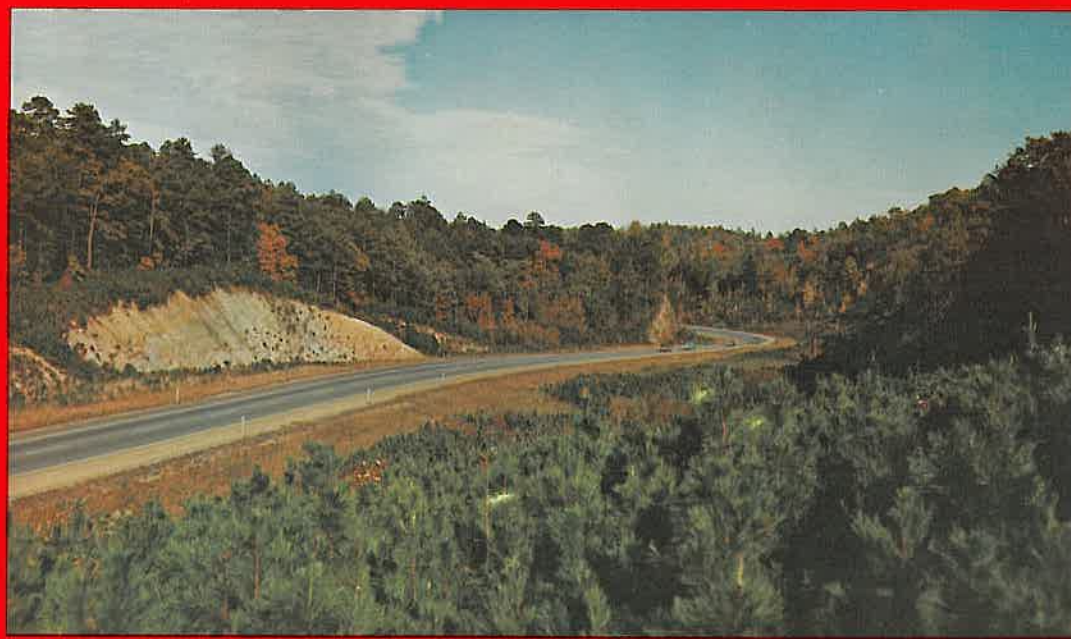


# ARKANSAS HIGHWAYS

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER-DECEMBER, 1972



## SEASON'S GREETINGS

Best Wishes for the  
**Holiday  
Season**

*Dear Highway Friends:*

*At this time each year we get caught up in the Christmas Spirit which spices our lives for a season with excitement, expectancy, happiness and tranquility. We are mindful of the benefits afforded us as your Highway Commission through association, friendship and your loyal support. It is our hope that we may continue to merit your confidence and friendship in the years ahead.*

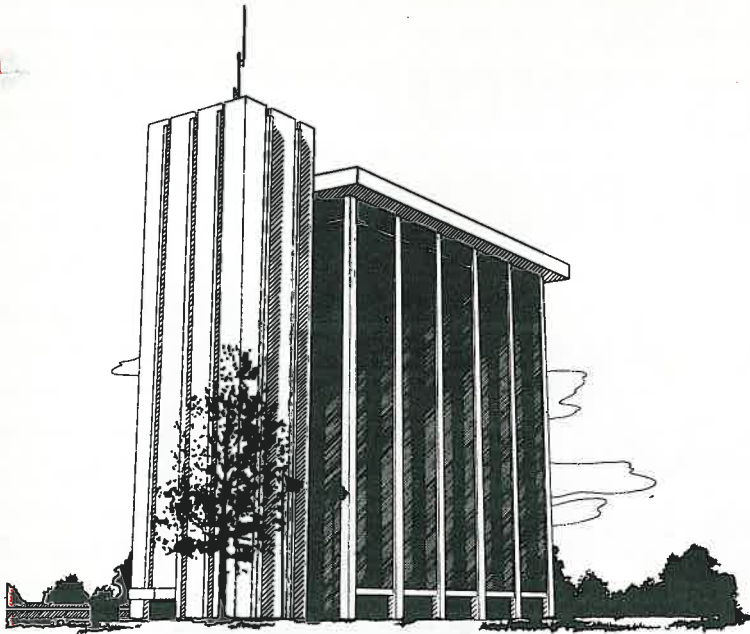
*The expectation of the holiday season is of various kinds – a new gun, perhaps or a new coat, going on a trip, having guests. But in a broader sense, as we approach the end of a year, most of us look expectantly to a better way of life during the new year and further into the future.*

*To those of us involved in building highways, a better highway system is an integral part of the better way of life. Since we have been entrusted with the responsibility of building and maintaining those roads, we assist in opening the way to a better future for all. A personal bond should exist between us and other people because roads make places of recreation accessible to the public, aids commerce, improves safety and contributes to the protection of the environment.*

*We appreciate your support and cooperation this year and thank you for it. Heartiest wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.*

*Cordially,  
YOUR ARKANSAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION*





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**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

TO ALL OF YOU FROM ALL OF US –  
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR, TOO!

- Bill
- Mary
- Mary Jack
- Johnnie
- Louie

# AHC REVEALS SPECIAL HIGHWAY PROGRAM



The Arkansas Highway Commission made public on November 15 plans for an accelerated highway construction program which includes 505 more miles of interstate type (four or more lanes divided with controlled access) highways and paving all the gravel roads presently on the highway system. Construction costs are now estimated to be approximately \$533 million.

The Commission has long felt the need to accelerate the state's highway construction program in order to satisfy critical highway needs in many areas of the

state and to stimulate social and economic growth. The failure of the 92nd Congress to approve a new highway funding bill placed the Arkansas Highway Department in a dilemma and made undeniable the fact that more money must be made available or highway construction must come to a near halt. Without federal aid, the state has only \$8 million in federal funds available for highways for the remainder of 1972 and \$5 million of that has already been pledged to the construction of interstate highways. Already, the Commission has extended its six-year program (adopted earlier this year) to be concluded in an eight-year period. The 523 miles of improvement not included in the six-year program have been incorporated into the proposed accelerated program.

## LACK OF PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE PARTIAL CAUSE OF DILEMMA

During the past two years, while the majority of the populace, not only in Arkansas but nation-wide, remained complacently unconcerned about highway revenues, a movement toward revenue sharing and diversion of the Federal Highway Trust Fund was gaining momentum. The Arkansas Highway Commission, cognizant of the urgency to make the public aware of highway needs in this state, has been taking

every opportunity to talk up highways and asking people to oppose diversion of the Trust Fund by requesting their Congressional delegation to vote against it.

The best prepared highway program can fall by the wayside when people fail to support it. For example, the federal highway funds refused the states by the 92nd Congress were due on July 1 and promised no later than December 31.

On the state level, 7.5 cents a gallon tax and vehicle registration receipts go into a designated fund to support the state's share of highway financing. Highway funds DO NOT come from general revenues. The present surplus of the general fund is enviable, says Chairman Harsh, but does not help the Highway Department with its problem.

#### HIGHWAY BUILDING PROGRAM MUST NOT LAG

The state's highway building program must not be allowed to lag for two reasons: (1) inability of the Department to meet the needs of ever-increasing traffic growth at the present construction rate; and (2) the amount of long-range planning necessary in highway building which makes knowing the source and approximate amount of funds highly important. In the opinion of Director Ward Goodman, Congress' failure to approve a highway funding bill this year will set the state's highway construction program back at least six months.

#### WHAT THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION WOULD DO

The proposed 505 miles of freeway-type construction would be divided into 24 projects which would connect all the cities in the state that are expected to reach 25,000 population by 1990 with freeway service. The cities include Hot Springs, El Dorado, Fayetteville, Rogers, Camden, Jonesboro, Searcy and Helena-West Helena. Projected 1990 population of these urban areas was determined by the 1970-1990 National Highway Functional Classification and Needs Study. The 24 projects are:

U.S. Highway 67 from Searcy to State Highway 91 at Walnut Ridge, 60.6 miles, \$71,745,000.

U.S. Highway 71 from Texarkana to Ashdown, 18 miles, \$17,295,000.

U.S. Highway 65 from Conway north to the cutoff to Heber Springs, 12 miles \$11,550,000.

U.S. Highway 270 from Interstate 30 to Hot Springs, 20.8 miles, \$23,320,000.

U.S. Highway 63 from Interstate 55 to Jonesboro, 37.5 miles, \$33,918,000.

U.S. Highway 65 from south of Little Rock to Pine Bluff, 27 miles \$22,110,000.

U.S. Highway 65 from Pine Bluff to McGehee, 52 miles, \$44,825,000.

U.S. Highway 65 from McGehee to Dermott, 7 miles, \$5 million.

Route from El Dorado through Camden to Interstate 30 north of Prescott, 61 miles, \$58,300,000.

North Belt Loop at North Little Rock, 7.8 miles, \$10,200,000.

Little Rock airport access freeway, 3 miles, \$5 million.

State Highway 1 from Forrest City to Walnut Corner in Phillips County, 33.3 miles, \$30,930,000.

U.S. Highway 71 additional lanes for the Fayetteville loop, 8.7 miles, \$8,500,000.

U.S. Highway 71 from Fort Smith to Fayetteville, 47 miles,

U.S. Highway 71 from the Fayetteville loop to Rogers, 16 miles, \$18,560,000.

U.S. Highway 71 from Rogers to Bentonville, 6 miles, \$6 million.

U.S. Highway 71 from the Missouri line south, 6 miles, \$4 million.

State Highway 1 from Forrest City to Wynne, 12 miles, \$10,715,000.

U.S. Highway 63, additional lanes for the Jonesboro bypass, 10 miles, \$6,050,000.

U.S. Highway 167, U.S. Highway 82 and state Highway 7 at El Dorado, additional lanes, 5 miles, \$3,200,000.

U.S. Highway 91 from Jonesboro to Walnut Ridge, 20 miles, \$3,750,000.

U.S. Highway 82, Magnolia bypass, 14.1 miles, \$6,625,000.

U.S. Highway 62 from Flippen to Mountain Home, miles, \$6,915,000.

U.S. Highway 49 from Walnut Corner to West Helena, 5.5 miles, \$2,200,000.

