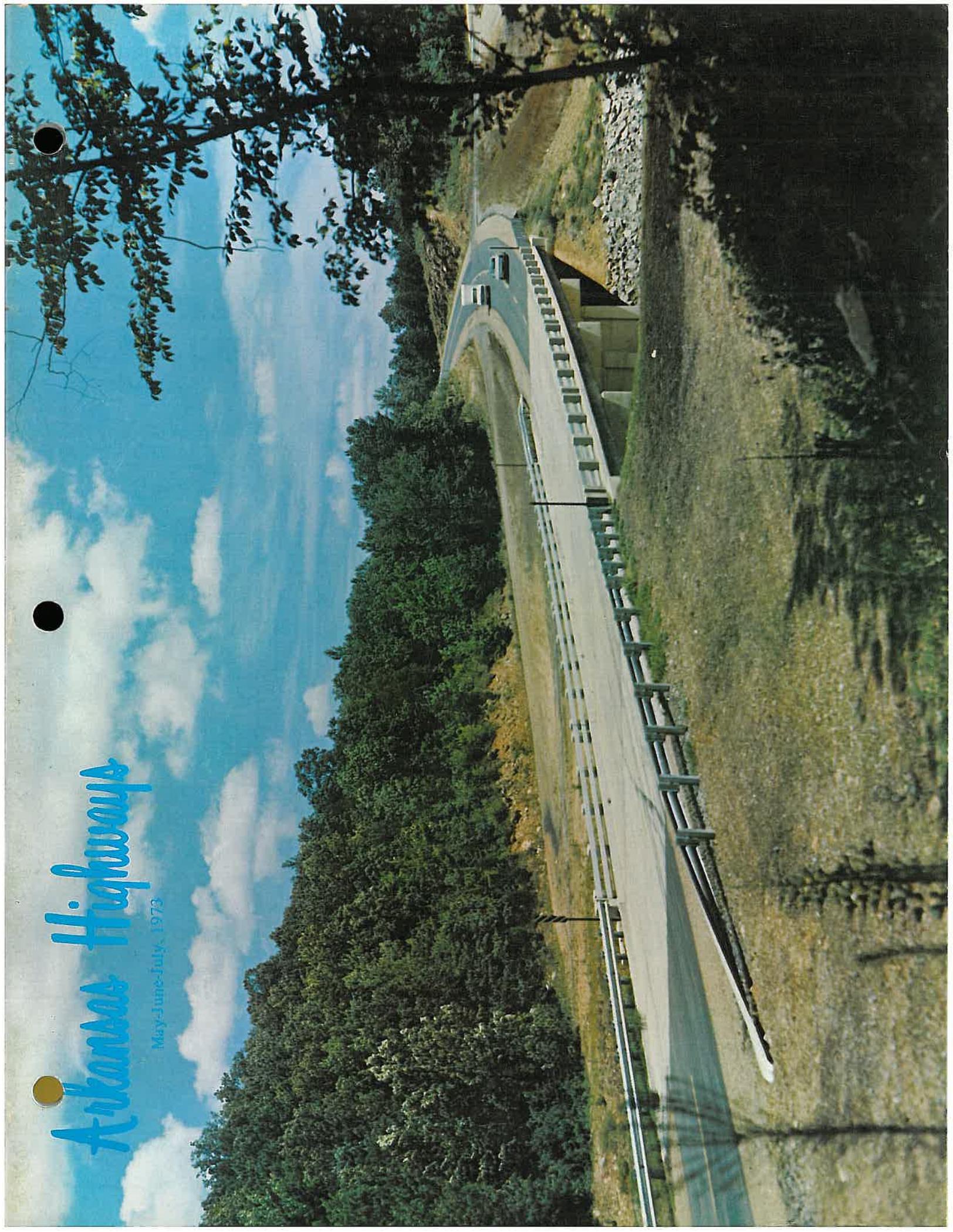


Arkansas Highways

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New Programs Present Challenge to Highway Personnel

From the Director's Desk



Director Henry Gray

The 69th General Assembly provided three major pieces of Highway legislation.

(1) The regular annual budget for construction, maintenance and operation of the state Highway System totaling \$150 million.

(2) A new supplemental construction program for highways and state-aid roads totaling \$32 million.

(3) A bill appointing the five-man state Highway Commission as the state's Turnpike Authority.

These new acts far exceed the road programs of the past and present a real challenge for department personnel.

Already, the supplemental construction program for highways and state-aid roads (Act 445) has created much interest from citizens across the state. Soon after the close of the General Assembly, officials of the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation contacted the Highway Department with a request that administrative personnel and the Highway Commissioners attend eight regional Farm Bureau meetings and explain the new state-aid road program.

Farm Bureau officials along with various farm leaders from across the state attended the meetings. More than 500 persons attended the meetings.

At each meeting, AHD personnel went into detail explaining the provisions of Act 445.

The act provides for an expanded state highway construction program funded by the first \$18 million of the state's federal revenue sharing funds along with an additional one-cent per gallon tax on motor fuels. The one-cent tax, which went into effect July 1, is expected to produce \$12 million during the next year.

Under the provisions of the act, the Highway Department will receive \$5 million of the gasoline tax revenue, making a total supplemental construction program of \$23 million. The other \$7 million of the fuel tax plus \$2 million of the state's general revenue surplus (a total of \$9 million) will be set aside to be used as state matching funds to counties for improvement of the new state-aid road system. The state will provide 60% of the funds for improvements to the system and the counties must provide 40%.

At present, teams of AHD personnel are contacting the county judges to agree on the routes to be included in the new state-aid system.

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OZARK FOLK CENTER DEDICATED



Congressman Mills



Congressman Hammerschmidt



Senator Fulbright



Governor Bumpers



Jimmy Driftwood



Representative Miller

Mother Nature lent her blessings to the dedication activities of the Ozark Folk Center at Mountain View on Saturday, May 5. Sparkling clear weather enhanced the already picturesque setting in the central Arkansas Ozarks hills. More than 1,200 persons gathered to hear Governor Dale Bumpers and Congressman Wilbur D. Mills officially dedicate and open the \$3.4 million complex located a mile north of Mountain View on Highway 382.

Other prominent guests who participated in the program were Senator J. William Fulbright and Congressmen John Paul Hammerschmidt and Bill Alexander. Former Governor Orval E. Faubus, Representative Vada Sheid of Mountain Home, Representative John E. Miller of Melbourne, Highway Commission Chairman Maurice Smith, Highway Director Henry Gray, and the Department of Parks and Tourism commissioners and officials were also special guests.

Congressman Mills' support of the Center was borne

out by a statement in his dedicatory address: "We have reached the top of the mountain today, and we have come with a sense of fruition, a sense of hopes realized, for what seemed so very long ago an impossible dream exists now as a symbol of our pride in the past . . ."

Governor Bumpers, in his expert way, properly defined the Center a "people park." Both Mills and Bumpers emphasized the economic effect the Center would have on the area. A letter from President Nixon was read during the ceremony.

AN IDEA IS BORN

Inception of the idea for the Center grew out of necessity to improve the town's water and sewer system. After an overwhelmingly successful fund-raising folk festival was held in 1962, with the help of native son Jimmie Driftwood, the idea of constructing an auditorium to house successive festivals surfaced. . . could, they reasoned, be used as a justification for the much-needed water and sewer system.

WHAT THE COMPLEX INCLUDES

The Center's 59 buildings include a 1,060-seat auditorium, a Continuing Education Center, a 60-room lodge, pool and recreation center, crafts buildings and a vocational-technical school. Three fast-food service dispense carry-out eats and a restaurant offers all the foods for which the hills are famous. Operation of the entire center is under the supervision of the State Parks and Tourism Commission.

The legislature allocated \$300,000 as a cushion for the opening season. The Center's goal is complete independence of financial help next year. Records showed that 11,000 visitors came in May.

HIGHWAYS ACCOMMODATE CENTER, OTHER AREA INTERESTS

In order to provide better access to the Center and nearby Blanchard Springs Caverns, the State Highway Commission began several years ago making provisions for improvement of highways in the area and planning for additional ones. A bridge on Highway 5 across White River at Calico Rock was opened in 1966, replacing a small ferry. The highway was widened and hard-surfaced from the bridge south through the Ozark National Forrest to Allison, a distance of 17.2 miles, at a cost of \$2,523,080. The route will also provide better access to the Twin Lakes area around Mountain Home and southern Missouri.

To the west, the Highway Commission opened Highway 14 beginning at the junction with Highway 27 near Buffalo River and extending to the entrance to Blanchard Springs Caverns, a distance of 24.2 miles.

The most recent improvement in the area is completion of a \$1 million bridge across White River on Highway 341 near the town of Norfolk to replace a small current-powered ferry.

To the northeast, Highway 9 has been paved from Melbourne in IZARD County to Sylamore. The Highway Department operates a toll-free ferry at Sylamore (junction of Highways 9 and 14). A mile-long access road with sealed shoulders has been constructed from Highway 14 to the Caverns entrance for the convenience of visitors after the Caverns are opened on July 7.



Left to right: Commission Chairman Maurice Smith, Congressman Bill Alexander, Highway Director Henry Gray.



Congressman Bill Alexander enjoying the music at the Folk Center Dedication.

"WE'D STAND ON THE COFFIN AND SCREAM FOR WILBUR . . ."

Application for a federal loan was made but five years went by during which the proposal became bogged down in studies and various red tape. "This project died several times," said Driftwood, now a member of the State Parks and Tourism Commission. "They'd start to bury it and we'd stand on the coffin and scream for Wilbur. He would always pull the thing out of the sepulchre for us."

Finally, in 1968, the Economic Development Administration approved an 80 percent loan and a 20 percent grant to construct a 59-building complex, and a water and sewer system! Construction was begun in 1971. The sprawling complex which will doubtless soon be recognized as the showcase of folk arts and crafts, is a far cry from the original idea of constructing an auditorium just to house the folk festival.

GARRISON AVENUE BRIDGE OPENED



Director Henry Gray

The new U.S. 64 bridge over the Arkansas River in downtown Fort Smith was dedicated Friday, June 22 with Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt delivering the principal address. He expressed appreciation to all who contributed to the construction of the bridge and called it "another landmark in the development of the McClellan-Kerr Waterway, which has given a new dimension of progress and achievement to the Arkansas River." He also paid tribute to Senator John McClellan as "the man who arranged the appropriation for the bridge in 1967 and made the structure possible."

Dignitaries from both Oklahoma and Arkansas attended the ceremonies, including Oklahoma Governor David Hall. He brought greetings from Governor Bumpers, who was unable to attend because of a conflict with the Southern Governor's Conference.

Governor Hall said that bridge represented to him "hands of friendship across this great river." Arkansas officials present included Commissioner J. C. Patterson of Lavaca, Director Henry Gray and District 4 Engineer Calvin Peevy of the Highway Department and District Engineer Charles McMillen of the Federal Highway Administration in Little Rock. Also present were representatives from the Little Rock and Tulsa districts of the Corps of Engineers.

E. B. Sparks, chairman of the Highway Committee

of the Fort Smith Chamber of Commerce, was the master of ceremonies. In his opening remarks he smilingly promised that the dedication would not go on for two days. The reference was to the gala two-day dedication celebration of the old "Free Bridge", on May 11-12, 1922 which was witnessed by thousands. Chamber president H. L. Hembree III introduced the platform guests.

Miss Fort Smith, Carol Schaper, was on hand to help cut a ribbon on the \$5.3 million structure built by Stanley Barber Construction Company of Fort Smith. The north side of the bridge was opened last year, so that traffic could use it while the old two-lane bridge was dismantled and the south side of the new bridge constructed. Total cost of the project was \$6,179,390.

