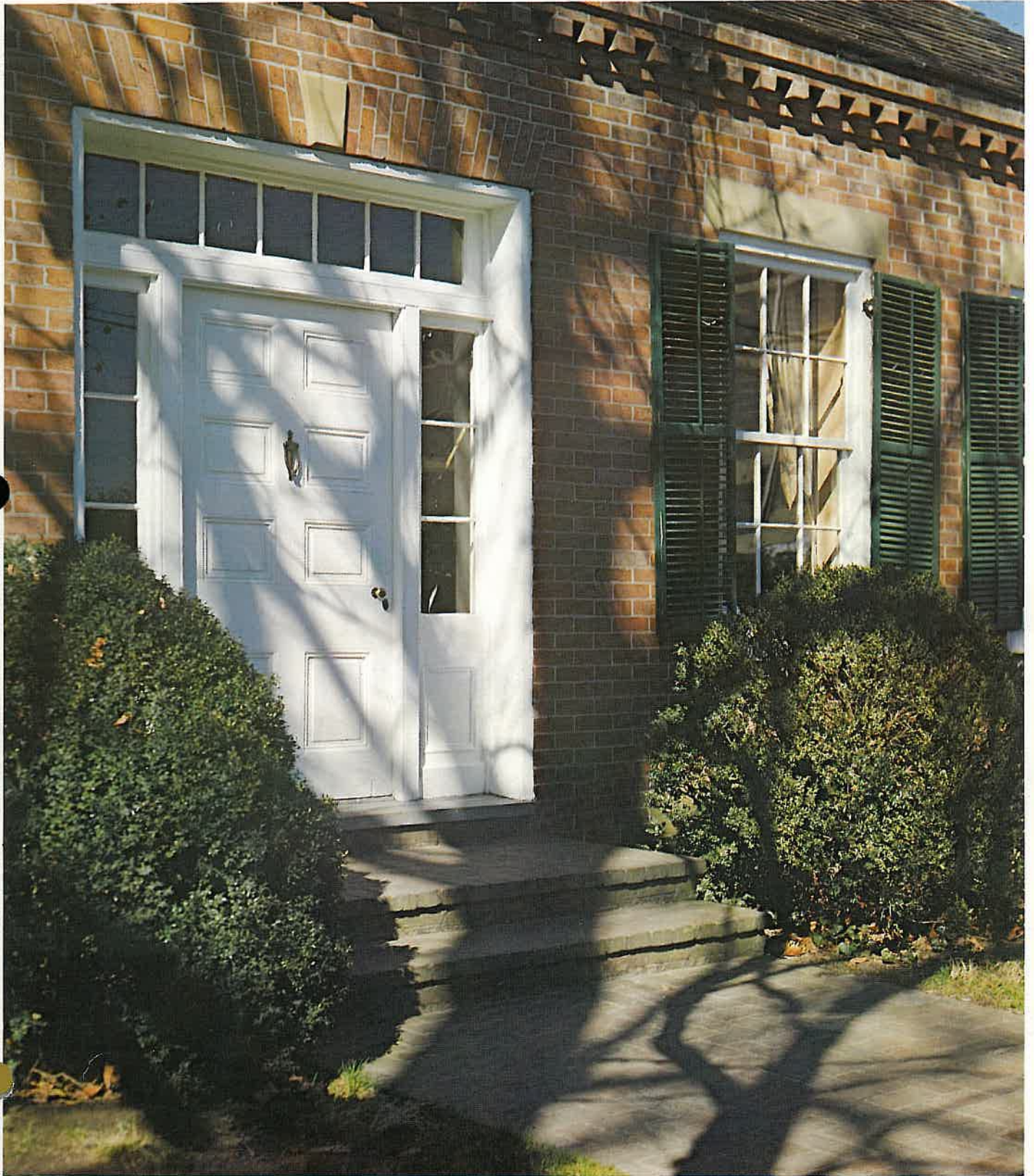




ARKANSAS HIGHWAYS



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DIRECTOR'S DESK

UPGRADING PROGRAM OUTLOOK

During the past two years, we have experienced one of the most progressive highway construction programs in the state's history. While we have been able to take care of a lot of our critical highway needs, they continue to grow and become more expensive.

The Highway Department is spending every available dollar, but our highway system is deteriorating 50% faster than we're building and rebuilding it. The outlook for an aggressive program for upgrading our highways does not look good. In fact, as a result of increased maintenance and operation costs, our program for this year looks very slim.

Of the federal-aid funds remaining to be obligated, \$25 million must be applied to the East Belt Freeway in Little Rock, and those remaining are primarily designated for cities and urban systems, the county federal-aid program, and the Safer Roads Demonstration Program fund.

We have no money for any Primary, Secondary, or Urban extension-type projects, and we won't have until Congress approves a new Highway Bill.

We need a Highway Bill that will at least maintain our present level of funding, and equally as important, continue the advance contract authority which, under present law, requires Trust-Fund financing. We need

the Highway TRUST FUND! We also need to reduce the number of categories in the Federal-aid Program which now total over 30. These need to be reduced to a reasonable number to provide the State with more options to suit various local needs.

Our projected gross highway revenues for road and street purpose is estimated to drop below last year's — while in the past few years these revenues have been growing at an annual rate of at least 7 to 8 percent. This will result in a decrease in anticipated future highway revenues. This decrease, coupled with a 100% plus increase in construction costs, reduces our planned construction program in half and seriously curtails critically needed maintenance work.

This financial setback comes at a time when the Highway Commission's responsibilities have been greatly expanded by the last two sessions of the Legislature. In addition to construction, maintenance and operation of the 16,000-mile State Highway System, the Commission has been carrying out its responsibility of planning and engineering supervision of the State-aid County System and the State Municipal Arterial System program.

With these growing responsibilities, an acceptable method of highway financing must be found.

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TRUMAN N. BAKER - OBITUARY



Former Highway Commissioner Truman N. Baker of Searcy died November 27, in a Searcy Hospital. He was 78 years old.

Mr. Baker served on the Commission longer than any other member. He was appointed in 1949 by Governor McMath to a term that ended in 1953. He was again appointed to the Commission in 1961 by Governor Faubus for a ten-year term.

Mr. Baker was a dedicated and hard working commissioner who took the responsibility of his appointment seriously, and never missed a Highway Commission meeting during his ten-year term which ended in 1971.

He was an outspoken advocate of promoting departmental employees upward when vacancies occurred, believing that practice to be the key to high employee morale — and in turn, to a high level of efficiency. He was also keenly aware of the need for more and better roads and sought every opportunity to improve them insofar as funds were available. When he left the Commission, he said he was proud to be leaving the Commission on an “upward trend.”

Mr. Baker, an avid sportsman, had a reputation for always wearing a boutonniere and for almost always having a cigar in hand.

Truman N. Baker was born in Franklin County and began his career as a construction worker in 1921. He was construction supervisor for Boulder Dam in Colorado and at one time was a construction super-



visor for the Florida Highway Department. At the time of his death, he was a member of the board of the First Security Bank at Searcy and chairman of the board of the First State Bank at Griffithville. He was the owner of Truman Baker Chevrolet Company at Searcy.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Edna Tarkington of Searcy, three brothers, four sisters, two grandsons and a great-granddaughter.

Mr. Baker was an avid supporter of the Highway Commission, Department, and the whole concept of a better highway system for the people of Arkansas.

DEDICATIONS

Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt was the dedicatory speaker at two highway dedication ceremonies in North Arkansas during November.

On November 15, a 3-mile section of Highway 295 in Madison County, from Combs northeast, was officially opened. The improved facility, which cost \$1,338,230, was financed with state funds. Former Governor Orval E. Faubus was the Master of Ceremonies. Also attending were Commissioner J. C. Patterson and County Judge Charles Whorton.

In addition to improving a dirt road to a 20-foot bituminous surface, three bridges were included in the project, one across the White River.

Despite rain, wind, and the opening of deer season, several hundred persons from the Snowball area turned out on November 29, for the dedication of a new section of Highway 74 in Searcy County.

Along with Congressman Hammerschmidt, other dignitaries attending were Commissioner J. C.



Patterson, State Representative Jim Smithson and County Judge Andy Griffith.

The seven-mile section — formerly a gravel road — cost \$1,480,600. The new highway will make travel in the area easier and safer. It is also expected to increase tourism in the area, which has some of the most picturesque scenery in Arkansas.



DIVISION PROFILE

ACCOUNTING

Accounting is often called “the language of business.” This is because facts and events are collected, classified, and reported in accordance with accounting principles and procedures, and in accounting terms. Accounting enables many companies and governmental agencies, such as the Highway Department, to summarize and report in an understandable fashion a huge number of transactions.

The Accounting Division of this Department is ably headed by James E. McCarthy, an employee of 15 years. Mr. McCarthy supervises the very important and challenging work that the 29 employees of this Division transact. Laura Hinze is the Division Secretary.

Four sections comprise the Division: Employees Retirement; Federal-Aid Billing; General Books; and Reports, Budget, and Insurance.

EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SECTION

All transactions that relate to the 32 million dollar employee retirement system are processed through this Section. This includes applications for membership, contributions, withdrawals, applications for retirement, investment and reinvestment of retirement funds, payment of monthly annuities to retirees, changes in beneficiaries, and correspondence.



Division Head James E. McCarthy

Individual files for every member and former member of the System are maintained as a source to assure that employees receive maximum retirement benefits. A retirement booklet for each member has been prepared by personnel in this Section and will be distributed to all members in the near future.

The Employees Retirement Section is considered an Office of Service – service that is available to



every person in the Highway Department with a question or a request for further knowledge regarding his or her retirement system.