Freeway radials from the existing interstate to all cities of more than 20,000 population (1970 census) will also be constructed. The Commission has desig-



nated no priorities among the projects. In addition to the 24 freeway projects, 523 miles of gravel roads on the state system would be paved over a period of 10 years at a cost of approximately \$64 million. That would not mean that the state would have all the paved highways it *needs or should have* but it would most assuredly raise the state's highway system to a quality never before attained.

#### HOW TO FINANCE

The Highway Commission recommends that: (1) \$416 million in bonds be issued in increments of \$52 million per year for eight years, with a 25-year amortization period for each issue, (which means that those bonds issued the eight year would be paid off in 33 years); and, (2) the rural paving program to be funded over a 10-year-period. This schedule is designed to be compatible with the Highway Department's normal construction effort and realize maximum utilization of personnel and facilities. At the present time, Arkansas is the only state which does not have a highway bond program.

The Commission also recommends that 2 cents additional tax be levied on gasoline to retire the bonds. The tax would produce about \$20.8 million in 1974 and steadily larger sums in succeeding years. Unlike the existing 7.5 cent gasoline tax and other highway user revenues, none of the proceeds of the proposed two-cent increase would go to the cities and counties for their road programs. Presently the cities and counties get 30 per cent (15% each) of highway user revenues; the Highway Department gets the rest. Commission chairman John Harsh said the Commission decided to make the tax a special one with all the proceeds going into the state highway system because cities and counties have been somewhat relieved by the recent federal revenue sharing.

#### COMPARISON OF TAX WITH OTHER STATES

If Arkansas increases its 7.5 cent tax by 2 cents, it would rank among those states now having the highest tax. However, Connecticut, at 10 cents has the highest tax. Presently no other state has 9.5 cents, nine have 9-cent rates, four 8.5-cents and 11 8-cent rates. Eight states and the District of Columbia increased gasoline taxes in 1971 and eight more in 1972. Several other states will be seeking increases next year.

#### COST TO MOTORISTS 4 CENTS PER DAY

Financing the proposed construction and paving program will cost the average motorist only 4 cents per day, based on an average of 10,500 miles driven annually, at a mileage rate of 13.5 miles per gallon. In terms of vehicle cost, the increase will be 0.15 cents per mile. By comparison, the Federal Highway Administration estimates that the owner of a standard size 1972 automobile will spend \$13,552.95 to operate and maintain it over the 10 years of its anticipated life, or 13.55 cents per mile; the compact car, 10.81 cents per mile; and the subcompact model, 9.4 cents per mile.

#### AHC OPTIMISTIC OF PASSAGE

Chairman John Harsh said the Highway Commission is optimistic that Governor Bumpers and the General Assembly will support having the bond issue put to a vote by the people, probably in a special election next year. He said the Commission members and Department officials would campaign vigorously for the proposed program and the bond issue. The plan was presented to Governor Bumpers by Commissioners George Kell and Maurice Smith about two weeks before it was made public. Governor Bumpers vetoed a highway bond issue bill last year, saying he had not had sufficient time to study it. He has said since then that he would probably sign a highway bond bill that had proper safeguards.

#### "FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WON'T BE OUR SAVIOR"

Director Ward Goodman said that since the state provides the federal Highway Trust Fund with nearly twice as much money as it receives from the fund, "it now seems appropriate that state highway officials should consider supporting the ultimate in revenue sharing measures — that is, when the interstate system is completed, abolish the trust fund and return taxing authority back to the individual states." He continued, saying, "However, it is highly doubtful that federalism would allow this step to be taken but the time is past due when our dissatisfaction with the use of our highway funds should be aired. The federal government will NOT be our savior."

# NATIONAL PARKS SYSTEM OBSERVES 100th BIRTHDAY

This year many special activities have emphasized the 100th birthday celebration of the nation's national park system. On March 1, 1872 President Ulysses S. Grant signed a Congressional bill that set aside two million acres for a national park at the headwaters of the Yellowstone River. That of course was the granddaddy of all national parks — Yellowstone National. More importantly, however, signing the bill gave birth to the nation's system of national parks which now numbers 36, plus more than 200 other national landmarks and recreational areas.

## HOT SPRINGS OLDEST

Long before Yellowstone was a park, before Arkansas was even a state, the government took over more than a 1,000 acres of Arkansas Territory as a government reservation, the first location in the United States to be set aside for future development as a public use area. Comprised of five mountains in the Ouachita range, and including 47 thermal springs, the

area was called Hot Springs Reservation until 1921, when the name was changed to Hot Springs National Park.

Long before Hernando DeSoto set foot in the territory on a search for gold in 1541, native Indians had discovered the medicinal qualities of the hot springs. The superstitious redmen considered the "Valley of the Vapors" to be sacred and feared that the gods would cause the springs to dry up if they fought over them, so a number of otherwise hostile tribes mingled at the healing springs.

The Park officials observed the parks system's birthday with a Founders Day program on August 25 with an open house. Some especially prepared centennial exhibits and slide programs were set up.

Hot Springs, today a municipality of more than 35,000 people, virtually surrounds the park area and internationally famous Bath House Row on Central Avenue bears no resemblance to the early day healing place. As a spa, convention center, tourist mecca, recreational haven and home of Oaklawn Race Track, Hot Springs draws more than 2.5 million visitors annually, most of whom arrive by automobile or other highway transportation via three state highways 5, 7 and 290 — and two U.S. routes — 70 and 270.

Highway work in the Hot Springs area during the last five years includes relocation of Highway 7 from Grand Avenue to Lake Hamilton; resurfacing 6 miles of U.S. 270 from Hot Springs west, and 15 miles of U.S. 70 east from Hot Springs; widening and overlay of U.S. 70 at the Airport Drive intersection; and screening junkyards in the area, representing a total expenditure of \$1,806,281. Two projects are presently under construction: overlay of Highway 7 from Grand Avenue to Gorge Road, and widening and overlay of U.S. 70 and 270 at the junction of the two highways. The total cost will be approximately \$55,800.

Projects programmed are the reconstruction of 4.7 miles of U.S. 270 from U.S. 70 eastward, and construction of a bridge and approaches on U.S. 270 at Bull Bayou. Total estimated cost, \$2,470,000.

The Traffic Division is also currently conducting a Traffic Operation Study in the Hot Springs area.

Pea Ridge National Military Park in the extreme northwestern part of the state is accessible by U.S. 62 and State Highway 72.



# I-30 - - OPEN ALL THE WAY!



Another goal of the Highway Department was reached on November 10 when the final gap on Interstate 30 was formally dedicated and opened to traffic, enabling motorists to travel the entire 313-mile length of the route from Dallas to North Little Rock on four- and six-lanes divided highway.

Dedication of the last 8.9 miles to be opened were sponsored by the Hope and Prescott Chambers of Commerce and the Highway Department, and held at the Highway 299 interchange just north of Emmet. Governor Bumpers made the dedicatory address. He took the occasion to stress the need for competent, safe drivers behind the steering wheel.

George Frazier of Hope was the master of ceremonies. Miss Arkansas, Debbie Hazelwood of Magnolia, and other dignitaries assisted the governor with the ribbon-cutting. Highway Commission chairman John Harsh introduced Commissioner Maurice Smith and administrative officials of the Department.

Those attending in addition to Harsh and Smith were Director Ward Goodman, Asst. Director Henry Gray, Asst. Chief Engr. J. E. Lowder, Construction Engr. John Tallant and District 3 Engr. Charles Mitchell.

National Guard Units from Hope and Prescott presented the colors and high school bands from both cities played the national anthem. Mayor Larry Wahlquist of Prescott made the welcome address. Others participating in the program were Senator Olen Hendrix and Jim McKenzie, president of the Prescott Chamber of Commerce. Rev. William H. Risinger, pastor of St. Mary's Episcopal Church at Hope gave the invocation and Rev. Gerald K. Fincher, pastor of First United Methodist Church at Prescott pronounced the benediction.

The Chambers of Commerce hosted a luncheon at Perrytown Restaurant prior to the dedication for more than 100 dignitaries including Governor

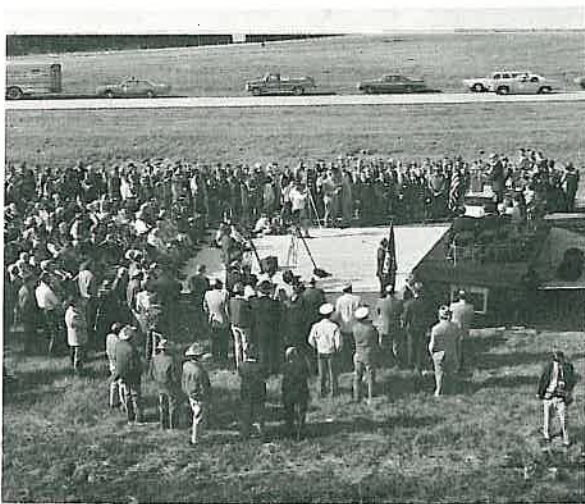


Bumpers, Lieutenant Governor Bob Riley, Highway Commission members and Department officials, members of the Legislative Council, Secretary of State Kelly Bryant, and several area county judges and mayors.

Planning for the Interstate System began in 1956 after passage of the Federal-aid Highway Act by Congress authorizing the construction of 42,500 miles of a National System of Interstate and Defense Highways. The first I-30 contract in Arkansas was awarded in October, 1957. Arkansas' segment of I-30 - 143 miles - represents an expenditure of over \$130 million.



*Governor Dale Bumpers*



*Commission Chairman John Harsh*



# DIRECTOR GOODMAN HONORED



Highway Director Ward Goodman has been the recipient of three honors in recent weeks. At the annual meeting of the Southeastern Association of State Highway Officials (SASHO) in Daytona Beach, Florida in October he was elected the 1973 president. The Arkansas Highway Department will host the 12-state organization when it convenes at the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs the week of October 7-10, 1973.

At the annual meeting of the American Association of State Highway Officials (AASHO) in session at Phoenix, Arizona the week of November 27-30, Goodman was elected first vice president for 1973.