At least one person was present at the dedication who was also present at the dedication of the old bridge. Restaurant owner George Catsavis, still active in his business at 89, recalled that so many persons made long speeches at the first dedication he got tired and left. The speeches were made into "wireless telephone receivers" and "repeated through several amplifiers." The bridge was christened by Bridge Queen Louise Golden with three bottles of water, one each from Hot Springs and Siloam Springs, Arkansas and one from Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Perhaps the most colorful group present at the 1922 dedication and missing at this year's was composed of the chiefs of the five Cherokee tribes and their spokesman, all wearing a large button bearing the words "Arkansaw and Fort Smith. The Old Cherokee Nation — Your Neighbor for 87 Years — Greet You and Compliments You on the Completion of the Bridge, Uniting Oklahoma and Arkansaw."

An interesting part of the old bridge ceremony was a check for \$73,735.69 borne by Arkansas Highway Director Herbert P. Wilson, which represented the final payment of \$100,000 in Arkansas Federal-aid funds spent on the bridge. It was reported at the time that Oklahoma had allotted only \$19,000 of its



Congressman Hammerschmidt and Governor Hall assist Miss Fort Smith wield the big scissors. Looking on are, at left; District Engineer Calvin Peevy, C of C president H. L. Hembree III and E. B. Sparks, Jr., Director Gray, center; and Fort Smith Mayor Jack Freeze, right.

Federal-aid funds of the cost of the \$1,039,000 structure.

A brochure circulated during the old bridge ceremony proclaimed the occasion as "Two days of continuous programs and varied entertainments — parades, pageants, fireworks, shows, free acts, industrial exposition, band concerts, radio, ceremonials base ball, conventions and special railroads rates." It was quite an affair.

The bridge was constructed by Missouri Valley Bridge & Iron Co. for the Sebastian Bridge District. Work on it began in 1919. Hedrick & Hedrick, relatives of Bill Hedrick in the Traffic Division, were the construction engineer.

Opening the old bridge was a particularly joyous occasion because the only river crossing at Fort Smith was by ferry until the Gould Bridge was completed in 1891. It accommodated a railway, a wagon route and a pedestrian route. Toll, paid on the Fort Smith end, was levied on wagon traffic. At the dedication of the Gould structure (a story in itself) Fort Smith Mayor C. M. Cooke made what seemed to be a prophetic statement. He said, "There is nothing to keep the Arkansas River from being navigable if appropriations are received to develop it." A little more than 80 years later that statement became a reality.



Director Henry Gray speaking at a luncheon held at Catsavis' Broadway Grill prior to the dedication.



Left to right: Commissioner J. C. Patterson, Director Henry Gray, Congressman Hammerschmidt, E. B. Sparks, Jr., C of C, and D. K. Swon, secretary of Oklahoma Highway Commission.

I-630 DEDICATED



Left to right: Chief Engineer B. K. Cooper, Commissioner James Branyan, Miss University of Arkansas at Little Rock Mindy Mueller, Congressman Mills and Director Henry Gray.

About 200 persons gathered on the overpass of University Avenue under a wilting sun for the early afternoon dedication on May 25 of 2.56 miles of I-630. As the dedication ceremonies began at 1:00 p.m. the temperature hovered in the mid-90's but it did not daunt the verve of Congressman Wilbur D. Mills as he spoke with apparent satisfaction about the completion of a section of I-630, also his namesake. The City of Little Rock named the east-west connecting route for Mills after he was instrumental in getting it added to the state's interstate system mileage in late 1970, in order to obtain federal matching funds for its construction.

Shortly after the route was added to the interstate system work was begun on widening the one-mile section already in use between Dennison and Pine Streets from four to six lanes and on construction of the new section from Pine Street to University Avenue under the supervision of District 6 Engineer Don

Cahoone and Resident Engineer Jim Gee. Barber Construction Company, Ben Hogan Construction Company and McGeorge Construction Company were the contractors.

Byron Morse, president of the Little Rock Chamber of Commerce, was the master of ceremonies. The invocation was pronounced by Rev. David M. Hankins, Jr., pastor of Oak Forest United Methodist Church. The Junior R.O.T.C. Color Guard of Catholic High School presented the colors.

Mills said he was happy that he could refer to the new street as an expressway instead of a tollway. He pointed out the safety features included in the design, such as an inverted "T" concrete median barrier and an energy-absorbing crash barrier. The median barrier cost approximately \$364,000 and the crash barrier about \$12,000 but statistics indicate that a substantial \$28-benefit accrues for every \$1 spent on such safety devices. Overall cost of the 2.56 miles was approximately \$10.5 million.

Commissioner James Branyan of Camden also made brief comments and assisted Mills, Highway Director Henry Gray, Chief Engineer B. K. Cooper and Miss University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Mindy Mueller, cut a ribbon to officially open the freeway.

Other dignitaries present were City Board members George Wimberly, Jack Young, Sandy Keith and Vice Mayor Charles Bussey, former Board members Jim Huett, Joe Hurst, Haco Boyd and Leo Griffin, who was vice chairman of the Good Government Committee when the original bond issue was passed to finance the acquisition of right of way for the expressway. Also present were Mrs. Mills, Pulaski County Judge Frank Mackey, Elmer Barber of Barber Construction Company and William L. "Bill" Moore of Ben Hogan Construction Company.

When the entire 7.4-mile expressway is completed it will connect I-30 to the east and I-430 to the west and greatly improve access to downtown Little Rock, state governmental offices and the city's four largest medical centers.

A traffic count made at four locations along the route one month after the opening showed that 19,000-27,000 vehicles per day were already using the completed section.



Billboard Removal Begun



Lt. Governor Bob Riley

With a small ceremony, the Highway Department removed the first of 37 billboards which are illegally standing on highway right of way in Pulaski, Saline, Lonoke and Faulkner counties. The delapidated structure was located on I-30 southwest of Little Rock and appeared to not have been used for advertising purposes in a long time. Lt. Gov. Bob Riley felled the sign with a chainsaw before several Highway personnel and newsmen on June 13.

Signs on the right of way are in violation of state and federal highway beautification laws and highway departments which do not comply with the requirements are subject to a penalty amounting to 10 percent reduction in federal-aid funds. In Arkansas, the penalty would approximate \$4 million per year.

All of the first 37 to be removed were erected legally prior to enactment of the beautification law, therefore, the owners have been compensated for their removal. The Department is also in the process

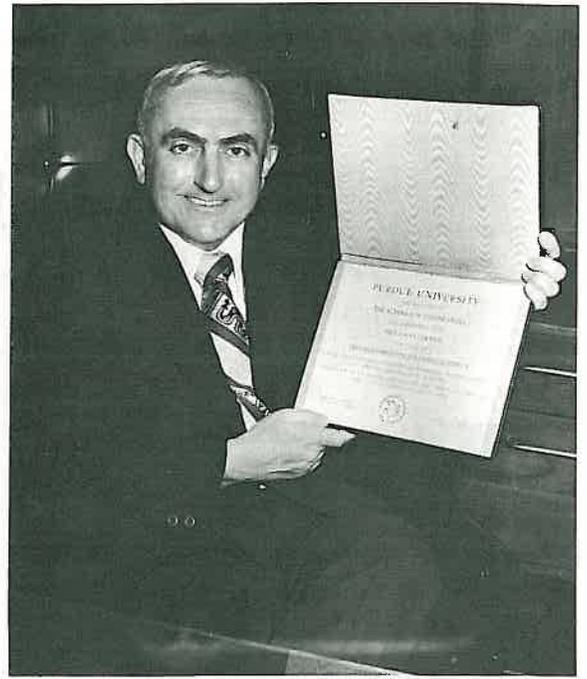
of requiring the removal of all abandoned signs, which encroach on the right of way, and signs for which the owners did not secure permits. In those instances, the owners are ineligible for compensation.

The ultimate object and result of the billboard removal is to free scenic rural areas of roadside signs and confine outdoor advertising to commercial and industrial areas along the highways.



Left to right: Bryan Davis, Lt. Gov. Bob Riley, Charles McMillen, and Don Cahoone.

Cooper Honored At Purdue



B. K. Cooper

Deputy Director and Chief Engineer B. K. Cooper was one of eleven alumni to receive the "Distinguished Engineering Alumnus" title from Purdue University in a convocation held on the campus at Lafayette, Indiana.

The awards were presented by Dr. Arthur G. Hansen, president, on behalf of the faculty. They are conferred upon graduates in recognition of outstanding achievement in professional and related fields of activity.

Cooper earned a master's degree in civil engineering while studying on an Automotive Safety Foundation grant after employment by the Highway Department. He holds a B.S. degree from the University of Arkansas.

FHWA Gives Plaque for Scenic Highway



McMillen, left, and Smith

Charles McMillen, division engineer of the Federal Highway Administration office in Little Rock, presented Commission Chairman Maurice Smith a plaque denoting the selection of Highway 43 in Newton County as a winner in FHWA's fifth annual scenic highway contest (cover, March-April, 1973 issue). The plaque was presented during a meeting of the Highway Commissioners on June 28. Commissioner Smith in turn presented the award to Director Henry Gray.

Action Plan Meetings Conducted



Robert Tyler of the Advance Planning Section, P&R, explains a point.



Mayor M. J. Hickey and P&R Engr. Al Johnson, Jr. answer questions at the Russellville meeting.

Highway Department officials held a series of public meetings across the state in May and June to give the public an opportunity to express themselves concerning the Department's overall function and to determine whether or not they feel that adequate consideration for the public interest is being given to social, economic and environmental effects where highway projects are proposed.

Effects to be given consideration include: (1) air, noise and water pollution; (2) destruction or disruption of natural and manmade resources; (3) adverse employment effects, and tax and property value losses; (4) injurious displacement of people, businesses and farms; and (5) disruption of desirable community and regional growth.

Preliminary guidelines were developed from information gained at the meetings and submitted to the Federal Highway Administration for approval in compliance with Section 136 (b) of the Federal-aid Highway Act of 1970.

Meetings were conducted by Al Johnson, Jr., Engineer of Planning and Research, and personnel in the Advance Planning Section of the division and held at Forrest City, Russellville and Little Rock.

State-Aid Division Created

A new division has been created within the Highway Department to administer the provisions of Act 445 of 1973. Effective July 1, the Highway Department began the establishment of a 10,000-mile system of State-aid roads consisting of major and minor collector routes already on the counties' road systems. The new division, to be called the State-aid Division, will be responsible for carrying out the provisions of the Act.

The State-aid Division will replace the Secondary Roads Division. It will be headed up by John Kizer, engineer of Secondary Roads since May, 1969. He has been organizing the new division for the past several weeks. Kizer, a registered professional engineer, has been with the Department almost 10 years. He has a degree in secondary education from Arkansas A&M and a degree in civil engineering from the University of Arkansas.

Storms, Floods Plague State



Breakway sign torn from the base.



Sign lies flattened while AHD crews help clean up destructed area in the background.



Highway 22 damage after slide.

Through the years history has recorded that May is a month of fierce tornadoes and destructive floods, as well as of green grass, blooming flowers and singing birds. May, 1973 was no exception. Torrential rains began in April and just kept on coming. Waters rose so high and became so extensive that survey teams assigned to making an estimate of the damage have not yet gained access to all the flooded area. The extent and estimated cost of damage should be available by the time the next issue is printed.

An early estimate of damages to city streets and county roads for which the Highway Department is responsible in 18 of the 49 counties declared to be a disaster area comes to nearly \$1 million. An unofficial estimate of damages to all roads in 33 counties is \$1,716,000. A mud slide east of Midway community in Logan County severely damaged Highway 22 so that it had to be closed. A \$209,000 contract for repairs has already been awarded.

District Engineer Jim Chaney and his men, along with many others, worked doggedly to keep the levee from breaking at Jacksonport.

Twisters raked back and forth across the state on several occasions, leaving their marks of havoc indelibly behind. The one which hit Jonesboro on May 27 destroyed about half of the new home of retiree H. B. Matthews and his wife. They had planned a long time to retire, relocate to Jonesboro and build a new home. They built it with a great deal of love and care and moved into it only last year. Fortunately, neither of them was injured.