FEDERAL AID BILLING SECTION

The Federal Aid Billing Section has the responsibility of regulating all phases of billings submitted to the Federal Highway Administration for its share of the cost incurred on Federal-aid projects. This section maintains records for apportionments allocated to Arkansas by the FHWA for highway purposes.

Current and final contractors' pay estimates, consulting engineers' invoices, utility and railroad estimates are coded for distribution to proper federal-aid projects or State construction jobs. In addition, all utility and railroad company statements for relocation work as well as the evaluation of contract proposals from consulting engineers whose estimates of cost exceed \$100,000 are examined by the utility auditor at the home office of the companies.

This section is truly the gate through which all money passes to the Highway Department from all Federal reimbursement sources and many other programs that are vital to the continuing operation of the Highway Department. These employees were directly responsible for billing over \$53 million that was reimbursed to the Department during the last fiscal year.

GENERAL BOOKS SECTION

This part of the Accounting Division is responsible for processing all items relating to the funds of the Highway Department – both incoming and outgoing. This procedure must be carried out in accordance with State fiscal regulations as well as provide ready audit trails for Internal, Legislative, FHWA, and Corps of Engineer audit teams. Regulations of the State Treasurer and the Department of Finance and Administration must also be adhered to.

All monies received directly by the Department are recorded by the cashier, and are issued a pre-numbered cashier's receipt. The funds are then deposited to the proper State Treasury Fund, including the Highway Department Fund, State Aid Road Fund, Revenue Sharing Fund, and Highway Special Construction Fund. Control account records are maintained on all



funds and are reconciled monthly with both the State Treasurer and the Department of Finance and Administration.

Every expenditure of funds is also processed by employees in this office. Disbursements fall into two major categories – Payroll and Expense.

Payroll clerks throughout the Department report everything that affects any employee's pay status to this Section. This information is then balanced, coded, and prepared for the Computer Services Section to write the actual payroll vouchers.

Expense vouchers require just as much if not more processing. Invoices, purchase orders and requisitions, and expense accounts are pre-audited for compliance with State regulations to assure accuracy, receipt of merchandise, and so forth. Distribution of charges on these documents is then coded, making sure the proper State Department of Finance and Administration codes are added. The voucher is then typed and sent through the Finance Department and State Auditor for issuance of warrants. When these warrants are received from the State Auditor's office, distribution is made.

This office records all utility and access driveway permit bonds and bidder bonds. Records of payroll deductions for U.S. Savings Bonds and the purchasing of these bonds is also handled by personnel in this Section. Accounts receivable due the Department, sales of permits, maps, proposals and the overload penalties assessed are recorded daily. Statements are mailed out monthly and the collections received are recorded.



All of these activities add up to an enormous amount of responsibility for employees of this Section who handle it both efficiently and promptly.

REPORTS, BUDGET, AND INSURANCE SECTION

This Section's responsibilities include six main functions: expenditure reports, budgets, capital outlay, cash forecasting, inventory control, and group insurance.

The accumulation and budget distribution of the Highway Department's expenditures is handled by personnel in this office. Each district and division's expenditures are compiled monthly by the type of expenditure, such as payroll, transfers, expense, etc., and by the item of expenditure, such as holiday pay, telephone bills, asphalt, etc. Should there be differences between expenditure controls and the district or division books, they are reconciled and corrected. Construction job and special project job allotments, expenditures, and balances are accumulated on a monthly basis. Reports are prepared showing expenditures, status of budget balances, cost to complete construction in progress, transfers between budgets, and the various distribution of expenditures.

Budget information is compiled for use in preparing next fiscal year's budget. All divisions are notified of their new budgets each year and changes that occur during the year.

Capital outlay involves the purchase, capitalization, transfer, depreciation, and disposal of such items as office furniture, shop equipment, automobiles, buildings, engineering equipment, etc. The total value of capital outlay items is over \$58,000,000.

Cash forecasting — its development and control — is an important function of this Section. The decrease in revenue from gasoline taxes and other sources along with the increasing cost of construction and operations have made it imperative to be able to reasonably project cash available. Expenditures and anticipated revenues are projected to determine money available for budgeted items and future construction.



Inventory control involves accumulation and coordination of the issue and receipt of equipment, fuel, and maintenance stock. Equipment and fuel stocks have been computerized, and preparation is now being made to computerize the maintenance stock. The value of stock inventory for December 1975 is over \$6,400,000 and includes approximately 31,000 different types of stock items.

Group insurance for the Department is also handled by this office. The health, optional life and dependent life insurance plans are self-insured. Health insurance and basic life insurance (\$3,000) is provided to all eligible active employees (the life amount is \$2,000 for those 65 or over). In addition, the employee may have optional life insurance based on his or her salary. An employee may also cover eligible dependents for health and life insurance and may continue both after

retirement through the Department's retirement system, with the retiree paying the full premium. Currently, there are approximately 4,200 covered employees and retirees. The yearly premium is \$1,600,000 of which the Highway Department pays \$700,000. Cancer insurance, additional life insurance, and deductions for credit union loans or savings are also handled by this office.

It is now very obvious that accounting is much more than just a routine, clerical type of work. It is an essential part of the vast operation of the Highway Department. Using accounting terminology, it can be said that the employees of this Division are definitely not "liabilities", but are in every way "assets" to this organization.

COMPUTER SERVICES

In New York, a computer is used to select a college beauty queen; in a Boston hospital, a computer compares symptoms of neurological patients with historical models and comes up with tentative diagnosis; and at an aerospace plant on the West Coast, a computer figures out within a fraction of an inch what a tiny bearing in a rocket will do under any conditions including those enroute to the moon.

More and more frequently, items like these are appearing in newspapers and magazines throughout the country. There is little doubt that computers are playing an ever-increasing role in our lives — and the Highway Department is no exception.

The Computer Services Section of the Department, consisting of 33 employees, contributes a very important service to this organization's operations. Payrolls are processed regularly; construction contractors' progress and payments are calculated each week; personnel leave records are updated; vehicle cost reports are prepared; inventory records are maintained; accounting reports are generated; roadway and bridge elements are designed; air and noise pollution programs are performed; traffic networks are balanced; and roadway and bridge inventory files are maintained. The list will stop here, but it could go on and on.

Since 1974, Vershall Roy has been the Chief of this Section. Art Johnson is his Assistant and Fay Sullivan is the Section Secretary.

Computer-generated reports are quickly becoming a way of life for all of us; however, to be classified as a "computer" certain criteria must be met. A computer (1) has the ability to compare values and thus make decisions; (2) has an internal



Art Johnson, left, Assistant to Vershall Roy Chief of Computer

memory device to store both data and a program — a series of instructions about what to do with the data; and (3) operates electronically at a very high rate of speed.

Computers can be a tremendous aid to creative thinking by relieving the mind and the hands of routine operations, many of which pass for thinking.

The first machine to meet the above criteria was the Eniac, announced by the U.S. Army on February 16, 1946. The computer really has no inventor, as such, but evolved from a series of contributions by several persons over a period of time.

An indication of computer power, as well as savings from use of the computer, can be seen in the following example. Based on 1968 figures, the cost for a man to perform 100,000 calculations is approximately \$450. A 1951 computer was

capable of performing the same 100,000 calculations for approximately \$25. By 1959, the cost-effectiveness of computers had improved to the extent that the same 100,000 calculations could be performed for an approximate cost of \$2. In late 1968, the same cost-effectiveness ratio yielded a cost per 100,000 calculations of approximately 2.1 cents. This represents a 1,200:1 improvement over a 1951 computer, and an approximate 22,000:1 improvement over the man. With the installation of the new IBM 370, Model 145 computer in this Section, the improvement will be even more dramatic.

Computers represent an important extension of the powers of the mind of man.

While the computer produces many marvelous results, it must be understood that the operation is basically an undertaking controlled by people. People develop the processing programs, people collect and prepare data for input, people set up the program and data to be processed, people operate the computer processor and its related equipment, and people check the results for acceptability. The machine produces only what is asked of it in a language that it can understand. Incorrect data input to the system, if not detected and corrected, will generate incorrect results. What this all boils down to is that special care and attention to detail is in order by everyone who has a part in providing information or instructions to the computer system. After all, the computer is no better than its programmer.

The people who staff the Computer Services Section are loyal, dedicated, and well-trained in their field and perform these responsibilities in a professional manner.

Computers are so versatile, so useful and so marvelous that we can only guess at their future uses. As we learn more about the capabilities of the computer, its effect will be even greater. As one business executive stated, "The computer will bring the greatest change in the whole history of mankind."



5th ANNUAL SERVICE AWARDS PRESENTATION

The Highway Commission met on December 11, in the Central Headquarters Auditorium in Little Rock, to present the 1975 Service Awards.

Lawrence Blackwell, Chairman of the Commission, welcomed and made recognition of the guests who were invited to receive their awards.

Presentation of Service Awards and Retirement Certificates were made by each respective Commissioner. Director Henry Gray presented the awards of central headquarter personnel honored.

