

Arkansas Highways

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DIRECTOR'S DESK



Director Henry Gray

LEGISLATION WOULD HURT ARKANSAS!

President Ford has proposed legislation to reduce the Highway Trust Fund by diverting some highway revenues to the General Fund. It appears that the proposal will hurt the highway programs of rural states such as Arkansas — and it should be rejected.

Under the proposal, of the four cents of Federal Gasoline Tax now going to the Highway Trust Fund, one cent would continue to be funneled into the Trust Fund, two cents would go to the General Fund of the U.S. Treasury and the remaining one cent would be repealed in any state which increases its own gas tax by one cent. (The 1975 Legislature approved a law which would allow Arkansas to collect the one cent which would be repealed.)

The Trust Fund money would be used exclusively for completion, improvement and rehabilitation of the Interstate System. All other non-interstate Federal Highway Programs — including rural, urban and safety programs — would be financed out of the Federal Fund rather than the Highway Trust Fund.

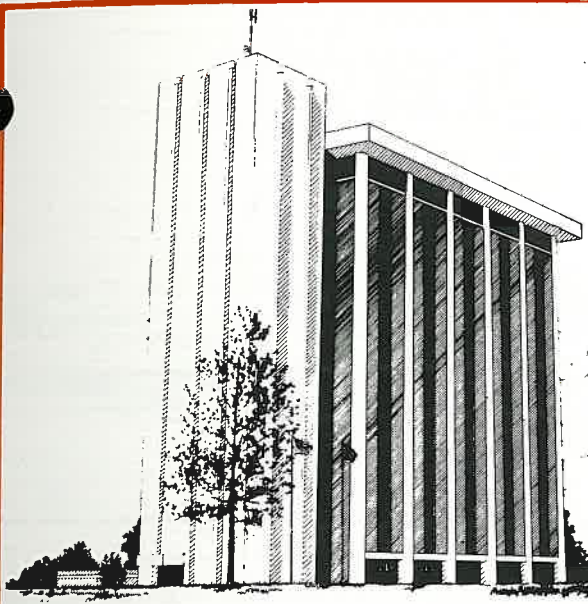
The Ford proposal would wreck the Highway Trust Fund and scatter highway revenues. The part of the tax that would be diverted to the General Fund would be divided among urban, rural, safety

and other transportation systems — including mass transit and other public transit systems. The competition for money from the General Fund, especially from the large metropolitan areas, would be enormous.

The bulk of the Trust Fund money would go to states with large sections of interstate yet to be completed. States such as Arkansas, which have nearly completed interstate systems could see their funding decreased as much as 50 percent.

The President's program would mark the end of any meaningful highway planning. It would abandon the philosophy of user taxes going for the facilities of the user, it would open an even wider gap between rural and urban areas, and it would create chaos in the development of our transportation system.

Arkansas is now a donor state in that more Federal User Taxes are collected by the Federal Government in the State than are returned for use of improving transportation facilities. The President's program would greatly increase our State's donor standing in that we would be subsidizing transportation improvements in the large urban states. We cannot afford the burden as our transportation needs continue to increase each year.



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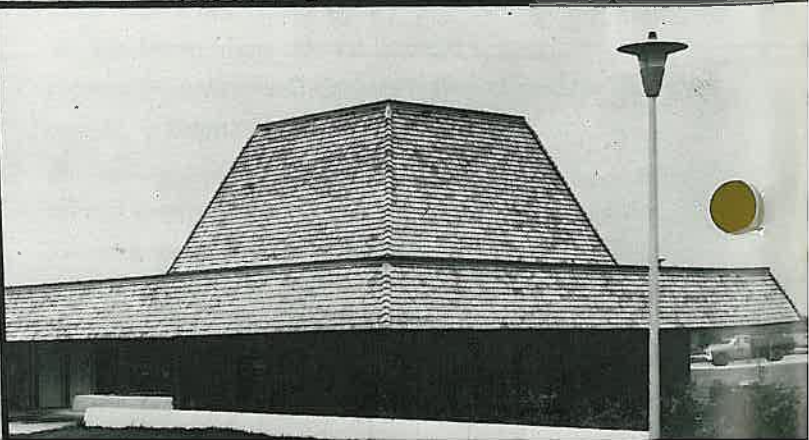
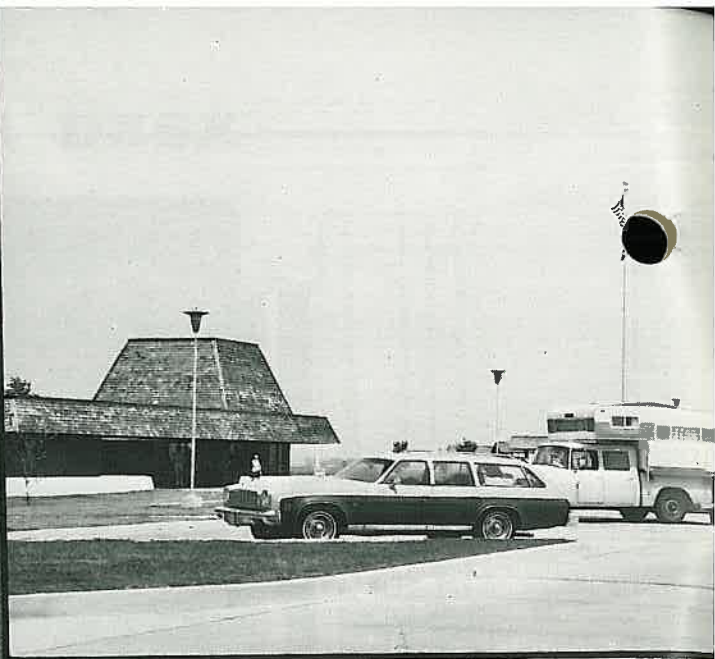
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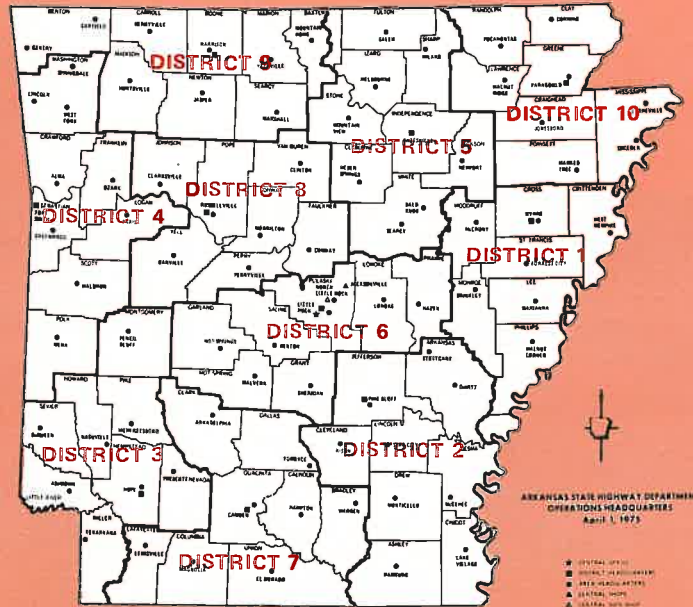
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DIVISION PROFILE

“THE DISTRICT”

By Gloria Holliday



In order to exercise proper supervision and control at the working level, the State is divided into ten Districts. Each District is headed by a District Engineer, the administrative head of the District who supervises all construction and maintenance activities in a seven-or-eight-county area. This engineer must be a registered professional engineer experienced in all aspects of the highway program, administration, land surveys, highway design, construction, maintenance, and traffic operation, signing and striping, and planning.

With the exception of a short period, 1933 to 1935, the State has been divided into ten State Highway districts for administrative and maintenance purposes; although for a short time in the early years following adoption of Amendment 42, these ten districts were termed “Divisions” and two of these divisions were combined as “Districts”.

In all but two instances, district boundaries coincide with the county lines. For all purposes, it appears that this system of districting has worked satisfactorily since it establishes a better form of reporting and record keeping of all mileages, distribu-

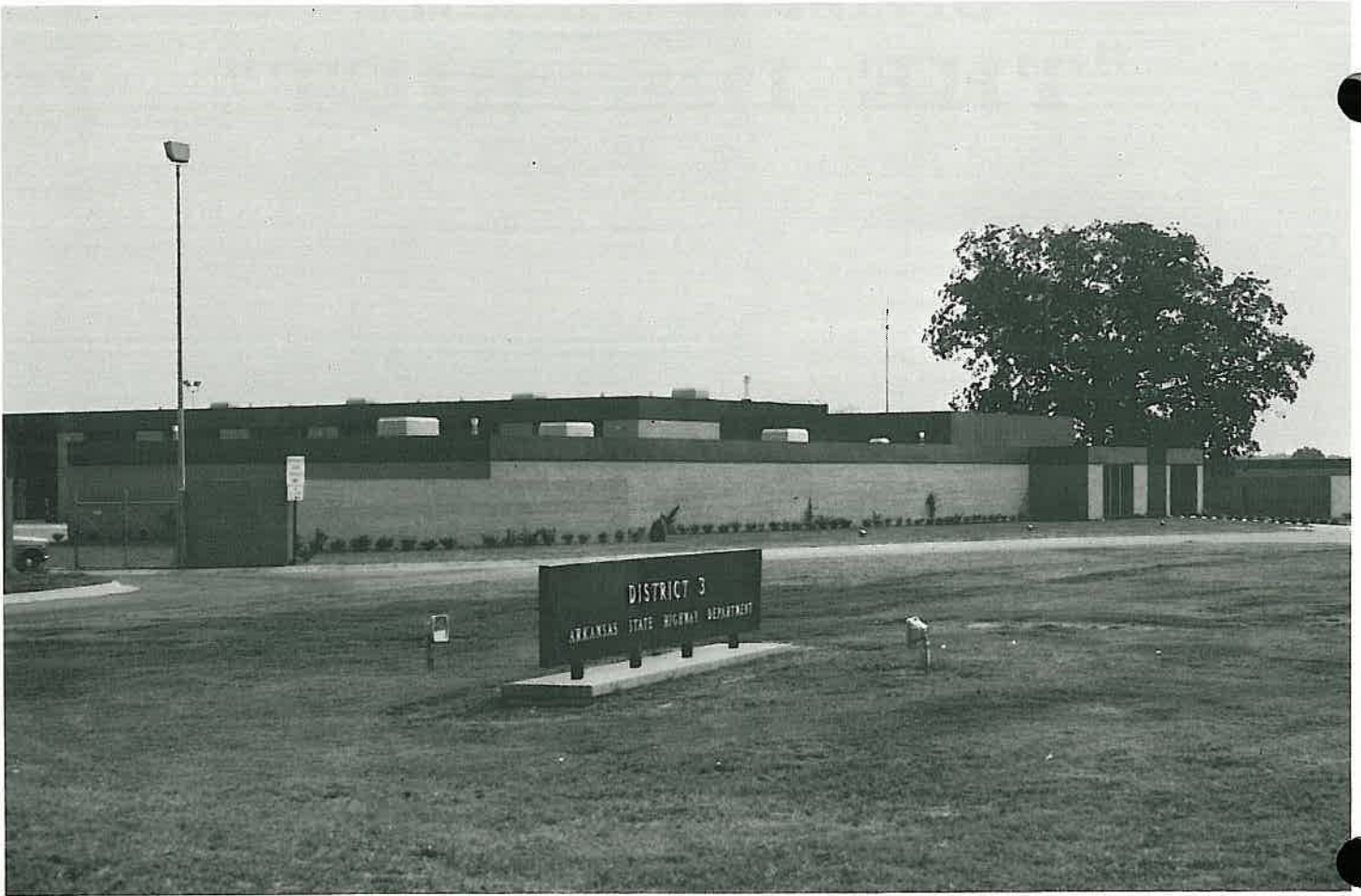
tions of highway turnback funds, and job project records.

Maintenance activities in each District include patching and repairing of pavements; keeping drainage effective; clearing litter from roadways, shoulders, and ditches; mowing rights of way; and uniform signing. All of this work is done under traffic and with as little delay and inconvenience as possible to the traveling public.

In addition to routine work, many local problems, such as the placement of fences along rights of way and drainage, are solved in District offices.

Undoubtedly, however, the successful operation of any District would not be possible if it were not for the close relationship that is maintained between the District Engineer and his field personnel as well as the people of the area. Because of this relationship, the needs of the road-users across the state are met promptly and efficiently.

The following pages contain highlights of each District and an introduction to each District Engineer.



B. D. Mulhollen, District 1 Engineer, is a Department employee of 15 years. He obtained a Civil Engineering Degree from the University of Arkansas and is a Registered Professional Engineer. He received the promotion to District Engineer in February 1969.

DISTRICT ONE

If you ever had the opportunity to locate Cross, Crittenden, Lee, Monroe, Phillips, St. Francis, and Woodruff counties on a map, you have identified District 1. More specifically, it can be described as the District bounded on the East by the mighty Mississippi and on the West partially by the scenic White River.

District 1 Engineer is B. D. Mulhollen. His Assistant is J. E. Belknap and the District Secretary is Janet McElduff. Personnel in this District include 12 administrative and 24 shop employees; seven Area Foremen; 13 Job Superintendents and Assistant Area Foremen; and a large number of construction, maintenance, and ferry employees located throughout the District.

District 1 contains a total of 1,582.06 miles of roadway of which 1501.52 are paved. During 1974, the Marianna Bypass was completed at a cost of \$495,158, and two rest areas on I-40 at Forrest City were opened to tourists. There are now 171 miles of betterment projects under construction.

This District's boundaries encompass such recreational areas as the St. Francis National Forest and the Wapanocca National Wildlife Refuge. A beautiful tourist information center on Interstate 40 at West Memphis which had 147,207 visitors last year, acclaims such areas as historic Helena, the Great River Road, the rice fields of Eastern Arkansas, the Louisiana Purchase Marker in Monroe County, the rich black farmland of Crittenden County, and the unique formation of Crowley Ridge.

St. Charles Ferry, which crosses the White River on State Highway 1, is the only ferry in District 1 and its operations are shared with District 2.

District 1 has recently initiated a program of planting black walnut trees on right-of-way of State roads. The initial planting consisted of approximately 1,000 trees set out along Interstate 40 in the Forrest City area, but the goal is to plant approximately 10,000 of these trees as they become available. Benefits from these trees will be three-fold. The short-term benefit will be beautification, which has been the major reason for planting trees in the past, and as the trees mature they will reduce mowing and maintenance by curtailing vegetation growth. A long-term benefit of a very large cash return is expected when the trees are harvested in the future.

DISTRICT TWO

District 2, with headquarters in Pine Bluff, was created with the State Highway System in 1923. It is comprised of Ashley, Arkansas, Chicot, Cleveland, Desha, Drew, Jefferson and Lincoln counties.

The personnel of District 2 include John S. Harris, Jr., District Engineer; K. F. Tyler, Assistant District Engineer; Brewster Shalmy, Maintenance Superintendent; C. E. Woodfield, Assistant Maintenance Superintendent; Leslie Johnson, District Secretary; and 298 loyal and dedicated maintenance, shop, construction, and office employees.

District 2 includes three Resident Engineers' offices, nine Area Headquarters, and two roadside parks with comfort facilities. District 2 also operates a ferry over the White River at St. Charles on a 24-hour service.

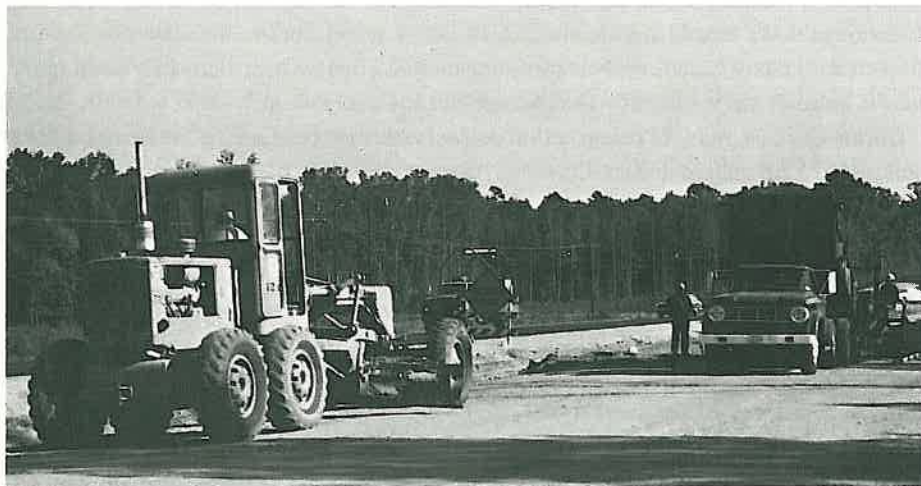
During the past year, contracts for 67.6 miles of roadway were awarded at a total cost of over 12 million dollars. Some of the major projects were Highway 133 in Ashley County, Crossett to Fountain Hill, and the 28th Street Overpass in Pine Bluff. Approximately 170 miles of highways were resurfaced during the year.



The career of John S. Harris, Jr., with the AHD spans more than 40 years. During these four decades, he has participated in just about every engineering function known to the Department. He has served District 2 in every capacity from rodman and draftsman to his present assignment as District Engineer, the post he has filled since 1959.

Harris began working for the Department in the summer of 1928 and worked here during successive summer vacations while attending the U of A, where he studied Civil Engineering. In 1932 he came to the Department as a permanent employee and has worked here continuously ever since.

He holds registration in Arkansas as a Professional Engineer and belongs to the Arkansas Society and the National Society of Professional Engineers. In 1960, the American Association of State Highway Officials in national recognition awarded him a Certificate of Merit.



DISTRICT THREE

District 3, with headquarters in Hope, encompasses eight southwestern counties: Hempstead, Howard, Little River, Miller, Montgomery, Nevada, Pike and Sevier.



District 3 Engineer, Charles Mitchell, began employment with the Department in 1962 after graduating from the University of Arkansas with a degree in Civil Engineering. In addition to being a Registered Professional Engineer, he is also a Registered Land Surveyor. He became District Engineer in September 1972.



After graduating from the University of Arkansas, Calvin Peevy began employment with the Highway Department in 1959. He has served as a Resident Engineer in the Fort Smith-Van Buren area and received his promotion to District Engineer on July 1, 1970. He is both a Registered Professional Engineer and a Registered Land Surveyor.

There are some 1,436 miles of State Highways in District 3: 53 Interstate, 1279 paved, and 104 gravel.

District 3 employees have just celebrated their first year in the new District Headquarters building, making it the newest District facility in the State. Charles Mitchell is the District Engineer; Dale C. Spencer, Assistant District Engineer; Sharon Bailey, District Secretary; William Tyler, District Maintenance Superintendent; and Jerry Whitehurst, Assistant Maintenance Superintendent. Fifteen administrative employees work at the Headquarters.

Resident Engineers in District 3 are John Watkins who is located in Hope, Charles Mauk in Texarkana, and Ken Harris in Nashville. They have a total of 51 employees who are presently overseeing 24 construction projects amounting to \$18,734,473. Two of the major highway construction projects are the reconstruction of 5.6 miles of Highway 29 from Evening Shade to Hope and 8.5 miles from Palm to Evening Shade on Highway 29 in Hempstead County.

District 3 employs approximately 220 people in the Maintenance Division. Active betterment projects total \$3,708,526 at this time and the sealing program for this year amounted to \$137,000.

District 3 operates one ferry, Spring Bank, which is located near Doddridge and crosses the Red River between Miller and Lafayette counties.

Tourism plays a major role in the District 3 operations. Such tourist attractions as the Crater of Diamonds State Park in Murfreesboro, historic Old Washington, near Hope, and Lake Greeson, one of the most beautiful lakes in the State, are all located in District 3. Three tourist rest areas are located in this District, with the largest one being on Interstate 30 near Texarkana. Over 100,000 people visited this facility last year. The other two rest areas are located at Ogden and Glenwood.

DISTRICT FOUR

District 4 reaches from the top of the Ozarks on the North to the Ouachita Mountains on the South and lies along Arkansas' western border. This District consists of seven counties – Crawford, Franklin, Logan, Polk, Scott, Sebastian, and Washington and Ft. Smith is the location of the District Headquarters.

During the past year, 21 construction projects were let to contract in District 4 for a total cost of 12.8 million dollars. Currently there are 32 construction projects underway in this District at a total money value of \$18.1 million. One major project underway in District 4 is the new bridge crossing the Arkansas River Navigation System in the Dardanelle pool at Morrison Bluff.

Employees in the District total 266 – 116 in the area crews, 54 in the District-wide crews, 37 at the District Office and District Shop, and 59 in the Resident Engineer construction crews. Calvin Peevy heads District 4 with Carl Sanders as his Assistant. Mona Mahl is the District Secretary.