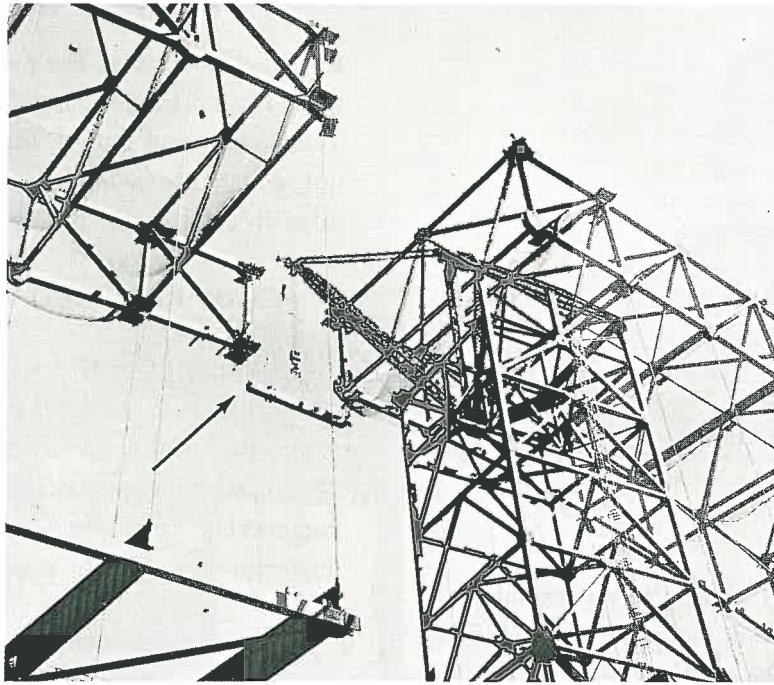
At the AASHO meeting he received the Thomas H. MacDonald Memorial Award for outstanding achievement in the fields of highway administration, engineering and research.

The award was established in 1957 by AASHO to be granted to one person each year at the annual meeting. To be eligible for the award a person must have been employed by one or more member departments of the Association for at least five years and have rendered continuous outstanding service over an extended period of time or have made some exceptional contribution to the art and science of highway engineering. Nominations may be made by the chief administrative officer of each member highway department and by the chairmen of the AASHO committees.

Goodman has been with the Arkansas Highway Department more than 35 years and has been director since January 1, 1967.



# Memphis Bridge "Topped Out"



The traditional American flag rode up on the last section of steel to be hoisted into place on the main superstructure of the I-40 bridge at Memphis on October 2 as Bethlehem Steel ironworkers observed the traditional "topping out" ceremony. The five-ton beam had to be lifted nearly 250 feet above the water by a tower derrick boat. The main span of the bridge is 900 feet long.

The 3,600-foot main river crossing and the 2,220-foot-long east approach are nearing completion. The bridge will carry six lanes of traffic between downtown Memphis and Arkansas when opened to traffic in mid-1973. It is a joint construction project between the Tennessee and Arkansas Highway Departments. The entire bridge construction, which also includes the west approach from the St. Francis Levee on the Arkansas side, will cost approximately \$50 million. It is financed with 90/10 federal funds.

The 10 welded plate box girders, ranging from 339 to 400 feet in length and weighing from 366 to 422 tons, were among the longest and heaviest of their type ever to be assembled and are believed to be the largest girders ever shipped ready for erection. They were fabricated at Bethlehem's Leetsdale, Penna. iron works. To facilitate handling, Bethlehem developed a special method of launching the beams at Leetsdale. They were moved by railroad car-type trucks on standard gauge tracks to an inclined double-ramp launchway. The girders were then lowered to a three-barge unit for shipment to the construction site approximately 1,200 miles away and raised directly into position from the delivery barges.

The tied arch spans will provide a horizontal clearance of approximately 900 feet and a vertical navigation clearance of from 60-90 feet depending on the water level.

# Gene Naugle Regional VP of ASCET



Gene Naugle

C. E. Naugle is presently serving as a regional vice president of the American Society of Certified Engineering Technicians. The region is made up of the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado and New Mexico. He was the guest speaker at the charter presentation of the new El Paso Southwest Chapter in September. The charter dinner was held across the river in Old Mexico at Juarez. He attended the executive committee meeting at Nashville, Tenn. in October and will attend an organizational meeting of a chapter in Denver later this year.

Naugle is an engineering aide in the Final Estimates Section of the Construction Division, having been transferred earlier this year from Jim Williamson's residency at El Dorado.

Naugle was certified by ASCET in 1966 at the Senior Engineering Technician level. ASCET was created in 1961 and is sponsored by the National Society of Professional Engineers, which established the program when it was realized that part of an engineer's time is spent doing work which is actually subprofessional, thus preventing him from utilizing his full engineering capabilities. At the same time it was felt that such work would greatly increase the knowledge and experience of engineers-in-training or others who are technically expert in engineering and can carry out certain proven techniques in a

responsible manner. The pattern of certification begins with Junior Engineering Technician, then Engineering Technician, and Senior Technician. Certification does not constitute a license to practice engineering nor does it entitle the holder to membership in NSPE.

## EXAM REQUIRED AFTER JANUARY 1

The end of 1972 will mark the end of ICET certification on the basis experience alone. After then a passing score on a two-part, six hour written examination or graduation from an EXPD accredited engineering technology Associate or Baccalaureate degree program will be required for initial certification.

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## 943 Mile Sealing Program Completed

The Maintenance Division has completed a 943-mile bituminous sealing program statewide at an approximate cost of \$1 million. All the reports are not complete so the exact cost was not available at press time. The miles of highways repaired are listed below by district:

DISTRICT	MILES
1	86.30
2	68.88
3	137.71
4	87.77
5	94.90
6	106.53
7	115.22
8	95.41
9	73.55
10	76.89
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# Highway Dames Meet, Hold Christmas Auction

The Highway Dames held their annual Christmas auction in the Highway Building auditorium at noon Thursday, November 16. Sixty-one items were contributed and the proceeds amounted to \$114. The money will be used to help an AHD family in distress have a happier Christmas.

Doris Butler was the lively auctioneer. The item going for the highest price was a set of place mats and coasters which sold for \$6.75. Two items which created a great deal of interest were a picture of a mischievous looking tiger in a cage made by John and Maxine Kizer, and a three-piece wall plaque antiqued by Dames President Donna Bosley. Each sold for \$5.00.

The culinary talent of Jane Schmand Carter, a new Dames member, must be well established already. Her brown-eyed susans caused a flurry of bidding, as did a water pillow (for the man who has everything) which Jean Barrett of Appraisal bought for her husband.

The auction is always a jolly occasion and an early prelude to Christmas. This year, due to advance publicity, many highway employees participated in the auction.

The Dames are adding to the proceeds of the auction with their usual contributions in lieu of exchanging Christmas cards. Since the money is used for a Highway employee, any employee who wishes to contribute to the Christmas card fund, may do so. Contributions should be mailed to Mrs. Betty Gee, Treasurer, 524 Mellon, Little Rock, 72205.

The Dames will meet at the home of Mrs. Bosley's mother, Mrs. Melba Munnerlyn, 3605 North Hills Boulevard in North Little Rock, at 10:30 on December 14 for a Christmas coffee. Co-hostesses will be Mrs. Bosley, Bobbie Chapman, Betty Hutchison and Bonnie Magness.



*Auctioneer Doris Butler in action.*

*Appraising the merchandise before the auction begins.*



## Tourist Traffic up 45 Percent

A comparison of tourist traffic recorded at the state's tourist information centers over the state during the first 10 months of 1971 and 1972 shows an increase of 46.6 percent in 1972.

During October more tourists visited Eureka Springs than any other town in the state. Greer's Ferry drew the most recreation enthusiasts. Representatives of 25 foreign countries were among those who registered.

## AHD to participate in National Truck Study



*Interviewers collecting information to be used in the study.*



### *THANKSGIVING SONG*

*While gathering autumn's harvest of gold  
And storing winter's need from the cold  
It is good to pause where silence sings  
And thank the Giver of all good things.*

Governor Bumpers has asked the Highway Department to develop the information needed for Arkansas' portion of the 1974 National Transportation Needs Study. The information will be used as a basis for legislative and expenditure recommendations to Congress and the President. It will cover the movement of people and goods by all basic modes of domestic transportation.

The U.S. Department of Transportation has asked the Governor's office to coordinate the entire study and to assume responsibility for developing the final capital improvement program.

The Planning and Research Division is conducting a year-long study to obtain information on highway usage by trucks (their destinations, what types of commodities are being transported, etc.), characteristics of trucks and weight of commodities carried.

The study began in July and will continue through June, 1973.



# 2nd Group Complete Secretarial Program



Eleven ladies have completed the second Basic Office Skills course of the Secretarial Certification Program. The training sessions are offered by the State Personnel Division and funded with a federal grant authorized under the Inter-governmental Personnel Act.

Another "Class of '72": With Director Ward Goodman, they are left to right: Kathy King, P&R; Susie Nix, Procurement; Emma Galyean, Personnel; Adele Feidler, Surveys; Marilyn Padgett, Legal; Ethel Harrison, Legal; Marilyn Ford (partially obscured), Right of Way; Ann Griffin Nix, Right of Way; Doris Harper, Legal; Marie Crawford, Right of Way; and Brenda Weber, Maintenance.

## ANOTHER WORD FOR CHRISTMAS

One Christmas season General William Booth of the Salvation Army decided to send greetings to every unit scattered across the six continents. But cable rates were so expensive, he knew he would be forced to confine his messages to a single word.

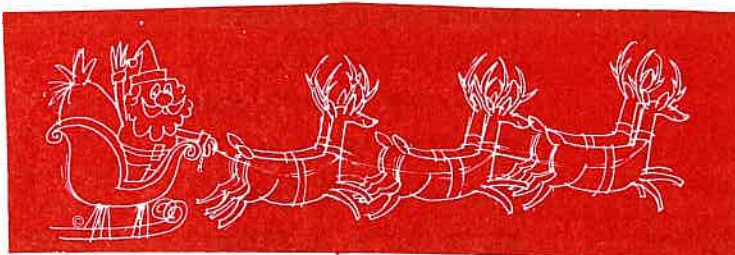
What would best express the spirit and challenge of Yuletide?

Finally, after deep thought, he made his choice. The messages read simply: "Others."

"That's Christmas in one word." The entire Salvation Army staff agreed.



United  
Fund  
Campaign



The annual United Fund Campaign, now officially called the United Way Campaign, among employees of the Highway Department got under way October 13. The Department's goal for 1972 is \$4,000. At press time \$3,589 had been contributed.



## Now, Everybody Knows Where Fouke Is!

When the rumor of the Fouke monster surfaced a couple of years ago, someone remarked to a newspaperman that the Fouke townsfolk would do anything to get in the news. Well, it must have worked. The legendary monster kept evading all human plans for entrapment. The rumor persisted and last summer a movie company filmed a movie on location and gave it the mysterious title, *Legend of Bounty Creek*.