Those receiving awards were:



DISTRICTS 1 & 10: Commissioner David Solomon

Lawrence C. Holman — 30 years
 Marcus D. Davidson — 25 years
 Charles D. Holder — 25 years
 Marion J. Jordan — 25 years
 Troy F. Lambert — 25 years
 Wilbern L. Wince — 25 years
 Oscar L. Fletcher — Retirement (31 years)
 Clifford W. Stevens — Retirement (30 years)

DISTRICTS 2 & 6: Commission Chairman, Lawrence Blackwell

Floyd E. Fullbright — 30 years
 Wess H. Kyle — 30 years
 Derward C. Ashcraft — 25 years
 Chennault Denemn — 25 years
 Alvin I. Gosnell — 25 years
 Bernard E. Hart, Jr. — 25 years
 Aubrey Murphy — 25 years
 Melvo J. Pledger — 25 years

Woodward A. Hardin — Retirement (35 years)
 William T. Jeter, Sr. — Retirement (31 years)

DISTRICTS 3 & 7: Commissioner James A. Branyan

James A. Cheatham — 25 years
 John F. Gray — 25 years
 Charles D. Rampley — 25 years
 Maxwell S. Smith — Retirement (25 years)
 Ennis M. Turner — Retirement (25 years)

DISTRICTS 4 & 9: Commission Vice-Chairman, J. C. Patterson

Gary L. Godfrey — 30 years
 Hoyce L. Hodnett — 30 years
 Hugh S. Perryman — 30 years
 Wallace E. Harrison — 25 years
 Harrison Heath — 25 years
 Bobby James — 25 years
 Dell Kendall — Retirement (36 years)
 Charles H. Watkins — Retirement (32 years)
 James C. Wingfield — Retirement (30 years)
 Huel D. Pack — Retirement (27 years)
 Arvis C. Clark — Retirement (25 years)
 James D. Young — Retirement (25 years)

DISTRICTS 5 & 8: Commissioner George Kell

Elmer W. Smith, Jr. — 35 years
 Ewin T. Caudle — 30 years
 Sherman W. James — 30 years
 Joe Duvall — 25 years
 Virgil L. Taylor — 25 years
 Mabrin W. West — 25 years
 Opie Wunningham — Retirement (32 years)
 Joseph A. Helton — Retirement (25 years)

CENTRAL OFFICE: Director Henry Gray

Lambert G. Willcockson, M&T — 35 years
 Lydia K. Brasel, P&R — 30 years
 Julia M. Rowe, M&T — 30 years
 Chester Siesicki, Roadway Design — 30 years
 Billie Wood, M&T — 30 years
 George C. Allen, M&T — 25 years
 William Cranfill, Traffic — 25 years
 Otha Hewitt, Traffic — 25 years
 James M. Koehler, Ch. Engr. Office — 25 years
 William P. Looney, Info. Serv. — 25 years
 Robert H. Mattox, Surveys — 25 years
 Oscar F. Neeley, Heavy Bridge — 25 years
 Marlin A. Powell, P&R — 25 years
 Gerald Sisk, Maintenance — Retirement (31 years)
 Thurman Payne, Equipment — Retirement (29 years)
 James Hardcastle, Equipment — Retirement (28 years)
 Delbert Uchtman, Heavy Br. — Retirement (25 years)
 Van O. Campbell, Traffic — Retirement (26 years)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

By Information Services

About 200 persons attended a public hearing on February 9 at Benton to discuss the proposed design of the reconstruction of Interstate 30 from north of the Saline River to the State Highway 183 Interchange.

The project, which is about 8.3 miles long, will consist of overlaying and strengthening the existing main lanes and then raising overpasses.

Many of those who attended the hearing objected to one of the alternates which would involve the construction of additional frontage roads and eventually making the frontage roads one-way.

On January 8, a public hearing was held in Camden on the location and design of a bridge to be constructed over Two Bayou Creek on proposed Cash Road between U.S. 79 and State Highway 4 Spur.

The proposed project consists of a 245-foot-long bridge with a 30-foot clear roadway.



This being the Bicentennial Year for the nation and Arkansas celebrating its 140 birthday we are presenting a series of articles on Arkansas Capitols.

The state's history is a panorama of personalities and events that are part and parcel of the region's and nation's heritage.

Highway transportation has become so much a part of daily life that it is taken for granted. Activities of the Department are directed toward making the facilities of the Arkansas State Highway System much safer and more convenient for Arkansas citizens and visitors.

ARKANSAS POST

In June of 1541, Hernando De Soto expedition crossed the Mississippi River and entered the Arkansas country, which had never before been seen by white man.

More than a century passed before white man again invaded the tranquillity of the Arkansas wilderness. Jacques Marquette, a Jesuit Missionary, and Louis Joliet, a fur trader, visited the Quapaw Indians at the mouth of the Arkansas River in July 1673.

On April 9, 1682, Robert Cavellier, Sievr de la Salle, took formal possession for France of all the land drained by the Mississippi River and its tributaries. Henri de Fonti, his lieutenant, established Arkansas Post in the spring of 1686. The oldest permanent white settlement west of the Mississippi, Arkansas Post became one of a chain of military garrisons maintained by France and later by Spain, who gained possession of Louisiana (including Ark.) in 1762.

Spain secretly ceded Louisiana back to France in 1800. As part of the Louisiana Purchase, Arkansas was transferred to the United States in 1803. Under American government, Arkansas was first a part of Louisiana Territory and then of Mississippi Territory. Arkansas Territory was created in 1819, with Arkansas Post as the temporary capitol. The capitol was moved to Little Rock in 1821. Arkansas Post was the sight of the only Revolutionary War engagement fought in what is now Arkansas.

THE ROLE OF ARKANSAS POST IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

"The Colbert Incident"

By Ray H. Mattison, Historian

The Seven Years War, known as the French and Indian War, formally ended the treaty in 1763 with France ceding the Louisiana Territory to Spain. Spain, after having secretly aided the Patriots for several years, entered the Revolutionary War on the side of the French and Americans in 1779. In that same year British harassment of the Spanish in the Mississippi Valley began.

Jean Blommart, a leader of the British volunteers, attacked and took Ft. Panmure and the settlement of Natchez, Spanish-claimed territory on the east side of the Mississippi River. The town of Pensacola had been taken for the British.

The Post of Arkansas, used primarily as a fur trading post by the French, gained new significance under Spanish dominance and was moved approximately thirty-six miles up the Arkansas River. It was located on the southern tip of Arkansas Post National Memorial and called Fort San Carlos III. The new location was established to give protection to Spain's interests west of the Mississippi.

When Estevan Miro became Governor of Louisiana in 1781, he set about to pacify the Indians east of the Mississippi and between Spanish and American territories. Following the Natchez insurrection, a number of rebels fled to the Chickasaw, where they joined with English loyalists and traders to various nationalities. This group united under the leadership of James Colbert, a captain of the British army, who had settled in the Chickasaw country and who had married into that tribe. This group made reprisals against Spanish commerce on the Mississippi. In May 1782, Colbert and his men captured a boat bearing Senora Cruzat, wife of the lieutenant-governor of Spanish Illinois, and her sons. The Spanish endeavored by diplomacy to appease the Chickasaw. Colbert, nevertheless, continued to harass the Spanish.

In April 1783, Colbert, at the head of about 100 Englishmen and several Chickasaw, suddenly attacked Arkansas Post. In approaching the Post, the raiding party had found the Arkansas River low and easy to ascent. It had deceived the Quapaw, many of whom were scattered in hunting parties, by traveling up the river by boat and making but little noise. The English first attacked the village near the fort at 2:20 in the morning when everyone was asleep and captured all of the houses. They seized Lieutenant Villars and his family who were temporarily living in the village. The four principal men of the settlement, together with their families, and six others who made up the village, escaped. The wives and children of the absentee hunters fled to the house of the commandant at the fort.

The Spanish garrison ran to the lieutenant's house, where the soldiers fought a short battle with the English. Two soldiers were killed and six were captured. A cannon was also taken.

The English then attacked the fort, which they could approach within pistolshot without being seen. From three to

nine o'clock in the morning, they continued to pour volley after volley from the carbines into the palisades of the fort without effect. The new commandant of the garrison, Jacobo du Briel, then decided to sally forth with his men. At that time, he saw Senora Villiers, wife of the lieutenant, with a flag of truce and bearing a letter to the commandant, and one of Colbert's men approaching the fort. The letter from the English commander demanded the immediate surrender and informed du Briel that he had already captured the inhabitants of the village and Lieutenant Villiers and his family.

The garrison, shouting loudly, then continued with its sally. The attacking party then began their retreat, taking their

prisoners with them to their boats, which were anchored about a league distant, and took several others whom they had seized from the Spanish. They withdrew down the Arkansas River.

Later in the day, the Quapaw came to the assistance of the garrison. The chief, Angaska, with a party of Indians and whites, took off in pursuit of Colbert and his men and overtook them three leagues below the mouth of the Arkansas River. There the chief forced Colbert to release all of the prisoners except three slaves and the son of one of the inhabitants. The English leader later also freed these.

By treaties signed in 1782 and 1783, the American Revolutionary War came to an end.

ARKANSAS TERRITORIAL CAPITOL



Arkansas Territory was established to preserve a part of history which recalls the days when the pioneers were opening up the great southwest. This restoration, created by an Act of the 1939 legislature, is part of historical Quapaw Quarter in downtown Little Rock and is owned by the State of Arkansas. Quapaw Quarter includes historical sites and all significant nineteenth century structures, associated with the history of Arkansas' capital city. Also within the Quarter are the most significant early twentieth century structure. The late Mrs. T. Fairfax Loughborough conceived the idea of saving these landmarks, directed the restoration of them, and served faithfully as chairman of the Commission until her death in 1962. In order to protect its space from the progress of the busy city, and to expand its program of education and tourism, the Restoration recently acquired the half block adjoining the

original property. The reception center on the west half of Territorial Square has space for offices, a gift shop emphasizing Arkansas Arts and Crafts, Audio-Visual presentations, a library and exhibition area which will enable the Restoration to display some of the fine furniture, textiles, glass, historic papers and other objects given to and acquired by the Restoration Commission.

The Restoration consists of five main buildings and seven companion out buildings. These buildings were restored in 1940.