District 4 has Resident Engineer offices in Fort Smith, Springdale, Van Buren, and Waldron, and six rest areas located throughout the area. Two rest areas are rather unique. The Waldron Public Use Area on the U.S. 71 Bypass sits on the area formerly occupied by the Waldron City Dump, and the Franklin County Rest Area on the west-bound lane of I-40 near Ozark has within its bounds the graves of two children of a pioneer Franklin County family. Mt. Magazine and beautiful Talimena Drive are also located in this District and attract visitors in large numbers.

During the past year, State Forces resealed 77 miles of highways in District 4 and State Forces resurfaced 45 miles of highways with Hot Mix Asphalt.

Highways provide the vital link between the farms and the markets in District 4 cities and they provide means of transporting materials to and from the large manufacturing plants. Many new industries have come to western Arkansas because of the fine highways.

DISTRICT FIVE

Located in North Central Arkansas, District Five serves Cleburne, Fulton, Independence, Izard, Jackson, Sharp, Stone, White, and a portion of Baxter County. The District Headquarters, located on a 21-acre site five miles south of Batesville on Highway 167, was built in 1964 at a total cost of approximately \$600,000.

Having been employed by the Arkansas Highway Department for 13 years, J. R. Chaney now serves as the District Engineer. Clif Martin is his Assistant, and Marilyn Coffman is the District Secretary.

The District has a total of 232 employees, including 14 on the administrative staff, 17 on the ferries, 111 area employees, 66 heavy maintenance, and 24 shop and building maintenance employees. Three Resident Engineers supervise 55 construction personnel.

Tourist attractions abound in District 5. Blanchard Springs Cavern, which was opened to tourists in 1973, and the Ozark Folk Culture Center at nearby Mountain View draw visitors to the area in large numbers. The world's largest spring, Mammoth Spring, is located in Fulton County, and Greer's Ferry Lake and the Norfolk Lake Resort Area, both having fabulous fishing and recreational facilities, are also within the District 5 area.

Five ferries are in operation in this District: three state-owned ferries are in operation across the White River at Sylamore, Guion, and Oil Trough; one state-owned ferry across the Black River near Jacksonport; and a private-owned ferry near Tucker man. The Oil Trough Ferry is being replaced with a bridge that should be opened to traffic in October of 1975, and the Sylamore Ferry is also being replaced with a bridge which should be opened to traffic in 1976.

A total of 1,646.91 miles of primary and secondary State Highways exist in this District. Of this total, 1,510.21 are paved and 136.70 are unpaved. On July 3, 1975 the four-mile Searcy Bypass, a four-lane controlled access highway, was opened to traffic. Another section of the new four-lane, which includes 11 miles to Bald Knob, will be opened to traffic next year.

DISTRICT SIX

District 6 comprises seven counties in the central part of the State: Garland, Grant, Hot Spring, Lonoke, Prairie, Pulaski, and Saline. The Highway Department's Central Offices as well as the Central Shop and Central Sign Shop are also included in the District 6 area.

Employees in the District office total fourteen including Don Cahoone, District Engineer; Jim Gee, Assistant District Engineer; Russell Owen, Maintenance Superintendent; George Ingle, Assistant Maintenance Superintendent; and Georgia Russenberger, District Secretary.

Maintenance is handled by eight Area Foremen, one in each county except for two in Pulaski County for a total of 179 employees. Four crews with 43 employees handle maintenance and betterment type projects districtwide. During the calendar year of 1974, the sealing program in District 6 included 110 miles of primary roads and 67



James R. Chaney, a Department employee of 15 years, including two years with the Corps of Engineers, has been the District 5 Engineer since August 1969. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Arkansas and is a Registered Professional Engineer.



Don Cahoone

Don Cahoon, District 6 Engineer, received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Kansas State University in 1959 and came to work for the Highway Department in 1960. A former Resident Engineer and Assistant Construction Engineer, Cahoon became District Engineer in May 1972. He is a Registered Professional Engineer.



Since February 1, 1967, Coy Campbell, Jr., a Registered Professional Engineer, has been the District 7 Engineer. He received his Civil Engineering Degree from Finlay Engineering College in Kansas City, Mo. He formerly worked for the Arizona Highway Department and has held positions as Assistant Resident Engineer, Resident Engineer, and Assistant Construction Engineer for the AHD.

miles of secondary roads. The overlay included six miles of primary and 31 miles of secondary highways.

The 1,590 miles of highways in District 6 is almost the exact average of the ten districts, but the extremely heavy traffic causes this District to have above average maintenance problems. For example, 94,000 vehicles recorded in a recent 24-hour count on the Interstate 30 Arkansas River Bridge is just one indication of the high average daily traffic counts taken in District 6.

Five Resident Engineers and 103 employees who work under them are now administering the contracts and performing the field engineering on 30 construction projects totaling approximately \$46 million. Interstate projects make up the largest part of the work amounting to \$26 million. During Fiscal Year 1975, 22 contracts totaling \$32.5 million were completed, and work orders were issued on 22 new contracts totaling \$24.7 million.

One notable project completed in March 1975 was the Rock Street Outfall Storm Drainage from I-630 to the Arkansas River. This tunnel is 4,618 feet in length and 11 feet in diameter and runs under Rock Street to 12th Street north to the Arkansas River. Total cost for this "first" for the Department was \$3,445,000.

DISTRICT SEVEN

District 7, the south-central highway district, consists of eight counties: Bradley, Calhoun, Clark, Columbia, Dallas, Lafayette, Ouachita, and Union. The District Headquarters is in Camden, the largest city in Ouachita County.

Coy Campbell, a Department employee of 16 years is the District Engineer for District 7. Claude Parton is his Assistant and Althea Campbell is the District Secretary. A total of 289 employees work in the various offices throughout the District.

During the past calendar year, 12 projects were awarded to contract with a total money value of \$13,088,032.11. This involved 52.63 miles of highways and county roads. The major projects involved were the Smackover Bypass and the Camden Bypass.

Three rest areas and one tourist information center are located in District 7. Last year nearly 1,700,000 visitors stopped at these facilities. The main attraction for tourists in this District is DeGray Lake.

The Moro Bay Ferry, located on the Ouachita River on Highway 15 between Bradley and Union counties, is operated by District 7.

During calendar year 1974, six Betterment Hot Mix Asphalt Overlay projects were completed for a total cost of \$1,646,726.93, and covered 75.4 miles of highways. Two hundred five (205) people are employed in Maintenance in District 7.

DISTRICT EIGHT

District 8, located between the foothills of the Ozark and Ouachita Mountains, is composed of seven counties: Conway, Faulkner, Johnson, Perry, Pope, Van Buren and Yell Counties. The District 8 Headquarters is located on Interstate 40 at Russellville in Pope County. This is the only District Complex facing an Interstate highway in the State.

It is the good fortune of District 8 to be located in the Arkansas River Valley with water transportation available in five different counties. Due to this factor, many industries, including the only nuclear-powered generating plant in the State, are located in this District.

Many points of interest to both in-state and out-of-state tourists are found in District 8. Mt. Nebo in Yell County and Petit Jean Mountain in Conway and Yell Counties are two examples. Also, one of the ten most scenic routes in the United States is State Highway 7, which extends north and south through Pope, Yell, and Perry Counties. Four rest areas located along I-40 provide convenience and comfort for the traveling public.

A total of 318 persons are employed by the Highway Department in District 8. Fourteen of these are administrative employees. David Moore is the District Engineer, and R. C. McConnell is the Assistant District Engineer. Thomas F. Kinslow is District Maintenance Superintendent, Thomas Daily is his Assistant, and Nancy Kennedy is the District Secretary.

Each county has an Area Headquarters with an Area Foreman, Crew Leader, and a crew of regular maintenance men. District 8 has four District-wide crews employing 71 persons who are under the supervision of Job Superintendents, and three Resident Engineer offices. The District Shop is located at Russellville.

During calendar year 1974, 138 miles of primary and secondary roads were sealed at an approximate cost of \$221,595. The maintenance construction crews re-constructed or overlaid 67 miles of primary and secondary roads at an approximate cost of \$1,546,000. At present there are 16 jobs under contract for construction in District 8. One of the major ones is the construction of the Arkansas River Bridge at Clarksville in Johnson County. The bridge substructure and approaches were let in two contracts and will have an approximate cost of \$4,475,000.

DISTRICT NINE

The historic city of Eureka Springs, a tourist attraction known throughout the Nation, is located in District 9. The fact that it is such an attraction would not be so, however, if it were not for the work of the District 9 highway employees who assure an adequate highway system for the many visitors to the area each year.

District 9 encompasses Benton, Boone, Carroll, Madison, Marion, Newton, Searcy, and a portion of Baxter County. Harrison is the District Headquarters. In this District, there are a total of 1,612 miles of highways and bridges of which 1,367 are paved and 245 miles are unpaved.

Highway District 9 employs 346 permanent personnel – 60 of these are employed in the District Construction Division, 66 are employed in ferry operations, 28 are employed in supervision and administration, and 192 are employed in maintenance work throughout the District.

Curtis G. Pangle is the District 9 Engineer and V. O. Selby is the Assistant. L. L. Hodnett is the District Maintenance Supervisor, Dell Kendall is his Assistant, and Shirley Morton is the District Secretary. The Office Manager is J. F. Williams.

Construction projects are administered by three Resident Engineers with offices at Harrison, Yellville, and Rogers. One new Resident Engineer's Office building is nearing completion at Yellville and the one at Rogers is presently under construction. Maintenance operations are handled by maintenance crews out of nine area headquarters.

Besides Eureka Springs, other tourist attractions in District 9 are Beaver, Table Rock, Bull Shoals, and Norfolk Lakes; Dogpatch, U.S.A.; Diamond Cave in Newton County;



A Department employee since 1959, David Moore is now the District 8 Engineer. He is a graduate of the University of Arkansas, receiving his degree in Civil Engineering, and is a Registered Professional Engineer. He received his promotion to District Engineer on May 1, 1972.



A native of Gorman, Texas, Curtis Pangle is now the District 9 Engineer, a position he has held since January 1970. He began employment with the Department in 1959 and has served as both Resident Engineer and District Maintenance Superintendent. He is a graduate of the University of Arkansas with a degree in Civil Engineering and is a Registered Professional Engineer.

and the Buffalo River, famous for its float trips. Benton County alone had over 1.7 million tourists in 1974.

Highway District 9 has no ferries serving as river crossings, but two major ferries are in operation — one across Norfolk Lake at Henderson and Peel Ferry across the Bull Shoals Lake. The Henderson Ferry operation is the largest of its kind in the state, transporting 611,236 vehicles during 1974. Plans are presently being drawn to construct bridges and approaches to replace it, however, at an estimated cost of \$20,000,000.

During the past year, 43 miles of highways have been re-constructed at an approximate expenditure of \$8,000,000. Approximately 99 miles of highways costing \$3,000,000 have been widened, leveled, and overlaid.

One of the newest, and perhaps largest, industries in District 9 is a huge coal-fired power plant being constructed north of Siloam Springs designed to conserve energy by using millions of tons of coal to produce low cost power for this area.

Highway District 9 has been fortunate in past years relative to award-winning bridges and highways. The most recent award was for a section of S.H. 43 near Ponca which was re-constructed by state forces, and placed first nationally as the "Outstanding Highway in its Rural Setting and Environment."



On June 28, 1965, M. S. Smith, III was promoted to the position of District 10 Engineer. He is a Department employee of more than 20 years and a former Resident Engineer and Assistant Construction Engineer. He received his Civil Engineering Degree from the University of Arkansas and is a Registered Professional Engineer.

DISTRICT TEN

District 10, the northeastern District, encompasses seven counties — Clay, Craighead, Greene, Lawrence, Mississippi, Poinsett, and Randolph. The District Headquarters is located at Paragould, and the four Resident Engineer's offices are located at Paragould, Jonesboro, Walnut Ridge and Osceola. There are eight Area Headquarters with one each county except Mississippi which has two.

This District is ably supervised by M. S. Smith, III, the District Engineer, and his Assistant, Bob Faulkner. The District Secretary is Isabelle Psalmonds. District 10 has a total of 291 permanent employees and 33 temporary employees.

It is estimated that 19,584 people visited this District's rest areas and information centers during 1974. The new information center at Blytheville had 8,370 people stop there from April to June 15 of this year. The other information center is located at Corning. In addition to the rest areas at these information centers there are three additional areas with restroom facilities. Three areas attract tourists to the District 10 area every year — Lake Charles State Park, Walcott State Park, and Old Davidsonville State Park.

One ferry over Current River at Reyno on S.H. 328 in Randolph County is in operation in District 10.

During the past calendar year, 19 contracts were awarded for construction work in District 10. A total of 69.043 miles was involved in these jobs at a total cost of \$15,335,453.07. Major projects include the relocation of State Highway 1 from Harrisburg to Jonesboro along the western foot of Crowley's Ridge and the continuation of the four lanes of U.S. Highway 63 from Interstate 55 from Lake David north toward Jonesboro.

Maintenance crews in District 10 consist of 186 permanent hourly employees, 17 temporary hourly employees and 30 permanent salaried employees for a total of 233. During 1974, sealing program in District 10 included 120.24 miles of highways and the overlay included 81.91 miles of roadway, .75 miles at Lake Charles, and 7700 square yards at the Cotton Boll Vo-Tech School.

Highways in District 10 help link the 56 industries in the area to the communities they serve.

DEDICATIONS



Before and After



S.H. 69

RAILROAD OVERPASS

Congressman Bill Alexander spoke via a telephone hookup from Washington on June 13, to a large crowd attending the dedication of the Highway 69 Railroad Overpass at Newport.

Remarks also were made by Highway Commissioner George Kell, Newport Mayor Wayne Beard and John Minor of the Newport Chamber of Commerce.

Congressman Alexander was to attend the dedication ceremonies and luncheon that followed, but important legislative business forced him to remain in Washington.

The completion of the new State Highway 69 Overpass over the Missouri Pacific Railroad at Newport put an end to the delay for thousands of automobiles and trucks each day and has eliminated the necessity for motorists to cross one of the most hazardous at-grade crossings in Newport.

The new 732-foot bridge and 0.6 mile of roadway approaches were constructed cooperatively with \$130,143 of urban renewal funds for the purchase of right of way and \$725,710 for construction for a total cost of \$855,853.

It is projected that the new bridge will carry 2,150 vehicles per day in the future and separate this traffic from 25 trains that travel daily over four railroad tracks.

The host for the dedication was the Newport Area Chamber of Commerce.



Newport in the early 1900's

BLYTHEVILLE TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER

The Highway Department and the Department of Parks and Tourism dedicated the Tourist Information Center on Interstate 55 at Blytheville on June 30.

Members of the Highway Commission, the Parks and Tourism Commission, area officials and civic leaders were on hand to hear Senator Dale Bumpers deliver the dedicatory address. Mr. Bumpers praised the work of both agencies and pointed out that the Tourist Information Centers were largely responsible for the tremendous growth of the tourism industry in the state.

He also pointed out some of the unique qualities of our state and issued a warning to preserve our natural areas. "We

have excellent hunting and fishing within minutes of your homes and you have places to go and spend a weekend on a beautiful lake," he said. "We have probably as clean an air and water as there is in the country. These are precious assets and I want you to understand that all of these things can go and you and I can thoughtlessly and mindlessly be a part of it."

Also, on the program was Representative Walter Day, Mayor Ross Fordyce of Blytheville, AHC Chairman Lawrence Blackwell and Parks and Tourism Chairman, J. A. West, Jr.

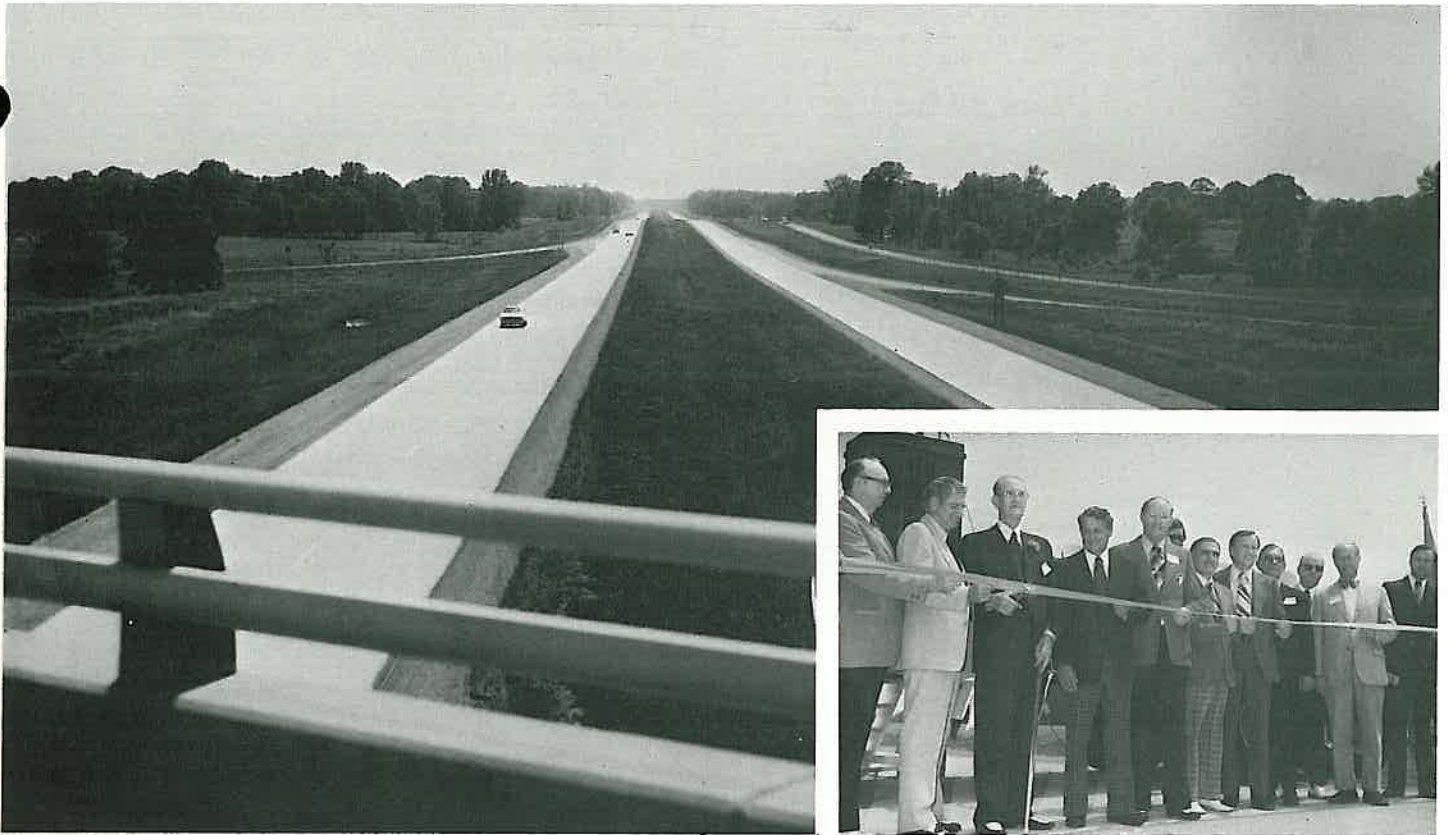
The center, located on I-55, was constructed by the Highway Department with

Federal Interstate construction funds at a cost of \$700,000. The Parks and Tourism Department provided \$35,000 in State funds as a share of the cost of office furnishings and display equipment in addition to providing the personnel to operate the center and the various publications and brochures that are available to tourists.

The Blytheville Center is the eighth modern tourist information and comfort facility to be constructed in Arkansas under a long-range planned program. The attractive centers, located at strategic border locations, serve both tourists and Arkansas Highway users.



U.S. Senator Dale Bumpers, Director Henry Gray, and Mayor Ross Fordyce.



A large crowd turned out on a hot summer day July 3 to see former Highway Commissioner Truman Baker snip the ribbon, opening a 3.8 mile section of Highway U.S. 67 to traffic marking the completion of the four-lane artery from Little Rock to the northeast end of Searcy.

The new section of highway was dedicated by the Searcy Chamber of Commerce to Baker, who was presented a

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plaque honoring him for his service to White County and the State during his tenure on the Commission. Logan Cothorn, President of the Chamber of Commerce and Master of Ceremonies for the occasion, presented Baker with the award.

The program included the invocation by Dr. Ralph Clayton, pastor of the First Methodist Church at Searcy; a welcome by Searcy Mayor Leslie Carmichael; and the dedicatory address by Commissioner George Kell.

In his address, Kell honored Baker, whom he succeeded on the Commission as a "man who has contributed so much to the growth and development of the State Highway System throughout the State of Arkansas."

With the opening of the bypass, 46.3 miles of the freeway is now open to traffic from Little Rock to Searcy. Another 9.5

miles is under construction to extend the freeway to Bald Knob.

The U.S. 67 corridor between Little Rock and Bald Knob is the most heavily-traveled primary highway corridor in Arkansas, carrying an average of 9,700 vehicles per day. The traffic on this section is almost 20 percent heavy truck traffic — a percentage that is second only to the Interstate Routes through the state.