On the western side of the state, a tornado blew out all the windows in the Alma weight station and flattened road signs. Other property in the area suffered more extensive damage. Highway crews were called on in many parts of the state to assist in sand-bagging and cleanup work.

Agreement Signed By Road Study Panel



Representatives of city, county, state and federal governmental agencies met in Fort Smith on June 22 and signed a new agreement of understanding for the continuation of comprehensive study and planning for transportation needs in the Fort Smith-Van Buren area. The agreement between Arkansas and Oklahoma was signed in the offices of the Arkhoma Regional Planning Commission and witnessed by about 50 officials.

Participating agencies include the cities of Fort Smith, Van Buren and Barling, Arkansas, and Arkoma, Oklahoma; counties of Sebastian and Crawford, Arkansas and LeFlore, Oklahoma; and the Arkansas and Oklahoma Highway Departments.

Execution of the new agreement marks the begin-

ning of far reaching planning embracing all modes of traffic in the two state area. The agreement obligates participating agencies to: (1) follow an approved plan, (2) officially adopt a five-year capital improvement program for new construction, and (3) coordinate any changes in plans with the Bi-State Transportation Committee, which was established the day the agreement was signed as an enlargement of the original Fort Smith Area Transportation Study Coordinating Committee.

Several months of intensive work by planners of the participating agencies will be required to develop a new areawide Transportation Plan. A number of committees will likely be set up to continually review and update the plan.

Mrs. Tackett Elected to Legal Post



Virginia Tackett, an attorney in the Legal Division, has been elected to the House of Delegates of the Arkansas Bar Association for a three-year term which began June 9. The House of Delegates is a representative body of the Bar Association. Delegates are elected proportionately from each of the various districts of the state to represent the Bar membership in the delegates' respective district.

Mrs. Tackett, an employee of the Highway Department for 18 years, was licensed by the Bar Association in 1965. Prior to that time she was secretary to the engineer of Bridge Design. She is a member of the State Criminal Code Revision Commission and the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women. She is co-chairman of the Bar Association's Public Information Committee and will coordinate "Law Day, 1973" activities throughout the state.

Lowder Returned to Retirement Board



Assistant Chief Engineer J. E. Lowder, a member of the State Highway Employees Retirement System Board since 1968, has been re-elected to the Board for another two-year term beginning July 1 and ending June 30, 1975.

Other members of the Board are District 10 Engineer M. S. Smith III, Chief Engineer B. K. Cooper, State Treasurer Nancy Hall and Richard Heath, director of the State Department of Finance & Administration.

U-Turn onto Frontage Roads Prohibited

At the request of the State Police, the Highway Commission has approved the erection of "NO U TURN" signs at all intersections of off-ramps with two-way frontage roads along the state's interstate highways.

Lt. Col. Melvin DeLong, assistant chief of the Police Services Division of the Department of Public Safety, urged the Highway Commission to install signs as a safety measure to lessen the number of rear-end collisions which result from a vehicle exiting from the interstate on to the off-ramp, then having to come to a near stop to make a right turn onto the frontage road.

The Traffic Division is in the process of erecting the signs and troopers will begin strict enforcement of the new policy as soon as the signs are in place.

Boys' State Chairman



Tony Hilliard

Tony Hilliard of Fayetteville was one of 11 Boys' State delegates who paid a visit to the Highway Department's central headquarters on June 8. At a mock election of Highway Commission members Tony was elected Commission Chairman. He and Dale Sanders of Marked Tree will represent Arkansas at Boys' Nation when they convene July 19-26 on the campus of American University in Washington, D. C.

AHD GRADUATES



Ray



Prater



Rownd



Magness



Allen



Johnson



Beckett



Tatum



Beck



Nichols



Robbins



Wilson



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Knox



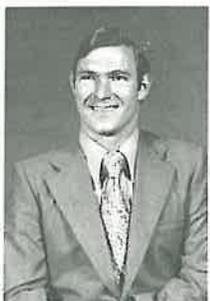
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Arnold



Edwards



Pangle



Montgomery



McBride



Martin



Smith



Glenn



Rollins



Rippy



Newman

Dorothy G. Roy

Hall High - Little Rock

Co-valedictorian, Straight A average. National Merit Scholarship and National English Teachers Award. Editor of 'The Inkwell', Hall's literary magazine. Member Beta Club, National Honor Society, Science Club and Bridge and Reading Club. Winner of a 4-year engineering scholarship to Washington University at St. Louis which she has accepted. Daughter of Vershall G. Roy, assistant chief of Computer Services.

Vonda Prater

Ole Main - No. Little Rock

Member Catettes (2 years), Senior Cabinet, Inter-Club Council and Y-Teens. Vice president of Quill and Scroll. Business manager for yearbook and paper.

Carolyn Rownd

Central - Little Rock

4th highest average among 572 graduates. Editor, The Tiger newspaper. Member Central Hall of Fame. Daughter of Maint. Engr. Bert Rownd.

Larry Magness

McClellan - Little Rock

Member, Student Council, Industrial Arts Club, Letterman's Club, and VICA. Son of M&T Engr. Joe Magness.

Randall Allen

McClellan - Little Rock

Member DECA Club. Son of M&T materials inspector George A. Allen.

Dana Lynne Johnson

Central - Little Rock

Member, High Steppers. Daughter of Ed Johnson, Program Planning Section, P&R.

Allen Beckett

Lewis Beckett

State College of Arkansas

Allen: BS in Economics, Honor graduate Vice president of state chapter and treasurer of national chapter, Phi Beta Lambda. Member Alpha Chi and Gamma Beta Phi honorary fraternities. Selected for Who's Who In American Colleges and Universities. One of SCA's Most Outstanding Students.

Lewis: BS in History-Political Science Named Distinguished Military Student. Recipient of D.A.R. award. Member Pre-Law Club, Secretariat of Arkansas Model of United Nations, ROTC Drill Team and Phi Lambda Chi. Commissioned 2nd Lt. in Air Defense Artillery. Now serving at Ft. Hood, Tex. Lewis and Allen are twin sons of Leroy Beckett, head of the Mapping Section of P&R.

Betty Jo Tatum

Ole Main - No. Little Rock

President, Quill and Scroll. Treasurer, Student Council. Catettes Lieutenant. Member concert choir, Y-Teens, Booster Club, Color Day maid of honor. Member of the cast of senior play. First runner-up 'Miss City Beautiful' and NLR Ole Main Junior Miss contests. Delegate at large for the State Junior Miss contest. Member of school publication staff. Summer employee in P&R and sister of Mary Jack Tatum on the magazine staff.

Sherry Beck

Sylvan Hills - No. Little Rock

Member, National Honor Society. Recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship to Harding College. Daughter of Al Beck of Ash-down, a statistician with the Current Planning Section of P&R.

DeAnna Lynn Nichols

McClellan High - Little Rock

Honor graduate and recipient of a scholarship to UALR. Member of the Beta Club and Lionette drill team. Daughter of Roadway Engr. Brooks Nichols.

Vickie Robbins

McClellan High - Little Rock

Member FBLA, Y-Teens and Little Sister Program. Daughter of Benny Robbins, secretary to Roadway Engr. Brooks Nichols.

Craig Wilson

McClellan — Little Rock

Honor graduate and speaker at graduation. Member Beta Club. Letterman's Club. Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Key Club. Officer in the Student Council. Statistician for the basketball team for 2 years; manager for the football team 3 years and manager of the track team for a year. McClellan Citizen of the Month for April, 1973 and Citizen of the Year for 1973. Recipient of award for outstanding leadership. Son of Troyce Wilson, secretary to P&R Engr. A. E. Johnson.

Rickie Ray Cox

Jacksonville High School

Member F.T.A. and Key Club. Participated in all sports, lettered in football and track. Hopes to play in sports at UALR. Son of Asst. Procurement Officer Bernie L. Cox.

James Austin Knox

McClellan High — Little Rock

Member Beta Club, Letterman's Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Hopes to attend UALR after joining the National Guard. Son of Juanita Knox, Procurement.

Captain Tom Stroud

Arkansas State University

Master's degree in administration. He is an assistant Weights and Standards chief.

Jim McElduff

Wynne High

Active in Drama Club, and assistant photographer for the school annual. Son of Janet McElduff, secretary to Dist. Engr. Bill Mulhollen at Wynne.

Joey Waddle

Prescott High

Honor graduate. Played first trumpet in the band. Son of Jodie Waddle, foreman in Lafayette County.

Phil H. Camp

Arkansas State University

BS in business administration. Office manager at Paragould headquarters.

Judith A. Camp

Arkansas State University

BS in art. Wife of Phil Camp. Formerly of Marmaduke.

Ronnie Earl Monroe

Donnie Merl Monroe

Fouke High

Active in track and agriculture program. Twin sons of Miller Co. Area Foreman G. O. Monroe.

Sheri Lynn Pickett

Union University — Jackson, Tenn.

BA in English and French. Dean's list. Member Alpha Chi. Chosen for "Who's Who Among Students in Colleges and Universities. Daughter of Joseph E. Pickett of Black Rock who works in H. C. Martin's residency.

Karen Pickett

Black Rock High

Valedictorian. President of senior class and Beta Club. Editor of annual. Delegate to Girls' State and secretary of FHA Included in "Who's Who". Sister of Sheri and daughter of J. E. Pickett.

David Lynn Garrison

Camden High

Member of FBLA, Art Club and the band. Page in the last legislative session. Plans to major in political science at Harding. Son of J.M. Garrison who works with Kenneth W. Dunn's sign crew at Camden.

Eugenia Coston

Hampton High

Chosen "Betty Crocker Homemaker of the Year." Member Beta Club and the band. Will attend Freed-Hardeman College Henderson, Tenn., to major in guidance and counseling. Daughter of Eugene Coston, equipment operator with Ouachita County crew.

Leona Kay Loe

Fairview High — Camden

Member Spanish Club, marching and concert bands, concert choir, the Madrigals and Drama Club. Chosen for all-region band. Daughter of Arvis Loe, auto diesel mechanic, Camden headquarters.

Linda L. King

University of Arkansas

BS in home economics education. Member Phi Upsilon Omicron, AHEA and Dean's List. Sister of Rayma King, clerk-typist for Res. Engr. V. O. Selby at Fayetteville.

Bill Benson

Hampton High

Valedictorian, President of Student Council and senior class. Voted "Mr. Hampton High School", "Most Popular Student." Member of all-district basketball team. Chosen for Outstanding Teenager of America award. Son of Elbert D. Benson of the Calhoun County crew.

Nancy Benson Ward

U of A — Monticello

BS in education with English major. Magna cum laude graduate. Selected for "Who's Who in American Colleges & Universities." Member Alpha Chi. Married to Dennis Ward and daughter of Elbert D. Benson of the Calhoun County crew.

Dalelyn Arnold

Omaha High

Valedictorian. Played basketball 4 years. Active in FHA. Served as president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer of FHA and Federation treasurer 4 years. Member of annual staff and of the cast play. Paid her own expenses through high school by working on the NYC Program. Daughter of J. C. Arnold of Omaha, Ark., an equipment operator with the Boone County crew.

Edmond Lee Edwards

Huntsville High

Chosen for "Who's Who in American High Schools." President and drum major in the band. Son of Bennie D. Edwards of Huntsville, an inspector for Res. Engr. Dan Flowers.

Curtis A. Pangle, Jr.

Harrison High

Football captain. Received all-district, all-region and all-state honors. Awarded 4-year scholarship to Arkansas Tech. Son of Dist. Engr. Curtis Pangle of Harrison.

Cindy Jo Montgomery

Osceola High

Member FHA and Drama Club. Daughter of Area Foreman Billy J. Montgomery of Osceola.

Marlene McBride

Osceola High

Daughter of Albert McBride who works for Area Foreman Billy J. Montgomery.