Jesse Henderlitter's House, built between 1826 and 1828, is probably the oldest surviving structure in the Quapaw Quarter. The Henderlitter House was constructed with a grapp shop and general store on the ground floor, with the living quarters located upstairs. When it was remodeled in 1834 the hand-hewn oak logs were covered with hand beaded red-heart cypress siding. All the ceiling beams, both old and new, have the same hand beaded finish. The hand-carved mantel in the downstairs west room is especially interesting as are the eighteen and twenty inch wide wallboards. In one room upstairs the wallboards have been removed to show the original log construction. Early historians believed this building, one of the few large public buildings in the settlement, was the meeting place of the last Territory Legislature in 1835.

The Brownless-Noland House, built between 1842 and 1849 by Robert Brownless, is a classic example of a small Georgian style House. It is furnished to honor Charles F. M. Noland, a lawyer and journalist, who was chosen by his fellow legislators to take the constitution to Washington for ratification when Arkansas Territory became a state in 1836. Characteristic of early homes in the South is the wide porch across the back, overlooking the garden bordered with dwarf English boxwood from original plants in Washington's garden at Mt. Vernon. A separate Kitchen and office balance each other on either side of the garden, and nearby is the original well. Several of Noland's possessions are on display, and the hand-carved doors and mantels are original.

A well-built frame house, the Conway House was put together with white oak pegs, is a fine example of the smaller Southern home of its period. Featuring original hand-carved mantels, doors and well-proportioned rooms, this was thought to be the residence of Elias N. Conway, territorial auditor and Arkansas' fifth governor. Conway, the state's only bachelor



chief executive, served from 1852 to 1860. A brother, James S. Conway, was the first governor of the state, taking office in 1836. In the bedroom is a massive four-poster bed with a trundle bed used by visiting relatives. The shaving stand,



Jeffersonian bureau, and tufted back Conway rocker are of particular interest. Hanging from the hall ceiling is a rare hand-etched candle lantern. The wide hall also served as a dining room and is furnished with a drop-leaf Queen Anne table and Chippendale side chairs. In the parlor a large mirror over the mantel is flanked by brass and crystal girandoles. The clock made by C. & L. C. Ives, adds a touch of formality befitting a governor's home. In this room Governor Conway's writing desk and a fine Audubon print, one of four owned by the Territorial Restoration.

In 1819 William E. Woodruff founded the Arkansas Gazette, the oldest newspaper west of the Mississippi River, at Arkansas Post. When the capitol of the territory was moved to Little Rock in 1821, Woodruff followed with his small press and in 1824 built his home, the Woodruff House, and printing office on this site. The printing office houses a Washington hand press, restored to working order, similar to the second press used by Woodruff. In the editorial room of this building is the editor's original mahogany secretary and his apatherary chest. The house is furnished with many original Woodruff pieces given by his descendants, including the baby cradle, some early family linens, and a small cedar table made from a tree that grew near the "little rock". The "little rock", a landmark well known to the Indians and to the early explorers, is two blocks north of Woodruff's house. It was this rock, extending into the river and forming a natural landing place, that gave a good place name to the settlement.

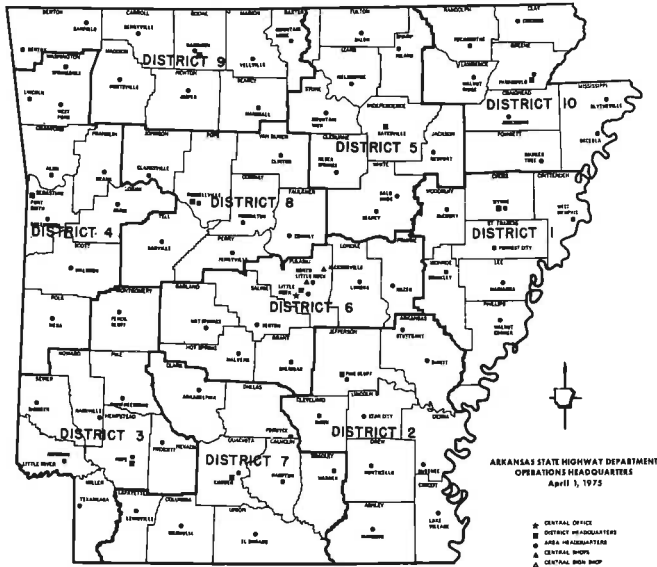


Out buildings include a carriage house, kitchens, offices and a well house.

Information for this article was obtained from sources furnished by the Old State House and the Arkansas Territorial Capitol.

The Restoration is located on East Third at Scott. Open Sunday 1:00 to 4:30, Monday through Saturday 9:30 to 4:30, except Holidays. Admission charge. Telephone 374-2151.

DISTRICT MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENTS



When the Highway Department was created, a position immediately became available for a person to supervise unskilled, semi-skilled, and skilled employees in special maintenance jobs within certain highway districts. That person is known today as the District Maintenance Superintendent.

To qualify for the position of District Maintenance Superintendent, a person must be a high school graduate with supplemental advanced educational training in a related field and five years experience in highway maintenance and bridge construction.

A person interested in becoming a District Maintenance Superintendent in one of the ten Highway Districts must have certain abilities and skills. In addition to having a thorough knowledge of all highway maintenance procedures, he must have the ability to plan work and maintenance schedules; to maintain safety procedures and standards; to supervise and direct the work of others; and to establish and maintain a satisfactory working relationship with fellow employees.

All ten District Maintenance Superintendents of the Department have these special qualifications. They are dedicated men who give top priority to the needs of the road-users of this State.



1 Calvin George



2 B. M. Shalmy



3 W. E. Tyler



4 H. L. Hodnett



5 C. L. Bradberry



6 J. R. Owen



7 J. E. Livingston



8 T. F. Kinslow



9 L. L. Hodnett



10 Darrell Holder

ORIGIN AND DESTINATION STUDY CONDUCTED

The Planning and Research Division conducted an Origin and Destination Study on U.S. 71 in Washington and Benton Counties to obtain information for the Northwest Toll Road Study. The interviews conducted for the consulting firm of Wilbur Smith & Associates, were made at selected locations along the route for a six-hour period.

As the motorist reached the interview stations, he was asked (1) where his trip began; (2) where the trip will end; (3) the purpose; (4) the number of trips per week; and (5) would he pay a reasonable toll to make the trip on limited expressway.

The photo's were made on U.S. 71 north of Crawford and Washington county line near Winslow.



OFFICE ADMINISTRATION SEMINAR



New ideas are the essence of personal and professional growth. They challenge you — define new prospectives — keep you fresh. On a practical level, new and different methods can frequently help solve problems, both old and new.

The Arkansas Highway Department, sponsored Office Administration Seminar (held in two sessions) on January 6 and 7, 8 and 9, included 136 employees. The attendees



came from all the Districts and the Central Office staffs with a sharp lookout for new ideas and methods of helping each to do the job better, as well as get acquainted.

When you shake up the way you currently think, act and react, it could assist you in achieving your career goals. A big thanks to all employees who participated in this training program.

TOURISM GROWING IN ARKANSAS

In 1975 an estimated total of 21,200,000 traveled in Arkansas, an increase of 9.6 percent over 1974. They spent around \$967.5 million in the state, generating almost \$74.5 million in tax revenues.

Traffic at the eight Tourist Information Centers, located on the state's borders, showed a marked increase in 1975. (The eighth center, located at Blytheville, was completed and dedicated in April of last year.) Through November, visitation at the centers totaled 565,960 people.

Tourism is the third most important factor in the state's economic development picture, next to agriculture and manufacturing.

According to figures compiled by the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism, Arkansas' tourism-oriented businesses, especially those in resort areas, were up 12 to 15 percent in 1975. Some areas and specific attractions recorded yearly increases in excess of 20 percent.

LETTERS

December 1, 1975

Dear Johnnie:

In catching up a bit on my reading, I noticed that one of the Department's photos won first place in the Department of Transportation awards competition this year.

Please accept my hearty congratulations. To be judged first in a field of 670 entries is indeed an outstanding accomplishment.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,
John Paul Hammerschmidt

Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter in regard to Sgt. Robert E. Coder of the State Highway Patrol and Cpl. Aubrey Mathews of Fort Smith and Van Buren, Arkansas respectively.

My mother and father, Mr. & Mrs. Donald D. Vaughn of Hot Springs, Arkansas, were traveling west through Fort Smith and Van Buren on the morning of November 7, 1975 when they were involved in a car accident on Route 40. They were towing a travel trailer and were heading toward Oklahoma. When the accident occurred, the gas tank was ruptured and the car caught on fire. My father was burned over 98% of his body and died 11 hours later at Sparks Medical Center in Ft. Smith.

My mother was also taken to Sparks where she was treated and later released. Now comes the story of the help of these fine two patrolmen.

At the request of my father, Cpl. Mathews climbed into the rear of the trailer to retrieve several important papers and safely stored them in the vault of the State Police offices in Ft. Smith. Sgt. Coder came to the hospital to see my mother on Saturday and offered any assistance he could. My sister and I arrived in Ft. Smith, November 8 and at this time Sgt. Coder gave up his entire weekend to help me with funeral arrangements, insurance procedures, police reports, food and lodging. He spent eight hours on Saturday and eight hours on Sunday helping me and my family with all these details. Sgt. Coder not only gave of his time, but gave of himself during this difficult period for us. My sister and I flew from Boston and arrived in Ft. Smith not knowing what to expect or what to do. If it weren't for these two fine people, their help, their concern, and their empathy, I don't know what we would have done.