Commissioner George Kell



Truman Baker, left, with Logan Cothorn

ST. FRANCIS RIVER BRIDGE



Commissioner David Solomon

Dedication ceremonies were held July 17 at Madison to officially open the new bridge over the St. Francis River on Highway 50.

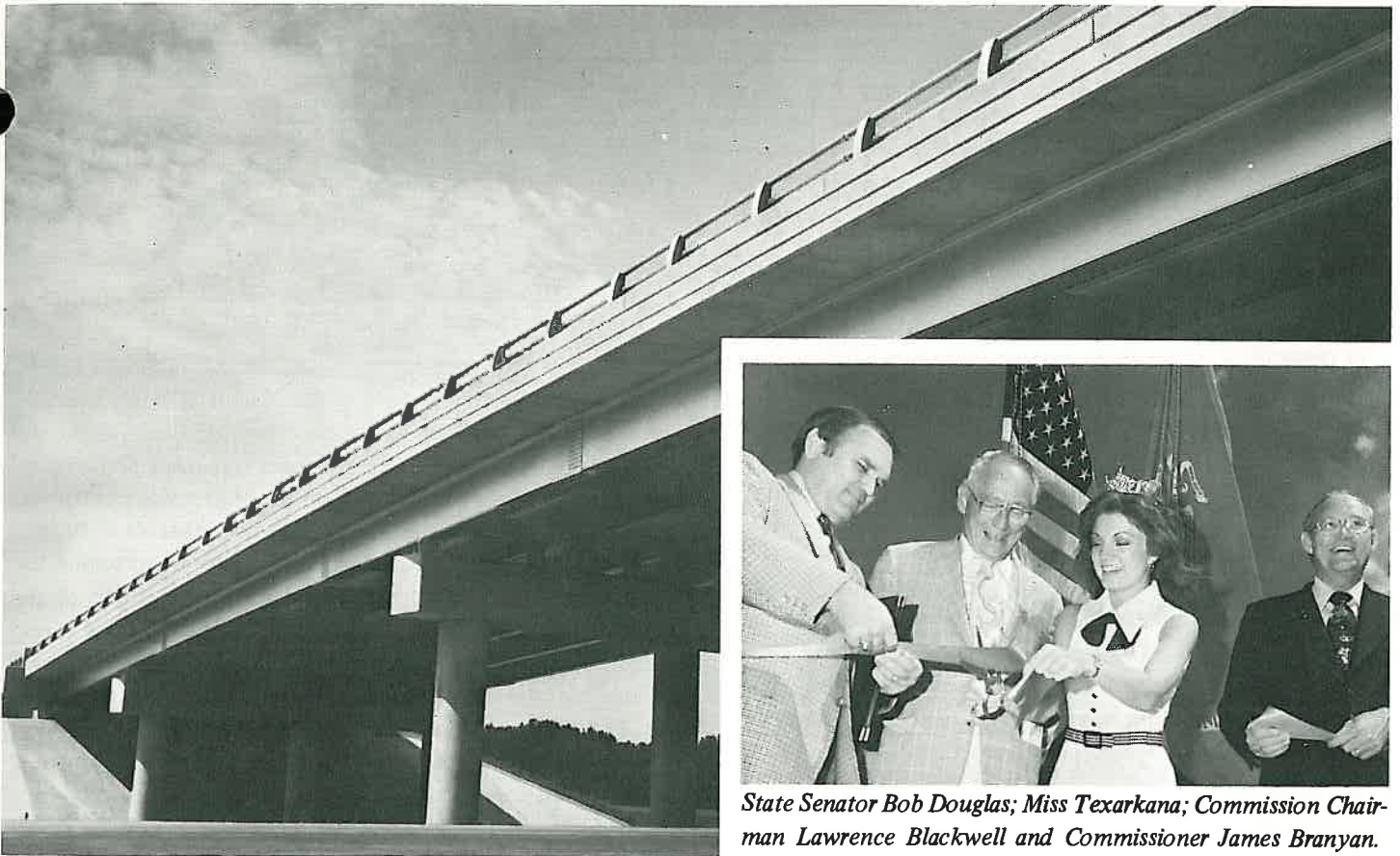
Mayor Willard Whitaker welcomed a number of local and area officials as well as Highway Department personnel and Highway Commissioner David Solomon of Helena.

Mr. Solomon made brief remarks citing highway progress in St. Francis County and Director Henry Gray introduced members of the AHD staff who attended the ceremonies.

Mr. Solomon pointed out that the modern new bridge replaced an old one-lane structure that was closed to traffic in 1970 when extensive flooding damaged the bridge. The commission and then-Governor Dale Bumpers secured \$678,500 in Federal funds to pay the cost of replacing the bridge.

In conjunction with the construction of the new bridge, the Highway Department relocated almost a mile of Highway 50 to provide much safer approaches to the bridge.





State Senator Bob Douglas; Miss Texarkana; Commission Chairman Lawrence Blackwell and Commissioner James Branyan.

JEFFERSON AVENUE INTERCHANGE

Highway Commissioner James Branyan of Camden was the dedicatory speaker July 18 at the opening of the Jefferson Avenue Interchange on Interstate 30 at Texarkana.

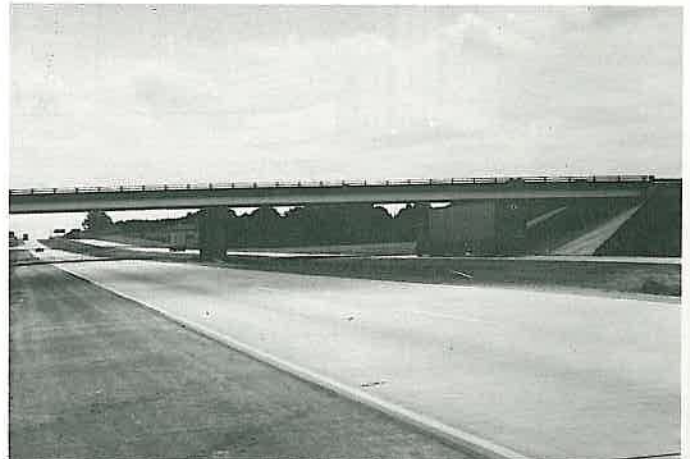
Mr. Branyan told the 80 people that gathered for the dedication ceremonies that Texarkana and Miller County had experienced a tremendous growth in the past few years and that a substantial part of the credit for that growth should be attributed to the modernization of the area's transportation system.

He called Texarkana's start in 1972 of the last section of Jefferson Avenue, connecting it with Interstate 30, part of a "foresighted plan," and said the bridge over I-30 was built with the potential of extending four traffic lanes to serve the probable need for a four-lane street to the north.

The new facility cost \$1,550,043 and was financed by Urban federal-aid funds and State matching money.

Work began on the facility in March of 1974. McMillen Construction Company of Texarkana was the contractor.

Representative Earl Jones of Texarkana was Master of Ceremonies at the dedication, and Miss Texarkana, Paula Raschke, cut the ribbon. State Senator Bob Douglas introduced Highway Commission Chairman Lawrence Blackwell, Director Henry Gray and other Highway officials who attended the ceremonies.



CONSTRUCTION PENDING

By Gloria Holliday



Federal Judge J. Smith Henley

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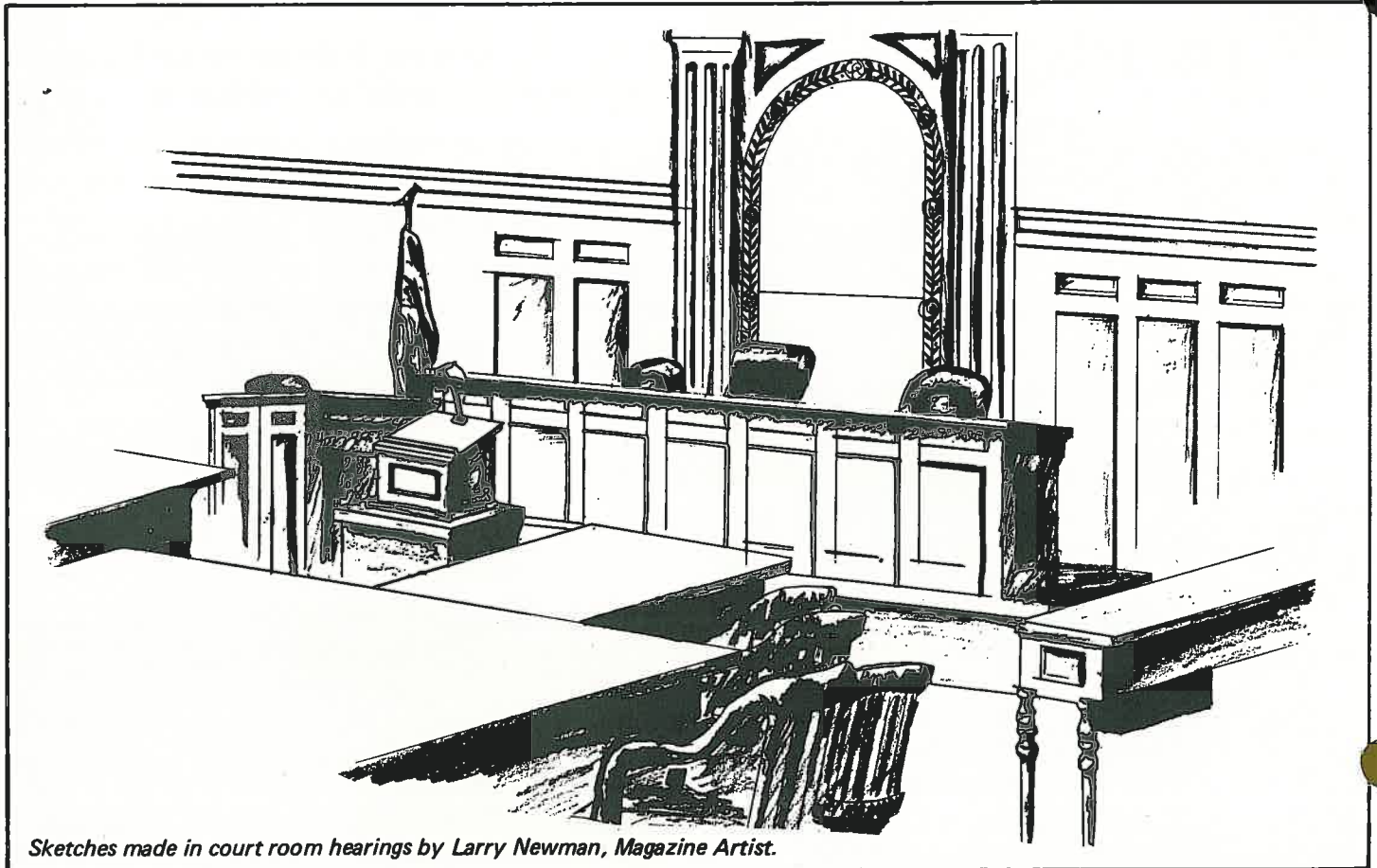
In researching information for this story, I found that the general opinion expressed by various parties interviewed was that the merits of the Wilbur D. Mills Freeway Project and inflationary construction costs rather than the technicalities of the project's Environmental Impact Statement should have been given more attention. The adequacy or inadequacy of the environmental impact statement is a minor consideration compared to the benefits that will be derived upon completion of this project. The people in eastern Little Rock will have rapid access to the State Capitol Complex, the University of Arkansas medical facility, the new Doctor's Building and Hospital, St. Vincent's Infirmary, and the new Baptist Medical Center where the freeway and I-430 are to intersect.

The judge himself admitted the need for this project, and with rising construction costs, the project will now cost much more to complete because of the petty gripes of a few people.

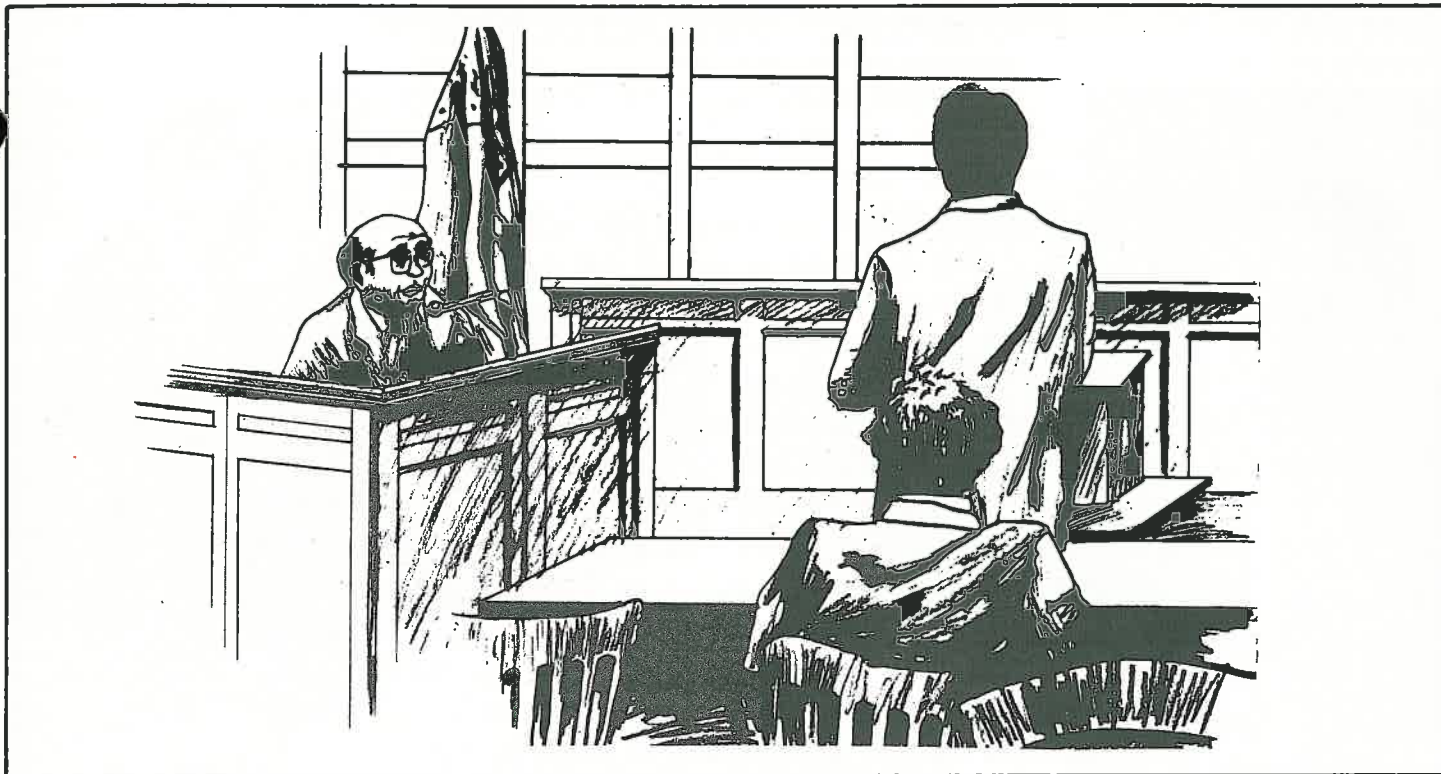
On July 28, Federal Judge J. Smith Henley ordered a halt to construction on the section of the Wilbur D. Mills Freeway project from Dennison Street east to Interstate 30 on the ground that the environmental impact statement prepared by the State Highway Department on the project was inadequate.

This action was the result of a lawsuit to that effect filed in District Court by the Arkansas Community Organization for Reform Now (ACORN) and seven individual members of the organization who reside in the eastern part of the city. They asked the court to stop the expenditure of any state or federal funds on the project until a new statement is prepared.

The court ruled construction may not be resumed on the eastern section of the project until a new impact statement is prepared that meets the approval of the court. Judge Henley's written decree, however, did not preclude construction of the section of the freeway lying west of University Avenue. The



Sketches made in court room hearings by Larry Newman, Magazine Artist.



real controversy centers on the eastern half. The order specifically said that the Highway Department may continue to acquire land, even by condemnation, for the relocation of Parham Elementary School, which lies in the right-of-way on the eastern section of the freeway. The Department may also continue to acquire other land for the eastern section of the project but, while the case is pending, must do so through voluntary sales and not by condemnation.

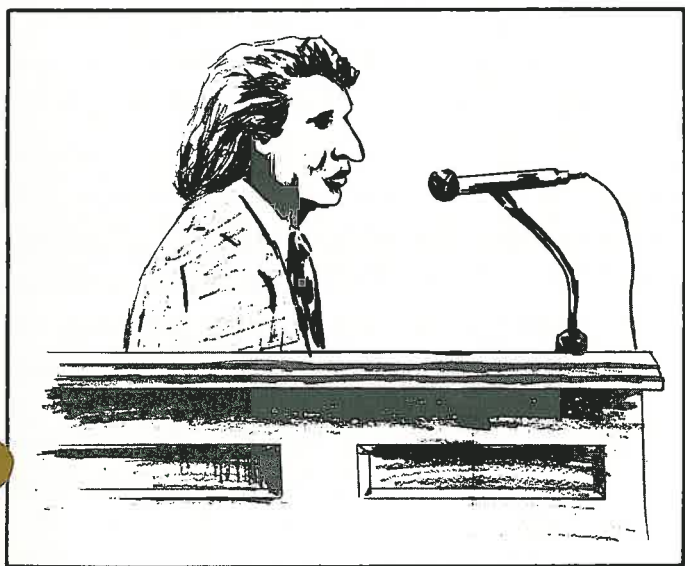
The Department feels that the decision, although disappointing, was reasonably fair. Director Henry Gray said that he thought a new final environmental impact statement could be prepared within a reasonable amount of time. Gray also said that he did not think the order halting construction on the eastern end of the freeway would really affect the project,

because the Department probably would not have funds for any more construction on it until next year. All bids for construction of the western portion of the project already have been let.

In his opinion, Judge Henley said the basic fault in both the draft and final impact statement on the project was that they did not deal with design alternatives. "Those who prepared the statement seem to have been of the view that the only alternative to the project as designed in 1971 was abandonment. But it appears to the court that as far as the design and scope of the project are concerned, there are some alternatives that ought to be discussed in the new statement."

The judge further suggested that the Highway Department might want to consider in the new statement the alternative of placing the freeway route farther from the southern end of MacArthur Park. It also might want to include new data on noise and air pollution and go into more detail on its program for relocating persons residing in the proposed right of way. Acorn had argued that the freeway would lie so close to both MacArthur Park and Kanis Park that the environmental impacts on the parks would amount to a virtual taking of park land. Judge Henley said he was not persuaded that the impact of the project on the parks would amount to a use of the parks for the project.

The completed project will be about 7 miles long, running from I-30 on the East to I-430 on the West. A two-mile portion, from University Avenue east to Dennison Street, already has been completed. Additionally, about 90 percent of the right-of-way for the project has been acquired, and a \$3.5 million drainage system on Rock Street that is part of the project has been completed.



PUBLIC HEARINGS



John Kizer

Three major public hearings have been conducted recently by the Highway Department staff on proposed road improvement projects around the state.

On May 19, a hearing was held at Fort Smith to discuss the proposed location and design of the Lock and Dam Number 13 Bridge and Approaches across the Arkansas River in Sebastian and Crawford counties. Approximately 75 persons attended the meeting to hear an explanation and to ask questions concerning the nine-mile project, which begins at Highway 22 in Barling and ends at I-540 at Van Buren.

The Corps of Engineers will construct the bridge and the Highway Department will be responsible for the roadway approaches. State-Aid Engineer John Kizer told those attending the hearing that it was hoped the first contract could be let on the facility in early 1976.



Brooks Nichols



Several hundred persons packed into the Asbell School at Fayetteville on May 20 to attend a design hearing on an interchange at Highway 16 and the Fayetteville Bypass.

The project consists of construction of a typical diamond-type interchange with an overpass structure over the bypass. A number of accidents have occurred at the intersection in recent months and most of those attending the hearing voiced strong support of the interchange.

One of those who spoke at the hearing was Chamber of Commerce President Curtis Shipley. He said the interchange was "vitally needed to provide a safer major artery used daily by school children, area citizens working in Fayetteville and by the general

public." He added, the facility would "alleviate a constant hazard to the lives of our citizens."

The project, which will be constructed with Federal Safety Funds, was awarded to contract on July 31.

On July 24, a hearing was held at Greenwood to discuss the design of the U.S. 71 relocation project from near the community of Abbott to the south end of the Greenwood Bypass.

The project is approximately seven miles long and is located in northern Scott and southern Sebastian counties. The proposed improvement consists of grading, structures and a high-type surfacing that will be consistent with the heavily-traveled primary highway.

Dedication and expertise are the adjectives that best describe the work done by a District Nine Maintenance Crew on the new Little Sugar Creek channel construction at Bella Vista, Arkansas. Jim Godfrey, the job supervisor, and his crew of Ted Journagen, Ronnie Risley, Jack Drewry and Larry Wheeler put in many hours of hard work, on the difficult task of constructing new creek channels while preserving the surrounding environment.



CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED

By Bob Tyler

This project required that heavy machinery be confined to narrow construction limits and still produce the necessary results. A temporary bridge was constructed so that equipment could be moved across the creek and not damage stream habitat. Precautions had to be taken to not damage the existing creek channels during the construction of the new channels. None of these problems presented a major obstacle to the District Nine crew.

A great respect was shown by these men for the natural environment. This respect combined with dedication made Jim Godfrey's crew ideal for this unusual task. Congratulations to District Nine on a job well done.

MOWING

By Pat Sullivan

The month of May officially opens the mowing season in Arkansas. Before any mowing is done, however, some 700 pieces of mowing equipment (costing \$2,300,000) must be serviced and adjusted to the recommended cutting heights. M. G. Hinshaw shown servicing mower in Prairie County.



After the equipment has been "geared up" for serious mowing, operator "Chick" Blair of Perry County buckles up on his new mower to let the show begin. Seat



belts and roll bars have been installed on new mowers to protect the operator in case the mower should overturn.

With signs in position, the crew composed of R. C. Swink, John Stephens, and crew leader, E. V. Hilburn mow along Highway 70 in Prairie County.

To some people, mowing may seem to be just another routine maintenance operation, but to the crews (82 of them) who face the 262,775 acres of Arkansas highway rights of way each year, the job is not so routine. If not made harder by hazards of hidden debris lying beneath the grass and the possibility of overturning, the crews are continuously faced with the

problem of mowing more in less time to reduce the operating cost of mowing operations. To reduce costly dead heading each crew has prepared a mowing plan which sets out a pattern of mowing in each county. Mowing expenditures have gone from \$665,000 in 1968 to a costly \$1,760,188 in the fiscal year 1974.

The introduction of the "Weed Eater" has made clean up and trim work around signs, guard rail, and trees much easier for our crews and has greatly reduced the time required for these jobs. Doug Edmondson is shown operating a weed eater in Cross County, District 1.





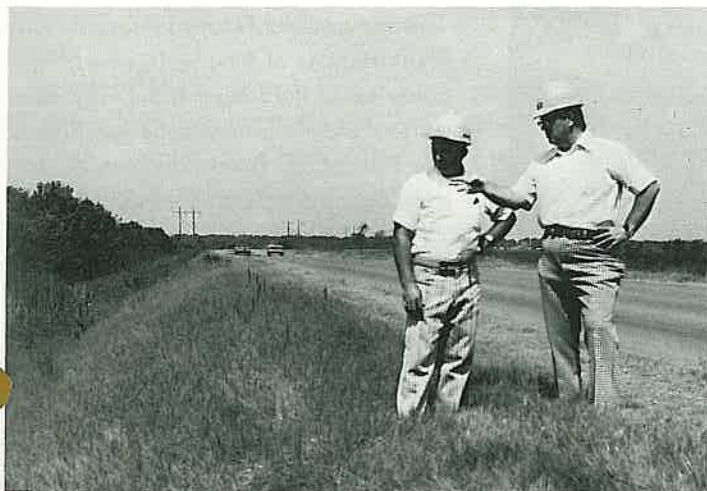
Our big mowers operate on wider areas of right of way, usually interstate. Shown here is Tommy Brown on a wide bush hog that is capable of cutting twelve to fifteen acres per day.

Bob Fulton, Department Agronomist and Johnny Cheek, Area Foreman in Lonoke County stand on a section of Route 70 which has not been mowed in two years. This is the result of a program developed by the Department to chemically control weeds and grasses.

Mowing costs run from \$6.50 to \$7.50 per acre, whereas, chemicals can be used to control grasses at about \$4.00 per acre.

The Arkansas Highway Department is not actually in the hay baling business. Although the presence of all types of bales of hay on the roadside might make some people think we are. These bales of hay belong to individuals who have contracted with the Department to mow and bale specified sections of highway right of way.

The new and better equipment we try to get for our crews does the job it was designed to do — cut grass, but we have not come up with a mower which relieves the operator of the dust, heat, and strain of running the mower all day. We wish to take this opportunity to commend the dedicated employees who each year work under these tiring conditions to beautify our rights of way and help to make Arkansas a pleasant place to visit and live.



COUNTY JUDGE'S SYMPOSIUM HELD

BY JOHN KIZER
State Aid Engineer

Contracts for the surfacing of nearly 500 miles of State Aid County Roads have been awarded since the beginning of the State Aid Program in July 1973. Along with the rapid change in the county road surfacing will come the change in maintenance methods required to protect the investment in these roads. Most counties in Arkansas do not have very many miles of hard surfaced roads nor the experience in maintaining hard surfaced roads.

In an effort to acquaint the County Judges and their Road Superintendents with AHD Maintenance practices and other items of interest, a symposium was held.

The meeting, initiated by the State Aid Division and sponsored by the Arkansas Culvert and Supply Company, was designed primarily for the benefit of those Judges who had assumed office this year. However, due to the interest created by the passage of State Aid legislation, a large number of other Judges were present.

The program featured speakers who were knowledgeable on a variety of subjects of interest to the Judges. John Kizer, State Aid Engineer, discussed the new State Aid legislation. This program has proven to be a great boon to the counties in Arkansas in providing badly needed funds for the construction of paved county roads.



Everyone enjoyed a talk by the well known "after-dinner" speaker, John Tallant, Construction Engineer.

Conrad Longfellow, President of Caldwell Pipe Culvert, introduced an innovative covering for metal pipe. This is a permanent polymer coating to be used in lieu of asphalt and does not have the infamous characteristics of the widely used bituminous coated product. Easier installation and better protection for the metal pipe are among the advantages of this new covering.

Jay Hensley, Regional Engineer for the Asphalt Institute and a former employee of AHD led an interesting discussion as regards the uses and applications of the numerous grades of asphalt. Jim Genty, Arkansas Culvert Co. pointed out the



Bert Rownd, Maintenance Engineer

designs and placement of the Regulatory and Warning Signs as specified by the MUTCD.

Bert Rownd and Pat Sullivan from the AHD Maintenance Department presented their views on the methods to properly maintain all types of roads. Mr. Rownd stated that an easy way to reduce maintenance costs is to see that the initial construction is not done haphazardly. Mr. Sullivan talked in regard to the Maintenance methods courses he conducts throughout the State and invited county personnel to attend.

John Niven of the Attorney General's office explained the technicalities pertaining to the legal purchase of materials and equipment. Other legal views regarding the duties and responsibilities of County Judges were also brought out.

Other speakers included Representative Frank Henslee of Pine Bluff, who offered assistance to the Judges in their legislative matters and Courtney Langston, Executive Director of the Association of Arkansas Counties, who offered several pointers on the operation of good government.

All of the participating County Judges expressed appreciations for such an informative session. The general feeling was that their road construction "know-how" had been greatly enhanced. All also agreed that such meetings held periodically in the future would be very beneficial.

INTRODUCTION

By Jim Gilbert

The Arkansas State Highway Commission was established initially, April 1913, as part of the Department of State Lands, Highways, and Improvements. It remained there until March 1929 when it was re-established as a separate agency but still under the control of the Governor. In 1953 it was removed from the control of the State's chief executive and established as a politically independent agency charged with administration of the State Highway Department. This was accomplished by Constitutional Amendment No. 42 — more commonly referred to as the "Mack-Blackwell Amendment".

The Mack-Blackwell Amendment sprang forth from the elected representatives of the people, was approved by a joint resolution of both Houses of the General Assembly and the people of Arkansas in the general election of November 4, 1952, by the vote of 231,529 for and 78,291 against, a 3 to 1 ratio. There was no organized effort in support of the Amendment and its passage came from grassroots interest and support. It was the intention of the members of the General Assembly, and the people of Arkansas, that this five-member Highway Commission would remain a servant to the people and their elected representatives. **THAT IS THE WAY IT WAS INTENDED, SHOULD BE AND IS TODAY.**

CONSTITUTION OF ARKANSAS

Amendment No. 42

S1. Commission created-Members-Powers. — There is hereby created a State Highway Commission which shall be vested with all the powers and duties now or hereafter imposed by law for the administration of the State Highway Department, together with all powers necessary or proper to enable the Commission or any of its officers or employees to carry out fully and effectively the regulations and laws relating to the State Highway Department.

S2. Qualifications and appointment of members-Terms of office of first commission. — Within ten days after the convening of the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas in the year 1953, the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint five persons who are qualified electors of the State to constitute the State Highway Commission for terms of two, four, six, eight and ten years respectively. The terms of the persons so appointed shall be determined by lot. The Commissioners to be appointed from the State at large; provided, however, that no two Commissioners shall be appointed from any single Congressional District.

In the event of rejection by the Senate of a person whose name has been so submitted, the Governor shall within five days after receipt of written notice from the Secretary of the Senate of such rejection submit the name of another appointee to fill such vacancy. In the event the Governor should within five days thereafter fail to appoint or fail to submit to the Senate for confirmation the name of any person to be appointed, the Senate shall proceed to make the appointment of its own choice.

S3. Terms of office of members. — Upon the expiration of the foregoing terms of said Commissioners, a successor shall be appointed by the Governor in the manner provided

for in Section 2 for a term of ten years, which term shall thereafter be for each member of the Commission.

S4. Removal of members-Hearing-Review and appeal. — A Commissioner may be removed by the Governor only for the same causes as apply to other constitutional officers after a hearing which may be reviewed by the Chancery Court for the First District with right of appeal therefrom to the Supreme Court, such review and appeal to be without presumption in favor of any finding by the Governor or the trial court, and provided further, in addition to the right of confirmation hereinabove reserved to the Senate, the Senate may upon the written request of at least Five (5) of its members that a member or members of the Commission should be removed therefrom, proceed, when in session, to hear any and all evidence pertinent to the reasons for removal. The member or members whose removal is so requested shall be entitled to be heard in the matter and to be represented before the Senate by legal counsel. These proceedings conducted by the Senate shall be public and a transcript of the testimony so heard shall be prepared and preserved in the journal of the Senate. The taking of evidence either orally or by deposition shall not be bound by the formal rules of evidence. Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Senate, sitting as a body in executive session, may remove said member or members of the Commission by a majority vote conducted by secret ballot.

S5. Vacancies-Filling. — Vacancies on the Commission due to resignations, death or removal shall be filled by appointment of the Governor for the unexpired term within thirty days from the date of such vacancy. Upon failure of the Governor to fill the vacancy within thirty days, the remaining Commissioners shall make the appointment for the unexpired term.

S6. Director of Highways. — The Commission shall appoint a Director of Highways who shall have such duties as may be prescribed by the Commission or by statute.

Today Arkansas has a state highway system of which we can all be justly proud. It represents the tremendous progress which has evolved during the past two decades under the direction of the five member Mack-Blackwell Highway Commission, a period that exemplifies sound management, effective planning, and endless dedication to the citizens of Arkansas.

Prior to the enactment of Amendment No. 42 Commissioners' terms coincided with that of the Governor's. Between 1945 and 1953, there was a proliferation of Commissioners, when the total membership rose from five to seven to ten and finally to twelve. Frustrating situations during this period seemed to be the rule, leading eventually to a strong public reaction.

Amendment No. 42 brought an abrupt halt to the costly, inefficient and uneconomic condition which had existed. The longer terms of the Commission and reduction in number brought about several improvements and innovations – a continuity in the planning and pursuit of the work involved in highway construction programs; a more competent, secure and career-minded professional staff with the end of the political patronage system in all echelons of the Department; and more efficient conduct of Commission meetings and the transaction of business.

The Arkansas Highway Department was launched into a new era of accomplishment with all the attributes of being able to plan and pursue highway improvements in a professional manner, while keeping in mind the priorities in all sections of the State.

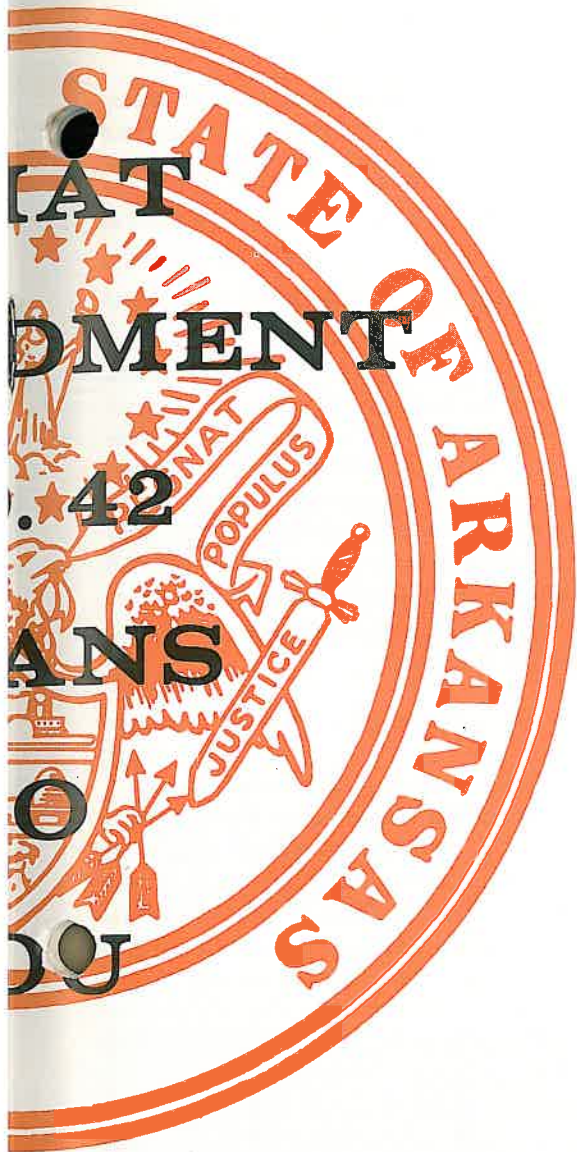
The provisions of Amendment No. 42 made possible the professional continuity and socio-economic objectivity in the many highway programs which has contributed so very much to progress over the last two decades. Today's enormous annual highway budget is carried out by a highly competent group of employees who number only about twenty percent more than 22 years ago, when the State Highway System was less than two-thirds of its present mileage and highway costs were one-third of present day costs.

The efforts of the Commission have provided the citizens of the State with a completely debt free

highway system; established a modern and unique State Aid Program to assist the counties and cities in improving their roads and streets; and inform the citizens of Arkansas a comprehensive program of highway improvements to be used as the major tool in scheduling projects throughout the State on the basis of need and public service.

The Highway Commission probably has more frequent and more intimate contact with the people of Arkansas and their elected representatives than any other honorary board or commission. The Commission not only listens to the request of many delegations at their eleven regularly scheduled monthly sessions and to individuals and organizations, but to professional and technical employees of the Highway Department.





AS A CITIZEN

AS AN EMPLOYEE



Amendment No. 42 accomplished the purpose of ending the system whereby the Highway Commissioners served at the appointment of the Governor as did the Highway Director. Under this system, insecurity of employment in the Highway Department extended throughout the personnel structure all

the way from professional staff to the common laborer. All highway jobs were patronage jobs. The tenure of the career professional people were tenuous and this insecurity went on down the line to the district and county level.

Since the enactment of Amendment No. 42, highway employment has become a career employment from the top to the bottom of the scale. There is security and continuity of work for all of our employees which their forebearers did not enjoy. Today we have a great professional staff and loyal and dedicated employees throughout the organization. Career personnel, in the assurance of professional objectivity and freedom in their work and of job security in their employment, are personally committed to the best civic goals of highway improvements.

The Highway Commission and Highway Department is symbolized by its employees. They represent the Department in every section of the State. The ten District Engineers and other employees have a day-to-day familiarity with every mile of the State Highway System and are well informed about the problems and the needs of road users in their area. They are responsive and capable of fulfilling many requests or assuring that significant problems are brought to the attention of higher levels of management within the Department.

The "Mack-Blackwell Amendment" has given Arkansas an irreplaceable and unprecedented asset: the career-oriented employee with professional technical knowledge, skill, and dedication to serve the transportation needs of the State as they have never been served before.

THE MACK-BLACKWELL HIGHWAY COMMISSION HAS IN THE PAST AND WILL CONTINUE TO PLAN WITH FORESIGHT, TO BUILD WITH ECONOMY, AND TO OPERATE WITH EFFICIENCY A STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM WHICH WILL SERVE THE INTEREST OF ALL USERS WITH OPTIMUM ADEQUACY.

OPINIONS

Don Cahoone, District 6 Engineer – 15 Years of Service.

When I came to work for the Arkansas Highway Department in 1960, a graduate of Kansas State University, I did not know a single person in the State, yet I have received promotions honestly and fairly. Actually I know of no one who has received a major promotion during these 15 years because of outside pressure.

It is truly a comfort for me and for those who work for me to know that our salaries and promotions are based totally on our ability to handle the job and that we can have lifetime careers with the Arkansas Highway Department, regardless of whether we are laborers, equipment operators, or engineers. The fact that the Department is a fine, professional organization is a direct result of the Mack-Blackwell Amendment.

Rick Owens, Engineering - Orientation Program.

In Arkansas, this Amendment takes the Highway Department basically out of the political arena because of its nature. This allows the Highway Department to become a professional organization which can be much more sympathetic to the needs and wants of the people of Arkansas as a whole.

Compared to my home state, the political structure there is a spoils system. In my opinion, the political situation here is more conducive to career employment than it is in my state thanks to the Mack-Blackwell Amendment.

Ray Metzger, Editor - Construction News.

The reason that I favor Amendment No. 42 is because it is the greatest protection that our most important minority group has. This minority group that is so important to the State of Arkansas is the rural dweller.

I feel that Amendment No. 42 has meant that the construction dollars were spent with a greater degree of effectiveness than they would have been under the system that existed prior to the Amendment. As a consequence, the people have received far more for their dollars.

I think Amendment No. 42 has been excellent for the State, in this respect. Transportation is not everything, but it is the first thing.

Bertie Carr, Secretary to Chief Engineer & Deputy Director.

13 Years of Service.

Amendment No. 42 is probably one of the most important steps forward in the history of the Highway Department as far as employee security is concerned. Since I consider myself to be a career employee, it is important to me to feel assured that my job is not in jeopardy each time a new administration takes office.

In my opinion the record of the progress that has been made since the passage of the Mack-Blackwell Amendment speaks very highly for the Arkansas State Highway Department as an

independent agency with a Commission that is free to determine policy and procedure for any action necessary to promote a better highway system for the many interested taxpayers of Arkansas.

A. E. Johnson, Jr., Engineer - Planning & Research.

8 Years of Service.

The Mack-Blackwell Amendment was the deciding factor in my coming back to the Arkansas Highway Department instead of seeking employment with other highway departments that are subject to continuous political turnovers.

Under our existing system of management and administration, the professional engineer is provided with the latitude to fully practice his profession. I have been involved with the administration of other highway departments and not one compares with the efficiency of operation that is attained under the Mack-Blackwell Amendment.

Otha Hewitt, Chief - Traffic Division – 26 Years of Service.

Before the Mack-Blackwell Amendment every time a Governor was running, such and such would tell me he was going to get my job. One person walked in my office to take over on July 1st. He sat down and told me he came to take my job, the Governor had promised him my job.

If we had not had the Mack-Blackwell Amendment I would not have half the people in my office right now. They would have gone. Everyone of them would have been offered other jobs. Now they have job security with a system of promotion and the salaries are adequate.

John R. Hume V, Planning & Research – 22 Years of Service.

I would think that anyone who drives over the highways of several States would take great pride over the ways in which Arkansas' State Highways surpass those of many other States. When one recalls that prior to the Amendment No. 42 era Arkansas was notorious among the States for its poor roads, it is quite apparent that the Amendment has truly accomplished its objective and moved us from a backward State to a position of leadership in quality highway transport facilities.

The clamor of special interest groups has done much to confuse and obscure the inherent effectiveness of Amendment No. 42 and many self-serving issues have been used to becloud the picture. I recall one man who attacked the Highway Commission bitterly in the press over its "secretiveness" and lack of awareness of needs while a Highway Department report containing the information he sought had lain unread on his desk for sometime. Too much criticism has been leveled at the Department by those who simply failed to do their homework.

RESEARCH SEMINAR HELD

On August 4, the Research Section of the Planning and Research Division conducted a Survey-Research Seminar in the Highway Department auditorium. This seminar was held to give highway employees a general view of sample surveys and research methods.

Twenty-five participants in the Seminar heard two speakers: Dr. Ken Bailey, a public opinion pollster and a professor at the University at Fayetteville; and Mr. Steve Parker, a reference librarian on the staff at the University in Little Rock.

