W. A. Moss of Hoxie; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held May 28 at Lake Side Baptist Church.

LEONARD EDGMON

Leonard Edgmon of Salus, a retired equipment operator in District 9, aged 59, died June 4. He was a Mason.

Funeral services were held June 6 at Cox Funeral Home of Clarksville with burial in Mossville cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lois Dixon Edgmon; two daughters, Mrs. Evelyn Wheeler of Harrison and Mrs. Wilma Ammons of Kansas City, Kansas; his mother, Mrs. Minnie Edgmon of Harrison; four brothers, four sisters and five grandchildren.

WILLIAM C. HUFF



William Conway Huff, 55, of Salado, died May 15. He was employed in District 5 for 26 years and was a job supervisor at the time of retirement. He had been retired only three days at the time of his death. He was a member of Mt. Zion Lodge No. 10 and Royal Arch, a Selective Master 61.

Funeral services were held in the Salado United Methodist Church where he was a former Sunday school superintendent. Burial was in Edgar cemetery with Batesville Funeral Home in charge.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary Lee Jones Huff; three brothers, Terrell of Searcy, Mack of Salado and Neal of Bremerton, Wash.; three sisters, Mrs. Ruth Wheeler of Salado, Miss Mary Ann Huff and Mrs. Syble Stadnick both of St. Louis; his stepmother, Mrs. Opal Huff of Salado, two stepbrothers and two stepsisters.

OTHELLA K. MURRAY



Othella K. (Mike) Murray, aged 60, of Western Grove, died in the Boone County Hospital, May 8. He worked in District 9 for 19 years as an equipment operator. He was a member of the Church of God.

Funeral services were held May 10 at Christeson Funeral Home with burial in Maplewood Cemetery at Harrison.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ruthie Ilene Murray; three sons Johnny L. of Harrison, Hal of Hugo, Okla. and Malcolm of Gulfport, Miss.; a step-son, Wesley Ray Duck of Keyport, Wash.; a daughter, Mrs. Martha Williams of Western Grove; three brothers, Floyd of Bellefonte, Lewis of Berryville and Walker of Harrison; three sisters, Mrs. Coy Hudson of Harrison, Mrs. C. E. Knight of Ponca City, Okla. and Miss Biffle Murray of Harrison and a granddaughter.

AHD GRADUATES



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Linda Ellis



Ann Hargraves



Bill R. Spencer



Debbie Apple



Donald Ray Brown



Susan Coffman



Chris Cross



Debbie Cagle



Sue Ellis



Jimmy Gray

Linda Ellis
Arkansas Tech

BA degree. Daughter of Mrs. Tommie Ellis in Accounting.

Ann Hargraves
University of Mississippi

Degree in elementary education. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hargraves. He is a Helena Bridge employee.

Bill R. Spencer
Anderson College - Indiana

BA in Administration of Criminal Justice, offered for the first time at the college. Son of Joyce Spencer, Commission secretary.

Debbie Apple
Southside High - Batesville
Valedictorian and 1st runner-up in Miss Batesville contest. Will attend SCA. Daughter of Clifton Apple, mechanic, Batesville.

Donald Ray Brown
McClellan High - Little Rock

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Brown (he, heavy bridge maintenance).

Susan Coffman
Batesville High School

Will attend Arkansas College. Daughter of Marilyn Coffman, secretary, Batesville.

Chris Cross
Fairview High - Camden

1st place winner, 1970 State Forestry Contest; 3-yr. member Parliamentary Procedure and Dairy Products teams; Gold Key Award in Agriculture; State Farmer degree; major in ROTC. Will attend Southern State. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Loy Cross (he, mechanic at Camden).

Debbie Cagle
Mabelvale Junior High

Daughter of Bldgs. & Grounds Supt. and Mrs. F. E. Cagle.

Sue Ellis
McClellan High - Little Rock
Also daughter of Tommie Ellis.

Jimmy Gray
Northeast High - No. Little Rock

Son of Asst. Dir. Henry Gray. Now attending UALR.

Robert H. Griffin
Central High - Little Rock
Son of Retha Griffin in Right of Way. Plans to attend UALR.

Denny Anderson
Arkansas State University
Degree in math. Son of Henry Anderson, Stone County Area Foreman.

Sandra (Sipe) Doolin
U of A - Monticello
Cum laude graduate, with BA in Elementary Education. Daughter of Nancy Sipe, secretary to Henry Gray.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION HONOR ROLL

A total of 75 field supervisors received certificates of safety because their crews worked the entire 1971 calendar year without a lost-time personal injury or a chargeable accident to a motor vehicle or equipment. That's 18 more than last year!

The number of crews who have kept an accident free record since the certificate awards began in 1966 has narrowed to four. Those who received 6-year certificates were Dallas County Area Foreman H. T. Castleberry, Fordyce; Res. Engr. J. B. Williamson, El Dorado; Equip. Supvr. Otis W. Vaughn, Springdale; and Res. Engr. Gary L. Godfrey, Harrison.

Other crews who received certificates and the number of years are listed below:

District 1 – Sign Foreman Earl Mauppin, Wynne (4); Woodruff Area Foreman John L. Carter, McCrory (2); Crittenden Area Foreman Ben I. Watson, West Memphis (1); and Res. Engr. Claude G. Dunne, Jr., West Memphis (1).

District 2 – Job Supt. John Hollis, Rison (4); Job Supt. Virgil Green, Pine Bluff (5); Crew Leader Aubrey M. Murphy, Pine Bluff (3); Signman Victor Brown, Jr., Pine Bluff (2); St. Charles Ferry Foreman W. H. Poston (3); Arkansas Co. Area Foreman C. K. Bohannon (1); and Res. Engr. Charles Presley (now Ralph Blackwell), Monticello (1).

District 3 – Sign Foreman John W. Barham, Hope (5); Spring Bank Ferry Foreman Hermit Vestal, Doddridge (4); Lafayette Area Foreman Jodie Waddle, Lewisville (1); Res. Engr. J. E. Belknap, Hope (1); Res. Engr. C. F. Mauk, Texarkana (3); Res. Engr. Gayle Gunn, Prescott (5); and Res. Engr. K. L. Harris, Nashville (1).

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Robert H. Griffin



Theresa Griffis



Jenny Lynn Hudson



Kathy Landers



Benny Gail Price



Kathy Pullum

Theresa Griffis

Bearden High School

National Honor Society; editor, school annual; Outstanding Teenager of America; Society of Outstanding American High School Students; Who's Who Among American High School Students; president, drill team; all-county and all-district in basketball. Will attend UALR. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Griffis (he, Dist. 7 maint. supervisor).

Benny Gail Price

Mountain View High School

Daughter of Epps Price, equipment operator, Stone County.

Kathy Pullum

Metropolitan High – Little Rock

Former co-op employee, now full-time in Microfilm.

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Dr. Sandra L. Young

U of A School of Medicine

Wife of Res. Engr. Chip Young, North Little Rock.

James Gilbert Loe

Southern State College - Magnolia

Received a BA degree in business administration. He is a member of the Association of Baptist Students. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben L. Loe (Auto/Diesel Mechanic).

Jenny Lynn Hudson

Benton High School

Honor graduate; National Honor Society; class secretary; ranked 18th in graduating class. Daughter of Margaret Hudson of P & R.

Kathy (Anderson) Landers

Desha High School

Valedictorian. Married Roy L. Landers June 3. Will attend UALR. Daughter of G. C. Anderson, truck driver, Dist. 5.



The Public Relations Office is graced by the pretty face and pleasant personality of Jan Hunt, a summer employee. She lives in Benton, has attended ASU for one year and right now is one-half the reason for a flurry of wedding plans under almost constant discussion in this office. She will be wed to Roger Wright, also of Benton, on July 21 in First Baptist Church in Benton. They already have a house rented in Benton and Jan is sandwiching in painting, carpet cleaning and furniture collecting between working hours and wedding parties. She will attend UALR this fall. Roger works for Alcoa.



Jan Hunt

The other contributor to the flurry of wedding plans is Susan Patterson, layout artist for the magazine. She and Michael Gray, son of Assistant Director and Mrs. Henry Gray, will be married August 12 in the Holly Grove Presbyterian Church. When school starts they will live at Fayetteville where Mike is a junior chemical engineering student. Susan has been with us since July of 1969. She is a very talented young woman and we will miss her when they move away.