Curt Martin

Paragould High

President, F.C.A. Member football team 4 years, track team 3 years. Son of Res. Engr. Clif Martin of Paragould.

Debbie Jane Smith

Greene County Tech — Paragould

Salutatorian. Member FBLA, Beta Club and annual staff. Son of Troy Smith of Paragould who works for Area Foreman James Tritch.

Ronnie Glenn

Lynn High

Member FFA and basketball team. Son of Warren Glenn of Lynn who works for Res. Engr. Clif Martin.

Susan Kay Rollins

Springdale High

Honor graduate. Member Student Council. Junior Miss Contestant. Niece of Maint. Supt. Arvis C. Clark, Springdale.

Benny Rippy

Greene County Tech — Paragould

All-district in basketball. Received 4-year scholarship to Louisiana Tech in Ruston. Son of W. M. Rippy of Paragould who works for Job Supt. Charles Hopper.

Elinor Kay Newman

Arkansas Tech

BS in elementary education. Honor graduate. Step-daughter of Maint. Supt. Arvis C. Clark, Springdale.

2 More Auditors Employed



Hillman, seated, and Parks

Jerry M. Hillman and Johnny L. Parks have been employed as additional members of the Internal Audit staff.

Hillman graduated from State College of Arkansas in 1972 with a bachelor's degree in business administration with a major in accounting. He served 3½ years in the Air Force as a personnel specialist and was a sergeant at the time he was discharged. A graduate of North Little Rock High School, he was formerly employed by the State Department of Finance and Administration and comes to the Highway Department after employment with the Defense Contract Audit Agency in Dallas. He lives with his father in North Little Rock and enjoys reading and films as leisure-time activities.

Parks worked his way through college while holding a part-time job and graduated this year from University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff with a B.S. in accounting. He is a native of Pine Bluff and a graduate of Coleman High School. His hobbies are hunting, reading, working on his car and socializing with friends.



Frank Russenberger

University of Arkansas

Master's degree in civil engineering. 4.0 average. Son of Georgia Russenberger, District Six office.

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Michael T. Pilcher

University of Arkansas — Medical School
Doctor of medicine degree. Son of retired Internal auditor Bill Pilcher.

Jim Gee Boss of the Year



Jim Gee and "Girl Friday" Barbara Mize display their trophies.

Resident Engineer James W. Gee was named Boss of the Year by Golden Chapter, American Business Womens Association. The letter of recommendation was submitted by member Barbara Mize, Gee's secretary. Each of them received a trophy, presented by James R. Wheeler, 1972 Boss of the Year, and Rochelle Haydon, mistress of ceremonies, at a banquet held May 1 at Coachman's Inn.

Gee has been employed by the Department nine years and a resident engineer since January, 1969. Their offices are located at 800 Johnson Street.

WEDDINGS

ROGERS-JOHNSON



Mrs. Graham Rogers

Gayle Andrea Johnson and Graham Wright Rogers were wed in an afternoon ceremony in Westover Hills Presbyterian Church on Saturday, June 9. Gayle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson. Art is manager of data processing in the Computer Services Division. The groom is the son of Mrs. William L. Rogers of Mullins, S. C. and the late Mr. Rogers. The bride was given in marriage by her father and attended by her sister, Lynne. A reception followed in the home of the bride's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers are living in Bossier City, La. where he is an attorney and she is a disability claims examiner for the Louisiana Department of Education in Shreveport. Mrs. Rogers has a BA in English from Centenary College at Shreveport and a master's in American studies from Bowling Green State University at Bowling Green, Ohio. Rogers has a BS in commerce and economics from Centenary and a Juris Doctor degree from Tulane University School of Law at New Orleans. He is vice president of the Bossier Parish Bar Association.

NEWMAN-LOONEY

Becky Looney, daughter of Information Officer and Mrs. Bill Looney, was married to Larry Jay Newman in an evening ceremony at Oak Forest United Methodist Church of Little Rock on June 1. Larry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Newman of Blytheville.

Both the bride and groom are students at Henderson State College where he is a senior art major. The bride is a junior English major. She is employed by the State Department of Education for the summer. The groom is employed in the mapping section of the Highway Department. They are residing at Chateau de Ville Apartments.

BLACKWELL-VICK



Mrs. Richard Blackwell

Angela Lee Vick and Richard L. Blackwell were wed the evening of May 1 in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Volmer Vick of Benton. The bridegroom's parents are Mrs. Jessie Blackwell of Little Rock and the late Clarence Blackwell. Angela is employed in the Reproduction Section. They are living in Little Rock.

DAY-DYE



Mr. and Mrs. Randy Day

Stuart Randall Day, son of magazine editor Mary Day Herndon, and Linda Ruth Dye were married in a double ring ceremony in Faith Memorial Baptist Church of Little Rock on April 27. She is the daughter of Mrs. Helen Dye of Mabelvale.

The groom is assistant terminal manager for McLean Trucking Company. The bride is employed in the engineering section of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. They are residing at 10324 Colonel Glenn Road.

Obituaries



BOB A. WORTHAM

Bob A. Wortham, chief clerk of the Permit Section, died suddenly on April 29 while at his lake home. He had been with the Department almost 10 years.

Mr. Wortham was a native of Kenner, Louisiana and a member of Sunset Lane Baptist Church. He was a member and chaplain of Cathedral Masonic Lodge No. 757.

Funeral services were conducted May 2 by Griffin-Leggett Funeral Home. Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Martha Brown Wortham; a daughter, Terri, and a son, Keith.



CHARLES E. HOOKER, SR.

Charles Edward Hooker, Sr., 1315 Battery, Little Rock, died May 7 at the age of 66. He retired in 1970 as assistant division engineer of Surveys after 39 years of service. Mr. Hooker was a native of Little Rock and a registered professional engineer. He was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus. He was awarded the Award of Merit by AASHO in 1959.

Funeral services were held May 9 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, where he was a member. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery by Healey and Roth.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Josie Lee Allbritton Hooker; a son, Charles E. Hooker, Jr. of Jefferson City Mo.; a brother, James Hooker of Hot Springs; a sister, Mrs. Rose Capel of Little Rock, and two grandchildren.



C. DON HAYES

Charles Don Hayes, 73, of 3800 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, died June 12. At the time of retirement his tenure was greater than any Highway Department employee — 42 years — all of it in connection with equipment. He was chief of the Equipment Division from 1941 until his retirement in December, 1964.

He was a member of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, Magnolia Masonic Lodge, Arkansas Consistory, Scimitar Shrine, Bendemeer Grotto, Royal Order of Jesters, United Commercial Travelers and the Goose Foot Lake Hunting Club.

Mr. Hayes was past president of Arkansas Engineers and Associates Club and past chairman of the Department's Purchasing Committee. He was the recipient of the AASHO Award of Merit in 1953.

Funeral services were held June 14 at Griffin-Leggett. Highway Department employees and members of the Royal Order of Jesters were honorary pallbearers. Burial was in Roselawn Memorial Park.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Edythe Robinson Hayes; two sisters, Mrs. Marie Blankenship of North Little Rock, recently retired from the Safety Section; and Mrs. Dennie Wilhelm of Little Rock.

PERRY RUSSELL

Perry Russell, 57, of Ashdown, died April 10 at his home. He retired in May of 1970 due to ill health after working for the Department 18½ years. Mr. Russell was a Baptist and had lived his entire life in Ashdown.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Bessie Russell; a son, Donald and a daughter, Mrs. Peritann Miller; a brother, Dock, all of Ashdown; a sister, Mrs. Edith Harrington of Richmond, Texas, and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held April 12 at Phillips Funeral Home with burial in Ashdown Cemetery.

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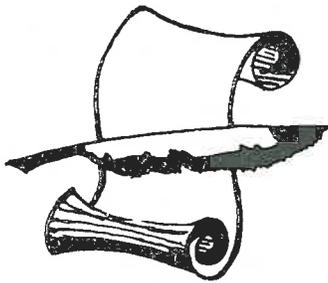
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VIRGIL W. CLEVELAND

Virgil W. Cleveland, 69, of Lewisville, died May 3 in a Shreveport, Louisiana hospital. He worked for the Department 20 years and was a dragline operator in District 3 for 10 years before being promoted to area foreman of Lafayette County in 1958.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Grace Cleveland; one son, three daughters, five sisters, one brother and 11 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held May 4 in First Baptist Church of North Lewisville, where he was a deacon. Burial was in Wilson County.



Letters

Batesville, Arkansas
April 27, 1973

Mr. Jim Chaney
Dear Sir:

We wish to express our appreciation to you and your employees for all the assistance and help given us during the past week.

We are happy to report that all students are back in classrooms with everything near normal. We would not have been able to accomplish this without your help.

We never cease to be amazed at the rapid progress that has been made due to the interest, ingenuity and energy of the many friends of the Batesville School System.

Again, we say "thanks", although this is an inadequate expression of our gratitude for your support during an emergency.

Sincerely,

Leon Gaines, Superintendent
Batesville School District 1

Batesville, Arkansas
April 25, 1973

Mr. Jim Chaney
Dear Sir:

We appreciate very much your assistance in removing trees from the streets of Batesville during our recent storm. This helped us move our crews to the places where our facilities were damaged and we think we were able to restore service much quicker than would have been possible without your help.

Again, we appreciate this very much and if we can assist you always feel free to call on us.

Yours very truly,

Theo Warlick, Manager
Arkansas Power & Light

Gazette columnist Kay Koehler's delightful satire on The Gettysburg Address concerning the gasoline shortage in reprinted purely for the reader's pleasure. Ed.)

TANKS FOR THE MEMORY OF LINCOLNS OF THE ROAD

Three score and 11 years ago, Henry Ford brought forth on this continent a new notion, conceived in Dearborn and dedicated to the proposition that all men should not walk when they can ride.

Now we are engaged in a great energy crisis, testing whether that notion, or any notion so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure.

We are met in a great service station of that crisis. We have come to spur the mobile populace to stand firm, that they shall not be engulfed in despair, but, lion-like, will shell out as much as they must and not eat humble pie. We have been urged to take the gasoline shortage in stride, but we refuse to accept our walking papers. Let this be a final resting place for those who here and now suggest that walking is good for the sole.

Perhaps we are living in a fuel's paradise, but we will exhaust the manifold possibilities before we shift from our belief that destiny lies in our clutches. They cannot brake our determination. Our future is geared in this direction.

The brave attendants, who wiped windshields here, have accelerated this movement far above our poor power to step on the gas.

The world will little note, nor long remember, what we pay here, but it can never forget what they filled up here.

It is for us, the driving, rather, to be dedicated here to the automatic transmissions which they who pumped here have thus far so nobly refueled. It is rather for us to be here lubricated for the great drive remaining before us - that for these carburetors we take increased gallons from the pumps from which they gave the last full measure of high octane - that we here highly resolve that these pumps shall not stand here in vain - that this station shall have a new source of petrol - and that four-wheel drive, parking lots and traffic jams shall not perish from the earth.



Jim McCall

Those of us in the Public Relations Section are enjoying the association with new employee Jim McCall who came to us in mid-June after employment for 3½ years with Associated Press. His responsibilities with Associated Press included coverage of the state Capitol and the Legislature. He will assist Public Relations Officer Bill Looney with various duties such as liaison with the news media and the Legislature.

Jim is a native of Jonesboro and a graduate of ASU. He has also worked for several radio and television stations in the state. He is married to the former Florence Martin, also of Jonesboro. They have two sons, Tim 5, and Jason 18 months. Mrs. McCall is a teacher but is being a fulltime housewife and mother at the present.



Shelby, left, receives a certificate from Pat Huddleston.

Roy Shelby of Computer Services completed 20 years of service and received a certificate from boss Pat Huddleston the last of May. Roy is a data processing manager and has spent his entire 20 years in the data processing area though the division has not always been called by its present name.