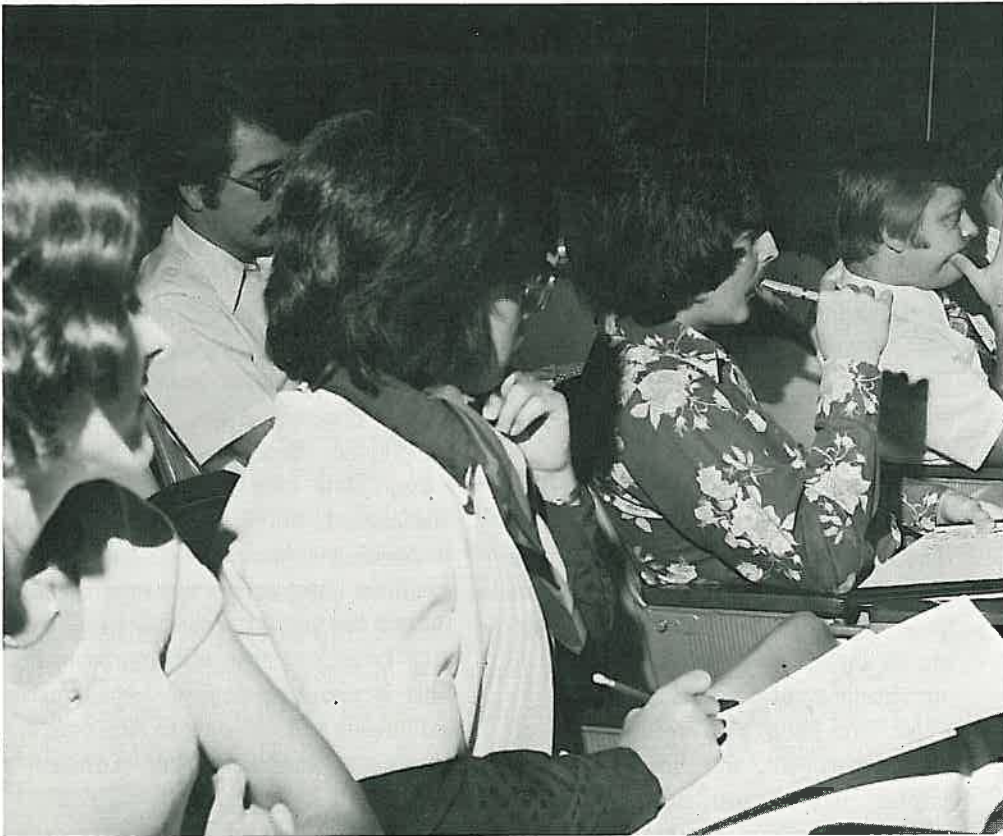
Dr. Bailey presented material on how to conduct sample surveys and in his talk, he pointed out that there are two basic problems in survey research — defining a problem, and determining what type of survey design will best give a person the information that he is looking for. Dr. Bailey also commented that in order to measure the effectiveness of mail-out surveys, a surveyor needed at least a 50% return of the surveys he mailed out.

Parker, in discussing various information centers and the collection of information, observed that two things exist every time there is a question: (1) the question itself; and (2) the system that is designed to answer the question. He then defined the system and pointed out that when answering any question, it is always important to get too much information rather than not enough.

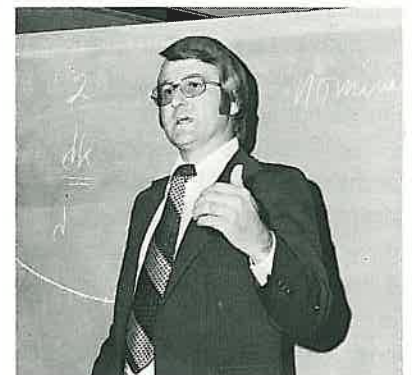
The meeting, which was divided into four sections, was coordinated by Bill Tippin of the Research Section.



Bill Tippin



Steve Parker



Dr. Ken Bailey

PROMOTION FOR BETTER RURAL ROADS



The Caterpillar Company, one of the world's largest corporations and manufacturers of construction equipment, recognizes the independence of better rural roads and lower food costs. More importantly, the company is aware that the ability to grow and distribute more food at lower costs is vital to the social and economic well being of our Nation.

The Caterpillar Company, in an effort to make the public aware of the inadequacy of most rural roads to handle heavy loads, is spending a large amount of its advertising budget for public information.

Mr. Ray Metzger, Jr., publisher of Construction News Magazine, who has taken a great interest in a continuing

highway program and on many occasions appeared before congressional committees submitting data relating to food costs and transportation, arranged for the Caterpillar Company to come to Arkansas for background pictures to be used in a national advertisement.

The scope of the national advertisement was to show the relationship of food costs and transportation. With poor transportation systems and inadequate carriers, food costs rise dramatically adding an increasing inflationary burden to our already troubled economy.

Mr. Ron Pilon, Vice-President, Advertising Department, and Jim Karl, Photographer, Ray Metzger, and John Kizer, State Aid Engineer, selected a section of

S.H. 300 near Lake Maumelle for the background scene. The section of road chosen had several base and pavement failures and a narrow one lane bridge.

The advertisement which appeared in Time, Business Week, and National Geographic Magazines, featured John Kizer, State Aid Engineer, and Jim Shackelford, dairy farmer of Pulaski Co.

Although Arkansas has made tremendous improvements in rural roads in the past few years, the needs are escalating at a faster rate than our improvements. This is also the situation which exists nationwide and not only to Arkansas. We appreciate the Caterpillar Company's interest in better rural roads.


TRANSPORTATION, AMERICA'S LIFELINES

NATIONAL HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION WEEK SEPTEMBER 21-27, 1975

"Transportation, America's Lifelines," has been chosen as this year's slogan for National Highway and Transportation Week, which is September 21-27.

Albert W. Coates, Special Assistant for Public Relations of the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation, is the chairman of the AASHTO Highway and Transportation Steering Committee. Bill Looney, Chief of Information Services of the Arkansas Highway Department, is the state coordinator.

In this Bicentennial period, the 1975 Highway Week slogan serves to point out that from colonial times, America's destiny has been tied firmly to transportation. The growth of the United States as a world power is linked to the development of its transportation systems.

During National Highway and Transportation Week, we should look back with pride at the long and often dramatic development of our highway and transportation systems. 

AHD ENTERS CONTEST

Sections of Arkansas highways have been entered in the U.S. Department of Transportation's Eighth Annual Awards Competition for "The Highway and Its Environment."

The purpose of the competition is to give public recognition to agencies, organizations and business enterprises which have achieved outstanding results in coordinating highway location and design with its natural or manmade surroundings. Work performed directly by federal agencies is not eligible.

Each entry submitted will be judged upon the basis of (1) excellence of project development; (2) enhancement of the highway or highway corridor environment; (3) general highway interest; (4) excellence in design for ease of maintenance; and (5) excellence of photographic quality and composition.

Entries for the contest were selected by a committee of AHD employees made up of Surveys Engineer, Bob Mattox; Roadway Design Engineer, Brooks Nichols; Arkansas Highways Magazine Editor and Mapping Section Head, Charles Frazier; Information Officer, Bill Looney; Staff Photographer, Johnnie M.



Gray; and Environmental Development Chief, Bryan Davis. Selections will be made and approved by judges, Director Henry Gray; Deputy Director & Chief Engineer B. K. Cooper; and Assistant Chief Engineer of Operations, J. E. Lowder.

First prize and honorable mention awards will be made for each of the ten categories.

Due to the number of entries, a considerable period of time will be required to determine the winners.

GRADUATES



Kellar



Keys



Minor



Powell



Riggan



Gray



Carraro



Robertson



Sacco



Benetz



Kizer



Mize



Cagle

**Ray Kellar
Central High**

Member of Vocational Industrial Club of America, National Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High Schools, Cross Country. Son of Legiena Kellar, P&R.

**Anna Keys
Central High**

Cum Laude. Top ten in her class (write-up located in the Legal Division section of Around the Department.) Daughter of Thomas Keys.

**Steve Minor
Catholic High**

Son of Mrs. Anne M. Minor and the late Ernest Minor, Computer Services.

**Keith Powell
Hall High**

Member of the Band. Son of Marlin Powell, Planning & Research.

**Deena Riggan
McClellan High**

Daughter of Sue Riggan, Comp. Services.

**Kathy Gray
North East High – NLR**

Member of the Honor Society, Y-Teens, Speech & Drama Club, Yearbook Staff, Sports Editor, Student Council, Senior Cabinet, Who's Who in American High Schools. Daughter of Henry Gray.

**Gloria Carraro
Wilbur Mills High**

Daughter of Hazel Carraro Harger. (write-up located in the Legal section of Around the Department.)

Diane Robertson
North East High — NLR

Pep Club, Booster Club, Y-Teens, Quill & Scroll. Daughter of Gip Robertson, Asst. to the Director.

Debby Sacco
University of Central Arkansas
Daughter of Al Sacco, Procurement.

Brenda Benetz
McClellan High

Highlander Choir, Media Club, FBLA, Art Club, Two art awards for 1975. Daughter of Pete Benetz, P&R.

Lana Dee Kizer
Central High
Daughter of John Kizer, State-Aid.

Pat Mize
McClellan High

Band Member. Daughter of Robert Mize, Roadway Design.


Debby Cagle
McClellan High
Member of Vica, FBLA, Choir. Daughter of Gene Cagle, Chief of Bldg. & Grounds.

AHC SETS RECORD

The Arkansas Highway Commission obligated a record \$186 million toward the State's highway program during fiscal year 1975, according to Highway Director Henry Gray. This figure includes all money obligated except for maintenance and administration.

Almost \$96.9 million of that figure was federal aid. The State's regular federal-aid allocation for fiscal year 1975 was approximately \$40.2 million, but the Commission obligated approximately \$56.7 million in impounded funds that were released by President Ford. Additional matching money provided by the Governor and the Legislature, and the Highway Department's effective planning and efficiency allowed the Commission to receive such a large share of the impounded funds.

Arkansas was one of the leading states in the obligation of the impounded funds. Many states were not able to take advantage of the additional monies because of lack of matching funds and lack of plans ready to be implemented.

During fiscal year 1974, the obligation toward the State's highway program was approximately \$140 million, of which \$43.9 million was federal aid. 




LOWDER RE-ELECTED

An overwhelming majority of the employees of the Highway Department again put their trust in James E. Lowder, Assistant Chief Engineer for Operations, when they re-elected him to the Highway Employees Retirement System Board on June 2. Lowder was certified by a panel of judges as the elected member and will serve a two-year term from July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1977.

Lowder has approximately 24 years of service with the Department. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Retirement System for seven years.

Other members of the Board are M. S. Smith, III, District 10 Engineer and Vice-Chairman of the Board; B. K. Cooper, Deputy Director and Chief Engineer; Nancy Hall, State Treasurer; and Richard Heath, Director of the State Department of Finance and Administration. The Executive Secretary of the Board is J. E. McCarthy, Accounting Division Head.

We are sure Mr. Lowder will continue to represent the employees of the Highway Department with the best of his ability as he has in the past. 

BOYS STATE

Nine members of the American Legion Boys State visited the central office on June 7.

The young men met with Director Henry Gray for an orientation session on the operation of the Highway Department, then were shown the Highway



Movie and taken on a tour of the Central Office Complex.

In this photo, Public Relations Officer Bill Looney shows the visitors the scale

model of Interstate 630 through downtown Little Rock which is in the Central Office Lobby.

AHD HOST VISITOR

The Arkansas Highway Department hosted A. I. Papadopullus, a visitor from the Republic of Cyprus, for two weeks during the month of June. He was escorted through the Central Headquarters Complex and District field trips by Dan Flowers, Assistant Construction Engineer of the Construction Division.

Mr. Papadopullus is a District Engineer with the Public Works Department in Cyprus and was primarily interested in functions that would better acquaint him with the construction and maintenance of roads in the United States. With inter-division cooperation he observed the departmental responsibilities of construction project management, inspection, quality control, standard specifications, and standard plan details. He also observed our forces performing various types of work in several Districts.

While visiting he toured I-430 construction in Western Little Rock, interstate reconstruction projects in the West Memphis area, divided primary highway construction on Highway 63 between Lake David and Marked Tree, and various secondary road and bridge jobs throughout the state. Also Mr. Papadopullus visited many of the planning, design and administrative divisions of the Department to



Dan Flowers, left, and A. I. Papadopullus, right

observe their functions as related to construction and maintenance.

Mr. Papadopullus received his Bachelors Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Athens and did graduate work in England for his Masters Degree. He stated the highway system in Cyprus is comparable to our rural secondary and two-lane primary highways. His government has plans in Cyprus to construct their first four-lane divided highway to connect the major metropolitan areas of their country.

AWARDS

JUNE - JULY

20 YEARS

Netha C. Brown, District 8
William E. Farra, District 5
Warren G. Glenn, District 10
Henry W. Herring, District 7
James C. Kay, District 1
Joe D. Magness, M&T
Maurice W. Sims, District 10
Ralph Goodson, District 4
Henry Cortez Neil, District 4
Vincent O. Selby, District 9
Thomas A. Stone, Jr., District 6

15 YEARS

Bobby G. Alford, District 1
Charles H. Beard, District 7
Melvin Brown, District 10
Charles C. Danner, District 2
Edward L. Ferguson, District 1
George E. Griffis, District 7
Gus Hynum, District 6
Frank M. Harrison, Bridge Design
H. Grayson Page, District 4
William H. Poston, Jr., District 2
Oliver A. Reddin, District 7
Edwin H. Shinn, District 8
Omar N. Smith, District 10
Dale C. Spencer, District 3
Jessie T. White, District 4
Howell L. Allen, District 8
Bobby Bradley, District 5
John N. Faubus, District 4
Lloyd Hall, District 6
Lester E. Nichols, District 6
Roger C. Rice, District 5
John A. Sage, Bridge Design
Carl H. Sanders, District 4
Adrian M. Young, District 5

10 YEARS

Shirley J. Childress, R-O-W
Paul R. Edwards, P&R
Hazel G. Harger, Legal
Gary E. Jackson, District 1
William O. Johnson, District 7
Ronald O. Johnston, R-O-W
Legiena Kellar, P&R
Charles W. Lance, District 4
Noah S. Little, District 1
Carl F. Martin, District 2
Quinton Morgan, District 10
Thedus L. Mitchell, R-O-W
Howard Q. Turner, District 3
Joe H. Bradshaw, District 7
Bobby Calhoon, District 3
Dewitt T. Cheek, Jr., District 1
Johnny Crawford, District 1
Harley E. Crossen, District 1
Robert A. Faulkner, Traffic
Jim B. Gates, District 7
Thomas W. Noble, District 2
Jasper L. Riley, District 1
Raymond M. Turner, District 6

5 YEARS

Kenneth H. Beaton, District 10
Warren A. Bledsoe, District 6
Bobby J. Cornish, District 6
Leartis Dansby, District 3
William W. Doggett, District 7
Hubert E. Drummond, District 7
Laman E. Gilbert, District 3
Nathan A. Hancock, Jr., District 1
John T. Hardwick, District 3
James Harris, District 1
John W. King, District 5
Darrell G. Lackey, District 9
Charles W. Laker, District 6
Lewis T. Mapp, District 1
E. M. McIlroy, District 10
Charles W. McMillian, District 4
Charlie Ogden, Jr., District 3
Virgil A. Proctor, District 8
Herbert W. Ross, District 3
Oscar W. Rowland, District 6
Jerry G. Rowland, District 7
Grady L. Sherrill, District 5
Jackie L. Smith, District 6
Jacob L. Weston, Secondary Rds.

Bennie J. Winn, District 5
Danny R. Adams, District 6
Carl Allen, District 9
Earl H. Baker, District 8
Gene C. Bishop, District 3
Lonnie G. Butler, District 10
Curtis L. Collins, District 2
Howard H. Currie, Traffic
Melvin H. Doherty, District 7
Ross Dopson, District 7
Harden O. Garner, District 10
Ceburn M. Gilliam, District 6
Willie M. Hogan, Traffic
Jerry W. Honeycutt, District 3
Billy H. Hunt, District 4
Raymond E. Ivey, District 6
Ted B. Journagan, District 9
Laura J. Malone, Construction - Final Est.
Robert E. Passmore, District 9
Norman G. Rackley, District 8
Richard G. Ramsey, District 9
Orval D. Rice, District 9
John E. Watkins, District 3
Otis R. Wells, District 9

RETIREMENT

MAY - JUNE - JULY

Charley M. Olds, District 7
Lynn A. Carr, District 5
Joseph A. Gay, District 1
Floyd E. McCorkle, District 3
Silas James, District 5
Elisha C. Kitchens, District 7
Edna J. Lewallen, District 3
Thurman H. Payne, Equipment
Jesse H. Permenter, District 10
Howard Pittman, District 1
Maxwell S. Smith, District 7

James D. Young, District 4
Wilburn O. Wiggins, District 1
Wilbourn S. Farley, District 10
Sibble L. Cox, Personnel
Arvis C. Clark, District 9
Nancy Sipe, Director's Office
Bernice A. Wood, District 5
Lige A. Melton, District 1
Shelby D. Wools, District 5
Jim H. Ederington, District 3
Charles T. Freeman, District 6
Geraldine Kissire, Construction

BLOODMOBILE VISITS AHD

On June 19 the American Red Cross Bloodmobile visited the Central Offices to receive blood from our group consisting of employees in District 6 and the Central Office Compound. During this time 30 employees donated blood, bringing our total to 49 units for the year. To maintain our coverage we must reach our quota of 130 units for the period ending March 31, 1976. Blood coverage is provided to all members of the group and

their immediate families during this 12 month period in any hospital participating in the Arkansas Red Cross Blood Program. Immediate family includes spouse, children under 18, single children over 18 living in the home if permanently deferred as blood donors, parents and grandparents of either spouse. Our next visit by the Bloodmobile is scheduled for November 24.

SPORTS FOLLOW UP



Steve Wilson

The Arkansas Asphalt Pavement Association (AAPA) softball team concluded a successful first year in the Little Rock Parks and Recreation Department Industrial League, Kanis Park Division, by winning first place with a record of 11 wins and 1 loss.

In the City-wide Industrial Tournament the AAPA team finished fifth out

of a field of twenty-seven teams. Highlighting this tournament was Steve Wilson of Environmental Development being selected to the All Star Team and receiving a trophy as one of the top ten players.



Coach Jake Clements

AHD PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH SUMMER JOBS



Highway Director Henry Gray reports that the Arkansas Highway Department is providing summer employment for approximately 400 young persons this year.

Each summer the Highway Department hires as many students as the availability of funds and job openings permit. The Highway Department encourages its summer employees to return

to school in the fall to further their education.

Mr. Gray said this year, there were no job vacancies for many who applied but the jobs that were available will provide many young people an opportunity to earn money for them to return to school.

This type of summer work program provides many benefits for the Highway Department. In addition to being used in

construction and maintenance crews, summer workers are used to conduct such jobs as truck weight surveys, tourist interviews, driver interviews on the Norfolk Ferry, and traffic and corridor studies. Many jobs, such as these, can be completed during the summer months and it is not necessary to fill the positions during the remainder of the year.



LETTERS

July 15, 1975

Mr. Henry Gray, Director
Arkansas Highway Department

Dear Mr. Gray:

My husband and I are retired and are on a trip west, via I-40. This morning we stopped at Rest Area west of White River, on front of Rest Room Building were the numbers 6-59-56.

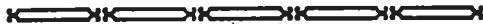
I couldn't believe my eyes and ears when I saw and heard purple Martins. I just stood and let my heart overflow with gratitude and thankfulness that someone had been kind enough to give me the privilege of seeing some of my fine feathered friends again.

I approached the resident caretaker, who was busy with his chores, and asked him to whom I could write to express my appreciation and thanks for the birds house and their occupants. He, Mr. C. L. Knight, was very kind to take time to talk to me and give me your name and address.

We are enjoying our stay in Arkansas and will take with us pleasant memories.

Many thanks to the Arkansas Division of Soil and Resources and the organizations that made available the Martin project at Rest Area 6-59-56, I-40.

Sincerely,
Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Thomas



June 24, 1975

Mr. Bill Harbison
Siloam Springs, Arkansas

Dear Bill:

On behalf of the City Council I would like to express my appreciation to you and your office for the use of your vehicles and crews during the days following the storm of the night of the 16th.

It is Government Agencies such as yours that we can always depend on in an emergency, and it means so much to us. For your information, we are just about cleaned up with the exception of our electrical system, which will probably take several weeks.

Again, a great big thanks and if I can be of service to you please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,
Robert E. Knight, Mayor
Siloam Springs, Arkansas

July 9, 1975

Dear Sirs:

I pass through your state twice a year so answered the piece in the paper about your maps. I'd like you to know how pleased I was when it came. The inset maps of the interstate accesses and exits was especially appreciated. It is much safer when driving in a strange area when you have maps of what is ahead. You are to be congratulated for this years map.