Susan Patterson

One of Leroy Beckett's twins, Allen, has been elected national treasurer of Phi Beta Lambda, an organization for post-secondary students enrolled in programs of business or business education. The election, attended by about 2,000 delegates, was held during a PBL National Leadership Conference held in Houston in June. Allen is a senior economics major at SCA, where he has 3.7 overall average. His average last semester was 4.00. He is also a member of various organizations and committees at SCA.

Many of you who remember Tommy Koehler, a former Highway employee in Final Estimates, will be interested to know that he graduated from the U of A School of Medicine in June.

Two employees who received 15-year certificates since the last magazine went to press are Rachel Simmons in Reproduction and Ralph Smither of Weights and Standards. Allen Dunn, head of the Repro. Section, presented Rachel's. Ralph Smither is a weight inspector at the Alma station. He was a maintenance employee in District 4 until he transferred to W & S in 1968. Roy Johnson, chief of W & S, presented Smither's certificate.



Ralph Smither, right, and Roy Johnson.



Rachel Simmons and Allen Dunn

Katherine Jones, secretary to Operations Engr. Bob Mattox, has been elected president of District 13, Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW, Department of Arkansas, for the 1972-73 year. She has served as president of Southwest Little Rock VFW Post 4558 Auxiliary during the past year.

Our sympathy is offered to Katherine in the loss of her mother on May 26.

I spent a most enjoyable two hours visiting with Leontee Connelly on June 9. She is looking well and very healthy after having had surgery on May 4. She and Charlie have decided to buy another house after several years as apartment dwellers and are enjoying looking at prospective places.

Nancy and Kenny Sipe, antique car buffs, attended an antique auto show on Petit Jean, June 17.

Former Highway commissioner Truman Baker, is about the greatest gadabout I know. He always remembers the girls on 10th floor in his travels and it's interesting to see where the next card will come from. The most recent one was from Cypress Gardens in Florida.

Buddy Showalter of Weights and Standards was transferred here from Jonesboro for awhile and has since been transferred back but during the time he was here I had several pleasant conversations with him. Buddy has quite an athletic background, having played pro baseball and worked as a boxer up to Golden Gloves championship matches. Now most of his athletic time is spent developing his 10-year-old son into another Yogi.

John Ball, retired from Building Maintenance, came by the Magazine Office to say hello on July 10. He was looking rested and wearing the brightest yellow jumpsuit I ever saw!

Mary Jack Tatum of P & R Mapping has helped with the preparation of this magazine and we've enjoyed the association with her tremendously. She is a pleasant personality and a good worker, to say nothing of being so lovely to look at.

AHD folks are scattered like a covey of quail this time of year, vacationing

here, there and everywhere . . . camping, touring, visiting, and otherwise on the go. My own vacation to North Carolina included a weekend visit with Mamie and DeVeau Fanning in their lovely home in Durham. They drove me all over the Duke campus, which approaches the size of a city, itself. Being the history buff that I am, I was also enthralled by visits to many

historical places which had heretofore been only pages in a book.

Joyce and Gick Spencer attended their son Bill's graduation from Anderson (Ind.) College in June. Bill and his wife Diane will make their home in Little Rock after mid-August. (Picture on page 16.)

Accident Prevention Honor Roll

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- District 4 – Job Supt. J. R. King, Fort Smith (2); Sign Foreman C. L. Oliver, Waldron (4); Sign Foreman D. W. Carpenter, Fort Smith (1); and Logan Area Foreman J. C. Wingfield, Paris (3).
- District 5 – Job Supt. Edgar McClure, Batesville (1); Bridge Foreman W. O. Schales, Batesville (1); Sign Foreman A. L. Cole, Batesville (3); Ferry Foreman R. L. Johnson (4); Cleburne Co. Area Foreman C. K. Logan, Heber Springs (1); Fulton Co. Area Foreman R. C. Montgomery, Salem (1); Jackson Co. Area Foreman Virgil Stephens, Newport (1); White Co. Area Foreman Eugene Steward, Searcy (2); Res. Engr. Leroy Swink, Searcy (2); Res. Engr. J. E. Smith, Batesville (5); and Res. Engr. Ralph Wyatt, Batesville (2).
- District 6 – Sign Foreman Doyle Bratcher, Cabot (5); Garland Co. Area Foreman R. J. Johnson, Hot Springs (4); Pulaski Co. Area Foreman Paul Griffith Little Rock (1); and Res. Engr. Ruben C. McConnell, North Little Rock (2).
- District 7 – Equip. Supvr. J. C. Parker, Camden (1); Sign Foreman Kenneth W. Dunn, Camden (5); Moro Bay Ferry Foreman Jim B. Gates, Hermitage (4); Bradley Co. Area Foreman D. L. Erwin, Warren (3); and Res. Engr. R. E. Myers, Camden (1).
- District 8 – Perry Co. Area Foreman J. O. English, Perryville (1).
- District 9 – Bridge Foreman F. M. Parker, Jr., Harrison (2); Norfolk Ferry Foreman O. D. Lemon, Henderson (1); Sign Foreman C. E. Trammel, Harrison (1); Marion Co. Area Foreman J. M. Tate, Yellville (5); Washington Co. Area Foreman Darrel Davenport, Lincoln (5); Carroll Co. Area Foreman J. T. Fancher, Berryville (1); Searcy Co. Area Foreman Huel D. Pack, Marshall (2); Benton Co. Area Foreman J. J. Pratt, Garfield (4); Madison Co. Area Foreman Glen Faulkner, Huntsville (1); Newton Co. Area Foreman Vernie Berry, Jasper (1); Job Supt. Ray Duffy, Harrison (1); Benton Co. Area Foreman Paul Bennett, Gentry (1); Crew Leader Joe Bill Wallace, Peel (1); Res. Engr. V. O. Selby, Fayetteville (4); and Acting Res. Engr. M. W. Downs, Rogers (1).
- District 10 – Sign Foreman J. R. Getson (1); Mississippi Co. Area Foreman W. E. Raspberry, Blytheville (2); Res. Engr. J. M. Garrett, Osceola (3); and Res. Engr. H. C. Martin, Paragould (4).
- Central Shops, Jacksonville – Shop Supt. C. B. Brooks, Jr. (4).
- Survey Division Party Chiefs – John L. Adams, Plumerville (5); Gerald T. Kirksey, Amity (5); B. F. Prince, Mt. Ida (4); L. F. Radford, Beebe (4); John A. Sims, Morrilton (5); Harold Wacaster, Hot Springs (2); John Taunton, North Little Rock (5); and Neal Magee, Little Rock (5).

DEPARTMENT NEWS

ACCOUNTING

by linda winbury

School is out and good ole summer is here again. Some of our employees had children to graduate. Mel Jones' daughter Terri, and Tommie Ellis' daughter, Susan graduated from McClellan High School. Tommie's daughter, Linda, graduated from Arkansas Tech at Russellville. (Picture on Page 16.) J. E. McCarthy's son John graduated from Christian Brothers College May 20 with honors.

We have lost employees and acquired several new ones recently. Four employees who recently left Accounting are Don Griffin, Barbara Pierce, Gina Musick and Butch Garner. We welcome our new employees: Mike Eden, Gary Honnycutt, Peggy Benson, Wanda Duncan, Olga Estell, Debbie Clawitter and Joann Foster. Mike was married April 7 to Carol Bishop.

We also welcome summer employees Susan Willbanks and Fawn Gordon. Fawn graduated from Elmhurst (Ill.) College with honors. Susan is attending the University of Arkansas.

Mildred Harness' granddaughter Lisa was in a ballet recital June 9 with Ed's School of Dance. I know she looked real cute in her little costume.

Mel Jones is vacationing in Lucerne Valley, Cal., and Texas where she is visiting her son, Jim. Her son, Mike, was married May 28. Pat Koonce made a trip to Evansville, Ill. for the weekend.

This reporter has just returned from a week in Destin, Fla. and had a very enjoyable time.

Frank Phillips vacationed at home and entertained his company.

Al Hunt is "vacationing" two weeks with Uncle Sam.

Bonnie Hill has been working with the Miss Jacksonville Pageant, which sounds like a lot of fun.

See ya next time.

COMPUTER SERVICES

by fay sullivan

Vacation time is here again. Consequently — our employees have either been on vacation, or they are making plans to take one in the near future.

Service pens were presented last month to Albert Comeau for ten years and to Judy Lawrence for five years service with the Department. Our chief, Pat Huddleston, made the presentations, and cookies and coffee were served in honor of the occasions.

Programmer John Quarti left our Department June 1 to accept employment with the Baptist Medical Center. He was presented a farewell gift along with our best wishes in his new position.