Captain Tom Stroud of the Weights Division is to be congratulated for persistence in pursuing both a bachelor's and a master's degree, all at night school. He was chief of police in Newport for 12 years before being employed by W&S as assistant chief last October. Since finishing school at Jonesboro he and his family have moved to Ranchette Home Sites development near Bryant.

The Safety Section held a retirement party for Marie Blankenship on May 25. It was lovely and attended by many co-workers. Marie was ill and unable to be here for a party when the actual time of her retirement began. She is looking and doing well now. We again express our sympathy to her and Edith in the loss of Don, her brother, who attended her party only a few days before his death.



Marie Blankenship left, and Don & Edith Hayes.

Commissioner James Branyan brought his wife, their two daughters, and a friend to see the building and meet us on June 11.

Pete Daggett was by the office one day telling about what a great time he and Rebecca had been attending the 50th anniversary of her high school graduating class at Forrest City the first of June. Pete said he hadn't been hugged and kissed so much in 20 years — and enjoyed every minute of it!

John and Molly Beavers and their son Donald and family toured up in North Arkansas, visiting and fishing. They caught 25 pounds of fish, Johnnie said.

Former internal auditor Bo Cruce called

one day. He said his company at Warren has been on strike for about a month and during that time he had been enjoying their cabin on the river.

Lucille Huffstutlar's luck has not been running too good lately. While in a funeral procession on the way to the cemetery, her car was hit from behind, damaging it extensively and leaving her with a severe whiplash and sprained neck. It was the second time in a year she'd had that to happen. At the time she called, she was having to go for therapy every day.

Fred Herring called one day. Those who have not had the opportunity to know this genteel old gentleman has missed a rare privilege.

Nancy and Kenny Sipe enjoyed a combined business and pleasure trip to Kentucky the week of June 11, the Bill Coopers have been to Florida, and Mary Jack Tatum has been to Las Vegas.

Most of the insurance clerks from district headquarters were here for the meeting held June 1 to discuss the state-employees' insurance plan. I saw Sharon Bailey from Hope and had the opportunity to meet Helen Baxter of the Springdale office and Rayma King from V. O. Selby residency at Fayetteville for the first time.



J. J. in the yard of his lake-front home. What do you do with a boat — put it in the water of course?

Frank Newsham's middle daughter, Laura, her husband Joe and little son J. J. of Menominee, Wisconsin visited him and Ceil the first part of June.

Birdie Carr's daughter Bobbie, who is working in the cafeteria again this summer was a delegate to Girls State June 10-15. Those Carr kids are smart ones — their son was a delegate to Boys State last year.

An editorial writer of a state newspaper suggested a few weeks ago that the Toad Suck Ferry be "taken out of mothballs and made into a junior college." Well, Toad Suck Ferry is not in mothballs, it's very much alive and a part of Highway 125. Pilot Tillman Watkins, left, and deckhands Orin Rose, Deb Yokum and Joe Williams operate the ferry daily across Bull Shoals Lake at Peel.



It's unbelievable how many former employees and retirees I have seen and heard from during the last month. Jim Zinn was in June 27, chipper as usual. He made me green with envy telling me about all the traveling he and Grace are doing.

Bill Pilcher, retired from Internal Audit, was in the office visiting today (July 13). He looks great but has to be very careful of his heart. His older son, Mickey, graduated from medical school this year and is interning at the V. A. Hospital. The Pilchers' third son, Mark, graduated from Parkview and will attend U of A on a football scholarship. He plays flanker back.

It is difficult as yet to take in the death of Ferol Jones' daughter, Judi Tribell, on June 5. Contributions to the ABWA scholarship fund were most generous and Judi's name will be added to a memorial plaque at ABWA headquarters. Our sympathy to Ferol, Jimmy, Ronnie and all the family.

Gail Fisher, who used to work on the Director's staff and her family have moved back to make Little Rock their home. She and her three beautiful little daughters came out to visit just as soon as they got back to town. Now there's a real testimony for the appeal of Arkansas - to get

a Cajun like Gail away from New Orleans! We're glad you've come back, Gail!

In this picture below, Dist. Engr. Bill Mulhollen's secretary, reporter Janet McElduff shows how to clean off the boss' desk in the most rapid, though not necessarily neat, manner possible. (Actually she dropped all those papers on the floor accidentally.) Photographers are always shooting things they have no business, aren't they, Janet?



Janet McElduff

Kristi Johnson is the adorable little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Johnson of Hot Springs. Jim is in charge of roving unit No. 276.



Kristi Johnson

One way to keep youth from slipping away is to hide the car keys.

PERMIT SECTION

by *sammie martinez*

We regret the loss of our chief clerk, Bob Wortham. He was truly a loyal and devoted employee and is missed by all who knew him, especially the personnel of Permit.

We are proud to introduce two new permit clerks. Mrs. Jo Ledbetter started to work on April 2. She is married to Larry Jo Ledbetter and they live in Malvern. Terry Nanney started to work May 7. He is single and resides in North Little Rock but has plans for a July 28 wedding. His bride-to-be is Miss Caron Golden, also of North Little Rock.



Terry Nanney



Mrs. Jo Ledbetter

Our motorcycle enthusiast, Mike Masten, and his wife Jane are the owners of two new trail-bikes. Keep the crash helmets on, Mike and Jean!

DEPARTMENT NEWS

BRIDGE DESIGN

bonnie wesson

Dale Loe attended a workshop in Ft. Worth the week of May 7. He missed a lively discussion on girls, politics and womens lib; and some really tense moments when the coffee wasn't ready at 10:00 a.m.

Carl Lindstrom is back with us after serving six months in the military at Ft. Belvoir. He lives at Brentwood Apts. on Baseline Road. Carl is from Missouri and graduated from the University of Missouri at Rolla. We are glad he decided to stay in Arkansas and especially to work here in this division.

This division's annual picnic was great fun! Last year Dale Loe's squad won the horseshoe pitching contest and had held the trophy all year. This year Frank Harrison's squad won the trophy, so it is not in a conspicuous place in his squad. The "trophy" is a board with a stake and horseshoe nailed to it (what else?) The rest of us who aren't too outdoor-sports-minded-just went back for seconds and got better acquainted and so on.

Jenny Harrison, daughter of Asst. Bridge Engr. Frank Harrison and Barbara, is a straight "A" student at Parkview High School. She has won two cash awards for creative writing and free verse. Jenny also made first place for the 11th grade in the State-wide Spanish test. Her younger sister Laura, excels in gymnastics, which is a source of personal pride.

J. P. Sumner rides a trail bike for pleasure. It wraps him around trees, tosses him over stumps, drags him under fences and runs over him. Sounds like fun, doesn't it? Some time ago, Dennis Smith owned a bike but sold it after a couple of "good times"; so he could pay his doctor bill.

J. P. and Willie Whitemire received their 5-year pins recently. Congratulations guys!

Eddie and Vickie Fain are parents of a baby girl, Kristin Dawne, born February 26. The Fains are now "long time" members of the Club and are entitled to brag, boast and bore everyone with snapshots, bottle schedules, and any other way they can get attention.

Everyone is talking about where he is going on his vacation and what he is going to do. Some have already taken trips, which makes the rest of us panic about our plans. This reporter is trying to figure out how to cram two weeks' vacation into three days' annual leave. The only solution might be to not go very far (around the house, perhaps); try to do everything that I have been putting off until vacation; then take at least seven day's sick leave to convalesce. Mr. Pinkerton will probably give me a definite no on this depending on how badly he needs a vacation from me. It's just as well. I don't like the around-the-house idea anyway.

CONSTRUCTION

by vickie arthur

FINAL ESTIMATE

We have news and a few changes in our office. First of all, Gary Joe and Carolyn Lewis are proud new parents of a son named Mark Alan, born May 10. Gary Joe is a squad leader.

John Wilson has been employed to replace Sandra Cearly, who is being transferred to Computer Services after 3½ years in Final Estimates. She has done a tremendous job in our section and become a good friend to each of us. We're going to miss her very much.

John, a native Arkansan who moved to Kansas City, Kans. about five years ago, moved back two years ago to attend ASU. He and his wife of five months, the former Susan Stevens of Benton, now have an apartment on Baseline Road.

Ronnie Cofer has been transferred from Roadway Design back to Final Estimate, where he originally started to work four years ago.

Dub Rogers, the roving vacationer from Final Estimates is at it again. His first trip will be to New Orleans and Mobile, Ala. his second to Washington State. We hope he will have a safe and happy trip. The trip to New Orleans and Alabama will doubtless be a comfortable one, since he has a brand new Ford Torino.

Raymond Jones is the proud owner of a fold-up camper. When he bought it, he had happy visions of sleeping in it on Greers Ferry Lake, but every time he's gone he's ended up sleeping in a tent and letting the ladies sleep in the camper. So — he is still having happy visions of sleeping in his new camper on Greers Ferry Lake.

Ann Witham has done excellently in placing her horse in shows this year. She has brought home a trophy every time she has ridden.

Yours truly and my husband took a short trip this month to New Orleans to see the sights of Bourbon Street and the Mississippi River for the second time.

We are sorry to see Neda Yoder leave. She and her family have plans for moving to Ohio.

PLANNING & RESEARCH

by kathy king

Summer has finally arrived! So far there hasn't been much of a chance to get a suntan, as it has rained almost every weekend.

Welcome to the new employees in our division. Dot Carr has joined the Mapping Section as a cartographer. She is a newlywed and the daughter-in-law of Bill Cooper's secretary, Bertie Carr.

Mark Bradley, a graduate of U of A with a BSCE degree, is in Program Planning. He is 23 and single.

David Mullinax, also a U of A graduate, has joined the Advance Planning Section. He has a BS degree in business administration and a major in transportation. He is 22 and also single.

Gloria Holliday is working in Economics. She is just 20 years old and has already graduated from UALR with a business education degree. After receiving her first pay check, Gloria purchased a pair of contact lens, which she says she is still trying to get used to.

Jon E. Robertson has also joined Economics. He has a master's in business administration from the University of Arkansas. He is 30 and single. Welcome to all !!



In addition to the new employees, we also have several new summer employees. Larry Newman, a senior at Henderson, was recently married to Becky Looney. Congratulations to Larry and Becky.

Vanessa Warren is 18 and single. Her hobbies are riding horses, skiing, and all sports.

Cathy Cupples, back for her second summer, is single and an art major at the University of Arkansas.

Sarah Brewer is a student at the University of Arkansas majoring in elementary education.

Cathy Davis, a senior at Ouachita, is back for her third summer. Welcome back, Cathy.

Betty Jo Tatum is a brand new graduate of North Little Rock Ole Main. She plans to attend SCA this fall.

We also have a hearty crew working in the field. Their names are Wallace Rowland, Charles W. Jackson, Jr., Garry L. Hoffman, Stanley Jones, George Duke, Don Bratcher, and David Anthes. Unfortunately, they are seldom in the office so we do not have a picture of them. Welcome to our summer employees. It's nice to see all the new, smiling faces around P&R.

Jim Head is keeping busy managing a teeny league team this summer. The ten girls on the team are known as the Sardis Reds .

David and Hilda Harris recently took a fishing vacation on the Arkansas River. They caught 64 white bass, and we're still waiting for an invitation to a fish fry, Hilda.

Skipper and Glenna Bosley became the proud parents of a baby girl when Christina Marie arrived April 29. So far, Skipper says, he has avoided those 2 a.m. feedings.

We are sorry to see Fernie Speights leave. She and husband Jim are moving to Atlanta. Fernie was honored at a luncheon at Casa Bonita and received a gift of china. She will certainly be missed here, however, we wish the best for both of them.

We are sorry to lose Phil Keaton, who resigned and is now employed by Bond Consulting Firm in Jacksonville. We wish him much success in his new career.

Estella Mitchell has a new car. Congratulations!

Linda and Bob Taylor have started building a new home in Salem. Since there will be a new addition to the family in December, perhaps more room was needed.