Yours truly,
Mrs. John Boyer



July 15, 1975

Mr. Charles Frazier, Editor
Arkansas Highway Department

Dear Chuck:

It is always a pleasure to receive my copy of the Arkansas Highways magazine. I enjoy reading about old friends and keeping up-to-date with things in Arkansas. As a matter of fact, the publication is of special interest to many within the office.

Sincerely,
Paul C. Gregson, Division Engineer
Olympia, Washington



July 16, 1975

Dear Sirs:

Enroute from Galveston to St. Louis recently we were pleased to stop at one of your rest areas just before Little Rock, on Highway 30. In our previous travels we have never encountered such a beautiful area and consideration for the handicapped and animals, plus the cleanliness.

Also, the one in Forrest City on Highway 40 was equally clean and pleasant to see.

We hope other states follow this fine example of the beautiful state of Arkansas. Thank you for making part of our trip enjoyable.

Yours truly,
Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rothens & family

Around the Department

ACCOUNTING

BY JANE BROWN

We have had some really nice summer employees in our section. They are: Gay Bray, Sandy Kee, Deana Mitchell, Ede Purcell and Charlotte Roberts. We've thoroughly enjoyed working with them and hope to see them again next year.

Welcome to our new employee, Laura Hinze. Laura worked with us before, in the Permit Section, until her husband's job transferred them to Fort Smith. Fortunately, his job has brought them back to our area and we're lucky to have her as a secretary. Laura, her husband, and four boys are now living in the Salem community, and are glad to be back with old friends again.

We also welcome back Shirley Brooks into our section. Shirley left our department last year when she moved to La., and it sure is good to have her back with us.

Our sedulous David Marsh, made an unforgettable trip to Las Vegas, Nevada. We're sure glad he made it back, though not as rich as he had hoped, at least he still had a shirt on his back.

Mr. Phillips and his wife flew to Stockton, California, on his vacation to spend some time with their son, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren. They had a wonderful trip and enjoyed treating the kids to the ice cream man, which Mr. Phillips had been collecting quarters for several weeks. We sure missed him here at work and are glad to have him back.

Congratulations to Judy Prewitt who is expecting their third baby in November. Judy, her husband Charles, and their two boys just moved into a new home and are anxious to get all settled in. They're getting all prepared for the baby that's soon to come, and are hoping to get to decorate the room in PINK!

Sharon Kindy will be leaving us August 29, to prepare the way for the new arrival due in September. We're all anxious for the special event, and wish Sharon the very best. We know she'll enjoy the time off with the baby, but, we need her here too, so we hope she hurries back.

For myself along with several other employees of the Accounting Division, it's been a great summer and we've been able to play some terrific tennis matches and attend some exciting softball games. It's great to see all the sports lovers enjoying the sunshine of the outdoors, and everyone developing a fantastic tan. Although the tans won't last much longer, the memories of summer will last forever.

BRIDGE DESIGN

BY BONNIE WESSON

Our division is very glad to have B. J. McAlister as a new employee. B. J. and his

wife Jeanie live in NLR and attend the Assembly of God church. They are originally from Dover, Ark. B. J. received his MS degree from Arkansas Graduate Institute of Technology in July. Beginning in October, B. J. will be attending Officer's Basic Training Course for three months.



Willie Whitmire, champion hunter and fisherman, displays a beautiful catch from Upshaw Bayou near Devalls Bluff. Packing a polaroid with his fishing gear was a good idea on this trip.

Dallas Vire's twins, Clay and Craig, graduated this spring and will attend Ouachita State this fall. Clay plans to major in music and Craig will be studying for the ministry. Dennis Vire will be a sophomore at McClellan this year and continue his interest in band and chorus. One other son, Mitchell is a 6th grader and is probably hanging in there - as only a twelve year old can.



Glen Dinsmore

Harry Dinsmore, engineer in Checking Squad, is having a busy summer. Every spare minute he is working on remodeling their house, which I hear is a fantastic job. Harry and Sue have three sons. Harry Jr., is soon beginning his

second year at Electronics Institute at Camden. Glen graduated this year and will attend U of A at Monticello on a track scholarship. He plans to get his degree in forestry. Glen was a summer employee in M&T. Bryan will be a ninth grader this year. He has been on the Optimist All-Stars this summer and traveled a lot with the team.

Carl Lindstrom and Chuck Sherwood report that they will be going to war in a few days. It's interesting that they only stay two weeks and the action is near Ft. Smith.

Frank Harrison's daughter Jenny was married to Steve Douglas last February. They both attend U of A in LR. Steve is employed at St. Vincent's Infirmary. Jenny is working toward a degree in secondary education with a major in math. Frank recently received his 15-year service pin. Congratulations.

John Sage has also been an AHD employee 15 years and received a service pin and congratulations from our boss, Veral Pinkerton. We celebrate these milestones with coffee and donuts. The best donuts made - in our on cafeteria.

Eddie Fain is now a registered P.E. Eddie and wife Vickie and daughter Kristin combined vacation and military this summer into a tremendous trip in and near Washington D.C. After the base assignment they spent a couple of weeks touring historic sites.

Gary and Brenda Ashley are always on the go. They have taken trips to Six Flags and all the recreational sites in Arkansas. They also gave up apartment living and bought a house in Shannon Hills.

Garland Land and his family made a trip to Shreveport. Garland impressed us with his visit to the last Capitol Building of the Confederacy. Signatures of famous people covered the walls. Garland felt obligated to leave his mark so he found a space in a lower corner. This historical site has undergone a change; it is now the Ft. Knox Bar.

Wayne Major and family spent a wonderful vacation in Colorado. Wayne says he couldn't find a thing wrong with Colorado. Seems everyone talks about that beautiful state.

Dale Loe, design squad supervisor, and his parents went to Florida to visit his sister. A trip to Florida to visit your family is nice even in summer.

J. P. Sumner is out of motorcycles and into astrology. He says he doesn't know anything about it yet but has invested in a \$180 microscope. I would say that was "into it" all right.

Jim Matthews and Mini took their family to New Mexico for two weeks. Mini's relatives live near or below the border. They had a wonderful trip visiting and shopping in Old Mexico.

L. D. and Susan Finister have had a hectic but delightful summer. Their daughters, Lynn and Lona have taken several sightseeing trips

with the Rainbow Girls and church youth groups. Lona also went to Marching Camp at Conway since she will be on the Marching Drill Team at McClellan High this year.

It sounds like the high point of the summer was everyone taking long vacations, but not so. For the rest of us – the summer had its moments; Ross Wylie spent two days in Murfreesboro; Dave Lambert camped at Greer's Ferry; Jim Kuykendall got his glasses changed; Tom Ballard saw two bad movies; and Ken Glover landscaped his new lawn; Leslie McSwain went to Houston and toured Exxon; and Mike Coogan mourned his hamster.

COMPUTER SERVICES

BY THE STAFF



May 23 was a special occasion day in Computer Services. Assistant Chief, Art Johnson was presented a 20-year pin and certificate of service by Vershall Roy, along with a short speech befitting the occasion. Friends and co-workers coming by to congratulate him were served cake and punch. Art's wife, Gene, was with us to join in the festivities.

CONSTRUCTION

BY THE STAFF



Assistant Division Head Norman Pumphrey chats about the upcoming football season with the famed Bart Starr. Both are involved with preparatory summer programs at St. Norbert College in the Green Bay suburb of DePere, Wisconsin. Coach Starr is readying the Green

Bay Packers in his first season as head coach, and Lieutenant Colonel Pumphrey is responsible for personnel administration for the staff, faculty, and students of the Command and General Staff College's two week program for active and reserve component officers from 17 states and Germany.

EQUIPMENT

BY THE STAFF



The Equipment Section of the Maintenance Division was host for a retirement party honoring Thurman Payne on his retirement from the Department with thirty years of service. The party was held on June 6. Mr. Payne was accompanied by his wife, Beatrice. Many of Thurman's friends were present to honor him on this occasion. We, along with his many friends throughout the state, extend our congratulations and our best wishes to both him and Mrs. Payne for a long and happy retirement and the best for the years ahead.

FINAL ESTIMATES

BY LAURA MALONE

Mr. Jones and his family recently took a trip to Greers Ferry Lake and for a change were not drowned in rain showers. Mr. Jones and family cat, Shadow, left ahead of everyone else so they could get a nice camping spot.

"Dub" Rogers brother-in-law and sister-in-law from Seattle, Washington came to visit for two weeks. While they were here, "Dub" and Marguerite kept them busy sight-seeing.

Joe and Carolyn Lewis' son, Mark, celebrated his second birthday on May 10. It sure is hard to believe that he is already 2 years old. His mother, an outstanding cook, made him a cake that you would not believe.

Victor Moody is the first in the office to be off on his birthday. He really did look forward to it. Due to his advanced age, Vic also signed out the day after!!

Bob Roberts transferred to our section after more than 2 years service with Resident Engineer Ralph B. Jones in District 6. His primary assignment involved construction inspection on work performed in building I-430 and connecting highways. A retired Master Sergeant, USAF, he

is now fully occupied with his second life career. He is not married and enjoys hunting, and recreation facilities which abound in Ark. A most proud event for Bob in recent months was the marriage of his eldest son here in LR, and another proud moment was the graduation of his eldest daughter from High School on June 14, at Alexandria, Virginia. Periodic visits to his parents' farm house in the flat lands north of Rayville, La., provide a pleasant relief from the noise and traffic congestion of Southwest LR where he presently lives.



Joe Daven, Bob Roberts, Marla Thorne, Pete Kuhn and J. M. Newcomb.

J. M. (Mickey) Newcomb is a new employee in our section. He attended Southern State and received his BBA Degree. He is from Benton. His wife Otty Lou, attended Henderson State College. He enjoys skiing and fishing, but most of all hunting. He has worked for the AHD before as a summer employee in the Maintenance Division.

"Pete" Kuhn has been with us for quite sometime now. He is a member of the Salem Volunteer Fire Department, which keeps him going quite a bit. About three weeks ago they had a big fire in Benton and Pete was in LR and missed it – Too Bad Pete!! (We'll have your badge for that!!) It was the biggest thing that happened to Benton since the Curtis Mathis plant burned down about 5 years ago.

Joe Daven transferred from RofW Engineering to our office. He enjoys water skiing, fishing and hunting. He also enjoys riding on his Honda these warm summer days.

Summer is here for our "Cowgirl" Ann Harrell. She has started her "point shows", in horse riding competition; "Rocket Runs" on motorcycles with her husband, Freddy. She is very active during the summer months with this combination of sports.

Marla Thorne is a new employee in our division. Recently married, she and her husband moved here from Batesville. She began work here on January 21. Her mother, Mrs. Kenneth Jones, is employed at District 5. Marla and her husband spend most of their time on weekends traveling back and forth to Batesville visiting with their parents. She enjoys going fishing with her husband, potting flowers, and camping.

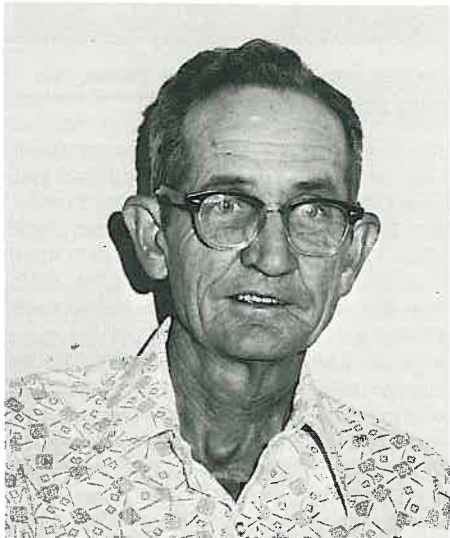
As for me, not much has happened. We went to Lake Ouachita and spent the Memorial Holiday week-end and had a nice time. Heather,



Laura Malone with Mr. Jones

our oldest, is now 4 years old, and the new addition, Hope, is 5 months. I completed 5 years service with the Highway Department in July. On July 14, the office gang furnished a cake and Mr. Jones awarded me the pin and certificate.

OBITUARY



C. L. (Dunc) Duncan, age 54, of Little Rock, died June 14, at the New Baptist Hospital. He was originally from Murfreesboro, Arkansas. He was an employee with the AHD for 20 years and was a member of the United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Coulter Duncan, and one son Robert C. Duncan. Funeral services were held at Murfreesboro, Arkansas.

LEGAL

BY VIRGINIA TACKETT

Randall Brock, 19, a summer employee in Computer Services, and the son of Kenneth R. Brock, Staff Attorney for AHD, and Mrs. Brock, died in a tragic accident on July 24. An experienced skydiver who had made over two hundred successful jumps, Randy was the victim, of a wind current which carried his chute away from his projected landing site and into

Lake Bentonville. Randy was a chemical engineering student at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. His sisters are Nancy and Piper Brock and his young brother is Lance Brock.

Gloria Carraro, daughter of Hazel Carraro Harger, Secretary to the Title Attorney, bypassed graduation at Wilbur Mills High School to become an early college entrant at the U of A at LR. In high school her literary compositions were published in the Literary Safari in competition with those of other students. A consistent A student, Gloria is majoring in Psychology. (See graduate page for photo.)

Anna Keys, daughter of AHD Chief Counsel Thomas B. Keys and Marilyn Keys, Instructor in the English Department at UALR, was graduated Cum Laude from Central High School, Little Rock, as one of the top ten in her class. Anna will enter college this fall and major in classical languages at Bryn Mawr in Pennsylvania near Philadelphia. (See graduate page for photo.)



Hazel Harger received her ten year Certificate of Service and pin from Chief Counsel Thomas B. Keys at a coffee and do-nut break in the Legal Division's Conference room recently. The high point of the occasion was an "Ode to Hazel" composed and read by "Judge" Jimmy Dowell with whom Hazel worked in the Title Section during her first years with the Department.

PHOTOGRAMMETRY

BY SUE WALLS

It was Roy Walden's time at bat. He was playing for the good ole AHD Baseball Team. The pitcher threw the ball. Crack! It was a hit. Roy made it to first and started to second. The outfielder had the ball, he was pitching it to second. Slide, Roy Slide! Roy slid into second, and he was safe, only his victory was shortlived, he had broken three bones in his foot and had to be taken out of the game. Although his teammates went on to win the game, Roy's leg was put into a cast and he was out for the rest of the season. The Photogrammetry section had the first AHD baseball casualty this season, and a brilliant baseball career was ended.

Now, going from one summer activity to another, it is time to talk about vacations. Many in our office have been taking interesting vacations this year.

Roger Taylor and his family spent a week of his vacation in a cabin on Lake Ouachita. They had fun fishing and skiing. That is the way I like to spend a vacation, out in the sun enjoying the water.

Charles Rankin has gone fishing several times this summer, but we haven't seen any fish. How about it, Charley haven't they been biting?

Padre Island, Texas was the destination of David and Linda Hunter. David drove his Toyota wagon and enjoyed riding around the island four-wheeling with a friend of his from his four-wheel club. While they were there, they walked across the border into Mexico. He had some very colorful tales of what he saw there. I think he was pretty glad to get back across the border into the good ole U.S. of A.

Margaret Hudson and her family took a vacation in Florida. They were at Kennedy Space Center when the Apollo rocket that docked with the Russian space module, Soyuz, was there and were allowed to see the rocket. They were taken on a tour of the Kennedy Space Center and Cape Canaveral. Margaret said the control tower where some of the satellites have been launched looked just like the T.V. show "Star Trek" with all the buttons, knobs and screens. Her son, David, had his picture taken on a moon buggy like the one used on the moon.

While in Florida, Margaret and her family also visited Panama City, St. Augustine Beach, and Disney World, but nothing impressed them like the Kennedy Space Center. She said it was well worth the time to tour it.

On their return, Margaret and her family spent some time at Mt. Harbor on Lake Ouachita. It seems as if she had an exciting and enjoyable vacation.

Roy got his cast off his leg just in time. He and Lynn Bridges have gone to summer camp for two weeks. It sure is quiet around here without Lynn. He goes around serenading us with the newest "top ten" popular songs. (Some of us don't share his love of popular music.)

Bob Barnett has just moved into his new home. They are still climbing over boxes, but they are sure happy to be in a home of their own after being in the Air Force for so long.

David Hunter is still having trouble with his Toyota. It hasn't taken a swim in the lake again, but it seems as if it doesn't want to stop when it is supposed to. Maybe Dave will get it trained some day.

Farrell Adams is the proud father of a new son. William Michael, weighing 8 pounds and 2 ounces, was born August 11. Farrell's birthday is the 12, his new son didn't miss it by much. We want to congratulate both proud parents.

PLANNING AND RESEARCH

BY THE STAFF

On May 31, Ursula Schlesier of the Mapping Section welcomed a new son-in-law to her ever-growing family when her daughter, Sharon, married William Clark Fitts, Jr., in the First Presbyterian Church in LR. Following a recep-



Sharon Fitts

tion at the Sam Peck Hotel, the couple left for a honeymoon trip to Acapulco, Mexico and are at home in LR. Congratulations.

Even though she was busy with wedding plans, Ursula still had time to visit another daughter, Barbara Stropp, in Springfield, Mo. for a week.



Charles Frazier, left, Paul Edwards, right.

Congratulations to Paul Edwards, a commercial artist on the magazine staff in the Art Unit, who recently received his ten-year service award and pin. Charles Frazier, Magazine Editor and Mapping Section Head, presented them to Paul.

We hated to see Kathy Cupples, a summer employee in Mapping, for three years, leave for the last time on July 18. She'll be marrying Ed LeClair on August 1 and they will be living in Kansas City. Kathy was a graduate of the University of Arkansas.

Janice Dawson, an employee in the Current Planning Section, will also be leaving the last of August. She is marrying Kenny Richard who is in the Air Force, and they will be living in



Kathy Cupples

Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Good luck to both Kathy and Janice!

On her vacation this year, Gloria Holliday traveled to Toronto and Ottawa, Canada. Along the way, she visited Niagara Falls, and in Ottawa, she saw the Parliament Buildings, the changing of the guard at the Governor General's house, and the home of Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau. Gloria came back through the New England states, Vermont and Massachusetts being her favorites. She made the trip in her new Chevrolet Monza which she acquired in May.



Gloria Holliday

Mary Jack Tatum also took a long trip. In July she flew to "The Big Apple", commonly known as New York City. In New York, she saw the Newport Jazz Festival perform at Carnegie Hall and went to two Broadway plays.

If you see Jerry Westerman in the halls now, don't mention the word softball. In an AAPA game played on July 14, he slid into second base and promptly broke his ankle. Hope Jerry is back on two legs again soon.

Since the last issue of the magazine quite a few changes have been made.

First, we say "goodbye" to Becky, Bill, Jerry,

Larry and Bob – employees of our Research Section who moved to the second floor the last part of July. We will miss all of you.

Now we say "welcome back" to Becky, Darrell, Mark and Roger – the Program Planning Section, who moved to ninth floor last year and are now returning. Jon Robertson, a former PP employee, is now back in Economics.

Congratulations to Doug Nielsen on his recent promotion as Assistant Section Head of the Equipment Section. He is a former member of the Research Section.

On June 18, John R. Hume V celebrated his 64th birthday. Mr. Hume has been an employee of the Department for over 20 years. Congratulations!

Pictured below is the pride and joy of the Harris household. Richie, who recently turned 10 months old, is the son of Hilda, an employee in Current Planning, and her husband, David. He is indeed a little doll!



Richie Harris



Ed Johnson, Section Head of Current Planning presented Legiena Kellar her 10 year service award and pin in August. Congratulations, Legiena!!

In July, Odell Lewis received his five-year service award. He is in charge of the loadometer,

tourist survey, origin-destination surveys, and other special studies of P&R. He was presented his pin by Mayo White, Field Supervisor.



Odell Lewis, left, Mayo White, right.

OBITUARY

Frederick Jerome Herring, aged 89, a retired AHD official and a former member of the Pulaski County Planning Board, died June 7.

Mr. Herring had been with the Highway Department more than 35 years, and was the organizer of the Department's Statistics and Analysis Section, now known as the Planning and Research Division. After forming the section in 1930, he remained as its head until his retirement in 1958.

Mr. Herring was born at Bremen, Ind., son of the late Dr. N. A. Herring and Lucy Wright Herring. In 1907, he received his civil engineering degree from Purdue University, which in 1973 honored him with its Distinguished Alumni Award.

Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. J. E. McDermott and Miss Marguerite F. Herring and two grandchildren, all of LR.

Funeral was held at Ruebel Funeral Home by Rev. Charles A. Higgins. Burial was at Roselawn Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to the Arkansas Heart Association.

REPRODUCTION

BY LIZ TUDOR



Congratulations to Patsy Roling upon completion of 20 years service with the AHD. She was awarded her pin and service certificate by

Al Dunn on May 28. A party was held in her honor and cake and punch was served.

This time of year brings round laughter, summer camp, and vacations. All of which have been experienced in our department in generous measures.

Frank Knowles and wife Janean took a five-day vacation at Fairfield Bay. Frank said everything went just fine and he enjoyed himself very much. Only one thing went wrong, he still hasn't located the mountain he purchased.