Congratulations are in store for Wayne Eubanks and his wife, who are the proud parents of a baby boy born in early spring. They brought him by one day for a short visit.

New employees who have started since February are: Eloise Ricks, Billy Jack Farmer, Bobbie Jean Bell, Marilyn Stewart, Bobby Hughes and Steve Collins.

MAINTENANCE

by melba shepard

You can sure tell summer time's here. There are new faces all over the building. All of our cute little summer girls are with us, and we have no complaints, as we have received our fair share.

Brenda Webber is one of our permanent new employees. She is working in Maintenance as a clerk typist. Brenda just graduated from Parkview High School and just about everyday she wears something new that she received for graduation. One of Brenda's hobbies is skiing. I asked her if another hobby was "boys" and she said, "No, one boy."

Abby Brown is a summer employee working in Equipment, but has helped out in Maintenance for a couple of weeks. She enjoys riding, tennis, is not married, does not intend to be and would like to buy a good used air conditioner for her car for \$100 or less.

Allene Lane is a new, full-time employee. She has attended Southwest Missouri State College and is a clerk typist in Equipment. Allene is also single but not for long?? We welcome all of you girls and hope you enjoy working in the Maintenance Division.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Livingston have just returned from a visit with Madge's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Burrows of McLean, Texas. On June 2 Madge and Carl attended their son, Richard's graduation from State College of Arkansas.

Jim Tucker's son Chris is home from the Air Force Academy, where he is a senior and a First Lieutenant in the Cadet Corps.

Dovie Curtis, who has been Acting Bridge Foreman in the Maintenance Division for a number of years, retired

June 12, 1972. He was employed by AHD in October of 1953. Cake and punch was served in Maintenance in his honor. Many of his friends and relatives were on hand to wish him many happy years of retirement.



Dovie Curtis, second from right. With him are John Hall and Don Brown, left, and Bert Rownd.

J. C. Perkins recently indulged in some trout fishing on the White River, where he caught his limit. The record, to date, is 31 lbs. 8 ozs. and J. C. said he didn't quite break the record. If he keeps talking like that we're going to have to transfer him to 5th floor.

It seems that John Hall and sons, Jim and Chuck, picked the worst possible day of the year to go camping. It was beginning to rain when they left home, it was coming down pretty good all the way to camp, and by the time they got to Greers Ferry, it was some kind of bad. John said if you look hard enough, you can always find some good in everything. They weren't bothered by noisy neighbors. In fact, they had the whole camp area to themselves.

Friends and fellow workers of Raymond Behrens wish to express our deepest sympathy to him in the passing of his mother, Mrs. Annie Behrens.

On April 7 we all enjoyed cake and coffee. The occasion — Clarence Page's

birthday. Someone asked him how old he was and he never did get a direct answer but from the bits of conversation I could piece together, I gather he is about 39 and holding.

Bob Fulton's wife Frances was on the sick list for a few weeks with a pinched sciatic nerve. After several visits to the chiropractor and many extremely uncomfortable days, Frances is now back in the pink. Hopefully she'll stay that way, because during the time she was convalescing, she and the girls had all of their meals prepared by Bob.

Don Brown has been spending most of his spare time squirrel hunting and helping with a softball team sponsored by his church.

Bill and Donna Bosley have been spending a great deal of time on the lake swimming, skiing, and sunworshipping. Bill has been enjoying a houseboat he purchased from Crofford Harrison, who says he hopes it holds together long enough for Bill to pay for it.

Herman Belk had a busy, busy day on "Zoo Day". We had our mechanical man and the tree mover on display. Herman is the new tree mover operator.

About forty of the girls about the building are attending a refresher course on secretarial and general office procedure. Last Thursday (June 8) we all recorded our telephone voices and suffered as they were played back for us. Also for the benefit of those who may not know, a dog can only run halfway into the forest. Our final meeting is a boss-employee session, where everyone attending expresses their likes and dislikes in an informal type discussion. I'd say that's a pretty bad thing to do to a secretary this close to July 1.

The other day several of the girls in Maintenance went to Brownings for lunch. Crofford requested that we bring back "a few things" for him to munch on. When

we finished turning in his order it totaled \$8.54, and you may not believe it, but he ate the whole thing!

Mike Carroll's wife Toni and daughter Maleece, both celebrated birthdays in April. Maleece's was on the 14th and Toni's on the 24th. Gary Weir would really appreciate Maleece. She was the recipient of two Bozo cakes.

Guess what?? Jimmie Farnam has finally solved her problem of chaffeurng the boys back and forth to baseball practice. This year she is coaching the team her sons play on. At least she's cutting out the going-back-after-them trip each day.

Thought for the day: Just when you begin to enjoy the slide, you have to pull the sled back up the hill.

PERMIT SECTION

by virginia winfield

We have a new employee we'd like for you to meet. Sorry I don't have a picture to share but he is Garry McClellan, 21 years old and still single, though I'm afraid competition is pretty strong. Right now his first love seems to be motor cycles. He is the proud owner of a new Yamaha. He likes all types of sports, and square dancing. He is a member of "The Razorback Square Dancers". Garry lives in North Little Rock after finishing an enlistment in the Army.

Bob Wortham has been keeping pretty busy on his new lot near Greers Ferry Lake. He claims he works on it all week-end but we believe he has been doing a little fishing, too.

Mike Masten and Tom Hilliard keep coming in bragging about their golf game but we haven't seen any trophies, or their names in the paper yet.

Maybe we will have more news after the vacation season gets under way.

PLANNING & RESEARCH

by janet billingsley

The Research Section is happy to welcome back Doug Nielsen and Jerry Rogers, who after receiving their degrees became full-time employees as of May 22. Jerry received a BSCE from the University of Arkansas and Doug received a BA degree from State College of Arkansas.

Welcome to Marion Butler, a new employee in the Economics Section. He replaces James Moore who has been employed by Associated General Contractors.



Marion Butler

Tommy Lewis, B. C.'s son, is home from his freshman year at the University of Dallas.

P&R enjoyed another spring outing at Burns Park on Friday, June 4. There was lots of food and fellowship.

Steve Teague and his wife will leave July 7 to spend an exciting and unforgettable three weeks in Spain! We know they will have a very enjoyable time. There's one thing we'd like to remind them of, "When in Spain, do as the Spaniards do."

Florence and Sonny Routh celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary Sunday, June 11.

Several of our employees have had relatives in the hospital including Cecil's wife, Mr. Mitchell's wife, Polly Cloud's

mother, and Brenda Kirkpatrick's father. Hope everyone will be up and well soon.

Jim Tucker, his wife, and a couple of friends made an overnight camping trip to Greers Ferry Memorial Day weekend. Unfortunately, the trip didn't have a very happy ending. About the time everyone settled down to do some serious fishing, the rain started to pour. After waiting patiently for the rain to stop (which it didn't), they decided to give up and go home. Guess what? The truck broke down. Better luck next time, Jim.

Thelma Jones' husband LeRoy has joined up with Uncle Sam and is stationed in San Antonio, Texas.

We wish to express our sympathy to June Brown, who lost her mother in May.

Congratulations to Routh's Esso bowling team who won third place in the State Bowling Tournament. Highway Department members on the team are Betty Wiggins, June Brown and Dorothy McChesney, Carl's wife, all from P&R.

Summer has finally arrived and the softball season is booming. Jim Head has been boasting about daughter Dana winning her first game. She is on the Sardis teeny team. Of course, we hear it from Polly about her Senior girls team at Salem. Ed Johnson has been doing a little bragging, too. His youngest daughter is playing ball this year.

Carl McChesney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee McChesney of Arlington, Texas, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 20. The festivities included an open house in Texas and a family reunion in Lonoke the following weekend.

Mary Jack Tatum is a new employee in the Mapping Section. She is a graduate of North Little Rock High School and attended SCA three years as a speech and drama major. She was an assistant buyer for a Dallas store for a year and a half before deciding to return to North Little

Rock to live. Welcome to P&R.



Mary Jack Tatum

Jenny Lynn Hudson, daughter of Margaret and Troy Hudson, graduated with honors at Benton High School. She was secretary of her class, a three-year member of the National Honor Society and ranked 18th in the list of graduates. She will be attending the University of Arkansas in September and will be working toward a degree in anesthesiology. (Picture on page 16.)

We have a newlywed in the Mapping Section, who is no other than Don Finkbeiner. He married the former Sharon Kay Bird. They are living in a brand new home near Harris Brake in Perry County that Don built himself. Congratulations on both counts, Don.

Joe and Karen Lovell also have a new home on Warren Drive in Mabelvale. He has been a busy boy getting all his painting and remodeling done.