Fouke is a community of 506 people located on U.S. 71 southeast of Texarkana in Miller County. "Bounty Creek" is the dressed up film name for plain old Boggy Creek which flows across U.S. 71 south

of Fouke.

The scene above was one of the ones in the movie. Six miles of the highway north and south of town was reconstructed under a contract awarded to Ben M. Hogan Co. of Little Rock in February, 1970. The work was completed in August of this year.

Unusual problems encountered in highway construction are not unusual; however, the problem discussed by FHWA Area Engr. W. P. Steward in his inspection reported dated August 14 on Job 3623, is more than a little unusual:

"This project was physically completed on August 8, 1972. . . with certain exceptions as listed later in this report . . .

This project has experienced a road hazard that is most unusual . . . The Traffic Division of AHD cannot seem to design an appropriate 'Monster Crossing' sign and Planning and Research Division has been unable to establish a crossing corridor or crossing frequency because the crossing apparently occurs in the early morning hours and the observer normally must spend the earlier hours of darkness in Bossier City, Louisiana. This writer has been informed on a secondhand basis that only the resident engineer and district engineer have done any basic research on this problem, and all they gained was a greater insight on the method of anesthetization used on victims of the Boggy Creek Monster."



### Christmas Card Contributors

At press time the following persons had contributed to the Highway Dames Christmas card fund:

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Magness  
 Mr. and Mrs. John Kizer  
 Mr. and Mrs. Ken Carter  
 Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Head  
 Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Gray  
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Andrews

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Daggett  
 Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bosley  
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Mattox  
 Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Lee  
 Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Butler  
 Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Perkins



# LETTERS

Sept. 25, 1972

Dear Sirs:

*This letter is in regards to an employee of the Arkansas Highway Department, one Mr. Joe Newell.*

*On Wednesday, Sept. 20th while traveling from Wilhelmina State Park to Hot Springs, in the area of Blowout Mt. Rec. Area on highway 270. We blew a wheel (rim) on our travel trailer, about half way up the Mt. and found the lug wrench to be of the wrong size, so we were stranded in 93' temp.*

*Mr. Newell came by, stopped, changed our wheel and mounted the spare, refusing any help I offered and wished us pleasant journey and to please come back to your beautiful state – "This we will do"!!*

*We shall never forget his assistance and pleasant manner.*

*In this gentleman, you certainly have a wonderful employee!*

*Would you please extend our thanks and best wishes to this gentleman again for us.*

*Best wishes,*

*Mr. and Mrs. Wm Pegg  
5063 Galahad  
San Antonio, Texas*

Dear Sir:

*This is the most delightful rest area we have stopped at and we are from California. Thank you for keeping it so clean.*

*Appreciatively,*

*Jessie & Norm Cook*

*P. S. Your marvelous dog has very nice manners.  
Thanks Again!*

*(This note was left at the Glenwood rest area. The dog lives in the community. Ed.)*

October, November, December, 1972.

## Obituaries

FRED LEE PULLIAM



Fred Lee Pulliam, 63, a retired squad boss in the Roadway Design Division died October 20 after a lengthy illness. Pulliam retired in October 1970 due to failing health after 43 years' employment.

He was a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Survivors are his

widow, Mrs. Erma Rodgers Pulliam; two daughters, Mrs. R. S. Martin of Lubbock, Tex. and Mrs. T. A. Menezs of Fair Oaks, Calif.; a brother, Ray Pulliam of Los Angeles; two sisters, Mrs. Gertie Walthall of Little Rock and Mrs. Ruth M. Skinner of Albuquerque, N. M., and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held October 23 at Griffin-Leggett chapel with burial in Forest Hills Memorial Park. Pallbearers were Dick Siegler, John W. Adams, Bill O. Hurt, Brooks Nichols, Paul DeBusk and Glenn Trammel. Honorary pallbearers were other employees of the Highway Department.

HARRY M. WRIGHT



Harry McDonald Wright, 73, 121 Fairview Road, died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound at his home on October 28. Wright, a civil engineer and retired head of the Secondary Roads Division, had been in failing health for about a year. He was employed by the Department 36 years.

Wright was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church and the American Society of Civil Engineers. He was also an active member of the Pulaski County Humane Society.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Grace Newman Wright, and a brother, Richard Wright of Monroe, La. Funeral services were held October 31 at Ruebel Funeral Home with burial in Roselawn Memorial Park. Pallbearers were Jack E. Teasdale, Richard B. Winfrey, Leroy Beckett, Eddie Philan, Dr. Reese Mitcham, George Howell, Boas E. Gibson, A. G. Rives, Max C. Hall, John Tallant and C. A. Shumaker.



Sibyl Maddox of M&T is this year's president of the newly-installed chapter of ABWA called Quapaw Chapter. Ferol Jones, past South Central vice president of ABWA, was the installing officer. The Quapaw Chapter was sponsored by the Razorback Chapter.



- Sibyl Maddox and Ferol Jones.

Frank Battisto, bridge surveys engineer in the Surveys Division, received a 20-year service certificate on October 16. Surveys Engr. Charles Venable presented it to him.



Frank Battisto

Right of Way retiree L. M. Elledge visited in the building on November 14. It was good to see him again.

Photographer Johnnie Gray has another grandson! That makes three. Barbara and Jim Oldham are so happy over the arrival of Johnnie Bryan on November 17. The "Johnnie", of course, comes from Grandpa Johnnie; the Bryan from Jim and his maternal grandfather.

Marie Blankenship of Safety and Max Hall of Secondary Roads have had losses in their families. Marie's mother, Mrs. Maggie Hayes, passed away on October 15 at the age of 92. She was a past president of the Spanish American War Auxiliary and a member of Goodwill Industries Auxiliary. She was also the mother of C. Don Hayes, retired head of Equipment.

Max Hall's brother, Lloyd, died November 5 at the age of 79. He was the owner of Hall's Men's Wear from 1945 until he retired in 1971. Hall was prominent in Sertoma activities, having been a charter member and former president of the North Little Rock club. He had also served as District governor and was once named National Sertoman of the Year.

Ferol Jones came back from the ABWA convention in Miami finding it real tough to get back to routine living after several glorious days of VIP treatment on a chartered Caribbean cruise. I read the shipboard menu which she brought back and drooled.

Kay Weitzel, a former magazine staffer now residing in Beaumont, Texas called while in town a couple of weeks ago. Kay now has her own compostion business and says business is so good, that it looks like she will be forced to hire a helper instead of keeping it a one-woman operation as she had planned.

Susan Patterson Gray, our latest departure from the magazine staff, has been in for two brief visits lately while in town. She is employed by Dr. LeFevre in the School of Engineering at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville while Mike goes to school.

The Razorback season is finished and that was a sad story, wasn't it? Let's look to next year and hope for a better showing. Trouble is, the Hogs just don't lose enough games for we fans to know

how to gracefully accept the losses. We just get disappointed and mad and blame it on them, Coach Broyles, the weather, each other, or anybody or anything at hand.

Jimmy Mack and Retha Whitlow at Marion are real proud of this youngster. Jimmy Wayne was born June 28. His dad is a weight officer in training. He will be stationed at one of the new weight stations to be opened near Marion. Jimmy Mack's father, Thomas E. Whitlow, is a weight officer at the West Memphis weight station.



Jimmy Wayne Whitlow.



## Who Is It?

### WE GOOFED!

Our apologies to L. G. Willcockson, who was the subject of last month's Who Is It? We said that Mr. Willcockson was retired but he is still very much on the job after 34 years. He is a statewide materials inspector for M&T.



## DEPARTMENT NEWS

### ACCOUNTING

by Brenda Templeton

Accounting has some exciting news to share with ya! First of all, a bit about a new employee. Mary Crow was recently employed to operate the posting machine. She has a lovely family — husband, Tommy, who is employed at C. Finkbeiner Co., and two lovely daughters named Ginger and Gay, ages 12 and 13.

We're also pleased that two regular employees have returned to work after being off a long time. Rose Clingan is back after eight months' leave and Olga Estell is back after two months' sick leave.

Olga is probably as excited as her daughter Liz about Liz's engagement and approaching marriage on December 1. Congratulations to Liz.

Jack Keilch presented Ken Glover a 5-year service pin in September. After the presentation we enjoyed doughnuts and coffee.

Willene Dorris was our "birthday girl" on October 28. She received some snazzy gifts and adorable cards.

Linda Cloud and Ola Bramlett honored Linda and Al Hunt with a baby shower on October 19. They received many nice gifts. Punch and cake was served.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Pendergrass paid our division an enjoyable visit recently. Mr. Pendergrass, a retired chief engineer, mentioned two new grandchildren, Sean and John.

Pat Koonce has really been on the go lately. Her daughter Wilma was married to James M. Powers on October 21. The wedding was at Forest Highlands Baptist Church. Out-of-town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Racster and children; Mrs. Norman Koch, Judy and Bonnie; Dennis Racster, Roger Racster, and Mrs. Kenneth Winstead, all of Evansville, Ind., and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Racster and sons of Cullman, Ala.

We regret that one faithful employee, Georgia Cottrell, will be retiring November 15. Georgia has been an employee of the Department for more than nine years and we in Accounting will really miss her. She plans to reside in Pine Bluff with her son and daughter-in-law, William and Ann Fowler, and fish to her heart's content. Although we all hate to see you go, Georgia, we wish you lots of happiness. Good fishing and pay us a visit when you can.

### CONSTRUCTION

by Vickie Arthur

#### Final Estimates

Although many things happen in our office, some people just don't like to talk about them but I have managed to squeeze out a few things.

Ann Witham was one of seven young ladies ranging in age from 16-20 who competed for the title of Miss Pine Bluff R.C.A. Rodeo and was selected the first runner-up. The winner won a trophy saddle and Ann won \$25.00 and an invitation to ride in the Arkansas State Fair and Livestock Rodeo.

Contestants were judged on horsemanship (How to handle horses that have not been ridden by the contestant and a different reining pattern every night), personality, dress and neatness. Ann is a member of the Saline County Riding Club, American Quarterhorse Association and the Thoroughbred Jockey Club. She travels to many rodeos around the state and in Texas. She also trains and breaks horses.

Gayle Rauch and her husband Johnny went to the Ozarks for the annual Boy Scouts Hare'n Hound motorcycle races at Cass, Ark. The race is a benefit with all proceeds going to the Boy Scouts.