Pete and Betty Escarre took a one week vacation at Lake DeGray. Pete has a houseboat there, the only thing he lacked was sunshine.

Ronny Lewis, with wife Linda, took a two week vacation. They traveled many, many miles. Going up to Chicago, east to Washington D. C., south to Myrtle Beach, through Tennessee and then home again.

Bonnie Hodge and her three children went on vacation to visit relatives at Ft. Smith. Bonnie's daughter, Suzanne, stayed a little longer and just recently returned home.

Al Dunn had a two week vacation, during that time he visited friends and relatives all over the state. Al went fishing and camping at Greers Ferry and Lake Dardanelle. He described the events as "normal."

Jerry Heffington went to summer camp at Ft. Smith and then went on vacation in Florida. He visited Daytona Beach and Disneyland and fell in love with Minnie Mouse.

Larry Foreman went to summer camp, also. Larry went to Ft. Smith and said the work wasn't too hard!

Tommy Daniel went to summer camp but got out of the state. He went to St. Norbert College in Wisconsin. While he was there he typed a bunch!

Congratulations go to Debi McAfee! She is first runner-up in the Miss Arkansas World beauty contest that was held in LR.

Liz Tudor, a summer employee, was a finalist at the Miss Mid-South Fair contest in Memphis.

Pat Roling's son, Roy, won a gold medal in bowling competition in the State Special Olympics at Russellville. Congratulations, Roy.

RIGHT OF WAY

BY SHIRLEY CHILDRESS

Don Martin, Chief of the Rof W Division, attended the Midyear meeting of the AASHTO R of W Subcommittee and the Highway Committee of the American R of W Association in New York City from June 22 to June 27. After this meeting was over he, his wife, Earnestine and daughter Alice, extended the trip another week and visited Washington D.C., and Williamsburg, Va.

This reporter, husband Andrew, son Brian and nephew, Russell took a short vacation trip to Branson, Missouri where we saw the play, Sheperd of the Hills and spent a day at Silver Dollar City. If you ever go to Silver Dollar City be sure to ride "Fire in the Hole" and sit on the front seat.

We are happy to report that Glendol Jackson is back and going strong after undergoing

surgery at Saline Memorial Hospital in Benton on May 19. Glendol was off work six weeks and I think he was really ready to come back.

At this writing J. C. Merritt is home recuperating from surgery. He had his appendix removed July 22 at St. Vincent's and I am sure by the time you read this he will be back pacing the floor again.



The above picture is of this reporter and my two bosses, Don Martin shown presenting me my ten year certificate and Glendol Jackson, showing pin that he presented. As you can tell by the picture, it has been an enjoyable and happy ten years.

ROADWAY DESIGN

BY BENNY ROBBINS

This office has been on vacation, not all at once of course, but everyone seems to have been some place or going some place. Aren't summers nice?

We have two new employees since the last news. They are Jim Patrick and David Clements. Jim has worked with us before. We are glad to have you both.

Erin Jennifer Green, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Green, Jr., joyfully announces the birth of her baby brother, Joshua Timothy, on March 7. Joshua (just what Erin had ordered) weighed in at 8 lbs. 10 ozs. and was two months old at the time of the accompanying photograph.



Joshua Timothy Green

There is big doings around this reporters house. Our daughter, Vickie, will be married to

Timothy Patrick Martin, August 8. Of course, I will put her picture in the magazine next time.

Also, our son, Rick, went to Boy's State and won the Secretary of State Office. We are very proud of him.

We have only one graduate to include in this news report, but isn't she a beauty? She is the daughter of Robert and Vada Mize. Robert Mize is the Engineer of Primary Section of Roadway Design Division. Pat graduated from McClellan High School. She was active in the Band all of her Jr. High and High School years. (See graduate page for photo.)

Well, that's all the news for this time so back to the flower making, girls. Doesn't it seem strange that all at once almost all the girls in the AHD are starting to make flowers?

Barbara Oldham has taken up a special hobby of flower making which she has so kindly shared with her fellow workers. She has named her flowers "Fantasy Flowers". The flowers are all made from organdy of all the colors that you can imagine. She has made wedding bouquets, roses, irises and violet arrangements, and they are all just lovely. Barbara recently displayed some of her flowers in a Bicentennial Arts & Crafts Show in Lonoke. Her sister, Amy, has helped very much as her assistant at the shows. In July, she attended an Arts & Crafts Show at Southwest City Mall. Barbara is making plans to attend another craft show in Hot Springs which is the 7th Annual Show to be held Oct. 3-5th. Make plans to attend this event as there will be hundreds of craft personnel from all over Ark.

DISTRICT ONE

BY JANET McELDUFF



From Left to Right: W. O. Wiggins, O. Smith, T. E. Lambert, J. A. Gay, O. L. Shirley, J. H. Andrews, J. R. Wilkins, B. G. Alford, E. F. Travis.

STATE AID

BY SHIRLEY WESSON



Jake Weston, left with John Kizer

The employees of this division were very careful (we thought) in planning a surprise five-year party for Jake Weston, but he told us just a short time before the party that our scheme just wasn't together because it was noticeable that we forget to collect from him for a party. (smile) Jake was presented his pin and certificate by John Kizer in the presence of close friends and each of us enjoyed cake and punch. Congratulations!

We extend a warm welcome to two new employees. They are Randy Reed who came to work for us, July 14. Randy enjoys marshal arts, rock climbing, printing and wood carving as his special hobbies.

The other employee is Steve Breeding who came to work, July 21. Steve's favorite past time is tennis.

Tiger and Connie vacationed in Hawaii not very long ago. The pictures show that they had an enjoyable trip.



Barbara Oldham, right with Amy

TRAFFIC

BY THE STAFF

Bob Faulkner transferred to District 10 in Paragould on July 13 to become their new Assistant District Engineer. This Division will certainly miss Bob and all the fine work he did while with us. He also received his 10 year certificate July 11. We hope you have much success in your new position, Bob.

The last part of July, Frank Vozel became a Registered Professional Engineer.

Congratulations, Frank.

Those that have been on vacation so far are Otha Hewitt, Lee Gibbons, and Charlie Rain. Everyone said they had a marvelous time and can't wait to go again next year. The rest of us are anxious to go on our vacation now.

Joann Niehaus' twin girls' team (Lynnette and Jeanette) won first place in girls' softball this year in the Rose City area. They received their individual trophies July 26.

Lee Gibbons' girl team (Rhonda) played in the State Tournament Softball games but lost out last week. All we can hope for is better luck next year. (You have to be a very good team to play in State Tournament games.)

WEIGHTS & STANDARDS

OBITUARY

Isadore R. Jones, 77, of Fouke, Ark., died in July at his home after a short illness.

He was born April 14, 1898 at Fouke. He was a retired AHD employee, a veteran of the U.S. Army and a justice of the peace of Miller County.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Florence Maxey Jones; a daughter, Mrs. Patricia Jones of Fouke; three grandsons, Kenneth, Jr., Doyle and Dennis, all of Fouke; one granddaughter, Karen Sue Jones of Fouke; a sister, Mrs. Ona Davis of Henderson, Tex.; a brother, Martin Jones of California.

Services were held at the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Fouke with burial in Jonesville Cemetery.

to do with a potion for those over 60 highly recommended by a prominent Searcy physician. A good time was had by all, and it goes without saying that Bud will be missed.

Billy W. Alford, son of Mr. & Mrs. Bobby G. Alford of West Memphis, claimed Miss Darla Marie Fields of Colt as his bride recently in a ceremony at the First Methodist Church in Colt. Following the ceremony a reception for the couple was held at the Colt Community Center. After a wedding trip in Northwest Arkansas, the couple is at home in Caldwell.

James Andrews, 13 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Andrews of Cherry Valley, walked off with first place in the tractor driving contest in Cross County 4-H Club, and then went to District in Jonesboro and placed second. This is quite a feat for this young man and we congratulate him. His parents, who are quite proud of him, give him all the encouragement he needs to go on and, in James' own words, "get first place next year."

District 1 is loaded with construction projects and have welcomed several new graduate engineers. Hopefully by next issue, we will have a run-down on each of them to properly say welcome.

DISTRICT TWO

BY LESLIE JOHNSON



Jane Doughty

Jane Doughty, our "short-term" payroll clerk was honored with "going away" lunch by the girls in the office and coffee and donuts with presentation of a gift from District 2 employees.

We have a new face in our office and a new voice on our telephone and radio belonging to



Ouida Grimes

Maxine Sherwood. She comes to us from the courthouse and we consider ourselves fortunate.

John Harris, District Engineer, presented Ouida Grimes, our bookkeeper, with her 20 year pin and service award. She was honored with coffee and cake. Ouida and daughter Debbie vacationed in Houston, Texas. Debbie has been a summer employee at the courthouse and will be returning to college soon. She attends UCA in Conway where she pledged Delta Zeta and received one of the "perky" pledge awards. During the year she was in charge of decorations and props for their annual style show. Also, Debbie was a model for the show.



Debbie Grimes

Edward Nissblatt, storekeeper, and wife, Mozelle are touring Kansas City on their vacation.

James Pierce, auditor and his wife, Laura and daughter, Terry had a vacation trip to Greers Ferry, Lake Ouachita, Silver Dollar City, enjoying camping, fishing, and sight-seeing.

Gene Woodfield, Asst. Maintenance Supt. and Van Bratton, Res. Engr., Pine Bluff and their families enjoyed camping, fishing and all the things that go with it at Lake Chicot last week.

Selma Chavis has been busy giving her house a new look, painting, carpeting and curtains. (Selma is our payroll clerk.)

James Henderson, shop employee, is having no problem eating, ever since he has had all of his teeth extracted, he is getting more plump, says he eats anything he wants, even steaks and roasts, when he can afford to buy them, only thing he can't manage yet is 'corn on the cob.'

Bettye Carter, now our fuel clerk, reports that her 15-year-old Candy passed the senior life saver test at Girl Scout Camp TaLoHa, Sulphur Springs. She also survived a 3 day canoe trip to Mammoth Springs. Has been rugged for Bettye this week, the 3 girls are vacationing with their grandmother, touring Florida and Atlanta and back via Memphis where Bettye plans to spend the weekend with her father, who is recuperating from surgery for a Retina Detachment.

RALPH J. BLACKWELL RESIDENCY

The Monticello Construction office employees enjoyed a family outing and Bar-B-Q on

July 4. The gathering was at the home of Jan and Frank Novak. Frank and Jack Camden were up bright and early that morning cooking the pork and goat. The ladies brought salads, slaw, baked beans, sliced tomatoes and pickles and the table was loaded with food. There was also a barrel of pink lemonade plus freezers of home made ice cream. After the meal the boys had fireworks and the area sounded like a full scale battle was in progress. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and good food - it was a real nice 4th of July.

On July 1, Joe Thomas Akin, Jr. was born at Drew County Memorial Hospital in Monticello. He was welcomed by his mother and father, Barbara and Joe, who is Construction Inspector I, and by his older brother, Kenny. Joey has visited the office and is a fine looking, healthy, youngster - guess Big Joe will soon be checking the market for another pony so Joey can join Kenny in barrel racing at the local Rodeo.

We have heard the sound of wedding bells this summer. Miss Karen Elaine Liles and Thomas Roy Akin exchanged wedding vows in a double ring ceremony on May 10 in the home of the bridegroom's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Akin of the Hogue Addition, in the presence of the immediate families. The bride is employed with the Advance Printing Co. and Thomas is Engr. Aide I in our office. We hope Karen and Thomas have a long and happy life together.



Joe & Karen Akin

DISTRICT THREE

BY SHARON BAILEY



Charles Mitchell, right, & Dale Spencer

District Engineer Charles Mitchell presented a 15 year certificate to Dale Spencer, Assistant District Engineer. A surprise gathering of about

20 employees was held and cake and coffee was served in honor of the occasion.

Welcome to Joey Waddle who is our new stock clerk. Joey is 19, single, and is a science fiction (Ray Bradbury) "nut". His father, Jodie, is Area Foreman in Lafayette County, District 7.

Anyone want to buy a horse cheap? If so, check with our ex-cowboy Robert White. Seems he was riding his horse with his grandchildren and was thrown, breaking several ribs and bruising himself pretty bad. You can find him in our stock room -- he's the one with the look of pain on his face.

Don Teague and Linda Kay Aldridge were united in marriage July 26 at the First Baptist Church of Buckner. Don is our office manager and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elery Teague of Buckner and Linda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Aldridge of Stamps. The couple will be making their home in Buckner after a short wedding trip. Our most sincere congratulations and wishes for the best go to Don and his new bride.



Don & Linda Teague

Cecil McCorkle who works at the District Service Station just became a grandpa for the first time. Cynthia Marie weighed in at 8 lbs. 3 ozs. on June 28. Her parents are Cathy and Ken Allen who live in Ft. Knox, Kentucky.



Cynthia Marie Allen

Also, the McCorkle's daughter, Susan Buckley, was wed to Terry Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Evans of Hope, in a ceremony May 16 at the Southside Assembly of God Church. The couple is at home in Hope where he is employed at Hope Auto Co.

Martha Jane and Joe Haynie became the parents of a son, Christopher Michael, July 17. Chris weighed in at 8 pounds, 6 ounces and is the grandson of S. A. Flowers who works in the District Construction Crew.

DISTRICT FOUR

BY HELEN BUTLER



Calvin Peevy, left with Carl Sanders

To begin with this time, we have many service awards. Congratulations to all recipients.

We doubled up on an Award coffee for Carl Sanders and Ralph Goodson. It was so nice to have their wives with us to "pin on the pins", and to hear all the good wishes.



Ralph's wife, Ruth Ann, pinning on pin.

Curtis Wingfield, Logan County Foreman, has retired after 31 years with the AHD. A retirement party, held at the area headquarters at Paris on July 7, was attended by foremen from the 7 counties in District 4 -- retirees, employees and friends.



Curtis Wingfield, Logan County Foreman, with his crew.

A native of Magazine, Curtis began working when the pay was a mere 15 c an hour, and most of the work done by hand. He credits Dennis Payne of Waldron, retired foreman, with a lot of guidance in his early days with the Department.

Darrell Roper, of Paris, who has been Assistant Foreman for 5 years, will succeed Curtis. He has been with the Department 8 years, having started as a summer employee.

Curtis, we wish you well and know that you and your wife, Vera, will enjoy your retirement.

Darrell, we congratulate you as you assume your new office.

Another newly retired employee, Delbert Young, member of Sebastian 2 Crew, was honored at a gathering at District 4 headquarters and wished well by co-workers and friends. Now he can devote all his time to his garden, raising giant bell peppers and strawberries.

After 5 years with the AHD, Chester Walker, most recently our "parts chaser" has returned to his Civil Service job at Fort Chaffee. We wish him well.

Also at Ft. Chaffee, as a volunteer teacher of 5-year-old Vietnamese children, is this reporter's daughter, Carol Brown, and granddaughter, Brigitte, and 2 other Cadet Girl Scouts. They find these refugee children well behaved, so willing to learn, and friendly. The whole experience a most interesting lesson for the Scouts.

Speaking of teaching, Nancy, the wife of O. D. Smith, Blacksmith at District 4 Shop, will certainly be a dedicated one. She has been driving in from Altus with Smitty this summer to complete her courses at Westark toward her master's degree in education. Good for her! Wonder what other wives are doing?

"Pat" Patton, Shop Mechanic, is another of our after-working-hours schoolboys. He drives to Panama, Okla., 3 nights a week, taking a vocational agriculture course. He will be doing this for 31 months!! Keep the good work up!

Jim Adams, store supervisor, had a short vacation visit from his parents who reside in Turlock, California.

Emily Rogers, Bookkeeper, and her husband always enjoy the summer visits of their children and 6 grandchildren. They come from San Francisco, Houston, and Little Rock, and some of the children stay a month. But what a let-down when they leave!

What a vacation Marge Parnell, Fuel Clerk, had! She, her daughter, Pam, and friend drove to Miami, Florida – via several stops, visiting friends along the way. Then a 4-day cruise to the Bahamas!

Tho not for a vacation, Bill Hartman, warehouseman, had 2 weeks off. Spent it with the Army Reserve on summer active duty in "Tent City" at Ft. Chaffee. And wouldn't you know, the weather didn't co-operate! It was the stormiest and wettest 2 weeks we've had!

There must be more of our employees who have enjoyed interesting vacations; hope we hear from them by next magazine time.

There was a food-n-fellowship gathering at Ben Garen Park the evening of June 27. The able cooks of last years' fish fry were there for a return engagement. Al Stafford and Jim Gentry served up the delicious catfish and hush puppies – which all enjoyed – along with the fried biscuits, cole slaw, French fried potatoes, and pickles.

Carl Sanders is glad to report at this time that our softball team is on a winning streak. We've got our fingers crossed!

Fast visits by retired friends – Fred McLaughlin buzzed in and out on his way to Wingfields' retirement party; and Lex Sanders for just a minute on the way to visit his granddaughter, Sonia, who was doing well after surgery.

We have seen many proud fathers but believe that "Sarge" Harrison, of Sebastian 1 Crew, displayed it the most original way. On the lid of the cigar box which he beamingly passed around were printed all the statistics about his new son, born May 21, 4 a.m., 6 lbs. 15 ozs. Name, Warren Alan, and delighted No. 1 brother, Wesley, age 12.



Warren Harrison

Only one fish story this time, with a picture to prove it. May 15, L. C. Greenhaw, watchman at Area Headquarters at Springdale, caught this 40lb. Catfish on a trot line.



Pete Page receiving his 15 year service award from Carl Sanders. Congratulations!



Carl Sanders, left, and Pete Page

CHARLES MEANS RESIDENCY

BY BETTY MILLARD

Charles Means and his family flew to Calif. on June 13, to visit some relatives. They saw the sights of Disneyland, Sea World and several other points of interest. They returned to Arkansas on June 23 and Charles reported that "California is a nice place to visit but that he wouldn't live out there for anything."

Another trip made out of state was made by this reporter who visited friends and relatives for a week in Tyler, Texas.

Fishing is a very popular sport with many men in the AHD. This was very evident in a recent Bass Tournament held out at Lake Hinkle located west of Waldron. The first prize went to Billy Hunt from the Maintenance Department and second prize went to our own Ed Slaughterbeck. Congratulations!

Jim Baker and Randall Barnett celebrated their (?) birthday on August 18. Happy Birthday fellas!

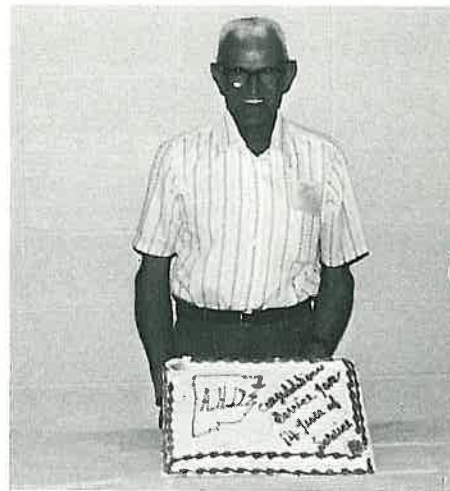
DISTRICT FIVE

S. L. SWINK RESIDENCY

BY DWAYNE HARRISON

A dedication ceremony was held July 3 for the Searcy Bypass and by noon that day traffic was routed over the new section of U.S. 67. I think a note of commendation is due for our Traffic Services Division for the excellent manner in which traffic routing was handled at the north end of this job. Those of you familiar with this area know what I'm talking about, and I think you must agree that the monumental task of signing, stripping, installing traffic dividers, etc., was handled in a manner which we of the AHD can be proud.

Prior to this, in early May, a retirement party was held for B. A. Wood. I met Mr. Wood in August 1972, when I first came here, and since then I've developed a great deal of admiration and no small amount of affection for him. We, in this office, have all enjoyed working with Mr. Wood, and wish him much happiness in the future.



B. A. Wood

Another "get together" was held on July 12, but the name of this one was "Barbeque". P&S Constructors were the sponsors with Floyd Lancaster & Larry Bowren, of our gang, acting as chief cooks and bottle washers. I tell you what folks these guys can cook. Floyd has a recipe, secret of course, for barbeque sauce that is "scrumpdillyshous"! Immediately following "our gang" went to Augusta to play a couple games of slow pitch softball against a team of which Tom Huie was a part. Tom works with us and lives in Augusta. I think Tom knew which team to play on because "we" got beat. How bad, I won't say, but "we" had a rematch with Tom's team on July 26 and split a double header. There has been talk of another rematch, so read the next magazine for a follow-up. Until next time.

DISTRICT SIX

BY OLGA ESTELL

With the summer about over and vacations about to end, school about to start, and hope-

fully autumn on it's way, it's always a little sad to say good-bye to another season about over. But - then our thoughts turn to good ole Thanksgiving, and immediately our thoughts turn to Pumpkin Pie, Turkey, Dressing and Christmas, with Jolly Ole St. Nick, and you find that you aren't sad any more.