Katie Brasel and daughter, Sherry, have put their new camping equipment to good use. They spent a few days at Mt. Harbor on Ouachita. While there, Pete and LaVone Benetz and their girls came by for a visit. Sherry and Katie have a new member of the family, a chihuahua who answers to the name of Sassy. This makes a new playmate for Jamie and Chillie Bean, who also live at Katie's.

Pam Knabe is a part time employee of

the Mapping Section. She is a graduate of Metropolitan and hopes to become a floral arranger and decorator. Lots of luck, Pam.

PROCUREMENT

by jean cadjew

Bernie Cox received his 20-year service certificate on May 9. The office served punch and cookies to his many friends and family that dropped by to congratulate him.



Frank Caple, right, presents certificate to Bernie Cox.

The Frank Caples will leave July 1 for Hawaii to attend the PCAM Magic Convention. They also plan to play golf and do a lot of sight-seeing while there.

Ann Johnson and Henry Plunk are new additions in Procurement. Ann lives in Bryant where her husband coaches at the Junior and Senior schools. They have three children who are actively engaged in little league baseball this summer. Ann says their family also enjoys camping out.

Henry retired from the Air Force in 1970 and in September of that same year came to work for the Highway Department at Jacksonville. He transferred to Procurement in March to take Lewis Warren's place. Henry's wife works for Arkla Gas and they have three teenagers. Henry's hobby is fishing.

Patricia Ellis is back for her second summer in our office. She attends UALR where she is majoring in Business and is a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma

Sorority. Patricia is single and 19. Her hobbies are sewing and water skiing.



Patricia Ellis and Henry Plunk

Patsy took a few days' vacation over the Memorial holiday and visited her sister and family in Memphis. She also attended the Miss Jacksonville pageant in June.

Rita and her husband recently bought a new home in the country on Chicot Road. She says she can't get used to all the room after living in a trailer for a few years.

Al Sacco has his vacation all planned. The date just happens to coincide with the horse races in Omaha. Said he might try to take time to visit his parents while in Omaha! He has been sporting some handsome new clothes in this year's popular colors.

Wade, our eligible bachelor, is still eligible! We haven't gotten him married off yet. Am beginning to think that he is too particular. He and his son Kevin plan to visit Six Flags Over Texas this summer.

Arnold Sanford had some very interesting pictures and stories about the train that derailed on his father's farm. The train was carrying 300 new Chevrolets. The wreck covered several acres and the train looked like toys the way it was all piled up.

At this writing three girls from our office are attending the IPA Clerical Course being held at AHD. It is a very informative and interesting course. I recently attended an instruction course at

IBM on the Magnetic Tape Selector Typewriter that we use in our office, and discovered that you can teach an old dog new tricks. The summer is always a busy time at our house. We enjoy all of the coming and going of summer activities with three busy teenagers but I am always glad to say "School is starting . . ."

REPRODUCTION

by sue walls

Reproduction has several personnel additions who have not been introduced in the magazine. They are George Tucker, Frank Knowles and Larry Foreman.



Left to right: Frank Knowles, Laurie Cronin, Larry Foreman, Lorna Kee, and George Tucker.

Frank operates the card copier in the Microfilm section. He recently suffered an attack of appendicitis and was hospitalized a week for removal of the
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**"What good are belly-buttons?
When you push 'em, nothing
happens."**

appendix. We are glad that he has recovered and is now back at work.

Larry is an Ozalid operator. He was first employed in July, 1971 to work in the Mail Room but was called shortly afterward to serve six months' active duty in the National Guard. He was re-employed in Records and Reproduction. He is married to the former Janet Tilt of Little Rock. We are happy to have these three additions.

Laurie Cronin and Lorna Kathryn Kee are summer employees. Laurie is a speech pathology major at U of A in Fayetteville. She is 20 and single. Lorna attends UALR where she is majoring in nursing. She is a horse lover and has two which she rides in horse shows. This is her second summer at AHD. Last summer she worked in Right of Way.

Pasty Roling had some unfortunate luck when her car shorted out and caught fire one afternoon going home from work. The estimated damage is \$800.00. We hope everything works out and she will soon have a car.

Happier news for the Rolings, especially their son Roy, is that his bowling team won first place in an invitational bowling tournament sponsored by the Shriners. One hundred forty-nine students representing 8 schools participated. Roy, who attends North Hills School for Exceptional Children in North Little Rock, won a beautiful trophy. As you might imagine, he is walking on Cloud 9. Congratulations to him for outstanding achievement in the tournament.

Congratulations to Kathy Pullum, our co-op student, who graduated from Metropolitan High on May 30. She is now a full-time employee in the Microfilm section. We are proud of you, Kathy! (Picture on graduates' page.)

Congratulations to Tommy and Barbara Daniel on the birth of their daughter, Lisa Ann. She arrived April 11 and she's a

beautiful baby, Tommy.



Lisa Ann Daniel

Jerry McKeown has just completed two weeks of summer camp with the Naval Reserve at Orange, Texas. His nifty sun-tan looks more like the camp was a two weeks' vacation.

Mariea and Dick Bornemeier went to Fort Walton Beach, Fla. on vacation. They went deep sea fishing and visited the Gulfarium where they saw porpoises perform and other sea animals. Mariea also has a new-to-her-car, a 1969 gold Caprice with green vinyl top. They love it.

Gary Kirklin bowled in a tournament at Memphis several weeks ago but won't say how he came out.

RIGHT OF WAY

by the staff

Administrative by mary dry

Summer is here. I think we all agree on that. We have lots of new faces around the Right of Way Division.

Janet Browning is a summer employee who fills in wherever she is needed. She attends UALR.

Chuck Hicks has a new Grand Prix. Have you ever heard of trading in a Honda for a Grand Prix? Maybe Chuck can fill you in on the details. Kay Jones has a new

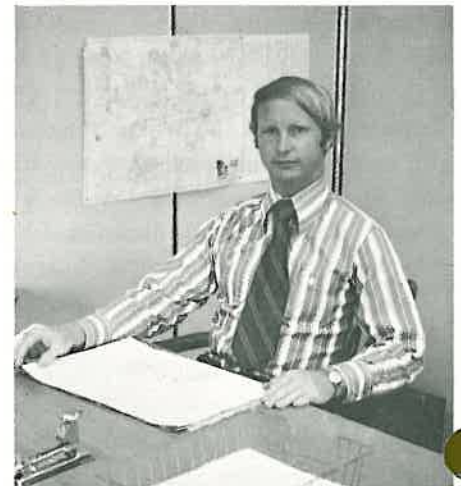


Janet Browning

Cutlass. Does it really stop at "every" gas station, Kay?

The R/W Division had a great fish fry. Thanks to our great cooks, A. C. Ledbetter, Butch Wilson, Vic Winchell and Herman Schmidt. Also an extra thanks go to the wives and others who prepared dip, beans and other goodies. Steve Crook, Don Galloway and others (too great in number to mention) ate their fair share. I'm certain a good time was had by all. There was plenty of good food and a chance to unwind. Thanks again to all those who helped in any way.

We welcome Denny Webster and Henry Droughter to the Relocation Section. Henry is the son of Nebraska Droughter whom some will remember as a former mail clerk. Henry graduated from Pine Bluff. Denny comes from Helena, and is a graduate of Henderson State College. Girls, they are both single.



Denny Webster



Henry Droughter

Retha Griffin is going to visit her son in Florida for a week. He has a full week of trips and sight-seeing tours planned. Have a good time Retha, hot pants and all.

Marilyn Ford is our new file clerk. She is a recent graduate from McClellan and for you boys who haven't made the discovery already, she is single.

Dorothy Hupp replaces Shirley Campbell who transferred to Environmental. We welcome Dorothy. Arthur Watt is out of the hospital. He got out just in time to go to Florida for a week. Sounds like he really recuperated in a hurry. David Shaw is a new employee in the Utility Section also. He is married and originally from Hot Springs. David is going to help Buddy Cazer who is planning a trip to somewhere (I heard a rumor of California). Maybe Buddy can clear this up.

Appraisal Section by jean barrett

We certainly miss Rochelle Cullins, who left about 3 months ago. We had a party for her and presented her a hair dryer to help her remember us. She left AHD to go into the clothing business with a friend. They now own and operate "Youngland" in the Southwest City Mall. Ro says when you're at the Mall, stop in and say hello.

We have a new employee. Ann Griffin from Benton started work April 3. She has a 3½-year-old daughter, Shannon who

says her mommy works at the "Highway Apartment".