Trophies are donated by local merchants. Riders from Oklahoma, Missouri, Tennessee and Arkansas participated. Johnny placed 10th among 500 riders.

Dub Rodgers and his mother recently took a week's vacation through scenic northern Arkansas. Fall is one of the most beautiful seasons of the year, especially in the Ozarks. While on the trip, Dub visited the offices of Resident Engineers Dale Spencer and Gary Godfrey.

Mike Herndon's son Keith joined the chapter of DeMolay sponsored by the Westwood Lodge. His daughter Jennifer, a senior at McClellan, is a member of the C.O.E. program. Jennifer is proud of the "new" used car she recently purchased.

John Howell's son John has been selected as one of the student managers of the Hall High Warrior football team.

C. L. "Dunc" Duncan from District 6 headquarters and C. E. "Gene" Naugle from Jim Williamson's residency at El Dorado were transferred to Final Estimates in March. Welcome to both of them.

All of us celebrated Raymond Jones birthday recently with fresh-baked sweet rolls and coffee. Raymond is trying to complete a project he began back in the summer. He has almost completed pouring 11 cubic yards of concrete and is asking for any volunteers to help him finish it up. (I just developed bad back trouble, how about the rest of you guys? Ed.)

### MAINTENANCE

by Melba Shepard

Many of us are sorry to see an end to the pleasantness of summertime but Don Brown and Herman Belk always look forward to this time of the year. They are both in the deer woods this week and they have special instructions to take along black and white film, just in case. They may not know it, but if they don't make a better showing than 5th floor, it'll cost me \$1.00.



Brenda Webber is counting the days until Christmas. Danny, who is in the Army, will be home at that time. So if you notice her floating about the building in December, you'll know why.

The people of Maintenance express our sympathy to Bob and Francis Fulton. Mrs. Donald Poe, Bob's mother-in-law, passed away November 7.

Mike Carroll, a draftsman in Roadside Development, has moved back to El Dorado, his home town, and is working for an architectural firm there. Jim Tucker has gone to work for Razorback Sealers. In both cases we feel that our loss was somebody else's gain. If you should see Jim, ask him about the cake that was presented to him at his farewell party.



*Maint. Engr. Bert Rownd, left, presents Jim Tucker a pair of golf shoes on behalf of the division.*

Raymond Behrens' wife Hazel has just returned from a big trip to Dallas, where she watched the Cowboys in action. While there, she stayed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Nilan. Mrs. Nilan is Hazel's niece.

Welcome, Leonard Hall, to the Maintenance Division. He will be working with Bill Bosley on the Maintenance Management Project. Leonard and his wife Sandra have three children, Leonard 8, and twin girls Sandra and Lucille, 4.

The Radio Section had a deluge of birthdays in November. Those who are another year older are Madge, Cal, Mack, Dual and Lamar.

In canvassing the division for news, I found that the rest of the people either haven't done anything, leastwise nothing

they care to talk about.

Thought for the day: NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE . . . . . to the boss who doesn't have to do it himself.

## PLANNING & RESEARCH

by janet billingsley

Here is one girl who looks extremely happy. Estella Mitchell was selected secretary of the day by KMYO on October 18. She is the secretary for the Advance Planning Section.



*Estella Mitchell*

Brenda and Paul Kirkpatrick have moved into a beautiful new home at 5705 Carlyle Drive. They have so much more extra room . . . we are wondering if they are expecting any new additions to the family.

Hilda and David Harris have also moved into a new home at 7424 Valley Drive.

Bob Fureigh is the proud owner of a newly-acquired Jaguar. He is also sporting a jaunty beret. By the way, Bob wants to know if someone will lend him a few dollars until payday.

Linda and Bobby Taylor went to Ft. Worth, Texas during October to support the Razorbacks. I guess they brought the Razorbacks good luck for the score ended up 27-13. They had a great time.

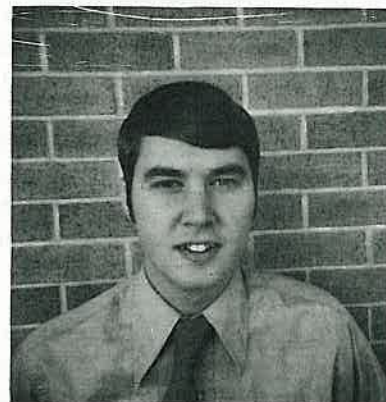
Jim Tucker is a brand new papa. His daughter, Laura, was born October 22. Congratulations to Jim and Geri.

Ed Johnson left October 29 for two weeks of duty at Ft. Walters, Texas near Mineral Wells. He instructed in the command in General Staff courses.

We express our sympathy to Judy Hathcock, who lost her grandmother in November.

The Research Section will be losing Larry Anger, who has accepted a job with Reynolds Metals at Malvern. Good luck to Larry with his new job.

We are happy to welcome Robert Tyler to Advance Planning. He received a B.S. in 1969 from Little Rock University and an M.S. from the University of Arkansas in May of this year. Bob is 26 years old and a certified scuba driver. The two main women in his life are wife Anne Marie and daughter, Kristen.



*Robert Tyler*

Wedding bells seem to be ringing for Janet Billingsley and Joe Foster. They both appear to be tickled pink or maybe it's from all of that blushing they've been doing lately. The happy couple will exchange vows December 16 at Temple Baptist Church at 2:00 p.m. The girls in P&R are having a bridal shower for Janet on November 16 at Brenda Kirkpatrick's home. We wish the very best of everything to them in all of the happy years ahead.

Paul Elcan and his newly-wed are back from their honeymoon. From all accounts, they were able to visit many places in northern Arkansas.



## PROCUREMENT

by jean cadjew

Arnold Sanford, Ann Johnson, Lewis Wade, Frank Caple, Bernie Cox and this reporter all observed birthdays lately.

Ann, Susie Nix and Patricia Ellis have completed a week of MTST training at IBM.

Recently Wade had the misfortune of losing control of his car on a rain slick street in Little Rock. The car slid down an embankment but did not overturn. Luckily, no one was hurt. Wade says he now drives more slowly, rain or not.

Ann and Harvey Johnson have drawn up plans to build a new house. Hopefully they will be in by the new year.

Patricia has a new gold Cutlass ordered. It's supposed to arrive around Christmas.

No one would divulge their holiday plans. The last three months of the year are when all of the contracts expire and new ones are left, so everyone in Procurement has been pretty busy lately.

## REPRODUCTION

by sue walls

Autumn has come and gone in a blaze of color and now winter is upon us. Along with winter comes the hunting season. Many of our fellow employees have been out in the woods in search of the elusive deer.

Our boss, Al Dunn, mounted his motorcycle, armed himself and set out to hunt a deer. Something must have gone amiss, though, because we have not seen any visible evidence of his having killed one.

Lucille Huffstutlar has been absent due to a whiplash received in an automobile accident. We certainly do miss her when she is gone. It is going to be hard to see her retire. I know everyone will miss her cheerful smile and happy laughter.

Melvin Moss, one of our press operators, has moved to California, where

he is attending school. We wish him the best of luck.

Sammy Ward has filled the vacancy left by Melvin. Sammy is married to the former Bertha Alexander. They have two children, Omar, 11 months, and Sam Dwayne, two years. His favorite pastime is drawing and painting. He might be a budding artist if he had more time to spend at it.



Sammy Ward

Jerry Dixon has transferred to Reproduction from the Mail Room. We certainly are happy to have him with us. Welcome to Sammy and Jerry!

Frank Knowles has recently become engaged to Janean Woodcock, and a December wedding is planned. We wish you both the best of luck and happiness.

## RIGHT OF WAY

by the staff

### ACQUISITION SECTION phyllis erwin

Congratulations to Paul Broyles for ten years of employment with the Highway Department. He was presented a pin and certificate by Acquisition Chief J. C. Merritt and Don Martin, assistant Right of Way chief. Paul spent eight years with the Engineering Section of ROW and has since been with Acquisition Section as a negotiator. Refreshments were served after the presentation.



Paul Broyles, left, receives award from J. C. Merritt.

Some of the youngsters in Little Rock and surrounding towns should be much more capable of handling a firearm (this reporter incorrectly called it a gun) after the Young Hunter's Safety Clinic co-sponsored by the *Arkansas Democrat* and the Game and Fish Commission. The clinic, for boys and girls from 11-16, was held at Camp Robinson on October 14. My 12-year-old son Toby learned that I was using many incorrect hunting terms and duly informed me.

Nathan Garrett of this Section and some other AHD volunteers which he recruited, helped get everything set up for the clinic. I had the privilege of helping, too, and I believe the day was well spent and well worth the effort of all concerned. My mind will be more at ease when Toby takes to the woods on a hunting spree. Nathan tells me that plans are already underway for this clinic to be held again next year.

### Appraisal Section by jean barrett

It's that time of year again — deer season. Several in our Section have gone hunting but so far I haven't heard anyone bragging about bringing in a deer. You have to really be a true sportsman to stay out in this chilly weather.

Two of our men — Bill Hayes and H. K. McMurrugh — received their 10-year pins in October. We congratulate them and wish for them many, many more years with AHD. We had a party for Bill and Ken; Herbert Hooten, chief of the Appraisal Section, presented the certificates.





*Bill Hayes, right, and Herbert Hooten.*



*Ken McMurrough, right, and Hooten.*

The stork arrived at the Fooks home on August 17 and left Timothy Bryan with Jim and Kathy. She brought Bryan by to see us one day and he is truly a beautiful baby.



*Bryan Fooks*

Ann Griffin tied the knot with Charles Nix on October 20. They spent several days honeymooning in Hot Springs and are now making their home in Benton.

We wish them lots of luck. The Section presented Ann a wooden salad bowl, tongs and six matching bowls for a wedding gift.

### **Engineering** by shirley childress

Gip Robertson, chief of Right of Way and Glendol Jackson, chief of the Engineering Section, traveled all the way to Nebraska to hunt pheasants the first week in November. They reported an enjoyable trip and a fairly successful hunt.

Willard Holt, a draftsman, left October 29 to work for Thomas Engineering in North Little Rock. Glendol Jackson, presented Willard a gift on behalf of the Engineering employees. We really miss Willard's smiling face around here and everyone wishes him the best in his new job.