Betty Wiggins has just returned from a week's vacation spent in Wichita Falls, Texas, where she and her mother visited Betty's sister and saw her new home. They had a very enjoyable time and the weather was beautiful.

Ed Johnson is very proud of his

children. Dana, his oldest, was a senior at Central and appears in the "Graduates" section. Jeff, a ninth grader, and Ramona, who is in the eighth, are members of the National Honor Society. Ed is just back from two weeks spent in Mineral Wells, Texas. He claims he went to summer camp.

Doug Nielsen has also been to summer camp.

Jim Gilbert spent a week in Las Vegas. Judging from the stories and souvenirs he brought back, he had a good time.

PROCUREMENT

by ann johnson

Let's just jump in and begin! First of all, we have three new employees. Juanita Knox is the MT/ST operator. Her husband Otis, is a federal employee at the Air Force Base at Jacksonville. They have two children, James, a recent graduate of McClellan High School (see graduate news elsewhere), and Sarah, a ninth grader at Mabelvale Junior High. The family is quite active in their church, where Juanita is an assistant director to a group of junior high students. Her hobbies are knitting and reading.



Juanita Knox

In the excitement of getting here on time one day soon after Christine Robertson started work, she locked her car but left the lights on. It was one of those wet days — ducks were walking, tornado warnings were up, and several districts were considering ordering motor boats instead of motor graders. Needless to say,

the battery did a complete fade-out. Throughout the day Christine was not upset nor show any signs of worry. It turned out that she had a spare battery in the trunk. That is called "preparedness". Christine has a 17-month-old daughter, Rhonda, whom I understand is quite active, but Christine finds time to enjoy sewing and needlepoint.



Christine Robinson

We are fortunate to have a summer employee again. Carla Miller is a junior elementary education major at Ouachita. She is a member of EEE Social Club, and enjoys singing, swimming and the company of single men. She is a graduate of Little Rock Central and a member of Olivet Baptist Church.

Others in the office have taken vacations, or are planning to take them soon. Patsy and Eulin Downing drove around the countryside. They traveled to Nashville and Louisville, and then into Illinois to visit friends before returning home.

Arnold and Mildred Sanford and Garrett took some time off to visit friends and relatives in Fort Worth and Killeen, Texas, and stopped by to see Six Flags. I think Arnold had as much fun at Six Flags as Garrett. But then, I think the real reason Arnold took the trip was to drive his new car. He lives less than a block from his desk at the office, so that does not give him much opportunity to drive any great distance during the day.

Several of Arnold's relatives and friends lost their homes in the tornados which struck in and near Jonesboro. Four are still hospitalized at this writing. We hope their recoveries are quick.

- Al Sacco and Polly with son, Steve are planning a trip to visit Al's family in Omaha, Neb. Their daughter Debbi will attend the summer session at SCA, where she is a second semester sophomore.

Henry Plunk went fishing not too long ago. I remember it because he came back with a sunburn, and I couldn't remember a dry spot in the state during that particular weekend. He said it wasn't dry, but then it wasn't raining at the time. For someone who fishes often, Henry never says much about catchin!

Lewis Wade (called "Gummy" by some people) is doing fine. He is still an eligible man and of course, wants it understood that he is available. His mother, Mrs. Stella Wade, has been visiting with him. Her stay has been extended due to an unfortunate accident. She fell during the night recently and severely injured both shoulders. We hope her recovery is quick.

Frank and Sylvia Caple have attended several meetings and get-togethers in connection with his favorite hobbies - golf and magic. Frank is convention chairman of the Swami Convention to be held in Little Rock in June. I understand that weekend may see, among other things, the Mayor of Little Rock sawed in half by Mr. Caple!!

Bernie Cox and his family have been taking short trips in and out of the state. Their daughter in Broken Bow, Oklahoma recently built a new home, and Mr. and Mrs. Cox had to go see it. Bernie has been on the look-out for a home nearer the Highway Building since their son Rickie has graduated from high school. (See graduate section.)

Last, but certainly not least, Me. You will be happy to know that we did move into our new home in Bryant. I took a few days' vacation to move, and I tell you, I was so glad to get back to work so I could rest! Now that we are halfway settled, we can really enjoy the summer season, and the various ball programs - one child is on a teeny girls team, my husband Harvey has a teeny boys team, and my oldest daughter is on a junior girls team which I help coach. Our boy, Mike, is batboy for the boys team, so he manages to stay busy, too.

REPRODUCTION

angela blackwell

Welcome summer employees Debi McAfee, Cavanda Arnold and Roanne Hart. Debi graduated from Sylvan Hills High and plans to attend UALR this fall. Cavanda attends Philander Smith in Little Rock, where she will be a junior. Roanne is a junior at Hendrix.

Patsy Rolling's son Roy won the 50- and 300-yard dashes for the 13-15 age group in the Central Arkansas Special Olympics held at SCA. In a special bowling tournament held May 23 at Pike Lanes Roy's team from North Hills School won first place over many other teams competing. He received a beautiful trophy. Congratulations to Roy.

Frank Knowles is a new uncle. His sister's baby, born May 16, is named Alicia Michelle Lee.

Jerry Heffington and Larry Foreman are proud owners of new campers. Every weekend is a holiday for them. Jerry and his father-in-law caught a 7-pound and a 9-pound catfish at Lake Ouachita. Some fishermen!

Debra Allen and husband Danny will soon move into a new mobile home in Shannon Hills.

Dick Godfrey's 19-year-old son, Gary is an apprentice jockey. He won the first race of his career on May 10, riding in the third race at Thistledown in North Randall, Ohio. His mom and dad are certainly proud of him.

Pat Latson's daughter Vaneesa was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at Mabelvale Jr. High.

Jerry McKown returned to work recently after spending two weeks in New Orleans with the Navy Reserve. Rumor has it that he had a very good time and was in no hurry to come back to work.

Jerry and Pat Dixon have a little baby boy, (well, not all that little - 9 pounds and 14 ounces!) born June 18. Their little girl has chosen Jerry Leon II as the name for her brother.



Jerry Leon Dixon II

RIGHT OF WAY

by the staff

ADMINISTRATIVE shirley childress

The Right-of-Way Division held its annual fish fry at Burns Park on June 1. The weather cooperated and the food was delicious. It was very nice meeting new people and visiting with others whom we had not seen since last year's get-together. A special thanks to the people who handled the planning and food and preparation. They did a superb job.

We are pleased to have Becky Tuberville working with us this summer. She is a 72 graduate of Bryant High School and will be a sophomore at the University of Missouri in Columbia this fall where she is majoring in journalism. She is also a voice student at the University. Her hobby is photography.



Mary Toler

Mary Toler was employed the last part of March to replace Phyllis Erwin in Ac-

quisition. She lives in Little Rock and has a daughter and a son.

APPRAISAL jean barrett

Ted Porter gave up his bachelor freedom to tie the knot June 7. He and his bride, Marsha, honeymooned in Missouri. Marsha had a wreck the second day of their honeymoon and Ted said he never knew married life could so be bruising. She is a sophomore at UALR, majoring in art.

Jimmy Sanson, a last month graduate of the University, is a new appraiser. His wife, Carolyn is a sophomore at SCA, majoring in home ec. Jimmie's hobbies are hunting, fishing, basketball and most other sports. We all welcome you to Appraisal, Jimmy, and hope you will enjoy working with us.



Jimmy Sanson

Bud Brooks' son Greg broke his arm when he fell off his new horse. Bud has acquired several horses lately. We're expecting to see a sign go up at his house saying "Brooks Stables".

We extend sincere sympathy to Zack Mashburn in the loss of his brother, Ralph A. Mashburn, Sr., of Memphis, formerly of Little Rock. Also to Jim and Kathy Fooks on the death of Kathy's cousins, Don and Dale Johnson of North Little Rock.

We regret to report that Bill Hayes is in the hospital. However, he's recovering quite rapidly and we're anxiously awaiting his return to work. We all miss him very much.

All of us had lots of fun at the fish fry this year. We recommend three cheers

for A. C. Ledbetter and all the nice folks who helped him organize this fun event. A tremendous amount of work is involved and they really do a fine job.

Seems like all we had at our house last month was accidents. Randy, 3, got a front tooth knocked out at nursery school. A few days later he fell off the brick wall at home and injured his feet and legs. Ronnie, 10, had a bicycle wreck and had to be carried to the hospital. Both are doing fine now. We spent the last week in Florida and really had a wonderful time. The beaches were snowy white and so clean and pretty.

We felt safe and secure in the knowledge that Del Jones was off fighting the battles of Fort Chaffee last month. He said Army life was fine, since he got off duty at 4:00 every day. His only complaint was that he didn't get any sleep while he was there???

ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT

By the staff

It's been a busy spring for the Environmentalists. Protecting Mother Nature is hard work!

We lost Shirley Campbell as of March 30. Her husband was transferred to Fort Smith and she is now working for Res. Eng. Jack Coleman in Van Buren. Our office personnel gave Shirley an I.D. bracelet for a going-away gift and we all went out to eat pizza. The girls in the Right-of-Way Division presented Shirley a "Words of Life" book.



Shirley Campbell

Our office has "floated" (canoe) the Saline River several times, the Cossatot twice, the Caddo twice and the Buffalo

twice. Our last trip on the Buffalo was amidst tornadoes and rainstorms which gave a "Deliverance" complexion to the trip.

Steve Wilson spent two weeks in lovely Arrowhead State Park, Okla. learning how to assess the impact of auto emissions on the overall air pollution problem.

Mike Hunter and Jim Gaither are proud owners of new canoes. (Their wives got new paddles.)

Jennifer Fox graduated from Sears' institute of knitting Magna Cum Yarn. She's knitting a lock for her new house which was burglarized in April.

Bryan Davis is about ready to move into a new home in Leawood Manor.

The first-of-summer celebrations involved the entire office gathering for a catfish fry with all the trimmings and looking at color slides of the spring river trips. Watching was almost as much fun as canoeing and those who didn't get to go saw what they missed.

Steve Wilson and Larry Long have been getting their golf game in shape for the AHD "open".

ENGINEERING

Carl and Janie Keehn visited his father in Wisconsin late in May. While in Chipewewa Falls they also visited with many of Carl's relatives and had a very enjoyable trip. Carl reports that his father enjoys good health for his age - 92.

We were sorry to lose David Wingfield to Coleman Dairy on April 1. Good luck on the new job, David, and how about bringing a few ice cream bars by for your old friends in Right of Way?



Bob Evans & Glendol Jackson

Congratulations to Bob Evans for completing ten years' service with the Department. He must have decided he needed a reward for this accomplishment, because he just purchased a 1973 blue Mercury Comet.

Fred Williams' son Steve, 13, left June 2 with a group from their church on a trip to Florida. Their plans include visits to Disneyworld and Cape Kennedy Younger brother Kyle, 8, is the pitcher for his baseball team this year. Good luck, Kyle, and pitch a good season.

Welcome to new employees Pat Babbitt, Kay Winkle and Dena Carpenter. Pat replaces Shirley Childress as the secretary in Engineering. She is married and has a 2½ year old son, Andrew. Her husband, George, works for Styers Electric Co. in Little Rock.

Kay, a graduate of McClellan, replaced David Wingfield as a draftsman in Engineering. She lives in Little Rock and is single.

Dena a summer employee, will be a sophomore next fall at University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, where she is majoring in dental hygiene. She graduated from North Little Rock High where she was a cheerleader two years.



Kay Winkle, left, Pat Babbitt, center, and Dena Carpenter.

Ray Sherwin and Charlie Rankin seem to be having a good time this summer playing softball. Each one reports that his team is enjoying a winning season.

In April before R.O.W. Chief Gip Robertson and his secretary Kay Jones moved to the 10th floor, Right of Way observed Kay's completion of five years' service with a party. They also used the

occasion to present little gifts to Gip in honor of his promotion to assistant to the director, and to Retha Griffin who will replace Helen McCook as supervisor of the Mail and Supply Section when Cookie retires in August.