Ann Griffin

Ted Porter from Russellville is a new appraiser trainee. He just graduated from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and joined AHD May 22. He is single — girls, take notice.



Ted Porter

It is with sincere regret that we announce the resignation of Bob Shockley, whose last day was June 6. We had a Division party for him June 2 and Herbert Hooten presented Bob a clock on behalf of the division. Cake and cokes were served.

The Appraisal Section presented Bob a plaque in the shape of the State of Arkansas with engraved initials of each person who worked with Bob, Ann baked a delicious cake and we had cokes and coffee to go with it. We all hope the plaque and clock will enhance his new office. Bob left us to go into business for himself as an independent appraiser. If you need any appraisal work done in Hot Springs, call Bob.

Just a few days ago, Bob Shockley received his 5 year pin and Herbert Hooten received his 15 year pin. We had a division party with cake and cokes. Congratulations to you both.



Herbert Hooten, left, and Bob Shockley



Gip Robertson, left, and Herbert Hooten.

May 30 was "Dee" Day in Hempstead County. Dee McMurrugh was elected County and Probate Clerk of Hempstead County. Ken said he was glad the campaign was over and he hopes to be relieved of some of his duties (cook, housekeeper, yard boy, dishwasher, laundry boy, gardener, etc.).

Engineering by shirley childress

Vick and Sue Winchell returned June 7 from a Florida trip sponsored by Arkansas Electric Coop where Sue works. In preparing for the trip to Pensacola, Vick spent so much time under the sun lamp, he was burned before he even reached Florida! He also caused a little flurry of excitement on the way when a motel manager gave him the key to another guest's room. Vick unlocked the door but closed it quickly when a woman screamed!

We welcome two new draftsmen to the Engineering Section, Howard Highsmith and Don Kandlbinder. Howard's hometown is Camden. He is single and an avid sports fan. He attended Ouachita University, Southwest Technical Institute and Capital City Business School. His majors include psychology, and mechanical and architectural drafting.



Howard Highsmith

Don and his family (wife Deborah and two great Danes) reside in Indian Springs. He completed two years in the Air Force last January. His hobby is cars, especially Fords.



Don Kandlbinder

The Right of Way Division held a farewell party for Ellen Gross May 26 when she left after five years of employment in the Engineering Section. The Division presented her a chair to go with her sewing machine. Ellen is very talented and expects to put the chair to good use because she plans to be a professional seamstress and full-time homemaker. The Engineering Section gave her a photo album and pen set. A cake decorated with a drawing of scissors, tape measure, needle

and thread was served. We wish for Ellen the best that life has to offer in the future and hope she will not forget her many friends in Right of Way.



Ellen Gross and Glendol Jackson

Three years and 6 months ago Ellen very capably replaced this reporter as a secretary in Engineering. Now I have returned to replace her. Since it is hard to write a welcome back for oneself, I'll just say how much I appreciate the way everyone has made me feel so welcome. For the last three years I have worked as a Kelly Girl from September through May at different types of businesses and have met a lot of nice people but none better than right here in the Highway Department. (We are glad you're back, Shirley, particularly as a reporter. Ed.)



Shirley Childress

Environmental Development

by the staff

Our Section had acquired several new employees since the first of the year. Dan

Bradford, who came to work in February, is working on billboard control. His cute little wife Patricia is a teacher in North Little Rock.

Mike Hunter came to work in June as our landscape architect. His wife Jane is a nurse at Saline Memorial Hospital in Benton, Arkansas. They came from Wellborn, Texas.

Larry Long has replaced Tony Fakouri as our "junkyard man." Tony left for employment with an insurance company. Larry and his wife Martha are from Jonesboro.



Left to right: Mike Hunter, Larry Long and Dan Bradford.

Last (and by far the least!) to join our Section was Shirley Campbell who transferred from Utilities. She keeps her giggle-box turned upside down and brings joy to all of us.

Our boss, Bryan Davis, received his 5-year pin in a presentation made by Right of Way Chief Gip Robertson. Bryan and his wife recently visited his family in New Orleans.



Gip Robertson, right, presents certificate to Bryan.

ROADWAY DESIGN

by benny robbins

This Division is fourtuate in having four hardy souls who, in keeping with the true spirit of D. Boone, D. Crockett and all the old rugged pioneer stock, decided to float the Buffalo. Paul Haydon, Frank Lemon, Bobby Welch, and Bill Duncan – with equipment packed, families kissed goodby and will recorded – set out after numerous false starts caused by heavy dews, high humidity and a faulty Ouija board, to enjoy the thrills and adventures of this perilous journey. Alas, not a one was even dunked and a good time was had by all!

This reporter's 14-year-old ninth grader, Rick, was voted Mr. Congeniality at the State-wide Student Council Meeting in Jonesboro in April. Naturally my husband Jerry and I are a bit proud. Rick is vice president of the Student Council at Mabelvale Junior High and plays full-back for the Red Raiders.



Rick Robbins displays his "Congeniality" trophy.

Will it be topaz yellow and sierra brown, or will it be cream and sierra brown? Those are the questions Mary Beebe, Dave's wife, is asking herself. As Dave and Mary drove through numerous sub-divisions, contemplating which color combination would be best for their home, the weeks slid by. Finally Mary decided on sierra brown and topaz (light)

yellow. Dave bought the paint and hired the painter. All was well. The day the painter began work Mary was sick and had to stay home. As he began painting, she began to worry. Finally she could not stand it another minute and told the painter to stop – she had changed her mind. She decided on cream yellow instead of topaz. The paint was exchanged and hopefully at this writing, the painter is painting and Mary is at work, working.

As you can see by the picture below, Richard and Beth Butler and their daughter Stephanie went fishing. They went to Lake Ouachita May 18-21, along with Richard's mother, two aunts, an uncle and two cousins and their wives. They caught 181 white and black bass and crappie. I am so jealous, as is everyone who sees this picture. They all had a real good time, and we enjoyed seeing the pictures. (Even if we were all green with envy.)



The Richard Butlers and their catch.

SECONDARY ROADS

by shirley wesson

Welcome! to our new summer employee, Chuck Nestrud. He attended school at the University of Iowa and plans to enter law school after finishing undergraduate work in engineering. He served as co-captain of the swim team in his sophomore year and is second on the team in points. Of course, he said the team had a less than favorable season (5-8) and was last in the Big Ten Conference. Chuck is vice president and treasurer of the Dolphin Swimming Club which succeeded this year

in buying a house for the club. His hobbies in addition to swimming are tennis and other sports.



Chuck Nestrud

Ronald C. Murphy, cooperative education student who has been with this Division since November last year, is a full-time summer employee. Ron was an honor graduate and a commencement speaker at Metropolitan High School on May 30. He plans to attend Arkansas Technical College in the fall. Congratulations, Ron, in completing 12 long years of study.

TRAFFIC DIVISION

Sign Shop

by marlene hogan

This is a good time of year . . . vacations, children out of school, the time for camping and fishing.

And speaking of fishing, Mrs. Donia Stoebener caught a four-pound bass last week on Lake Ouachita and set a record for herself.

One of our new employees, Ronnie Bryant, is the grandson of Claudis Bryant of the Center Stripe crew and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Bryant of Belleville. Ronnie was editor of the year book at Belleville High, class vice president in his junior year, a member of the basketball team, a reporter for the FFA chapter.

He was elected Mr. Belleville and selected a delegate to Boy's State. Ronnie plans to attend SCA in Conway this fall. Congratulations to him.

Claudis has other news. His daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Porter of North Little Rock, little daughter, Sherry Dawn, born June 2. She already has a brother, Wayne.

Lawrence Casey, another new employee, attends UALR and plays the French horn in the 106th Army National Guard band. He is married to the former Deborah Page.

Gwin Person is on military leave attending Guard camp.

Gilbert Pitts of the Sign Shop who resides in Mayflower and Henry Derrick of the Center Stripe crew retired recently. Mr. Pitts has been in the VA Hospital in Little Rock. We hope he is feeling better.

Vernon Pearce of the Sign crew recently received a 20-year pin.



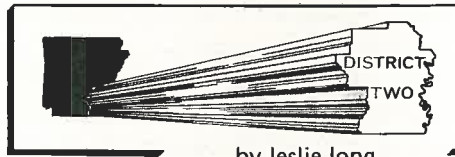
Vernon Pearce, center, with Chester Jester, left, and Frank Blaylock.

Chester Jester is still recuperating from injuries received recently in an auto accident.

Earl Hillis has moved to the country and now resides in Houston in Perry County.