*Willard Holt, left, and Glendol Jackson.*

Dick Kerr and Mary Ann Abernathy were married November 10 at Central Church of the Nazarene on Baseline Road. Dick is an engineering technician and Mary Ann works in Medical Records at Arkansas Children's Hospital. We wish the newlyweds a future of happiness and the best of everything life has to offer.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT**

by the staff

Shirley Campbell's son Scott plays football for Geyer Springs Community Association on a team sponsored by Capitol City Motors. At their banquet all the boys received trophies.

Doug Rogers, our staff ecologist, left us September 8 to attend medical school on a Navy scholarship. We all miss Doug

and know that he will make a good doctor.

Doug's replacement is Steve Wilson. He recently received a master's degree in ecology from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Steve and his wife have a daughter. His hobbies are photography and canoeing. He is also a member of the Ozark Society. We all welcome Steve to our group.



*Steve Wilson*

Jennifer Fox and Bryan Davis both are building new houses. Jennifer hopes to be able to spend the Christmas holidays in her new home. Bryan plans to have his finished by May.

There have been some "fishy" trips to the Ramada Inn Restaurant in North Little Rock lately by some of our fellow employees.

Doug Thacker killed a deer at the Wattensaw special hunt. Now to get another one this first season!

### **UTILITY SECTION** dorothy hupp

Warning: When Mary Dry visits in your home, keep an eye on your drapes. "Scarlett" mentioned a new dress for the Christmas party. Last week Mary invited all the ladies in Right of Way and their families to a weiner roast. It was a snappy night, the fire felt good and all had a good time. (Black marshmallows?)

Well, it's that time of year again. Being kind to Carolyn and this reporter, (and obeying Arthur's every command), Carl Petz is cleaning off his desk. (He can even close three drawers! Of course, this trapped a family of mice.) As you've guessed by now, deer season opens next



week. We gave Carl a cute little brown cap with two perky ears. I hope the trip will be as enjoyable as Carl anticipates.

Welcome to the Billing Section of Utilities, Jim Moody. He's in the right division, being a Razorback roter. He was a charter employee with KATV and worked there 19 years. Before this he was a pilot in the U.S. Navy and served in the Phillipines and South Pacific. In the past Jim participated in boxing and won the AAU Championship and went to the finals in Boston. His favorite hobby is golf. He is married and has one son.



*Jim Moody*

Arthur Watt is building a new room onto his house, to save money, he draw his own plans, which was all well and good until they got rained on. Do you really think Betty wants a small den and two large utility rooms, seven windows and no doors? (Isn't there a city ordinance?) We can hardly wait to have "the Room Warming".

Lucky Louis Schreckenhofer won the football pot. It was nice to be treated to a deluxe hamburger and coke, even if he did have to be bribed. Maybe IRS won't read this issue.

Charlie Smothers is driving a sporty new blue Toyota. I'm glad he didn't decide on the ten-speed with winter around the corner.

David and Charlotte Shaw had a pleasant vacation traveling to Mammoth Cave, Kentucky, viewing the Great Smokies and on to Cherokee, N. C. The only minor mishap was a water pump which went out on there car.

## SECONDARY ROADS

by shirley wesson



There are four new faces around Secondary Roads. Left to right are Phillip O'Dell, Ronnie Smith, Ron Osborne; seated, Bill Hogan.

Phillip O'Dell is a graduate of Central High School and attended Capitol City Business College. He played football on Central's team, and we understand he was a mean tackle. Phil also enjoys golf, swimming and basketball. He is a member of Fairview Baptist Church.

Ron Smith is single but not for long. He and his fiancée, Sandy Holt, recently celebrated his twenty-first birthday at Steak and Ale Resturant. Ron attended the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville studying Industrial Engineering.

Ron Osborne graduated from Metropolitan High School and later attended Capital City Business College, where he studied drafting. He plays bass guitar in a musical group and says he really enjoys working here.

Bill Hogan is a graduate of Arkansas Tech with a BS degree in art. His hobbies include a stamp collection and painting is a part of his pastime. Bill is also interested in portrait painting. (He is married and just recently moved from Fort Smith.)

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Max Hall, assistant Secondary Roads engineer, who lost his brother, Lloyd Hall, on November 5. Also to Billy Durham, engineering aide, in the death of his mother, Mrs. Bill Durham, Sr., on October 5.

This reporter enjoyed a week of fall vacation in Detroit, Michigan. While there, I saw the Ambassador Bridge which extends over the Detroit River, the zoo, other places in Michigan and finally through the tunnel to Windsor, Canada, which impressed me as being a very clean place, I also saw the world's largest tire on display in Detroit. Both cities had beautiful flowers up and down the streets. My stay there was an enjoyable one.

Max and Mary Hall motored down to Vicksburg, Mississippi, for a few days' visit with her daughter and family.

Several of the fellows are in the deer woods this week and since we haven't heard from them, their results will be reported in the next issue.

Gail Kizer of Collins (Drew County), sister of boss John Kizer, is the 1972 Arkansas Barrel Racing Association Reserve Horseshow Champion for the State of Arkansas. An avid horse lover, Gail is representing the southeast area of the state on the ABRA Rules and Regulations Committee for 1973. The ABRA has approximately 125 members throughout the state.



*Gail Kizer and her horse "Mucho."*



## TRAFFIC DIVISION

### Sign Shop

by marlene hogan

Several employees are making preparations to go deer hunting — hopeful of getting one of those they missed last year.



McCrotty, right, and Stoebener.



Bryant, right, and Campbell.



Carvell, left, and Faulkner.

Henry McCrotty, Claudis Bryant and J. D. Carvell have received 20-year certificates since the last issue and E. H. Hightower of the Center Stripe crew received a five-year pin. Howard Stoebener presented McCrotty's award; V. O. Campbell, Bryant's; and R. A. Faulkner, Carvell's.

New employees are Henry Young of the Sign Shop, and Berry Buchanan, Terry West and Calvin Lassiter with the Center Stripe crew.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolen Bryant and daughter of Belleville were recent visitors to the Sign Shop. Nolen is the son of Claudis Bryant of Center Stripe and the father of Ronnie Bryant, a student at SCA who was a summer employee with the Sign crew.

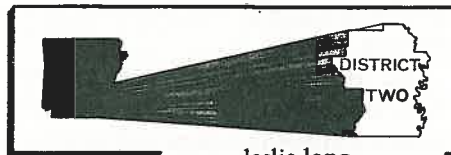
Shirley Sparrow of the Center Stripe crew enjoyed a recent visit with his son who was home on leave from the Navy. He is stationed in Florida. Shirley brought him by to meet us.

Gilbert Pitts, who is retired from the Sign Shop, was also by for a visit not long ago.

We send get well wishes to Mrs. R. V. Maxon who is recovering from surgery.

Chester Jester is a grandfather! Little Laura Grace was born to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Jester on August 29. Chester is with the Sign crew.

## DISTRICT NEWS



leslie long

Dist. Engr. John Harris presented a 20-year certificate and pin to Gene Woodfield, our Maintenance Coordinator. Other 20-year recipients were Willie G. Peterson, Equipment Operator and Louis C. Parker, carpenter, both in the bridge crew, and Guy M. Crook, Equipment Operator in the Cleveland County crew. Muril Cater, an equipment operator in the

sealing crew received a 15 year certificate L. J. Brunson, an equipment operator in Lincoln County.



Harris, right, and Gene Woodfield received 20-year certificates.

Congratulations to Mrs. Jim Allbritton, who was selected to represent RHO Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority in the Valentine Queen Contest, February 4. Mrs. Allbritton holds the office of vice president. Jim is the permit and instrument man.

Congrats, also, to the Shalmy's daughter-in-law, Nancy. Pat and Nancy Shalmy and their two children live in Camilla, Ga. Nancy has been named as one of America's Outstanding Young Women for 1972. Chosen for her many civic and professional achievements, she is one of a select number of young women in her state to receive this honor. She is now being considered, along with other nominees, for her state's Outstanding Young Woman of the Year Award and could go on to be selected as one of the Ten National Outstanding Young Women of America for 1972.



Raleigh Keith Bohannon



The Clinton Bohannons are the proud parents of Raleigh Keith, born August 30, at DeWitt. He is their first child and Clinton, our Arkansas 2 County frmn., claims he already suffers "lap" collic.

Cecil and Patsy Gene Smith are the parents of these two cuties, Tommy Kay, 9 and Joey, 5 months. Tommy Kay is in the third grade and enjoys picnicking. She and Joey are the maternal grandchildren of John C. Ashcraft, our station attendant at Rison. He is a very proud grandfather.



Tommy Kay



Joey

The first session of deer season has come and gone. In the Deane camp, Drew County we have reports that Asst. Maint. Supt. Woodrow Wilson, Job Supt. Virgil Green, Drew County Foreman Shorty Fullbright, and Joe Akin, an engineer with the Monticello residency, all managed to kill a deer. Also in that camp were George Karnes, Monticello residency, Van Bratton, Pine Bluff residency, and Joe Hays, job supt. Mrs. Wilson shot and hit, but the deer got away!!

In the Cleveland County camp, retiree Mac Walker killed his limit of two deer. Three more deer were killed in the camp, and participating in the hunt were Daniel White, Dan Walker and Thomas White, all equipment operators with the Cleveland County crew.

Earl Appling, the station attendant at District 2 headquarters was in camp in Grant county and killed an 8-point. Wish we had a picture.

James Henderson, Quincy Lewis and Shannie Crane, set up their yearly camp at Rison. James shot twice at a spike buck and it got up both times. Quincy slit it's throat and they thought everything under control only to check and see that

the buck was getting away again, so James took pursuit and finally won the battle. Five deer were killed in the camp in one day.

Radio Technician Lamar Coyle of our office last week reported that he had hunted for four years now and killed his first 6-point in camp at DeValls Bluff. We are real proud of you Lamar.

My first visit to deer camp was most exciting, entertaining, enjoyable and any other adjective you can think of. I was a guest at the Quinn-Johnson Camp for the opening of the first deer season. It was really great! All neighboring camps participate in "open house". It is an outing you'll never experience any other place. I also had the pleasure of accompanying Johnson to cast the dogs. He is quite adept at this little chore. The camp fire, food, and chatter play an important role, And, there was a 5-point deer killed and skinned at this camp, using the "golf ball" method.