Gip presented Kay's award.



Gip and Retha.



Asst. R.O.W. Chief Don Martin, right, presented Gip's gift.

RELOCATION mary dry

Welcome, Mike Bearden, to the Relocation Section. Mike is a graduate of ASU and was formerly employed with the Department of Correction.

Cross your fingers! If we all do, maybe Bob Thornton's leg will get well before he has another accident. Good Luck!

Danny Arendt is now engaged in the endeavor of determining whether or not two can live as cheap as one. He and Connie Bossier were married June 8. Congratulations!

Chuck Hicks, Denny Webster and Henry Droughter have been playing tennis and are really quite good from the tales we hear.

This reporter's son received a perfect attendance award for going to school every day. Mother is quite proud.

UTILITIES SECTION dorothy hupp

Phyllis Bowe is a new employee in Utilities. She works in the Permit Section and couldn't find a nicer person than Buddy Cazer to work with. Phyllis was recently married. Her home is Memphis, so it is not too far to visit her folks on weekends.



Phyllis Bowe

Louis Schreckenhofer has a new bicycle. Naturally, he makes Pam ride in the front to do all the pedaling. With the price of gas, it's rumored they are planning to cycle from Conway. (Louis isn't even on time via auto!)

Debbie Hupp, my daughter will counsel for the second summer at Camp Wyldewood, near Searcy. Her \$100-a-month salary should about cover her coke tab.

Jim Moody, wife and friends spent a pleasant weekend in Memphis watching the Danny Thomas Memorial Classic PGA Golf Tournament. Jim's picture is in the June issue of *Golf Magazine* and July

issue of *Golf Digest*. His clubs would impress a pro.

Jim and Wynona Bartlett retreat to their farm in Jerusalem on weekends. He has a large garden, so on Monday A. M. we'll expect a nice sack. There are several lakes close and they also enjoy wetting a hook.

ROADWAY DESIGN

benny robbins &
wayne sutton

We are happy to Joseph Qualls with us for the summer. He is presently attending UALR, where he has 2½ years, majoring in drafting tech. Welcome to Roadway Design, Joe. We hope you enjoy your stay with us.

We also have with us a summer employee, Scott Binnion, whom many of you know is a line backer for the Razorbacks. Judging from his looks he'll make a good engineer, that is to say, no one's going to argue with any new idea's that he might have. Scott, we are very glad to have you with us. We wish you and the rest of the team all the luck in the world in the coming season. Just hope we can get past the first game (USC).

Dave and Mary Beebe are presently planning a four day trip to Acapulco in June. The two boys, David and Steve, will stay with their grandparents in Columbus, Ohio. (Boy, what a dirty trick!)

Half of this reporting team (Wayne) attended the Ice Capades in May, with some very lovely ladies, I might add. I had a marvelous time and the costumes were fantastic. They'll be back again next year, and I plan to go.

Our annual picnic is June 14 at Burns Park. We always have a great time, and I'm sure we will this year also.

Well, vacation time is just around the corner, and I would like to take this opportunity to say, Drive Carefully and Godspeed.

WEIGHTS AND STANDARDS

memmy turner

In the case of the cute little fellow below, it's not only like father, like son, but like grandpa, too. He's wearing a W&S uniform complete with badge like his dad, Jimmy Whitlow of the West Memphis weight station, and his grandfather, Thomas Whitlow of the Hoxie station.



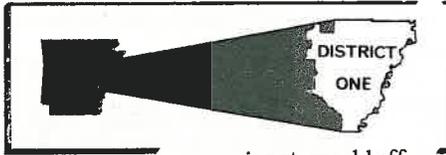
A third generation Weight officer.

Don and Mrs. Hastings are proud of their two youngsters, Jimmy Don, 4 and Barry, seven months. They live out from Sheridan. Don is part of roving unit No. 277 which works in the Sheridan area.



Jimmy Don and Barry Hastings

DISTRICT NEWS



janet mcelduff

Retirement has been the thing with us when we bid so-long to two fine fellers from our maintenance division. Lee Roy Thomas retired several months ago due to a bad ticker, and Doug Reynolds just flat got shiftless and quit. I'm with Doug. If I had 20 odd years with AHD behind me, AND my kids raised, and could keep my wife working, I'd quit too, and just lay back.

Lee Roy has been with the Department since February, 1952, when he started as a truck driver. At the time of his retirement he was an asphalt distributor operator, and also assumed the duties of asphalt crew foreman in the foreman's absence.

We had coffee, punch, and cake one afternoon to honor these two, and enjoyed having their families present. Each of the fellows received a gun from their respective crews as retirement gifts.

Each of these families have pretty homes in the country, and I for one, envy them! Doug and Margaret live on a farm on Route 2 out from Parkin.



Howard Pittman is shown receiving his 20-year pin from his foreman, M. J. Jordan. Howard is an equipment operator and lives in Wynne.



Pittman, right and Jordan.

Dalton W. Fowler and B. G. Clayton have also completed 20 years. Others receiving awards were: Robert Day, U. P. Harman, J. D. Sorrell and Johnny McCabe, 15 years; Homer Storey, R. O. Thompson, T. E. Martin, R. H. Clark, Troy Dearing and Lynn Baskinds, 10 years; and J. L. Turner, T. H. Robertson, Marvin E. King, William Hill, Luther Ross, Freddie Bradley, Freeman Bishop, Albert Woods, L. E. McFall and L. C. Lamb, 5 years. Congratulations to all!

The young feller below is Sadolph Russell at 11 months. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Russell of Hickory Ridge and has two big sisters and big brother.



Sadolph Russell

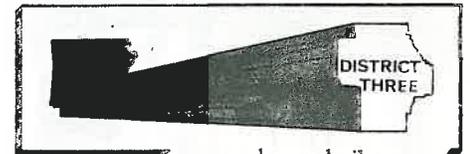
I got behind and didn't get a list of graduating seniors, but know of one, and that is my last child, Jim. There is something about the last one leaving, just as it was the first day he started school. I'm proud of him and what he stands for. (Picture in Graduate section. Ed.)

We have quite a few new employees, among them John Fisher who has been assigned to Clyde Jones's sign crew. He is the youngest of five brothers and older than one sister. He is a welcome addition to the Highway Department.

I think we welcomed Roger Smith of the parts department last time. Now we can add Gary McNair and say it is nice having him deliver mail each day with his pleasant good-morning. We also have a sweet young thing operating the radio, answering the telephone, and just generally making herself useful to us in the office for the summer. She is Dee Ann Thalgot, a sophomore at the University of Arkansas.

This doesn't start the list of summer extras! We also have Chip Haegler, Earnest Dallas, Herman Williams, Andy Reynolds (this is his second summer), Ronald and Donald White, Jerry Clark, Gerald Rolland, James Ramsey and Tommie Hendrix. This isn't all but we're glad to have each of these summer employees here.

It's Bull-frog Class time, the 4th Annual, and we hope to get some pictures and the winner's name in by press time.



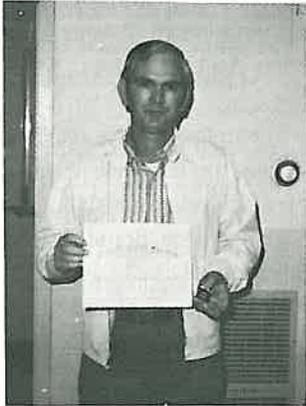
sharon bailey

Service awards were given to Lige Scott, Edna Lewallen and James Clark for 20 years; Floyd Taylor, Hubert Miller, R. M. Harrison and Leroy Ray for 15 years; James Willis, Jerry Whitehurst, Roosevelt Foster, Joe Barham, W. E. Miller, Lincoln Dowell, Monroe P. Black and Dale McKinney for 10 years; Granvel Townsend, Richard Leonard, Howard Turner, Thomas Webb, Charles Teal, Doyle Powell, Troy Merrell and Charlie Atchley received five-year awards.

Congratulations to Dr. Charles R. Tittle, associate professor of sociology at Florida Atlantic University, for recently being named one of America's Outstanding Educators for 1973. The award is given to a select number of teachers, based on their professional and civic achievements.

Charles' father, Clovis Tittle, is our shop foreman.

Leroy Ray, inspector with C. F. Mauk's residency, was presented a 15-year pin and certificate on March 19 at the Miller County headquarters building. Employees attending the ceremony were served cake and coffee. (By the way, this is the "Mr. Leroy" whose seeding diary appeared in the Jan. -Feb., 1973 issue.)



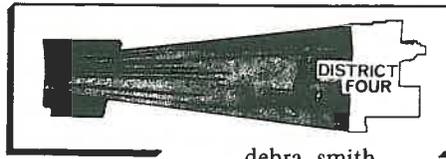
Leroy Ray

Edna Lewallen, payroll clerk, received her 20 year pin and certificate at the District office. Cake and coffee were served to about 25 people. We're sorry about not having pictures but our new camera wouldn't work.

Someone brought a personal camera so pictures could be made of Ted Maryman's surprise birthday party. Since he is planning to retire later this year, we wanted his last birthday with us to be something special so we had a "kiddie" party complete with decorations, hats helium balloons, popcorn and a Snoopy cake.



Ted and "Snoopy" cake. Kinda favor, don't they?



debra smith

Ethel Crockett and Shirley Campbell are new employees in our district. Ethel lives in Jenny Lind and has two children, Tony 12 and Teresa 10. Shirley lives in Fort Smith and has one son, Scott, 8. She transferred from the Central Office to Jack Coleman's residency. They are welcome additions to District 4.



Ethel Crockett

Locke C. Williams of Fort Smith retired April 24 with over 23 years of service. He was an auto diesel machanic at the District shop.

Nelson A. Keller retired May 2 with 15 years of service. He lives in Alma and was a welder at the District shop.

Locke and Nelson were honored at a retirement party on March 27 at the headquarters. Maint. Supt. H. L. Hodnett presented each a fishing rod and reel from the District 4 employees.



Left, to right, Locke Williams, H. L. Hodnett, Nelson A. Keller.

Paula Aynes, clerk-typist in Dale Spencer's residency, will be on leave for the next six months. She and her husband Bobby, are expecting their first baby in August. Paula is being temporarily replaced by Marsha Thompson.

Lyndell Lyda, Leon McDaniel and Charles Lance all got a turkey during the spring season.

This reporter will be leaving Carl Sanders' residency June 1 and transferring to Chip Young's residency in North Little Rock. I have enjoyed writing the news for District 4. You're a great bunch!



Debbie Smith poses with wedding gift from co-workers.

Cristy Becker at 6½ months. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. David Becker. He is permit clerk in our District.



Cristy Becker

Thurman J. Atchley, area foreman in Scott County, retired on disability in April. He was with the Department 14 years and seven months. He was honored

at a retirement party at the Waldron area headquarters. The District 4 employees presented him a watch. Mrs. Atchley was a special guest.



Mr. and Mrs. Atchley



carolyn bowden

Congratulations to W. D. Loofer, Raymond Taylor and Harvey Price for completion of 20 years of service. Ten-year pins went to Felix Hall and Virgil Vailes. Herman Tiner received a five-year award.

The District 6 office has four new employees to be introduced. Alyce Valentine is the bookkeeper and Debbie Simpson is the payroll clerk. Loretta Caple is typing requisitions, filing and other important jobs for the stockroom.

Welcome to all. I am Carolyn Bowden, your new reporter, and I handle equipment rental.



Storekeeper Roger Bond has just left on a two-week vacation to Las Vegas.

Have fun Roger, and don't spend too much money.

Two other employees of the stockroom are getting married soon. Carl Nichols is engaged to Janice Williams. Their wedding will be June 23. Loretta Caple will be married the first of July. Best wishes to Carl and Loretta.

The District 6 office is very quiet now without the jolly voice of Billie Jones. She retired May 30 to help her husband, Clestine, in his body shop in North Little Rock. Hope you enjoy the slower pace, Billie.