We are glad to hear that Sherry Latture is feeling better over her recent surgery.

DISTRICT NEWS



by leslie long

Reporter Leslie Long is vacationing in Newport News, Virginia. We tried real hard to snoop around and find some news from District 2.

Equipment Supervisor Calvin Rawls has completed 20-years of service and recently received a certificate and lapel pin.



District Engineer John S. Harris, left presents Calvin Rawl's certificate.

Desha County Foreman John Hughes, has been fishing. Woodrow Wilson, would you believe he caught all of these fish out of the Arkansas River? How about the Mississippi? Would you really believe Buster Phillips' Reservoir at Halley? John and his fishing partners caught 53 pounds in 2 hours!



John Hughes and his fish.

Chicot County Foreman Robert Jarboe suffered a heart attack May 28 and is in the Lake Village hospital. We send him speedy recovery wishes.

James Judkins, former foreman in Ashley County who retired April 5 due to ill health, has been back in the hospital. We miss you and hope you will soon be feeling fine.

Payroll Clerk, Jane Doughty, and husband Mel have bought a new home in Pine Bluff. They will be moving in sometime in July.

We are all anxiously awaiting the completion of our District headquarters located on U.S. 65 south of Pine Bluff.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the James Wheeler Rauls' family. Mr. Rauls died June 7 in the VA Hospital in Little Rock. He was an Equipment Operator II in the Cleveland County crew. He is survived by his wife Bernice Rauls, two sons and one daughter.

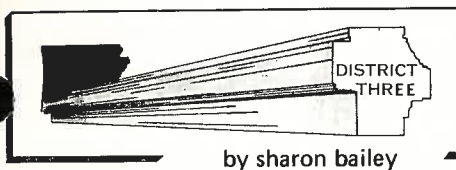
We are always glad to have people visit with us. Recently Doug Thacker from the Right of Way Division stopped by to admire our roses and we just happened to get a picture of him. (Just "happened"? Who are you kidding, girls? Ed.)



"Rosie" Thacker

"Bob, darling, I'm to be in the local theatricals. What will people say when they see me wearing tights?"

"Probably that I married you for your money."



by sharon bailey

Congratulations to Arthur Pilgreen on completing 25 years with the Department; Raymond Calhoun, Thomas Goodson, Jerry B. Lee, and James Thornton for 15 years; George Rosenbaum, James Prather and Charlie Campbell for 10 years; Victor Kincaid, Delbert Hoover, Doyle Hubbert, Walton Robinson, Earnest Arnett, Dale Aaron and Hermit Vestal for 5 years.



Arthur Pilgreen, right, with Maintenance Superintendent Ted Maryman.

We'd like you to meet the Nashville Residency personnel. There are a few husbands, wives and kids mixed in the group which was snapped at a party last Christmas but they are part of the family, too. Francis Lofland, who was drafted to be the photographer, naturally is missing from the group. They are, left to right: Wayne Dull, Leon Thrower, Ed Fears, Louise Thrower, Pat Harris, Res. Engr. Ken Harris, David Harris, Connie Shaddox, Sonny Lofland and Frankie Dull.



Mr. and Mrs. Donald McKenzie became the proud parents of a baby girl, Darlene Dawn, March 28. The McKenzies have one other daughter, Lorine Sue, age 2½ years.

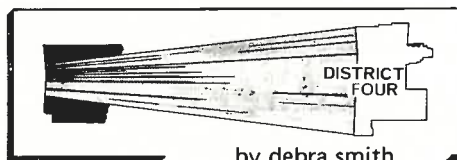


Darlene McKenzie



Lorine McKenzie

Melvin Wylie, equipment operator in Sevier County, is retiring due to ill health after 18 years with the Department. Melvin began working in Sevier County in 1953 as a laborer and through the years has been a rough painter and a truck driver before becoming an equipment operator. We all wish him the best and hope that his health improves.



by debra smith

Summer's here and everyone in District 4 is keeping very busy.

In D. C. Spencer's residency, we are happy to report that L. A. McDaniel is back on the job after undergoing back surgery.

H. L. Henry of Spencer's crew spent June 12-23 at National Guard Camp at Fort Chaffee. W. M. Johnston with Carl

Sanders' crew just returned to work from summer camp. Master Sgt. Johnston is happy to announce that his son has signed up and now its father and son in the same unit. W. M., Jr. will leave in September for 11 weeks of air police basic training at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas.

We have a number of summer employees this year in District 4. Five are attending the University of Arkansas. Ron Brixey, a senior, and his wife live in Greenwood. Allen Hale, a sophomore, lives in Mena. Both are working in D. C. Spencer's residency. From Carl Sanders' residency, Larry Schmalz, a senior, lives in Paris and Tony Leraris, a senior, lives in Fort Smith. Working at District 4 headquarters are Andy Neal, a senior from Van Buren and Cecil James Allen, who is attending Westark Junior College in Fort Smith.

Travis Lyda, son of L. W. Lyda with D. C. Spencer's crew, was three on June 19. Also, Kelly Sanders, Carl's son, will be three July 30. C. W. Lance's daughter Michelle celebrated her sixth birthday with a party. Hope everyone has a happy birthday!



Travis Lyda

Strike one! Strike two! Strike three! YOU'RE OUT! Baseball and softball are going strong in District 4. Jack Coleman, manager of the AHD softball team, reports

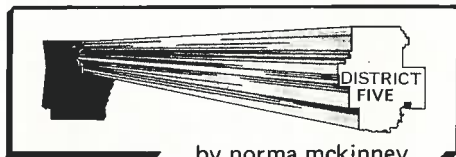
they have won their fifth game. The recent victory was over Gerber Foods with an exciting score of 20-18. Dale Spencer is managing a peewee baseball team again this year. No comments from D. C.

Donna Williams, daughter of R. G. Williams with Sanders' crew, received her certificate of graduation from the sixth grade at Charleston Elementary on May 19. She celebrated her 11th birthday June 19. Her brother Randy, was 10 on June 23.

Jerry Hunsucker's wife Sharon has just undergone minor surgery and recovered nicely. Sheila Holland, L. D.'s daughter, is still taking treatments at Memphis, Tennessee, for rheumatoid arthritis. Jerry Hunsucker and L. D. Holland are with Spencer's crew.

John D. Storey, Materials & Tests inspector in District 4, went into the hospital recently for 3 or 4 days to have tests run.

Our leader catches only the big ones! Dist. Engr. Calvin Peevy caught a 7½ pound bass on a fishing trip to Beaver Lake using an injured minnow! Previously he caught a 6½ pound bass at Lake Ouachita. Keep up the good fishing, leader! Recently, E. L. Slaughterbeck went up to Subiaco on a fishing trip and had good luck with bass weighing up to six pounds.



by norma mckinney

Congratulations to our employees who received service awards in May: David T. Neighbors, Maintenance Repairman II, has completed 20 years. Marilyn Coffman, secretary; Bobby B. Bolin, Engineering Aide IV; Minor W. Creswell, deckhand; and Gene R. Smith, Highway Engineering Aide III 10 years each. Glimburn H. Goff, boiler operator; and William D. Miller, equipment operator have completed 5

years each.

The girls in the district office recently enjoyed a tour of the lovely new home of Maint. Supt. C. L. (Brad) Bradberry and family.

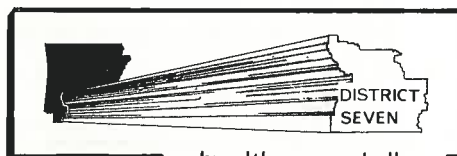
Randy and Yvonne Satterwhite are proud parents of a baby girl, born March 24. The Satterwhites also have a 3½ year old son. Randy is maintenance coordinator.

Vivian Brooks and Joe Price were wed May 27 in the Baptist Church of Newark. Her father, J. D. Brooks, works on the Sign Crew. Vivian will be graduating from the Foothills Vocational School at Searcy, June 30.



Mrs. Joe Price

Lorene Pickens, stock clerk, is recuperating from a car accident which occurred April 11 in front of the District headquarters. Stock Clerk Oscar Syfert is to be commended for his usual fine job of taking over in her absence. We wish Lorene a speedy recovery.



by althea campbell

Those who have received 20 year service awards are as follows: Paul R. Blankenship, civil engineer with the Camden construction crew; Roy Stone, carpenter; Equip. Supt. Jesse C. Parker; Maint. Supvr. John R. Rodgers; Eva L.

Parker, auto/diesel mechanic superintendent, and J. W. Hancock, Arnold E. Gill and George H. Curtis, equipment operators.