Service awards presented since the last issue went to: Otis Brown for 20 years; John E. Smith, Hesterly Purtle, Jr., Charles Mauk and Frank Cross for 10 years; Clarence Knighton, Joe Johnson, Jr., James Hunter, Thomas Hicks, G. B. Chism, B. M. Price, Charles Ghormley and Paul Butler for 5 years.



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mitchell, left, honoree John Tallant and Sharon Bailey, District secretary.

Changes, changes — that's all we've been having around here lately. John Tallant left us to assume the duties of Construction Engineer and to let him know we would miss him, we had a dinner in his honor before he left.

Charles Mitchell, of course, is our new boss and he started out on a good foot by having a birthday right away. We had a party and presented him a desk set. His wife Patsy came and we all got a chance to get better acquainted with both of them.



Charles Mitchell  
(2 candles???)

William Tyler has been promoted to assistant maintenance superintendent but is still holding down his former job as maintenance coordinator for a while.

Vinie Mae Holt, fuel clerk, is on maternity leave. Before she left we had cake and coffee in her honor and presented her a gift.



Vinie Mae Holt.

We'd like you to meet Susan Martin and Laverne Arledge. Susan will be the receptionist in the new building but is acting as fuel clerk while Vinie is on leave.



Laverne is working in the parts room. Both girls are married.



Susan Martin

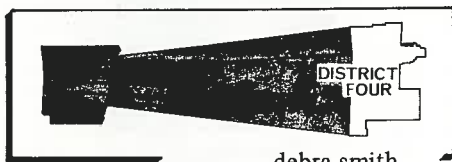


Laverne Arledge

Gayle Gunn was transferred to Malvern as resident engineer there. His former office in Prescott is being used as a sub-office under Gene Belknap.

Well, we finally did it! We opened the last stretch of I-30 in our district! This reporter uses it frequently and is thankful it is open. It sure makes a difference in driving time.

Ray Paxton, who worked with Res. Engr. J. E. Belknap's residency, retired October 31 after 22 years' service. The crew will miss him but he will now have time to do what he likes best — hunt and fish.



debra smith

John Beale reported to Ft. Leonardwood, Mo. for his basic army training on October 13. He is scheduled to report to

Ft. Riley, Kan. on January 5, 1973, for advanced training. He should be back at work sometime in March.

Spencer's residency has two new employees. Randy Barnett, from Waldron, began on October 26 and Bobby Payne, who lives at Boles, began work on November 1. Sterlin Bramlett and Leo Rofkahr transferred from Spencer's residency to Sanders' to work in the District-wide survey crew.

Jerry and Sharon Hunsucker are planning a two-week vacation in Fresno, Calif. with her sister and family.

Paula Aynes, clerk typist in D. C. Spencer's residency, played ball with the U.S. Motors ladies softball team this summer. The team won the Oden Invitational Softball Tournament in September. It was a double elimination tourney, with U.S. Motors not losing any games. They won over Norman once and Oden twice. Oden had not lost any games this season until the tournament.



Paula is second from left on second row.

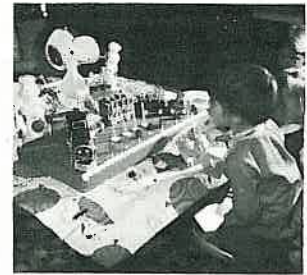
Mr. and Mrs. David Becker announce the birth of their daughter, Kristen Michelle, on September 5. Mrs. Becker is the former Nancy Cowne. David is a permit inspector.

Ralph Goodson received a severe arm injury by falling off a horse. After undergoing surgery, Ralph declares he will stay off "stick horses".

Our deepest sympathy to Harp Smithers in the loss of his wife, Erma, on September 9.

Kyle Mainer, son of Bob and Pat Mainer, celebrated his fourth birthday with a Snoopy birthday party on No-

ember 9. Bob is a Highway Engineer V in Sanders' residency.



Kyle Mainer

Don Griffin and wife Carolyn left November 18 on a vacation to Las Vegas and San Francisco. They plan to visit Don's relatives in San Francisco. He is an Engineer Aide III in Sanders' residency.

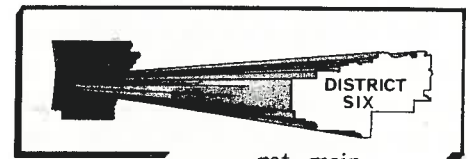
District Engineer Calvin Peevy was the honoree at a surprise birthday celebration November 9. Cookies and coffee was served but Calvin was watching his figure and wouldn't indulge! Ray Williams' birthday was also on November 9. He is with Sanders' crew.

William M. Johnston Jr., son of Buck Johnston, is now going to Air Police School at Lackland AFB, Texas. He will complete the school December 1 and then report to the 188th Air National Guard at Fort Smith, where he will be stationed with his father.

Scott County Foreman Thurman Ashley, recovering from a heart attack, is reported to be feeling much better.

Lloyd Thomas resigned from the mechanics staff for bigger and better things.

S. R. Cope and Oscar Winn, retired employees from this district, recently entered a local hospital. We wish them speedy recovery.



pat main

On October 23rd, Erby Capps, of Mayflower passed away. He had been with Arkansas Highway Department for 14 years, and will be greatly missed.

Capps worked out of the North Pulaski Area Maintenance Headquarters . . . we'll miss him too, Nute.

#### SERVICE AWARDS:

Earl Summers (No. Pulaski Maint. Hq.) 20 years, in November. Larry Cox (Ralph Jones residency) 10 years, in October. Gary C. Hawkins (M. C. Young residency) 5 years in October.

#### YOUNG'S RESIDENCY:

Most all the deer hunters are out in the woods as this is written. Watch this spot next issue for some real "Deer Tales" and pictures of deer and or some long-faced hunters.

There are no achievement awards for fast escapes, but if there were, Kenneth Williams would sure win one. Yes, he finally "made it", he out-shuffled Maurice and Randy for mop duty. Good going, Ken! and thanks for a good job, cheerfully done, Maurice and Randy.

Frank Williams and John Lankford transferred to this office the first of November. They are our Bridge Inspection crew. Our newest employee, David Wiseman, has been assigned to their crew to learn bridge inspection. Frank says he learns fast. Seems last week one of the lessons included a short course on Poison Ivy. From the looks of David's face, you'd have to say he is a fellow who really "applies himself." (Or would that refer to the poison ivy?)

Shorty Bradford says he enjoyed looking at the pretty girls in the "Big Building" but is grateful to be back "home" in this office. He did not enjoy the freeway traffic and to celebrate his escape from it, he bought himself a beautiful Grand Prix.

Speaking of cars, Doc Ballard traded cars a while back, twice! The first car they traded for didn't quite make it home. Seems Lucy wanted to go by the trading stamp redemption center on the way home. The roads were a little slick and another car ran into them. Doc and Lucy both sustained injuries and the car was badly damaged.

I'm happy to report that both are okay now and they finally got a car that

made it all the way home. This little story serve as a reminder to all of us — Drive Carefully and look out for "the other guy."

Doc and Jeff Sutton are planning to take a tour of some of the construction jobs going on as soon as the weather permits. I hope they begin their tour at this office, we're looking forward to their visit. Jeff hasn't visited with us since Doc's retirement party.

From the Boys in the Back Room. (No. Pulaski, Area Maint. Hq.)

F. L. "Smiley" Jackson has been off sick for quite some time now. This reporter, for one misses his cheerful smile. We wish him the best.

Nute said he's going to Oklahoma City to have Thanksgiving dinner with some friends. That seems like a long ways to go for a free meal, even considering the price of groceries. (Bring us back a doggy bag, Nute.)

And from Way Back in the Back: (Sealing Crew)

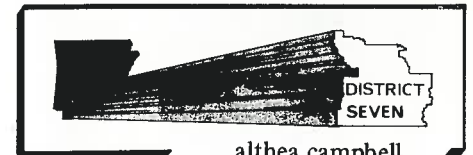
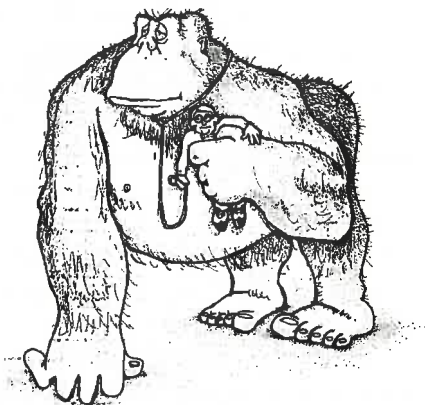
Seems there's a story going around about a fellow on the sealing crew who got "lucky" on his first day out hunting. This great big buck came along, and the fellow's first shot knocked the deer to the ground! However, the deer got up and escaped in a hail of lead from the hapless hunter. Better luck next time.

Asst. Maint. Supt. George Ingle has a very important announcement to make: TO: ALL CONCERNED:

FROM: Monkey Hunter's Association.

Due to the fact that the monkey has been found in the low lands near Stuttgart the Club will have to discontinue.

JPC, President.



Service awards have been earned by the following employees since the last issue of the magazine: Eddie A. Beasley, engineering aide with Bob Myers' residency, 20 years; James M. Garrison, repairman; Jessie M. Hollis and John D. Waller, equipment operators, 15 years; Alva L. Clift, laborer, and Jerry E. Mays, equipment operator, 10 years; and Edgar L. Clements, equipment operator, 5 years.



Eddie Beasley

In the new car department, Office Manager John Harvey is sporting a beautiful new Dodge Swinger and James R. Wilson, engineering aide with Bob Myers' residency, has a wine Ventura Pontiac.

District Engr. Coy Campbell killed his first turkey on October 7; he said we could have a picture of his second one.

Arlene Davis in the Stockroom killed two rattlesnakes while squirrel hunting. She brought back the rattles to prove it.

We are happy to have Buddy Beard back at work with Bob Myers' crew after a stay in the hospital. Take it easy, Buddy.

Dallas County Area Foreman Harry Castleberry says he has two good squirrel hunters — Dale Reddin, who brings back the squirrel, and Alva Clift, who could do a lot better "if he had a gun." Harry shared a picture of his little 10-year-old daughter, Lisa with us. She a fifth grader at Fordyce Elementary School.





Lisa Castleberry

Lida Mary Purtle is our new custodial worker. She has moved to Camden from Hope, where she worked with Meyers Bakery for 18 years. She has two sons — one an auditor in Memphis, the other with International Paper Company in Camden — and one daughter who lives in McGehee. She also has seven grandchildren. Lida Mary sews for a hobby.