Congratulations to Georgia Russenberger's son, Frank, also known as Butch. He recently graduated from the University of Arkansas with a master's degree and a 4.0 grade average in civil engineering. Butch will be employed by Ware-Lind Consulting Engineers in Jackson, Miss. Good luck on your new job.

All of this office wishes a quick recovery for Glenn Appleby, district-wide job superintendant, who is home from the hospital recovering from pneumonia and meningites, Get well quick, Glenn.

(Carolyn, we are happy to add you to the list of magazine reporters. Ed.)



althea campbell



Nunnally looks over fun gifts as Gerald Sisk looks on.

Congratulations to Maint. Supt. Grover E. Nunnally, who retired the first of April after 32 years of AHD service. Since he is very active and keeps a sharp-looking

lawn, we employees helped him out by giving him a lawn mower for a retirement gift. In the picture he is holding a toy mower to represent the actual equipment. Asst. Maint. Engr. Gerald Sisk of the Little Rock office was present for the party.

Several others have also retired, including Richtor R. Guesner, 18 years, 10 months; Roy Stone, 21 years; and Henry E. Bennett, almost 22½ years. All three live in Camden. Guesner and Bennett were equipment operators. Stone was a carpenter.

Several employees have received service awards since the last issue. Five who have completed 15 years are Calhoun County Area Foreman Don Brandon, and Woodrow Harcrow, Alvin T. White, Loyd D. Scott and Edward E. Lindsey, all equipment operators.

Carl E. Clack, maintenance repairman, and Johnny N. West, equipment operator have completed 10 years. Those who received five-year awards were James H. Cantrell, engineering aide with Abby Hardy's residency at Magnolia; Raymond D. Purifoy, engineering aide with Bob Myers' residency at Camden, and Jewell L. Eades and Billy W. Wood, equipment operators.



Raymond Purifoy with 5-year certificate.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Alexander of Bearden have a son, Jason Eric, born in April. James is an equipment operator.

Susan and Ralph Faulkner also have a son who has been named Harlan Joseph. Susan is the daughter of retired book-

keeper Sula Burnham. Know "Grandma" is a happy, busy one.

HARDY'S RESIDENCY

Res. Engr. and Mrs. Abby Hardy recently attended the national meeting of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Hardy is associated with the Magnolia-Columbia County Chamber and was part of the Arkansas delegation. They attended the Annual Arkansas reception and dinner at the Sheraton Park Hotel and the 61st annual dinner of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce at the Washington Hilton. They were also able to take brief tours of the White House, the Capitol, Smithsonian Institute, Lincoln Memorial, FBI building and other sights.

WILLIAMSON'S RESIDENCY

A pounding party was given April 13 for Stanley Smith, engineering aide, and his recent bride at their home. Those attending the party were Jim and Earline Williamson, Dallas and Wanda Smith, Larry and Kathleen Beard, Jim and Elaine McKinnon, Huston and Flo Sage, Earl and Marie Shrewsbury, and Jessie Wayne and Delores Millican and Gina. Everyone brought a "pound of this or a pound of that." Refreshments were served.

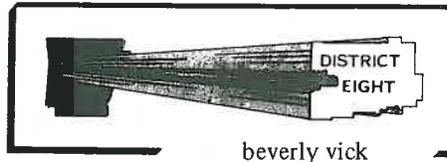
Jessie Wayne Millican, engineering aide, recently killed a 14½ pound turkey. He was so excited he told everyone he knew and some he didn't know! Ha! Jessie Wayne said the turkey was ambling down a shady road leading to Jones' Lake when he spied the gobbler.

B. G. "Red" Hatridge, engineering aide, is ill and has been in the Ouachita County Hospital at Camden. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

This reporter, husband Jim, and son Brent enjoy camping. Later this summer we plan to go up in the Ozarks. We will celebrate our fifth anniversary June 7. This reporter was recently elected secretary of City Council for El Dorado's chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

Larry Beard, engineering aide and office manager, is coaching a Little League baseball team for First Baptist Church. Larry's

mother, Lou Beard of Camden, recently attended the National Bowling Tournament in Las Vegas. Larry will celebrate his 28th birthday on the 28th of June.



Many changes have been made and several new employees have come to District 8 since you last heard from us. Reporter Alice Bradley left in February to join her husband, who is working in Mountain Home.

The new District secretary is Nancy Kennedy. Her hobbies are reading, picnicking and fishing with her husband, Lonnie, a dental lab technician in Russellville.

Kathy Dunn left in March and this reporter took over the duties of payroll clerk.

Brenda Colburn replaced me as fuel clerk. She is the mother of two lovely daughters, Laura and Sheila. Brenda is presently spending most of her spare time decorating her new home.

Michael Eddelman is a new employee in the Stockroom. He was recently discharged from the service. He and wife Jeannie have a 10-month-old-son named Ken. Welcome to Brenda and Mike.

Netha and Loren Brown said goodbye to our January weather and spent a week in Mexico. They enjoyed taking life easy and finding the best places to shop. You should see her custom-made red boots!

Equip. Supvr. Woody Applegate left his sinuses at home and took his wife, Nell, to Arizona and New Mexico. Woody reports that he had a great time camping and fishing for trout.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Boyd are the proud parents of Robin Denee, who was born January 27. She has a five-year-old brother Garland Ray. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Boyd and Mrs. Cora Williams are the grand parents.



Robin Denee Boyd

Asst. Chief Engr. J. E. Lowder came up in May to present Dist. Engineer David Moore's 15-year service award.



Lowder, right, and Mr. and Mrs. Moore

Others receiving awards are: Cecil Gilmore, 20 years; T. O. Guinn and H. T. Flowers, 15 years; T. R. Hankins, J. K. Brown, G. R. Boyd, and James Blalock, 10 years; and Bill Henry, Tom Miller, James McFerran, and R. A. Murdock, 5 years.

We are saddened by the death of Bill Terry, April 13. He had been with the Department nine years and worked as park attendant with the Pope County Crew.

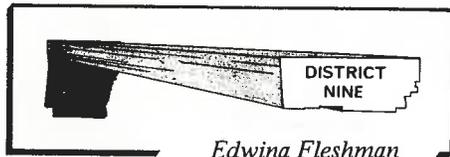
Billy Jack McAlister, son of Bill R. McAlister, is a member of the R.O.T.C. at Arkansas Tech. He was one of 20 students in the nation, and the first from Arkansas Tech, to receive the American Society of Engineers award earlier this year. (They say he takes after his mother).

Congratulations to Mike and Donna Jetton, who were wed March 3. Mike works out of Elmer Smith's residency at Conway.

Several have retired in our District, and we wish them good luck and happy fishing. They are Pope Co. Area Foreman Claude Shuffield; Perry Co. Area Foreman Jay English, and Lee Tarvin of his crew; Loyd Bowman and Ted Hurst. Yell County crew; Buel Lawrence, Pope County crew; R. G. Smith, Faulkner County crew and Ned Breashears in T. D. Casey's residency.

Congratulations to James McFerran who was recently promoted to Perry County area foreman.

Wishes for a speedy recovery to Kenneth Ellis and Bill Alexander. Kenneth is recuperating from an automobile accident which occurred in March. Bill suffered a heart attack in April. The doctor says he should be back to work soon.



Edwina Fleshman

Congratulations are due Glen Faulkner who has concluded 1½ years of study and received his diploma from International Correspondence Schools for a course in Principles of Surveying. He is area foreman in Madison County.

On March 23 the shop and office personnel in Springdale gave a retirement party in honor of Marshal "Skinny" Walden, auto/diesel mechanic for 16 years in Springdale. We presented a gift to Skinny and he promised to come by the office to visit when he was in Springdale.



Mervin Fleshman

Mervin Clark Fleshman, son of this reporter, won third runner-up in the "Little Mr. Springdale" Contest on April 14 and made mama very proud. I think I have managed to bore everyone with pictures who has happened by the office.

Clarence Ward, equipment operator at Springdale, had a run of bad luck this spring. He finally went in debt for a riding lawn mower, only to have it stolen from his garage after being used just three times! Better luck next time, Ward! (It's gotta be better next time - couldn't be much worse, huh, Ward? Ed.)

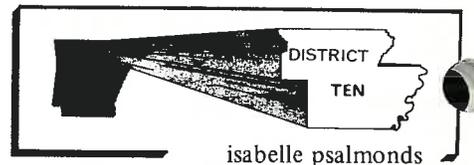
Helen Baxter, personnel clerk at Springdale, is sporting a new Mercury-Marquis these days. She reports the car performed real well on a vacation trip she made to Lawton, Okla. and Fort Worth to visit her sons. Jay is attending the School of Cosmetology in Lawton. He will take the state board exam June 12th. Ronald is a staff sergeant at Carswell A.F.B. in Fort Worth.

Jay Kesner, station attendant at Springdale, is the proud owner of a camper for his pickup. Recently he and his family tried out the camping gear and he came back with some big fish tales. He claims one catfish was 8 inches across the back fin and the other one that got away was even bigger. Naturally! You musta been drinking awful strong lake water, Jay.

Jerry and Chris Clements have recently moved into their new home, located just off Highway 94 near Rogers and only a mile from Beaver Lake. He is a member of Ozark Bass Masters in Rogers and the Bass Angler Sportsman's Society of America. Jerry, the stock clerk here, plans to spend a lot of time on the lake this summer.

An experienced fisherman is a man who can keep both hands in his pockets while describing the fish that got away.

I just saw this wild highway sign: "Smile You're on Radar!"



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Raymond Hamilton, diesel mechanic, received his 20-year certificate and pin recently. The crew had coffee and doughnuts in his honor.



Dist. Engr. Sam Smith, left, presents the certificate to Hamilton, as Mrs. Hamilton looks on.

The District 10 maintenance crew has risen to the occasion twice in the past two months, assisting in disaster work. On April 19, Paragould had so much rain in such a short time that much of the city was flooded. Water was in the resident engineer's office and waist deep or higher in Darrell Holder's home. Many of our employees received extensive damage. Things are about to get back to normal.

Then, early in the morning of May 27 Jonesboro was struck by two tornados. Again, some of the Highway Department employees received a lot of property damage. The crews helped during the clean-up immediately after the tornado.

Several have been on vacation. DeWayne Combs and his family have just returned from a trip to Texas. Karolyn Gregory is on vacation now. She and her family have just moved into a new home so after a short trip, they plan to do some work around the house. This reporter and her husband went with my sister and her husband from Pennsylvania for a vacation to Lake Havasu City, Arizona.

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The young lady smiled sweetly at the waiting line as she stepped into the phone booth. "I won't be long," she said, "I just want to hang up on him."

"Middle-age" has been described as that perplexing time of life when we hear two voices calling us, one saying, "Why not?" and the other, "Why bother?"

A French secretary, late for her lunch appointment, explained, "The man who was following me walked very slowly."

Jones: "How's your boy doing in college?"

Smith: "He must be studying extremely hard. I just received the bill for three foreign language courses - \$10 for Latin, \$10 for Greek and \$100 for Scotch."

Angry Guide: "Why didn't you shoot that tiger?"

Timid Hunter: "He didn't have the right kind of expression on his face for a rug."

Where Is It?



Who Is It?



The cute little curlilocks in the last issue was Asst. Const. Engr. Bob Parker. He was correctly identified by John Wimberly of the Mail Room, Ruben McConnell and Lucille Dishongh of Construction, and Ethel Harrison of Legal.

Last issue's Where Is It? is an old service station, long ago out of business, which filled autos with gasoline from hand-operated pumps. It is located on Highway 15 just south of the Jefferson-Cleveland County Line and was correctly identified by Claudis Bryant of the Traffic Division and "all of District 2", Ouida Grimes at Pine Bluff says.





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Artist conception of Ozark Folk Center by Kenneth Oberste. Story on page 4.