Paul Blankenship, right, receives certificate from Res. Engr. Bob Myers.



Jesse C. Parker

Others who have received awards are: 15 years - Carol D. Tutt, maintenance repairman; and Dallas S. Smith, engineering aide with the El Dorado construction crew. 10 years - Leon Johnson, engineering aide with Camden construction; and Henry E. Sipes and Thomas J. Mays, equipment operators. 5 years - Joe L. Johns, laborer; and Paul G. Nash, Roy L. Davis and Billy G. Gilbert, equipment operators.



Bob Myers congratulates Leon Johnson

L. D. Hopper has been transferred from the Batesville district to be our new equipment superintendent. He and his wife have bought a home in Camden and we are happy to have them with us. They have a new grandson, Kyle Travis Hopper, born April 25 to their youngest son and daughter-in-law who live in Batesville.

Arlene Davis, Storeroom supervisor, is back at work after having foot surgery.

Sula Burnham retired in March after a Highway career of 30 years. We accorded her going-away honors with a little office party. We all miss her, needless to say.

Former Payroll Clerk Carolyn Milner has been promoted to bookkeeper in Sula's place. Receptionist Mary Lane was promoted to payroll clerk but Mary has now resigned. Her replacement has not yet been named.

Carolyn Sue Smith has been employed as receptionist. She has also been helping as payroll clerk. Theda Huffman, a summer employee, shares receptionist duties with Carolyn. Theda is an elementary education major at Southern State.



Carolyn Sue Smith

Eugene Slaton and his wife have returned from a vacation to Omaha, Nebr. where they visited their daughter and family.

Beatrice and Edward Jackson enjoyed a visit from their 4-year-old grandson Joe from Dallas, Texas. Beatrice is our office custodian. She brought Joe out for a short

visit one day and he's quite a ray of sunshine.

A large holly tree has been planted near Bob Myers' office on the headquarters grounds for the enhancement of the area. (*I'll just bet Mary Nell is already planning how she will decorate that tree, come Christmas. Ed.*)



"Helpers" with the transplant are Mary Nell Carlson, Leon Johnson and Tommy Casteel.

Williamson's Residency

by elaine mckinnon

Earl Raines, who was transferred from Texarkana recently to our residency, and his wife Pam (a past employee of AHD in Little Rock) are the proud parents of a little girl, Ashlee Jean, born May 17.

Engrng. Aide Larry Beard and his wife Kathleen are moving from Camden to El Dorado. Larry is glad so that he won't have to make that long journey from Camden every day.

J. R. and Rita Faye McVay celebrated their 22nd wedding anniversary on June 17. J. R. is also an engineering aide.

This reporter and husband Jim celebrated our fourth anniversary June 7. So far we have acquired a little boy named Brent who is 19 months old, two dogs and a cat.



by alice bradley

We welcome David Moore and his family back to District 8 and Russellville. He formerly worked in the district as a resident engineer before being transferred to Little Rock. He returned to Russellville on May 1 as the district engineer.

We began the move to our new District headquarters on June 5 and now have the office staff moved in. We are very pleased to be in our new facilities and hope to have open house soon.

Congratulations to Thomas Daily and Don Wilkinson on their recent promotions. Thomas, formerly permit clerk, is now maintenance coordinator, and Don, formerly fuel clerk, is now the permit clerk. Bill Rutledge, who was building inspector of the new District headquarters, is now fuel clerk.

Welcome to Beverly Vick, who is the receptionist at our new office. She, her husband, Ted, and two sons, Willie and Teddy, reside in Russellville.

Levi Bryant, Conway County area foreman, is proud of his new granddaughter, Jacinda Leigh, born February 7 to Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Ray Bryant of Plummerville. She has a brother, Christopher Robert, 4.



Jacinda and Christopher Bryant

Another proud grandfather is Joe DuVall, sign foreman. His new granddaughter is Andrea Louise Wells, born May 7. Her mother is Neldia Louise Wells of Morrilton. She has a brother, Scott, 4, and a sister, Tanya, 6.

Cyndia Jeneane McCain celebrated her second birthday with a party despite the fact that she had undergone a tonsillectomy just two weeks before. Her father, Dean, works with the District crew.



Cyndia McCain

We extend our deepest sympathy to R. L. Keys' family. Mr. Keys passed away on May 28 at Sparks Regional Medical Center at Fort Smith. He was employed with the Yell County crew.

J. W. Phillips of the District shop has completed 20 years' service and C. L. Tamburo of the Morrilton residency has completed 10 years.

Several have recently received 5-year awards, including: W. C. Sims, District crew; C. E. Kennedy and C. J. Marlow, Perry County; B. G. Boyd, Doyle Travis, E. M. Watson, C. G. Bridges and R. O. Young, sealing crew; O. J. Crawford, C. A. Garrett and A. R. Shipp, Conway County; A. M. Reedy and H. R. Wooley, Faulkner County; and H. L. Underwood, Yell County.

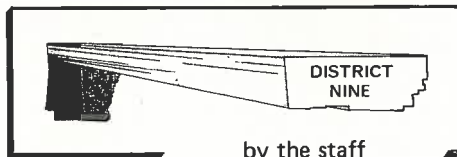
Several District 8 employees have retired recently. Earl Hankins, who worked with the Pope County crew, retired after more than 23 years of service. Bruce

McConnell, who worked with the District crew, retired after almost 30 years. Omer W. Stephens retired from the Clarksville residency after 15 years of service. Their presence is missed by their fellow workers and we wish them many happy years of retirement.

James and Lillian Blalock became parents for the first time on April 26 when James Randall was born. "Slim" works for the Russellville residency.

Doug and Brenda Collins are delighted with their newly adopted son, Steven Louis, born October 22, 1971. Doug works in the District shop.

Richard and Anna Clement were blessed with their first child, a son named Richard, Jr., on April 24. His father works for the Pope County crew.



Springdale Office

Most of our news is courtesy of Mr. Stork. First, there's Kristi Daeleen Bowerman who was born March 11. She and her mother Hazel paid us a surprise visit recently. Jim and Hazel have really enjoyed showing off Kristi to all their AHD friends. We hope they bring her in again soon. Jim is an equipment operator at Springdale.



Kristi Bowerman

Then there's Barry Wayne Jarrett, born April 22 to Dennis and Audrey Jarrett. Dennis came to work February 1 as stock clerk. He is a recent graduate of Twin Lakes Vocational Technical School in Harrison.

Bill and Delilah Harbison became the elated parents of a baby girl, Melissa Alaine on April 25. Bill is the area foreman at Gentry.

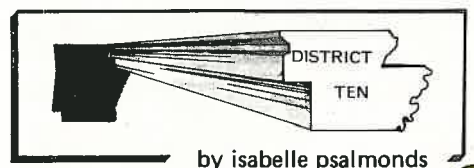


Melissa at 6 weeks with brother Chad.

And on May 3 J. B. and Joyce Parker were blessed with a baby girl, their first in nine years of marriage. She has been named Anita Kay. Our heartiest congratulations. J. B. is the station attendant at the Huntsville area headquarters.



Anita Kay Parker



Some of the folks in District 10 have been busy in sports. Some have retired and some have become grandparents.

The AHD Basketball team at Jonesboro won 1st place in the Jaycee's Tournament at Crowley's Ridge in February. Congratulations, fellas.



Front row, left to right: Ricky Caple, Richard Rogers, and Billy Biggs. Back row, left to right: Pat Hays, James McCoy, Ronald Rogers, Donald Rogers, Carl Williams, Dave Eddington and Gaylon Caple.

Paragould High School's tennis team, Charles and Scotty Hesselbein, captured Region 3AA doubles honors at the Harmon Field courts by downing another PHS entry (Brad Paul and Kenny Edwards). On the way, Hesselbein and Hesselbein disposed of Batesville 6-3, 6-3 and Trumann 6-1, 6-0. At the State meet in Little Rock, they beat Stuttgart but lost in the quarter finals to Crossett. They are the sons of Asst. Maint. Supt. Charles Hesselbein.

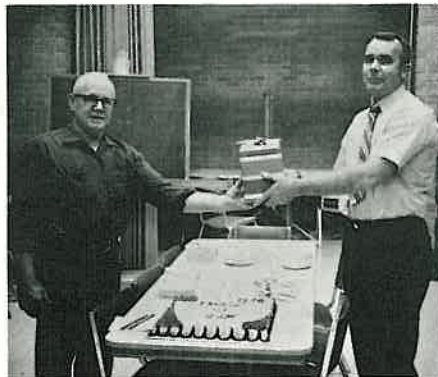


Scotty, left, and Charles Hesselbein.