Lida Mary Purtle

From down at the Union County area headquarters at El Dorado, Fred Belin, the foreman, tells us that several fellows there will be deer hunting, including Ollie Baugers, W. L. Bryant, J. O. Britt, E. V. Booth, C. R. Houge, D. R. Joiner and last but not least, Fred himself. Good luck, guys.

Fred is also making plans to take a long-awaited vacation to visit his brother in California. Hope he doesn't get sunburned too much.

Karen Gail Loe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herley G. Loe, is engaged to be married. She will wed Danny Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wood of Chidester, on December 30 at Grace Baptist Church in Camden. Herley is an auto/diesel mechanic at Camden.



Karen Loe

**JIM WILLIAMSON'S RESIDENCY:**  
by Elaine McKinnon

While the weather was still warm our office enjoyed a picnic at the roadside park on U.S. 167 South. Everyone enjoyed the good cooking and homemade ice cream. The men enjoyed seeing who was best at throwing horseshoes. Those present were Jim and Earline Williamson; Earl and Pam Raines, Jennifer and Ashlee; Larry and Kathleen Beard; Jim and Elaine McKinnon and Brent; J. R. and Rita McVay and granddaughter, Kelly; Huston and Flo Sage; Grady and June Putman, Leslie and Don; Dallas and Wanda Smith, Terri, Scott, and Tracy; Jessie Wayne and Delores Millican and Gina; and Earl and Marie Shrewsbury and Johnny.

Jessie Wayne Millican celebrated his "so-called 29th birthday" October 3. (He was born in 1940. Can you figure out that one?)

Brent McKinnon, son of this reporter and husband Jim, celebrated his second birthday on November 4.

B. G. "Red" Hatridge will celebrate his 25th year of employment with the Highway Department this month. He and his wife Myrtle live at Locust Bayou.

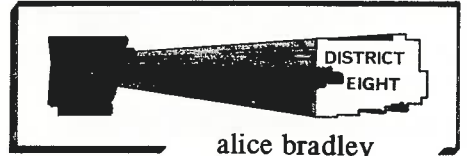
Clerk I Sharon Johnson and her husband, Charlie, celebrated their third anniversary on September 14.

Hwy. Engrng. Aide Bob Harrell, was married to the former Linda Sue Faulk of Waldo on September 1 at 6:00 p.m. They live at 506 E. 4th here in El Dorado. His wife teaches first grade in Strong.

Hwy Engrng. Aide Mike Gray returned to ASU at Jonesboro for another year of

books, sports, and whatever.

Jim and Earline Williamson attended the Southwest Regional annual meeting of the National Society of Professional Engineers at Oklahoma City, on October 26-27.



Congratulations to C. O. and Lois Pellham who are the proud parents of their first son, Charles Oscar, Jr., born November 7. He has three sisters: Charlene, 10; Gail, 13, and Patricia, 14. C. O. works in the Pope County crew.

Service award recipients recently have been J. R. Shuffield, Conway residency, R. V. Neal, Van Buren County, J. M. Sorrells, Russellville residency, 5 years; P. F. Newton and Clebert Curtis, Pope County; U. C. Burnett, Faulkner County; and A. L. Butler, Yell County, 10 years; F. D. Cato, Conway residency, and N. B. Breashears, Russellville residency, 15 years; and W. C. Doughty, Perry County, 20 years.



Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wilkerson

Margaret Guinn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otho Guinn of Center Ridge, and Louis Wilkerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Wilkerson of Wellington, Texas, were married October 27 at Formosa. Otha Guinn works in the Conway County crew. The couple will reside in Chattanooga, Tenn. where the groom is employed. Margaret is a graduate of Arkansas Tech in Russellville and has a masters degree in sociology from the University of Arkansas at Jonesboro. She

was formerly employed as a rehabilitation counselor in Russellville. Congratulations and best wishes to the newlyweds.

Taft Adrian Berry, who worked in the Conway residency, retired recently after more than 17 years' service. We wish him many years of happy retirement and hope he will return to see us often.

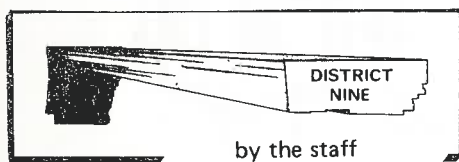
Welcome back to Dewey Hamilton, the new area foreman for Faulkner County, who transferred from District 6 in October. Dewey has been with the Department for 22 years and has worked in District 8 several times previously. He replaces Grady Lasley who is retiring due to illness. We wish for Grady a speedy recovery and many enjoyable years of retirement.

Another "Welcome back" goes to Patsy King, the new field clerk in the Conway residency. Patsy held this position from 1967 to 1970. She and her husband Jerry live in Vilonia and have one daughter, Tanya, who is only 4½ months old. Jerry is an assistant foreman at Ward's Body Works.

We welcome another former employee to the district. Mike Jetton is now working at the Conway residency after completing the engineer orientation program. He worked as a summer employee at the Clarksville residency several summers. He is originally from Clarksville but has moved to Conway for his new job.

We are happy to have T. J. Malik back at work in the Conway residency. T. J. was off work for several weeks due to an appendectomy.

C. L. Crites of the Pope County crew certainly is a proud Grandpa. His first grandchild, Angela Lynn Heflin, was born September 26 to James and Elizabeth Heflin. Angela's birth made her the fifth living generation in the Crites family.



by the staff

### Springdale Office

October, November, December, 1972.

Congratulations are extended to James C. McLaughlin, equipment operator at the Garfield area headquarters, who received a Certificate of Equivalency of High School Graduation from the State of Arkansas in July 1972, after completing 120 hours of night classes at Lowell, Ark.

Job Supt. Paul Bennett of Springdale, and his wife Wanda vacationed during September in Hawaii. They took some home movies while there, which we are all anxious to see.

Sympathy is extended to Larry Thornburg, equipment operator at Springdale, who lost his father in September.

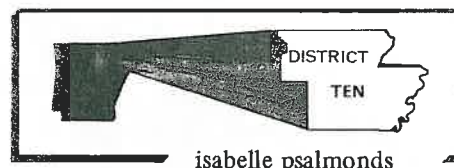
We said goodbye to one of our AHD friends, John Sisco a mechanic in Springdale, in October. He resigned and moved to California to go into business with his brother.

Jay Pratt, area foreman at Garfield, was on vacation leave a few days in October. While on leave he and his wife Audrey visited Buffalo State Park.

Helen Baxter, personnel clerk, and her mother spent an enjoyable vacation in September, looking through antique shops and found an antique table Helen is refinishing for her home. They also enjoyed a visit to the District 9 headquarters in Harrison and relatives in Missouri.

Raymond "Pete" Webb, station attendant at Gentry, has been on the sick list. We are glad he is able to be back to work.

Welcome Jerry Clements who came to work in June as stock clerk. He, his wife Chris, and their son Jeff moved here from Green Forest. Jerry is a graduate of the Twin Lakes Vocational Technical School at Harrison.



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Harry Willcockson, mechanic, went on vacation to Colorado to do some deer hunting with a bow and arrow. He got a 215 lb. mule deer, 4-point western count.



Harry shows the head of his deer.

We have a lot of men signed up for vacation during deer season. I'm sure we will have others to report on next time.

Jackie Black, clerk at the Paragould resident engineer's office, resigned to move to Salmon Arms, Canada, where one of her daughters lives. Jackie is now settled in an apartment and working as bookkeeper. She likes the new locality fine.

Fern Johnson, a native of Ash Flat, is replacing Jackie. Her husband Kelmer is associated with Union Life Insurance Co. and has an office in Paragould. They have one daughter, Tabby, 16 and two sons, Steve, 14 and Paul, 12. Both boys play football and Fern says they all like sports. Her chief hobby is sewing. The Johnsons attend First Baptist Church. They moved from Searcy to Paragould and we are glad they did. Welcome Fern.



Fern Johnson

Dillman Cothren, stock clerk, resigned to accept a position with Wonder State Mfg. Co. We hate to lose him but wish him much success in his new work.

The maintenance superintendents had their October meeting at the Paragould office and we enjoyed having them here.



There has surely been more news than this in District Ten. People have taken vacations and done interesting things, but we don't hear about it. Maybe next time we will hear from more of the crews.

The Maintenance crew in Randolph County had a fish fry at Old Davidsonville State Park and invited folks from the counties. Everyone reported a good time and plenty of good food.



Cooks R. C. Brittingham (hat) and Alvie Gwyn on the job.



Life at its best - yum! yum!



## Calculation of Leave Time Broadened

A new procedure for calculating leave time when used in conjunction with workmen's compensation became effective October 25. Prior to that time Department employees were authorized to utilize sick and annual leave **only during disability and only to the extent of the difference** between workmen's compensation benefits and their normal salary.

Now that workmen's compensation benefits are paid in workmen's compensation cases to state employees without regard to the payment of sick leave or annual leave, an employee may utilize his sick leave upon approval of the appropriate authority for absences due to (1) illness, (2) non-occupational injury,

(3) emergency doctor and dental appointments, or (4) death in the employee's immediate family.

Sick leave shall be deducted from his allowance on the basis of WORK DAYS and not calendar days. It shall be granted in multiples of half-days or full days. In case of occupational injury or disease where compensation insurance benefit is payable under the Arkansas Workmen's Compensation Act, the employee may, if he chooses, utilize SICK LEAVE PAY or VACATION LEAVE PAY to the extent accrued during his disability from work. The employee MAY ALSO DESIGNATE whether sick leave or annual leave, or part of each, is utilized.



"Sorry I'm so late getting home, but this seems to be a banner year for construction detours."



# Merry Christmas

*Dear Retirees:*

*We hope that 1972 has been a good and satisfying year for each of you. It is our sincere wish that good health and happiness will be yours during the holiday season, and continue throughout the coming year.*

*YOUR RETIREMENT BOARD*

*J. E. Lowder, Chairman  
Bud Hervey, Vice Chairman  
B. K. Cooper, Member  
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*Where is it?*



Last month's Where Is It? was the old Butterfield Stage station built at Chismville (Logan County) in 1835. It was correctly identified by Vaid Carpenter, Maintenance, District 4; Harold Wacaster, Hot Springs, Surveys; and retiree Tom Wacaster of Harrison. Chismville, once a bustling town with a number of stores, a grist mill, cotton gins, churches and a Masonic Lodge, is now almost a ghost town.