Perhaps it is because of the time we all live in today or the area of country we live in (New England), but we could not believe the concern these two individuals showed us. It opened my eyes to the fact that policemen are not solely interested in giving speeding tickets or arresting people, but that there are some that feel that helping people are just as important. Sgt. Coder and Cpl. Mathews are these type of individuals and I thank God for them! I would hope that through your office you could convey our feelings for these men to all your patrolmen throughout the state. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,
Dwayne Cameron



November, 1975

Gentlemen:

I own 20 acres ¼ mile south of Sulphur Springs on Hwy. 59. It is on the west side of the Highway – I have 4 horses (all pinto) and a sign "Low Chaparral Ranch" so I hope you know the people I am mentioning!

I just wanted to thank you guys for always doing a good job, I note you really mow my area very good and felt I should thank you for a job well done!

I plan to build next summer – when I do, you guys plan to eat lunch close by – we'll try to have some coffee & cake to repay you in a small way for (I repeat) doing a great job.

Thanks,
Spec Martin

January 7, 1976

Dear Mr. Gray,

On Christmas Day evening my wife and I set out from Little Rock to drive to our lake home at Edgemont on Greers Ferry. Sometime around 6:30 p.m. we became stuck in the snow on the section of highway No. 16 between No. 25 and the narrows. Traffic was at a standstill, with cars abandoned all up and down the line. It looked pretty hopeless, so we bedded down for the night.

Now the purpose of this letter is to tell you what happened next. Along about 8:30 p.m. two of your motor graders came through, removing the snow, and helped us get back on the road. We were able to follow them right on up and down the mountains to our place. I failed to get their names, but one lives at Higden. We are most grateful for their help, and proud that Arkansas Highway Department people responded on Christmas night, when it would have been much more comfortable to stay at home, safe from the cold.

Best Wishes,
Woody Castleberry

(Ed. Note: The two men were Harold Carr, and Welden Walley, of District 5.)

CHRISTMAS PHOTOS





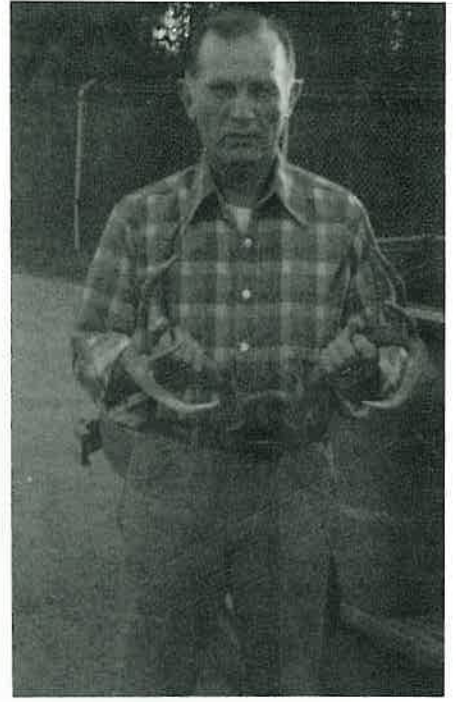
AHD HUNTERS



Ricky Allbritton



Glen E. Steward - 3 pt.



Allen Cheatham



Debby Eaton



Marvin Keler (far right) at camp.



Don Brown



Frank Vozel & Mike Selig



Sullivan-McFerran team.

THE LAMENT OF A DEER WIDOW

By Judy Parker

(Wife of Bobby Joe Parker, Construction Division)

Eleven and one-half months of the year my husband is a sane, sensible and thoughtful man. He leaves for work each morning at 7:20 and pulls in our driveway every afternoon at 5:05. He takes care of all the little necessary repair jobs around the house and dutifully assists me by emptying the trash, clearing the table, vacuuming, etc. He even willingly keeps the kids while I play tennis or bridge. I really couldn't ask for a better husband — until the first of November.

Every year, as the 11th month approaches, I begin to notice weird things happening to husband. His eyes get a glazed, faraway look. He comes home from work and forgets to greet his family. He is found standing in the middle of the bedroom fondling his insulated underwear. He spends long hours cleaning his already spotless rifles. He makes countless trips to the rifle range to sight in his gun "just one more time to make sure." He polishes his beloved Bronco (his \$4,000 toy which is only taken out and played with at this time of the year.) He is given to long periods of silent meditation characterized by a secret smile on his otherwise blank face. Oh yes, I can always tell when the great spirit of the deer woods has called for the soul of my husband.

Six years ago I discovered exactly how strong the mystical powers of the great deer spirit really were. I rushed in from the doctor's and breathlessly told husband he could expect the arrival of his second child any day now. He peered at me through the barrel of his 30.06 and mumbled, "I hope you wait 'til I get back from deer camp."

Naturally, Mother Nature being the vixen she is, his son was delivered the day after he returned from camp.

Three years ago husband uprooted me from my lifelong home and moved me to the strange town of Benton. For the first time in my life I was an alien. I was heartbroken and miserable. I sat in our new house and cried a lot. I even began to show signs of withdrawal. Then one day the mail brought an invitation to, what a neighbor informed me was, the social event of the year.

I was elated with this first sign of acceptance in this strange place. I anxiously awaited the arrival of husband to inform him of our good fortune. Husband reacted with the statement, "That's the day I go to deer camp."

Now, understand the social event was scheduled for the Saturday before deer season opened on Monday. However, the great deer spirit always calls his victims into camp early to get prepared for the big hunt. For the first time in our married life, I rebelled, I argued, I cajoled, I pleaded, I begged, I prayed, I ranted, I raved, I cursed, I threw things. Then I did what, for me, was a near impossible feat — I gave him the silent treatment. I didn't talk to husband for three weeks - two weeks before deer season and a week after he returned.

After 12 years of marriage, I have finally resigned myself to being a widow during the second week of November. I have learned that during this period there is nothing on earth that can compete with the powers the great deer spirit has on the soul of my husband. I am thankful that at least the spirit seems to lose some of its power as the second week comes to an end. I only become powerful enough to get a permanent grip on husband's soul and imprison him forever in the deer hunter's paradise — never to return to the exhilarating world of income producing, budget making, and child rearing.

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January 27, 1976

Mr. Jim Selbey
Assistant District Engineer

Dear Mr. Selbey:

I wish to express my sincere gratitude for the prompt action taken in connection with our request for the crosswalk for pedestrians at the entrance of our bank building on Highway No. 178 and for the caution signs placed at either side of the crosswalk.

Perhaps this will help save a life and your concern and prompt action is very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
R. F. Lawyer

Dear Gentlemen of the Highway Department:

Just want to tell you how much we appreciate the fine work of the men who mow the right-of-ways. The tourists are very complimentary of the highway appearance. We feel your fine job helps entice the tourists to stop at our place.

We do appreciate your efforts to make this a prettier Highway 7.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Robert McDaniel

P.S. We have coffee anytime you need a break when working our area.

December 30, 1975

Gentlemen:

Christmas night I drove across Arkansas on I-40 in snow, sleet and rain. About the only thing I could see was the tail lights of the car ahead of me and the reflectorized studs on the center-line.

This is the first time I've driven where the reflectors were installed on the center line and I think they're the greatest safety device on highways in many years. If you had not had them on I-40 I would have had to pull off the road. My compliments to your state for installing them. I hope my home state of Missouri will follow your example soon.

Sincerely,
Joe Webb

December 3, 1975

Dear Henry:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the splendid job you did in your efforts to raise money for the Pulaski County United Way Drive. I was proud that state employees pledged over \$20,000 to the campaign, which was more than the combined total of the employees of the cities of Little Rock, North Little Rock, Sherwood, and Pulaski County. In what I think was a most difficult year for the United Way Drive, they exceeded their goal of \$1,750,000 by \$50,000. This is a credit to the people who participated in the campaign and an achievement of which they should be proud.

Thank you again for your efforts in making this campaign a success.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,
David Pryor

TWO PRAYERS

The following two prayers were taken from the Johnson & Johnson Bulletin. They were submitted by Miss Marie Rodriguez, Secretary to Mr. F. P. Apeseche, Vice President of Johnson & Johnson International.

SECRETARY'S PRAYER

Help me to have the memory of an elephant, or at least one that would go three years back. That through some small miracle I may be able to do all things at once, answer four telephones at a time, and type a letter that must go out that same afternoon (although I know it will not be signed til tomorrow). Make me not lose my patience when I spend hours looking in the files for a paper which I will finally find on my boss' desk. Give me the knowledge of a university professor, in spite of my bachelor's degree. Help me to understand and fulfill all orders, though no explanation is given to me. Make me know, without being told, where my boss is, what he is doing, and when he is coming back. Let me appear seductive to those whom my boss wants to impress, a monster to the bothersome visitors, and a shapeless earthworm in the eyes of his wife. And, at the end of the year, give me the wisdom not to destroy, when I am ordered to, the files which will be requested a few days later.

The second prayer is really for the bosses, so that the secretaries will have company while praying!

AN EXECUTIVE'S PRAYER

Dear Lord, give me the patience of a saint and the ability to endure my secretary's knack of confusion. Help me keep calm when she reminds me of my morning appointments — after lunch. Give me the strength, Heavenly Father, to keep my anger in check when she takes 30 minutes for a mid-morning coffee break while I take telephone messages from her friends, some of whom hang up as soon as they hear my voice! I realize that nobody's perfect, but help me, dear Lord, to keep my cool when she hands me a letter to the company president with two ereasures, two strikeovers, and a misspelled word. I need extra strength, Heavenly Father, to hold my tongue when she orders her groceries and makes hair appointments on my private phone which is reserved for incoming, long-distance calls. I realize that assault and battery is against the law, dear Lord, so please restraineth my hand so I may not do violence. Amen.