Res. Engr. Claude Parton of Jonesboro, and Alfred Gallent, brother-in-law of "Fat" Matthews, took 5th place in doubles bowling at Fayetteville. Pretty good, considering how many were bowling, says Claude.

Now that summer is here, we will be hearing about what some of our children are doing in Little League.

F. F. "Red" Lovelace, auto diesel mechanic, retired on March 20. He had been with the Department 22 years and 7 months. The Supervisory, shop and office personnel had cake and coffee for Red and gave him a watch to show our appreciation.



Dist. Engr. M. S. Smith presents Red Lovelace a gift on behalf of all the employees.

Marvin Swink, carpenter in the bridge crew, retired in April after 20 years of service. The crew had a get-together and gave Mr. Swink a gift.

Eli Streeter, Equipment Operator II, retired in May. W. E. Raspberry, Mississippi County area foreman, and the Blytheville crew, assisted by their wives, helped Eli celebrate his retirement after 20 years with the Highway Department. There was a lot of good catfish and all the trimmings, with M. D. Davidson as chief cook. In the picture is Mr. Streeter with Mrs. Streeter receiving a life jacket, a going-away present from all the men. Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hopper and family of Paragould.



Mr. and Mrs. Eli Streeter

All of us wish the very best for these men and trust they will have many happy years of retirement and that they will stop in occasionally and visit with those of us who are still here.

Permit Clerk James Cobb nearly brought the house down on April 19, he let out such a mighty shout when he got this simple message on the radio - "It's a boy". His son Jim and his wife presented Mr. Cobb his first grandchild whose name is James Edwin.

Jackie Black, clerk in the Paragould resident engineer's office, had a new granddaughter born on June 5. Congratulations to Jackie and the Cobbs.

In the new car department, Claude Parton informs us that he is driving a gold '72 Chrysler and Darrell Holder, maintenance superintendent, is driving a new LTD (Long Time Debt), he says. Dewayne Combs, Store supervisor, has a new El Camino pick-up... It looks like a sports car.

Karolyn Gregory, fuel clerk, and her family went to Oklahoma City to visit her sister for vacation.

Hamp Fletcher, shop foreman, and his wife bought a new pick-up truck, put a camper on it and took off. They visited the Will Rogers Memorial in Claremore, Okla. In Texas they stayed in Big Bend Park, Palo Duro Canyon, Santa Anna Park and saw the Astrodome. They went to New Deming, New Mexico and New

Orleans.

Welcome to Kathy Rowland, who is working in the District Office on the college work-study program. She plans to enter ASU at Jonesboro in the fall. Welcome also to the engineering students who are working for the summer in the Construction crew. And to Mike Cameron and Brent Watkins, civil engineer at the Jonesboro Office, and Danny Stafford, civil engineer who is back in Paragould after completing the engineer-in-training program.

Another vacationer is Rex Hall, maintenance coordinator. He and his family have gone to Florida.

The doll below is John Shanon Carlile at the age of 2 months 20 days. He is second son of Jo Ann and Don Carlile. Jo Ann is a radio operator.



John Shanon Carlile

SECOND RAPID READING SESSION CONCLUDED

The second rapid reading session to be conducted at the Highway Department this year was held between May 8 and June 6 with thirty eight persons enrolled. Classes were taught two afternoons per week at charge of \$7 per person. The course was open to all employees and was taught in cooperation with the Department of Education. Gordon Bridges of the Little Rock Public School System was the instructor.

A five weeks' course was offered for division and section heads and their assistants in January and February. Sufficient interest was generated to justify a second session.

Babb Winner of AHD Tourney

by frank newsham

The AHD golf season got off to a rousing start with 29 participants in the Annual Individual Golf Tournament played April 1 – May 15 at War Memorial Park. The quality of play can be attested to by the following results (all scores are total net for 72 holes):

- 1st place – Bernie Babb – 260
- 2nd place – Lee Gibbons – 264
- 3rd place – Dale Loe – 264



Left to right: Lee Gibbons, Bernie Babb and Dale Loe.

Second and third place winners were decided by a play-off, since Marlin Powell and Danny Stafford completed 72 holes with a net score of 264 in addition to Gibbons and Loe. John Adams shot the low gross score – 306. Babb's 260 was the low net and even par.

The caliber of players participating can be further emphasized by the number of birdies (53) and eagles (2) necessitating a reduction of cash prizes to 20 cents per birdie and 50 cents per eagle!

Brooks Nichols and Glenn Trammel both scored eagles on the Par 4, 14th hole. Marlin Powell scored a hole in one on the Par 3, 17th hole, using a No. 5 iron, but alas and alack, he had already completed his tournament play prior to this accomplishment.

The following individuals were awarded 3 golf balls each for being nearest to the pin on the Par 3 holes:

- 4th hole – Danny Stafford
- 5th hole – Bernie Babb
- 9th hole – Louis Dishongh
- 11th hole – Jake Weston
- 16th hole – Bob Mattox
- 17th hole – Jim Tucker

The game of golf is either exhilarating or exasperating and mine was the latter. See you all at the next tournament planned for late summer.

This'll Kill Ya!

A giddy matron approached a man at a cocktail party whose arm was in a sling. "Is it broken or sprained?" she asked. "Broken, madam."

"Oh, my," she persisted. "Were you in an accident?"

"No ma'am. I broke it patting myself on the back."

"But why," gushed the overbearing dame, "were you patting yourself on the back?"

"For minding my own business," came the wry retort.

"The things I cook best are meat loaf and onion soup," said the new bride to her husband.

"Which is this?" asked the bridegroom.

Patient to doctor examining him:

"And another thing I noticed, Doctor I'm tired and irritable after waiting a solid hour in that reception room of yours."

A census taker asked the woman at the door: "How many in your family?"

"Five," snapped the answer. "Me, the old man, kid, cow and cat."

"And the politics of your family?"

"Mixed. I'm a Republican, the old man's a Democrat, the kid's wet, the cow's dry and the cat's a Communist."

Marriage is a process for finding out what sort of man your wife would have preferred.

"Get my broker on the phone at once, Miss Davis."

"Yes, sir, stock or pawn?"

A woman paid a friendly visit to a newcomer in her neighborhood. At the end of the visit, she advised the newcomer, "When you meet Mrs. Jones, don't tell her any of your secrets."

"Are you trying to tell me she's a gossip?" inquired the new homeowner worriedly.

"Let me put it this way — keeping a secret from that woman is like trying to sneak daybreak past a rooster!"

A young woman shrank down in her booth at a diner when a truck pulled up outside, for she recognized the driver as the man she had unintentionally cut off on the highway several miles back. Fortunately, he took a seat at the far end of the counter and appeared not to recognize her.

After he had finished his coffee and left, the young woman asked for her check. The waitress said the truck driver had paid the bill and had also left a note for her. The young lady's face burned with embarrassment as she read the note hastily printed on a paper napkin: "Please give me a ten-minute head start."

A surgeon and his wife were taking a walk when a vivid young blonde greeted him gaily. The doctor's wife eyed him narrowly. "Where," she asked, "did you meet that person, my dear?"

"Just a young woman I met professionally," he explained.

"I see," murmured his wife. "Yours, or hers?"

Who Is It?



The Who Is It? in the last issue was Thurman Payne of Equipment. He was correctly identified by John Helgen, Marie Blankenship, Buddy Dumas, Otha Hewitt and Nathan Garrett. Thurman's job is to make continuous inspection of the Department's equipment and see that it is kept in safe working order.

Letters

May 3, 1972

Arkansas State Highway Department
Right of Way Division
Box 2261
Little Rock, Arkansas
Attn: Mr. Douglas Rogers

Dear Mr. Rogers:

In behalf of Mercy Hospital staff and citizens of Brinkley, I wish to express our gratitude to you and the Arkansas State Highway Department, Right of Way Division, for installing the hospital directional signs that we recently requested.

I am enclosing a picture of one of these signs taken from the newspaper, "Brinkley Argus", so you can see that everyone here does indeed appreciate your good work.

Sincerely,

James N. McElroy
Chief Engineer
Mercy Hospital
Brinkley, Arkansas



ARKANSAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
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Where is it?



Last issue's Where Is It? was a tough one but it was identified by two people. Patsy Mauppin of Wynne and Lamar Cole of Little Rock recognized the picture of the pipe which controls draft in the tollhouse of the Helena Bridge so that exhaust fumes of approaching vehicles do not come into the tollhouse.