Debra Simpson, husband, Gary, and another couple vacationed in Florida. Debbie was so excited about going we could hardly keep her still or quite. Returning, we had the same problem, we could hardly keep her quite or still. She had such a great time and was so bubbling over with all the things they did, and she brought back some very good pictures. We enjoyed seeing them and hearing all about the beach and sun.

Teresa Harris, and husband Mike went on a camping trip to Petit Jean. She is our part time employee, turned full time in the summer, when she is out of school. They really had a great time, with the exception of all the rain, that's always a great part of camping. You can cope with mosquitos, nets and bugs, and even something forgotten, but how do you eliminate the rain?

Georgia and Sonny Russenberger made a trip to Toledo Bend, and I'm told you can find it somewhere on the Texas-Louisiana border. I don't know where it is for sure, but if you start early you could probably find it. Georgia has a new little granddaughter and that is all we can get out of her, the trip conversation always turns out to be about Susan, can you figure that out?

Jack Canant is so busy building a barn on his newly purchased land, he hasn't time for a trip. I'm wondering if its his house turned barn or his barn turned house, or if he is pulling our leg. Anyway go out toward Perryville and somewhere out there you'll find a very new barn. Slow down and blow your horn, Jack might be still there, working toward the wee hours.

Russell Owens, took a church group of 27 young people to Eureka Springs, and one of the main events was viewing the Passion Play, which is really worth the trip. It's put on by college students and I'm sure was enjoyed by all. Just visiting the Christ of the Ozarks, from where you can see 4 states is quite a thing in itself. There are other places of interest there.

On July 31, the girls in the office honored our little mother-to-be, Carolyn Bowden with a baby shower. The foremen and all the men from the office contributed toward a beautiful wooden high chair and a protable self-winding swing. She received many nice and useful gifts, we all enjoyed the cake and punch and good times was had by all. Carolyn and Jim Stringer from Computer, and Ann May came over and we enjoyed having them. August 15 will be Carolyn's last day. We will miss her.

I don't know where Mr. D.C. is going on vacation or where he has been, but I do know that he had a very explosive cucumber patch, if you may refer to it as such, he brought us cucumbers by the sacks, and we ate them, took some home, and even canned some. One thing keeps going through my mind and that is -



Carolyn Bowden

wonder how the rabbit populations would have been, if you had planted carrots and had such a crop!

Carle J. Dycus receiving his ten year pin and award from Glenn Appleby, sealing crew superintendant in District 6. Mr. Dycus, from Mayflower has worked in the sealing crew operating a chip spreader and other heavy equipment.



Glenn Appleby, left, C. J. Dycus right

BOBBY CORNISH'S RESIDENCY

BY BARBARA MIZE

We have some new summer employees we would like to welcome to our office. They are: Charles Nance, Dudley Bluhm, Keith Martin, and Gary DeWitt.

Jack Kerr is a new employee in this office. Jack has worked for the AHD before in M&T. Welcome to the office. His wife's name is Majorie Ann. They have one daughter, Karen. She is getting married August 15 to Larry Mantooth. They both attend the U of A. Congratulations.

Debbie Mize and David Meyers attended the prom at Forest Heights where David is in school. Debbie is a sophomore at Mt. St. Mary's.

Angela Mize and Darrell Day also attended the prom where Darrell attends. Angela attends



Debbie Mize with escort

Mt. St. Mary's and also graduated from the 8th grade in May.

Angela & Debbie are the daughters of Barbara Mize, secretary for Bob Cornish.



Angela Mize with escort

We have some birthdays coming up or may-be past by this time, but we do wish them a Happy Birthday. Woody Carbtree, Sept. 29, R. Parsley, October 21, Fred Coles, Oct. 23, Tim Kennedy, Oct. 28, Kenneth Perry, Nov. 23, Tommy Williams, Dec. 5, and Bruce Bradke, Dec. 14. Guess this about takes care of all the birthdays in this office for the year.

We would like to wish Jim Gee a Happy Birthday - Sept. 26, he's still one of ours.

Bobby Cornish, Resident Engineer, received his five year certificate and pin in July. Congratulations Bob for hanging in there.

Randy Parsley, 15 attends Beebe High School and will be in the 10th grade this year. He plays the trumpet in the school band. Randy is the son of Robert Parsley, Engr. Aide in this office. Thanks, Robert for the photo, (it only took me 3 months to get it.)

Joe Floyd came in to see us and brought something from his garden. I hear he has a real good garden. He said it was too hot to fish. (Can you imagine it being too hot or too cold for Joe to fish. I don't think anything kept him off the lake.) Good to see you, Joe.



Randy Parsley

Frank Russenberger, (Civil Engineer) and wife Linda are the proud parents of their first child, Susan Lyn, born April 21 weighing 8 lbs. 5½ ozs. Isn't she a doll. I don't think Georgia is too proud of her since she is her only granddaughter. I heard she was showing her off around the office a few days ago.

Bill Marak resigned July 18 to go back to school. Good luck Bill and you are already missed around here. Come see us.



Susan Russenberger

Talked to Wallace Cook and he is having a real nice summer. He has his little granddaughter with him this summer. His wife has been sick but we hope she is doing better by now.



Eric Fulton Hedges

Eric Fulton, 3 year old, son of Ronnie & Evelyn Hedges. Ronnie is an Engineer Aide in our office. Amy Elizabeth, 9 year old daughter, attends Watson Elementary.



Amy Elizabeth Hedges

DISTRICT SEVEN

BY ALTHEA CAMPBELL

Our vacationers are enjoying the summer — some employees looking forward to later trips. Here's a run down how they went; Coy Campbell (District Engineer) and family are planning a trip to Panama City, Florida with camper and friends. Bob Myers (Resident Engineer), Joyce and daughter Kim visited Disney Land in Florida. L. D. Hopper (Equipment Supv.) and Nikola visited relatives and points of interest in Flint, Michigan, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois and Northern Arkansas. Carolyn Milner enjoyed a trip to Florida with friends, also a plane trip to Williamsburg, Va. to visit her nephew and wife. Mildred Russ (Fuel clerk), with friends, attended services of Beverly Hills Full Gospel Baptist Church held in Bronco Stadium at Dallas and also visited the Christian Light Club. Dianne Tuberville and daughter Stephanie attended family reunion at Lake of the Pines in Texas; they and husband Perry enjoyed a visit from Dianne's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Roger Meeks of Houston, Texas. Claude Parton (Assistant District Engineer) attended family reunion in Piggott, Arkansas. Althea (Secretary), Elwood and Bill Campbell visited daughter and family in Jacksonville, Ill. and Althea's mother, sister and family in Ft. Madison, Iowa. (attached is an interesting trip the Dunn's would like to share).

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Dunn recently flew to Florida to see the launch of the Apollo/Soyuz mission from Kennedy Space Center and to visit their son and family, Lt. Col. & Mrs. James Dunn. They were accompanied by Dr. & Mrs. Tom L. Dunn of Hampton. The party was piloted by Dr. Dunn in his Beechcraft Bonanza airplane.

The flight to Florida held a little unexpected excitement when a large thunderstorm was encountered over the city of Orlando. The crew weathered the storm and landed safely at Melbourne Fla. Field near Patrick AFB, approximately six hours after take-off from Camden.

During their four-day visit the Dunns toured Patrick AFB and the Kennedy Space Center. They were present at the launching of the Apollo/Saturn 1B space vehicle on July 15, which carried the American half of the Apollo/Soyuz mission.

One of the highlights of the trip was meeting and visiting with Col. & Mrs. Charlie Duke, who were also houseguests of Lt. Col. Dunn. Col. Duke is an astronaut and was a member of the Apollo 16 crew which landed on the moon.

They returned to Hampton on July 16. The return flight also carried some added excitement when low clouds forced Dr. Dunn to make an instrument landing at Montgomery, Ala. when refueling was necessary.

It was an exciting and enjoyable trip.

We have three girls who are working in our offices on the Student Program this summer.

Cathy Sturgis is in our District Office. She attends U of A at Monticello where she has been a cheerleader for the past 2 years.

Cynthia Young and Debbie Smith are helping in Resident Engineer Bob Myers' office. We are all enjoying the girls who are getting good experience and also helping tremendously.

Helen Turner (Payroll clerk) was elected Secretary of the Camden Business & Professional Women's Club for the new year.

Mary Nell Carlson (Boy Myers' Field clerk), husband Joe and children moved into their new home at Locust Bayou recently; we are all anxious to visit and are happy for them.



Rebecca Ann Hardy

The wedding of Miss Rebecca Ann Hardy and Dr. William Louis Berry was an event of August 16. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abby Hardy, Jr., of Magnolia. Abby is Resident Engineer at Magnolia. Dr. Berry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy K. Berry of Dardanella.

The bride is a fourth year student at the U of A College of Nursing at the U of A Medical Center in LR. The groom is a graduate of the U of A College of Medicine and is currently serving his residency in Radiology at the U of A Medical Center in LR.

Mr. & Mrs. James Allen Cheatham announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Gail Cheatham to Kenneth Wayne Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Miller of



Gail Cheatham

Magnolia. The wedding will be held in the First Baptist Church of Magnolia, August 16.

The bride has an associate of arts degree from Southern State College and is presently associated with the legal firm of Woodward & Kinard. The bridegroom attended Southern State College and is presently enrolled in the Northeast Louisiana University School of Pharmacy.

District 7 employees wish best wishes to both of these lovely young ladies.

M. J. REESE'S RESIDENCY

BY ELAINE MCKINNON

Conrad C. Sanders, Hwy. E. A. III, who just recently transferred to our office from Magnolia, caught 2 Bass on July 4, at Boisdearc Lake, south of Hope, which together weighed 15 pounds and were 21" long.

Jessie Wayne Millican, Hwy. E. A. III, caught a 1 pound 3 oz. Bream at Lagile Lake. Boy, were those scales ever off.

Jimmy Waller, Wts. & Standards Division, celebrated his Birthday on June 17. Jimmy says he's young but won't tell! Next time you see him, you might call him the Lawson Angler!

One of our gang, Larry Beard, suffered a great heart-break and heavy burden on June 28, he became 30 years young. Since then Larry has gotten much grayer and has grown a mustache.

DISTRICT EIGHT

BY NANCY KENNEDY

Opie Winningham, Van Buren County Area Foreman, had a heart attack in July. Reports are that is doing better. We certainly hope so.

In July we were saddened by the death of L. L. Weaver. Mr. Weaver worked with our Perry County Crew. Our deepest sympathy goes to his family.

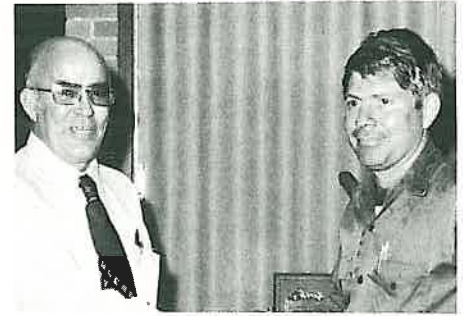
Thomas Daily, Jim Hall, Don Wilkinson, James Moudy, Truett Leavell and J. W. Applegate got together recently for a day of fishing on the Fourche River just below the Nimrod Dam. The competition was strong in their mini bass tournament. Truett won over Thomas by 4 ounces. Truett's bass weighed 4 lbs. 4 ozs. and Thomas' 4 lbs. even. Thomas says that next time he will win one way or another. Something about putting a weight in the fish's mouth??

Payroll clerk, Beverly Vick, is planning a big vacation to Dog Patch, Silver Dollar City and stopping in Springfield, Mo. to visit her father. Then they are moving on to Opryland in Nashville, Tenn. Sounds like they'll have a big time.

Storeroom Supervisor C. L. Boyd had an interesting experience recently. He and his family have been tracing their family tree. They happened to get in touch with a cousin who lived in Bertram, Texas. His cousin decided to come back to Arkansas for a visit. They spent 3 days visiting relatives around Dover and the old Boyd home site. This was the first time in 100 years that members from that side of the family had been back to Dover.

R. C. McConnell, Assistant Dist. Engr., recently took his family to Six Flags Over Texas. They all enjoyed the trip very much.

Ruben also had an experience recently with a horse he had promised his son, Kenneth. After driving to Ft. Smith to get the horse, they found out that the horse just didn't want to go home with them. So they came back without him.



Tommy Jackson

district-wide supervisor's meeting. Haskell Sitton of the Bellefonte Weight Station also attended the meeting. Clarence Page, Communications Supervisor, spoke to the group on July 11. J. Ed McLaughlin, Radio Technician in Districts 4 and 9, accompanied Mr. Page. Both of their talks were very informative and interesting and were enjoyed by the large group at both meetings.



Charles Howard



Audra Horton

DISTRICT TEN

BY ISABELLE PSALMONDS

DISTRICT NINE

BY SHIRLEY MORTON



Curtis Pangle, left with Forrest Williams

District Engineer Curtis G. Pangle presented Service Awards recently to Forrest Williams, Office Manager, 20 Years; and Tommy Jackson, Shop Foreman, 5 Years.

Maintenance Superintendent L. L. Hodnett presented 10 Year Service Awards to Audra Horton, Searcy County Area Foreman; and Charles Thomas Howard, Carroll County Equipment Operator.

Congratulations to all of you.

J. T. Harrell from the Weights and Standards Division was the guest speaker in May at the



Bob Faulkner, left with Warren Glenn

Summer time is such a busy time we hardly have time to write the news, but we do have a few items of interest in District 10.

Warren Glenn, Con. Inspector, Walnut Ridge has been with the AHD twenty years. The crew at the Walnut Ridge Residency had a party for him and Bob Faulkner presented him with his 20 Year Pin and Certificate.

Our first headline is a WELCOME to R. A. "Bob" Faulkner who began his duties as Assistant District Engineer in District 10 on July 14. Bob is a native of Paragould and worked for construction during the summer while he was attending the U of A. He has been with the

Traffic Division in LR for several years. We are glad to have Bob back in District 10. He and his wife, Alta, and two children Lisa and Michael have moved to Paragould.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith, District Engineer, had a steak supper at their home so that the Resident Engineers and their wives could meet Mr. Faulkner and his wife. Everyone reported a great time.

Congratulations to J. M. "Mike" Cameron, Resident Engineer at Jonesboro. He recently passed his Professional Engineer's Examination. He even had a hamburger supper for his crew to celebrate. We don't blame him for celebrating. This is a milestone in a young Engineer's career and again we say, "Congratulations, Mike."



Clarence Barnes with Smoky & Lady

Clarence T. Barnes, Equip. Op. II, who keeps up with things at the Marked Tree Area Headquarters is proud of Smoky and Lady, the two watchdogs at the Area Headquarters. Clarence is doing a good job and so are Smoky and Lady. Clarence says the dogs are not as friendly with everyone as they appear to be in the picture.

John R. Porter, Engr. Aide III at the Paragould Residency, was married to Betty Gale Gentry of O'Kean, Ark. on June 13. Best wishes for much happiness to John and Betty. They have real courage and optimism and are not the least superstitious because they got married on Friday the 13th. They are living in Paragould.

NEW PRESIDENT ELECTED



Florence Routh

Florence Routh assumed the duties as President of the Diamond Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association in August.

She has served as Vice-President on the Executive Board of this Chapter, as Corresponding Secretary, Publicity Chairman, and Scrapbook Chairman.

Served on the Pulaski County "Our Little Miss" Pageant Committee, and was pageant Program Editor.

Recently placed second as Woman of the Year from this Chapter.

Mrs. Routh is employed with the AHD for over 14 years as Planning Activities Coordinator in the Planning & Research Division.

TOASTMASTERS

Hurley H. Perkins has been elected Governor of District 43, Toastmasters International, Mr. Perkins is one of only 66 district governors

throughout the world and his district will cover Arkansas, Central, Northern Mississippi, and Western Tennessee. He is employed by the AHD in the Maintenance Division.

Toastmasters International is a non-profit, educational organization which has helped more than a million individuals through its communication and leadership program. There are more than 3,000 Toastmasters clubs and nearly 60,000 present members in the US, Canada, and other countries throughout the world.

A Toastmasters club provides its members with opportunities to improve their communication and listening abilities, to conduct meetings, and to develop their executive leadership. Club activities are based upon the principle of learning by doing and improving through practice and evaluation.



Hurley Perkins

EMPLOYEE VISITS IRELAND

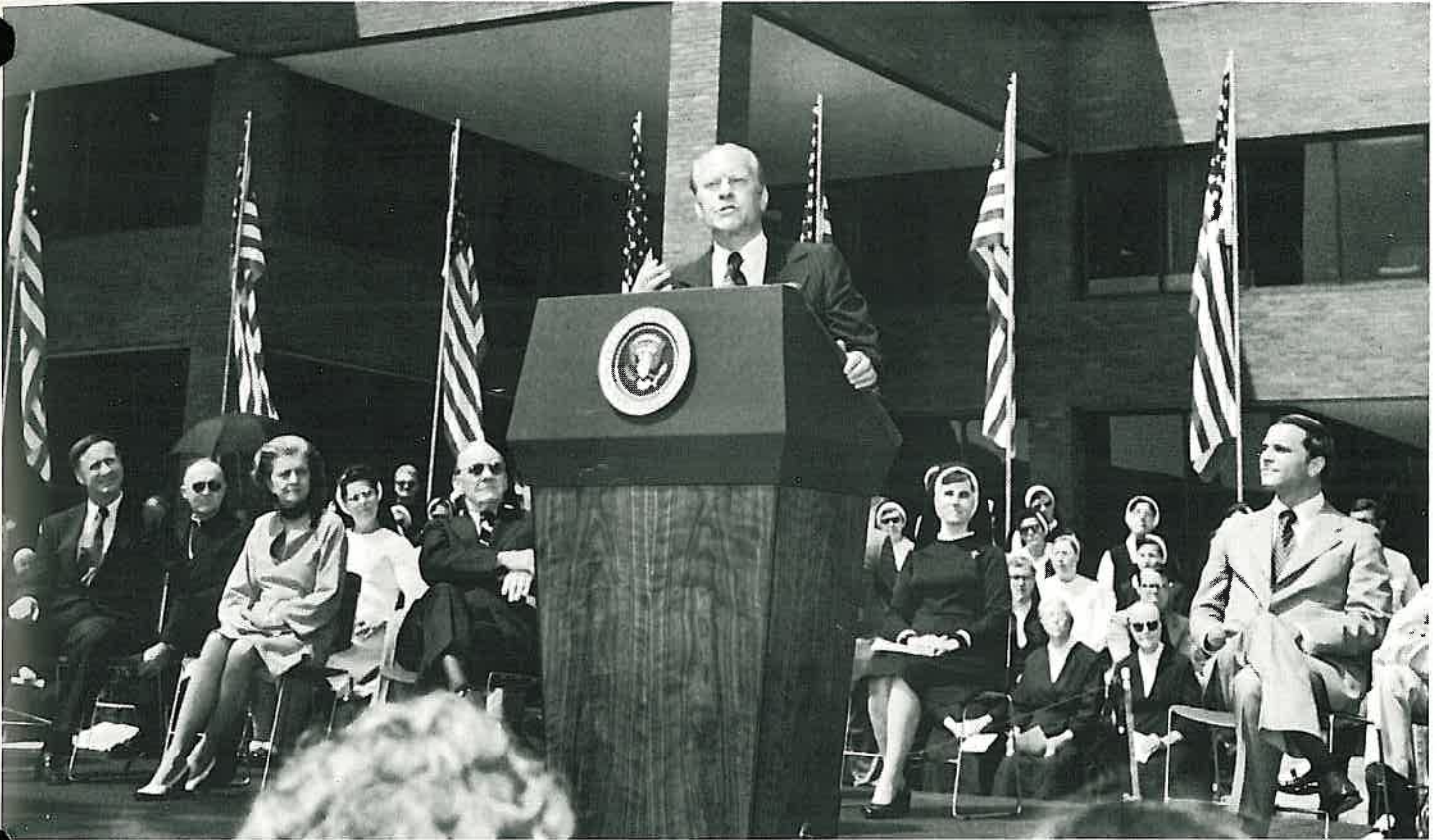
Pat Koonce of the Accounting Division toured Ireland this summer. She has many interesting events to share with us. Her story will be featured in the next issue.



Pat Koonce



PRESIDENT VISITS ARKANSAS



Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States.

President of the United States, Gerald R. Ford, visited Arkansas on August 10 as the keynote speaker at the dedication ceremonies of the new St. Edward Mercy Medical Center in Ft. Smith.

Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt of the 3rd District in Arkansas introduced President Ford to the large crowd which included Highway Commission Vice-Chairman J. C. Patterson and Staff Photographer, Johnnie Gray.

Following the President's speech, he and Mrs. Ford toured the Ft. Smith area and Ft. Chaffee, the home of over 20,000 South Vietnamese refugees, before flying to Vail, Colorado.



John Paul Hammerschmidt, left, with J. C. Patterson, right.



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