AnnieV. Corey

DON'T BE YOUR OWN WORST ENEMY WHEN DRIVING

WHETHER we admit it or not, many of us are actually our own worst enemies. We eat wrong, we wear the wrong cothes for varying weather, we behave selfishly, disregarding the rights of others, we are unfair in our business and social contacts. And we walk and drive as if the streets and highways were ours and we were the only ones who had any right to use them.

RECORDS show that there are more traffic accidents during the winter months. Bad weather conditions, by themselves, don't cause accidents. Drivers who fail to prepare themselves for winter travel or who ignore the rules for winter highway safety often find themselves involved in traffic mishaps.

THE first and best way for the motorist to prepare for winter driving conditions is to reduce speed. You cannot drive in safety at your accustomed speed during much of the winter season. The minutes we lose by cutting our speed in wintry weather could add many years to our lives.

WHEN roads are slick or covered with ice or snow or any time when visibility has reached a low point, is no time for drivers to become impatient with other motorists. Perhaps you are sure of your own ability to drive under hazardous conditions, but some other motorist may be uncertain about what is best for him to do. To be impatient and urge other such motorist along faster could be disastrous to them as well as to you.

IN this day and time when it is possible for every community to know well in advance what weather conditions are likely to be there is no excuse for drivers being unprepared.

WE can't do away with winter any more than we can change the orbit of the sun or the moon, but we can winterize our cars, our driving skill, and our motoring behavior. LET'S NOT BE OUR OWN ENEMY!

AWARDS

NOVEMBER — DECEMBER — JANUARY
30 YEARS

Jucille Dishongh, Construction
John C. Gossett, District 7
Edgar H. McClure, District 5

20 YEARS

Donald T. Brown, Heavy Bridge Maint.
Winfred P. Cummings, District 5
McEwen L. Darr, District 10
Johnnie M. Quinn, District 1
Russell O. Winton, District 3
Billy K. Cooper, Chief Engineer
Lewis A. Gore, District 3
Paul R. Haydon, Roadway Design
Bonnie G. Hill, Accounting
William F. Hulan, District 3
Shelby Hudson, Jr., District 1
Frank Novak, District 2
Herman W. Sanders, P&R
Benjamin F. Walsh, District 7

15 YEARS

Wiley L. Bryant, District 7
Jackie L. Cheatham, District 4
Jessie W. Millican, District 7
Wilbert E. Montgomery, District 4
Charles O. Pellham, District 8
Grady M. Rose, District 4
Wendell G. Williams, M&T
Jervis F. Conway, Computer Services
Henry C. Eggleston, District 8
Lawrence H. Fletcher, Maintenance
Stanley R. Fulbright, District 5
Bobby G. Hubbard, District 5
Denvil P. Sparks, District 3
Clifford E. Thornsberry, District 4
Don D. Wilkinson, District 4
Morgan Y. Bryant, District 1
Kenneth W. Dunn, District 7
Bryan W. McArthur, Right of Way
Von Z. Sturdevant, District 8

10 YEARS

William C. Evans, District 5
Oral Q. Fendley, District 6
Billy D. Hudson, District 9
Eugene V. Slaton, District 7
Harvey Sutherland, District 5
Weldon L. Walley, District 5
James F. Woodson, District 6
Ronald N. Brown, State Aid
Robert H. Ghormley, District 3
Fred B. McCain, District 8
Floyd W. Petty, District 3
R. B. Runions, Maint.-Radio
Charles T. Webb, District 9
George G. Major, Jr., Roadway Design
Susie D. Boyett, Procurement
Charles R. Breeding, Weights
Charles M. Gibson, District 9
Richard W. Henriksen, Traffic
Joseph A. Leopard, District 2
William D. Smith, Weights
Maia Fay Sullivan, Computer Services
James A. Vickery, District 1
Shirley M. Wright, District 9

5 YEARS

James E. Back, District 10
Jackie W. Brisco, District 9
William T. Brooks, Right of Way
Richard N. Chapman, Traffic
James R. Douglas, District 10
James L. Gibson, District 10
Paul E. Hoggard, District 5
Douglas W. Huckaba, Maint. - Radio
Harold E. Huey, Weights
Ed A. Jones, District 5
Patsy L. Latson, Reproduction
Joseph S. Lucas, District 1
Charles E. Means, Jr., District 4
Dorothy F. Perry, Bldg. & Grounds
Oliver Taylor, District 1
Jack A. Biffle, District 8

Eddie P. Bradley, District 5
James C. Kuykendall, Bridge Design
Kenneth R. Newcomb, Bldg. & Grounds
Jurld E. Payton, District 8
Johnny L. Vaughn, District 8
Angela V. Blackwell, Permits
Donald W. Donaldson, Surveys
Tommie N. Erwin, District 6
Kenneth R. Formby, District 3
Harvey A. Hubbard, District 7
Lewis T. Jones, District 1
Charles B. Ludwig, District 10
Nancy P. Mahan, District 10
James F. Marshall, P&R
Bernard W. Mize, District 7
Roy E. Morris, District 1
Raymond W. Roach, District 4

RETIREMENTS

NOVEMBER — DECEMBER — JANUARY

W. C. Crane	Van O. Campbell
L. G. Hambrick	Olin Clawson
W. A. Hardin	William Cranfill
J. L. Stone	Elbert Evans
F. L. Taylor	Carl Keehn
James E. Bryson	J. C. Lancaster
Margarette L. Parnell	Gerwood Miller
Haskell Sitton	Frank Phillips
U. L. Cling	Y. W. Whelchel
Woodrow Crabtree	Edward K. Williamson
J. L. Strickland	Wess Kyle
Opie Winningham	Mosie McKinney
Gallie Dycus	Edison Booth
Forrest Hole	Edward Loyd
J. E. Herrington	Lester Nichols
Edgar Andrews	

RETIRES DECEASED IN 1975

Charley Rufus Bakes	Dewey T. Hogue
J. M. Barry	George Howell
Joseph James Bennett	Isadore R. Jones
Eulis Franklin Caraway	J. I. Lookadoo
Henry Cook	Martin O. Machen
William H. Cook	Clyde L. Nast
William F. Deaderick	Myrtle Miles
Asa Loyd Duncan	Sarah S. Neel
Cecil L. Elliott	E. J. Pendleton
Bob S. Farmer	Herman Ray Phelan
William Foster	Howard Pittman
Gilbert James Furlow	Willie J. Ryals
Emmitt F. Gilbreth	F. Loyad Stovall
Robert Gray	Neal Price Taylor
Edith Green	Otey Adams Tinsley
Fred J. Herring	Steve West

Around the Department

ACCOUNTING

BY JANE BROWN

We are happy to welcome Brenda Mayton, to the highway department to join our Accounting Division. Brenda is handling Group Insurance and doing a very efficient job. She transferred to us from the State Hospital, where she was employed as the insurance clerk, and we are very glad she chose to work with us instead. Hope you enjoy yourself here Brenda!



On December 20, we had an inter-office party in honor of the very special man in our life, Frank Phillips, who retired with 35 years of service. Mr. Phillips was certainly one of the top employees the highway department has had the pleasure of having with them, and we are all thankful we were given the opportunity of working with him. He'll certainly be in our thoughts forever, and we'll all be hoping for several visits from him. We all wish him life's best, and a very bright future!

Congratulations to Deana Mitchell, who was married January 3, to Eddie Keathley, at Tyler Street Baptist Church. Deana and Eddie spent a short exciting honeymoon in Memphis, Tennessee, and are now settled in at the Heritage House apartment complex. Eddie is presently a patrolman at the Little Rock Police Department. We wish both of you much happiness in your new life together, and a blessed future.

We are all happy to hear the special news in the Shaw family, as Mike and Margie announced an August addition to their happy home! Congratulations! The stork should be kept quite busy that month, as a visit is also planned to Diana and Doug Cox's home to bring them their bundle of sunshine too. We are all so happy and excited for those expecting young parents, and wish them both a lifetime of joy.

Bonnie Hill, received her 20 year pin on January 5 and all of Accounting congratulates her on so many years of service with the highway department. We all feel Bonnie is indeed a friendly asset we wouldn't want to be without, and wish her many more happy years with us.

We are all wishing a speedy recovery to Laura Hinz, who was hospitalized, but is at home now, and doing very well. We're all anxious to have you back with us Laura, and hope that will be soon!

BRIDGE DESIGN

BY BONNIE WESSON

Congratulations to Carl and Sandy Lindstrom, our very newly weds. They were married January 28 at Grace Presbyterian Church in Little Rock. We got the good news when they returned from spending the holidays with Carl's parents in the Bahamas. Sandy (Morris) works for Roger Almond in the Program Planning Section of P&R, and Carl is an engineer in Dale Loe's design squad. We wish Carl and Sandy only happiness and good times from now on.

David Lambert and Debbie Cushing are planning a May wedding. We all got to meet Debbie during Christmas and admire her beautiful ring. Debbie is a terrific looking girl and I notice David doesn't let her visit in Bridge Design near long enough.

Chuck Sherwood has moved to a new apartment in Sturbridge and possibly enjoys the luxury of driving to work by himself. Surely he didn't move across town to get out of my carpool. He probably doesn't even miss going by two neighborhood schools every morning.

Harry Dinsmore and Willie Whitmire belong to the Toastmasters Club. They are learning to organize their thoughts and speak the least offensive to every ear, all the while appearing warm and comfortable in a state of cold sweat. Then take constructive criticism from fellow-light-hearts during lunch. (That's brave.)

CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

BY THE STAFF

On January 9, the Construction Division held an open house in honor of Lucille Dishongh.



B. K. Cooper, Deputy Director & Chief Engineer attended the occasion and presented her 30 year Service Award.

Cake and punch were served to the many friends who stopped by.

Lucille is secretary to Construction Engineer John Tallant.

Congratulations, Lucille!!

INFORMATION SERVICES

BY THE STAFF



Johnnie Gray, Louie Greene, Ferol Jones, Jim McCall and Bill Looney

Pictured with Bill Looney, Chief of Information Services, are his office staff who invited friends to share an informal get together on the morning of December 10, honoring him for 25 years' service with the Highway Department. Bill received a pin and certificate of service on December 11, at the Highway Commission's Annual Awards Session.

MAINTENANCE

BY BRENDA WOODYARD

As the "call of the wild" season approaches each year, the men in our office vanish into the woods. Most of the men are hunters in one way or another, be it deer, coon, rabbit, quail, duck, turkey, chicken or whatever else crossed their gun sites. This year was no exception, and we non-hunters have been entertained by a couple of "dead-eye shooting" stories.



Don Brown, left with John Hall.

Don Brown shows off his prize deer after several days of roughing it in the woods. (Page 20.) Don't let him kid you, I've seen pictures of the cabin he and his friends built especially for deer hunting. Don, also, received his 20 year service award and pin from John Hall in December.

The "shoot-off" between Pat Sullivan and James McFerran and Lawrence Fletcher and Jim Rives, on a recent casual Saturday afternoon quail hunt, ended with a score of 16-0 in favor of the Sullivan-McFerran team. When you're hot, you're hot, right Lawrence and Jim? (Photo on page 20.)



Bert Rownd, left, with Lawrence Fletcher

Several people have received service awards recently. Lawrence Fletcher received his 15 year award and O. F. Neeley with Heavy Bridge was presented with his 25 year award. Both were honored with cake and coffee while fellow workers wished them many more years with AHD.

John E. Hall has successfully earned the Able Toastmasters award. It is given to those Toastmasters who achieve outstanding service in the club.

We extend our sympathy to Mr. Rownd's family after learning of the death of his sister, Louise Hambrick of DeWitt.

We were also sorry to hear that P. J. and J. E. Lally's father died after suffering a heart attack.

MATERIALS & TESTS

BY THE STAFF



Congratulations to the crew from M&T who received service awards. They are from left to right: Fred Clark, L. G. Willcockson, Wendell Williams, Julia Mae Rowe and George Allen.

PHOTOGRAMMETRY

BY SUE WALLS

Charles Rankin has left our office for other employment. We wish him luck on his new job.

We have a new employee in our office. His name is Charles Alexander. He is a stereoplotter-operator trainee. Charles is the son of Clara Webber in the Accounting office. He and his wife, Mary, have just moved back to Arkansas after living in Westmoreland, New York. Welcome to Photogrammetry, Charles.

Bill Taylor, son of Roger Taylor, plays third trombone for the regional band. The band recently held a concert at Searcy. Bill is also a member of the DeMolays. He will soon be tak-

ing a trip to Dallas, Texas for a DeMolay district degree demonstration. We wish to congratulate Bill on his accomplishments. It looks like he has been a very busy boy!

Well, softball season is starting again. I hope that we don't have any injuries this year like we had last year. I didn't know that softball was such a dangerous game until last year. We would like to wish our team lots of luck, though.

PLANNING & RESEARCH

BY THE STAFF

This Division has had so much happening during the past few months that it is hard to decide where to begin. The Christmas Party would probably be the best place.

On December 19, this Division held its annual Christmas luncheon and this year it was really something special. All the employees had to do was come - PARSAC furnished the rest. The menu included smoked ham, slaw, baked beans, bread, chips and dips, cake, tea and punch, pickles, and more. Everyone had a ball and totally stuffed themselves.

Service awards were presented to five of our employees.

On December 11, following the Commission meeting, a party was given in honor of Katie Brasel, who received her 30-year Service Award and pin, and Marlin Powell, who received his 25-year Award and pin. Both of these people are loyal, dedicated employees and are a pleasure to work with. We all wish them many more years with the Highway Department.



Katie Brasel, Marlin Powell & Charles Frazier

In addition, Herman Sanders received a 20-year Service Award, June Rain, a 10-year Service Award, and James Marshall, a 5-year Service Award. Congratulations to these three also.



Herman Sanders



James Marshall



June Brown

Two employees of this Division took a dream vacation during the month of February. Mary Jack Tatum and Gloria Holliday flew to Denver and took a bus on to Winter Park, Colorado for a five-day skiing trip.

We have four new daddies in this Division this time - three of them for the first time.

Mark and Liz Bradley welcomed Rebekah Kay into their home on December 5; John and Tina Bodiak announced the birth of Michael William on December 1 and Dale and Katherine Gossien made known the fact that Russell Jones arrived on January 30.



Rebekah Bradley



Michael Bodiak



Russell Jones Gossien

Larry Spencer got the little girl he had been hoping for when Stephanie Lynn made her appearance on November 17. Brother Stuart is very pleased with his new sister.

In between the babies and weddings, a new employee, Tommy Lorenzo, came to the Economics Section. He received his Juris Doctorate and has been a teacher in the Bryant school system for 5½ years. He is a welcome addition to that Section.

Now to the weddings, June Brown and Charlie Rain exchanged vows on November 22 at her home and both were back at work the following Monday.

January, it seems, was the really big month for marriages in this Division.

Our first one was on January 16 when Jennie Jones and Randy Sullivan were married in the Mabelvale United Methodist Church. Following a trip to Northern Arkansas, they are at home in the Mabelvale area.

Next, on January 28, Sandy Morris of our Program Planning Section, and Carl Lindstrom of the Bridge Design Division exchanged vows in Grace Presbyterian Church at 8:00 a.m. They honeymooned at the Tan-Tara ski resort in Missouri and are now living in the Treasure Hills edition of Little Rock. Now that's a pretty big step to take just so you can carpool together.



Carl & Sandy Lindstrom

Finally, on January 31, two more of our employees married. Kerry McLaughlin and Larry Nichols said their "I dos" at her sister's home in Stamps.

Congratulations to all four of these couples. Also Congratulations to Johnnie & Eleanor Longcoy on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Johnnie retired from P&R as office manager with 17 years service. He worked with Division Head, J. R. Henderson.

On January 26th Mr. and Mrs. Longcoy were honored with an open house. Their son John Scott attended from Alta Loma, Texas. Also attending were the bridesmaid Mrs. W. R. Hillman from White Bear, Minn. and best man J. A. Bilheimer, from Golden, Co.

One final "congratulations" in order. Jackie Maxwell informed us that she will be welcoming another addition to her family in September. Brother Gerald doesn't seem to mind at all.



Johnnie, John Scott & Elenor Longcoy



Members of the field crew in the Current Planning Section in P&R are: L to R, Jessie Meabon, Roy Hughes, Wayne Harper, Jennifer Williams, Mayo White, Claude Roberson, Lloyd Brown; 2nd Row, Hershel Russell, Roy Stroud,

Herman Sanders, Chester Willis, Odell Lewis, Louie Ball, E. O. Woodward; 3rd Row, W. G. Ward, Willie Williams, A. C. Mitchell, Jimmy Clark, Thurman Taylor, Denver Duncan, H. L. Gregory, Ed Johnson, Section Chief.

PROCUREMENT

BY ANN JOHNSON



Frank Caple with Sue Boyette

Sue Boyette, secretary to Mr. Caple, was presented her 10 year certificate and pin on January 29.

Following the presentation, the office enjoyed a "potluck" dinner "catered" by a local

catering firm. Johnny Gray was not necessarily a special guest, just decided to eat with us that day!

All of us in this office have found that Sue is a joy to work with. Congratulations!

REPRODUCTION

BY THE STAFF

Everyone in our section had a most enjoyable Holiday Season.

Instead of drawing names, as tradition has it, the Reproduction Section put their money together to buy toys for the Elizabeth Mitchell Children's Home in Little Rock.

December 16th several employee's delivered the toys and played Santa Claus. Each child received a toy and everyone had a good time.

This is the 2nd year the employee's of this section have participated in this project.

We would like to thank Charles Hamilton of P. N. Hurst, Co., in El Dorado, who donated half of the toys.

Coordinators for the project were Ronny Lewis and Debbie Allen.

On November 24, Al Dunn, Section Chief, presented Pat Latson with her 5 year service award and pin. Punch, cake and other goodies were served.



Allen Dunn with Patsy Latson

In the last magazine we announced an expectant mother in our section, Debra Allen. Now we extend congratulations to an expectant father. The stork will be paying Frank and Janean Knowles a visit around June. Frank recently purchased a new car for his wife, a 1976 Pacer.

Not only do we have an expectant mother and father, but we have a Brand New Grandpa! John Allen Sketoe weighed in at 8 lbs. 8 ozs. on December 14. He is the son of Phyllis and John Sketoe, daughter and son-in-law of Allen Dunn. Grandpa just can't wait to get him on a motorcycle.



Six couples from our section enjoyed dinner and the show at the Olde West Dinner Theatre on December 23. The show at the time was "The Odd Couple". Everyone had a real good time.

Debi McAfee recently moved to a new apartment in Foxrun Apartments.

Jerry Heffington recently sold his house, moved to North Little Rock, and is now in the process of buying a new house.

Patsy Roling and family attended the Cotton Bowl Game in Dallas. While in Texas they also visited with her mother in Fort Worth. Needless to say, Patsy's voice was not the same when she returned to Little Rock.

RIGHT OF WAY

BY SHIRLEY CHILDRESS

Tammy Chastain, our newest employee in Right of Way, was married to Scott McCorkle, January 16 at Hill Date Baptist Church. The wedding was attended by close friends and relatives, with a small reception at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Densil McCorkle. Tammy's parents are Mr. & Mrs. Buster Chastain. We would like to wish Tammy and Scott a long and happy life together.

This will introduce you to Staci Michelle Davenport, daughter of Randy Davenport, a draftsman in the Engineering Section, and his wife Charlotte. Staci was born on January 8 and weighed 7 lbs. 8½ ozs. Staci has an older brother Chris, age 4½, who is very proud of his pretty little sister. Randy and Charlotte recently purchased a home near the highway building.



Staci Michelle Davenport

Gary Anderson, a technician in the Engineering Section, is planning an early summer wedding to Cynthia Kusturin. Cindy works for the State of Arkansas and attends UALR.

Carl Keehn retired December 31 after fourteen years of service with the Highway Department. The employees in the Engineering Section had a luncheon for Carl on his last day of employment and everyone had a nice time even though there is always mixed feelings when someone retires. Everyone in Right of Way would like to wish Carl a long and happy retirement and hope he will drop by for a visit every now and then.

Glendol Jackson, Assistant Chief of the Right of Way Division, was presented the Silver Beaver Award at the 54th annual Recognition Dinner for the Ouachita Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, which was held at the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs January 23. The Silver Beaver Award is the highest award the local Council may bestow on a council basis, to

volunteer Scouters. It is granted by the National Council upon the nomination of a volunteer committee of the Ouachita Area's Council. The award is made for noteworthy service to boyhood by registered Scouters within the territory under the jurisdiction of the Ouachita Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.



Mr. & Mrs. Glendol Jackson

Glendol has served Scouting as a Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, canoe base leader, Philmont Expedition leader, institutional representative, district chairman, executive board member and has received the Saline District Scouter of the Year Award.

Other members of Glendol's family have shared his love for scouting over the years. His wife Geraldine, was active in scouting for many years, their daughter, Karen, holds the highest award in Girl Scouting and their son, Johnny, is an Eagle Scout. They also have a six year old son, Jerry, who will be starting in scouting soon.

Marie Kling's husband, Larry, had surgery on his leg January 27 for the second time. He tore the ligaments and cartilage behind his knee while at summer camp last May. Surgery was performed on his leg the first time in July but it did not correct the problem and they had to do it all over again. Marie is really getting good at being a nurse. She not only has been taking care of Larry but has nursed a mangy, scrawny, St. Bernard puppy, named Saint, back to health. In fact Saint is so healthy now that she once ate a whole chicken Marie had thawing for her and Larry's supper.

A. C. Ledbetter, Chief of the Administrative Section, and his wife Frances celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary November 9 with an Open House. Many friends and co-workers dropped by to wish them well and we would like to add our congratulations also.

Congratulations to Bryan McArthur, who received his 15 Service Award on February 9. A division party was held in the Appraisal Section in his honor. His wife, Billie was there to help Herbert Hooten present the award.



Mr. & Mrs. Bryan McArthur with Herbert Hooten

ROADWAY DESIGN

BY THE STAFF

Brooks Nichols presented service certificates and pins to four employees of Roadway Design on January 27.



Those receiving certificates were from left to right; Paul Haydon, 20 years service; George Major, 10 years service; Bob Mize, 10 years service; and not present for picture, Chester Siesicki, 30 years service. A short ceremony with donuts, punch and coffee was enjoyed by all the employees in our division for this presentation.

STATE AID

BY SHIRLEY WESSON

The State Aid Division and other co-workers honored Ronald N. Brown in January for ten years service to this division. Brownie was presented his pin and certificate by John Kizer, afterwards cake and coffee was enjoyed by all attending. Congratulations, Brownie!! and press on for 10 more.

I would personally like to express my thanks to all who remembered me during my illness. I received many lovely cards, money, visits, flowers and telephone calls from friends while in the hospital. Your thoughtfulness and concern will always be cherished.

SURVEYS

BY THE STAFF

Bob Mattox, Engineer of Surveys received his 25 year Service Award from the Highway Commission on December 11. Also, he re-



ceived a special award from AASHTO.

Bob's wife, Adelle, was present for the presentation.

Congratulations!

TRAFFIC DIVISION

BY JOANN NIEHAUS

The Traffic Division has had a lot of changes made in the past months. The first change was Mr. Van O. Campbell's retirement after 26 years with the Department. A party was given in his honor which everyone enjoyed. Mr. Campbell received several items for use in fishing which we all hope he will enjoy. We want you to come back and see us every chance you get.

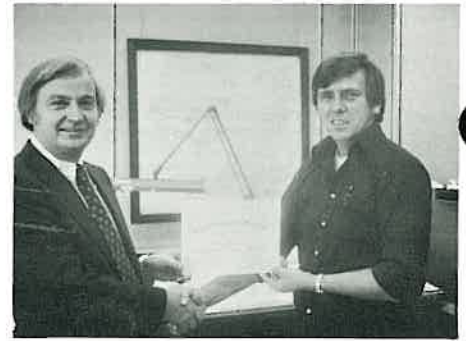


Otha Hewitt, Chief of Traffic Services received his 25 year award and presented Van Campbell his retirement certificate.

Frank Blalock was promoted to Asst. Chief of Traffic Services Section.

Frank Vozel was promoted to Head of Traffic Engineering Section along with being Head of Traffic Safety Section in this Division.

Rick Henrikson who transferred from Roadway Design Division is now with us to work on our Interstate Signs - this was a vacancy left by Ray Maxey in December. We are certainly glad to have Rick with us.



Rick Henrikson received his ten years award from Lee Gibbons.

We have also acquired another new member by the name of Carroll Hawkins. Carroll is the son of Irene Hawkins who works in Accounting. Hang in there, Carroll.

Mr. Shelton Leach, one of our field men, was hit by a truck while on duty November 25. Mr. Leach is reported to be doing better and has been transferred to a Little Rock hospital.

SIGN SHOP

BY MARLENE HOGAN

Happy Retirement to William Ray Cranfill, who retired in January after 25 years service with the Highway Department. Wish you luck in your retirement, Ray!

Welcome to our new employees John C. Rogers and Barry Buchanan and W. J. Brown. Barry has just recently come back with the sign crew. He previously worked with the center stripe crew and left the state for awhile.

A. D. Mobley was transferred to District 4. Good luck in your new job.



Congratulations to Frank and Sandra Hamilton on the birth of a baby boy, their first, born January 19. Frank V. Hamilton, Jr., weighed in at 5 lbs. 6½ ozs.

WEIGHTS DIVISION

BY THE STAFF

Wearing the brown uniform of the Highway Department, he is Captain Tom Stroud, the State Coordinator for the Weights Division. As Major Thomas F. Stroud III, he is newly-assigned as the 122d ARCOM Provost Marshal.



Tom Stroud

No matter whether he wears his Army uniform or his Arkansas Highway Department uniform, Tom Stroud is in the business of law enforcement.

Major Stroud was assigned to the Provost Marshal's position from the 415th USAR School where he was an instructor in the Command and General Staff section.

In both jobs - Army Reserve and State Highway Department - he is a well-qualified officer through his education and experience in law enforcement. He has both Bachelor of Science and Masters degrees from Arkansas State University. His advanced degree is in Administration.

Congratulations, Tom on your new assignment.



Weight Division Officers, identified from left to right: Front Row, Kenneth C. Isley, Foreman of Ashdown Weigh Station, promoted to Lt.; William R. Jennings, Harrison Weigh Station, promoted to Sgt.; Howard S. Madsen, Harrison Weigh Station, promoted to Sgt.; James E. Loyd, Lake Village Weigh Station, promoted to Sgt.

Back Row, Tommy D. Briggs, West Helena Roving Unit, promoted to Corporal; Joe Black, Jr., West Memphis Weigh Station, promoted to Corporal; Robert F. McKellar, Ashdown Weigh Station, promoted to Corporal.

Congratulations to two of our men who have received 10 year service awards. They are left, Charles Breeding, foreman of Lehi Weigh Station with Asst. Division Head "Peg" Harrell, center, and right, William Smith, foreman of Springdale Weigh Station.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S OFFICE

BY THE STAFF



B. K. Cooper with secretary Bertie Carr.

On February 12, Director Henry Gray presented B. K. Cooper, Deputy Director and Chief Engineer his 20 year pin and certificate. A party was held in his honor with donuts and coffee being served.

DISTRICT ONE

BY JANET MCEL DUFF

Employees traveling to Little Rock in December for 25 and 30 year awards included L. C. Holman from Phillips County, with 30 years service, and C. W. Stephens, Lee County 30 years service and retiring: M. J. Jordan, Job Superintendent, with 25 years and Troy Lambert, who works on the District-wide General Crew, with 25 years. J. E. Davis, J. M. Quinn and Janet McElduff will be presented with their 15 year service award at the first quarter award party in 1976.



Graduating from the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego recently was Pvt. Dotson Markham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm I. Markham of Gilmore. Mr. Markham works on the Crittenden County Maintenance crew and is justifiably proud of his son.

December 19 marked a red-letter day in District One. A first District-wide family Christmas party was held at the Headquarters in Wynne with supper being served at 7:00 p.m. A large vote of thanks goes to Calvin George, Maintenance Superintendent, for not only making numerous detailed arrangements, but also for working right along with everyone else in the completion of those arrangements. Co-operation was the key-word and everyone who helped get it together was so pleased with the great turnout of employees and families. Coke-fund money bought the hams, each family brought one dish and a better supper you ever saw. There was such a crowd of people, approximately 300, that it was impossible to get around to meeting all the wives and children. After supper we had two former employees plus one (Thomas and Lomas Rooks and W. C. Johnson) who provided good ol' fiddle and guitar music and those who were brave enough and not too full enjoyed dancing while others watched and visited. We hope now, because of the obvious success of this party, that a yearly District family get-together can become a precedent whether it be a Christmas party, fish-fry or what-have-you!

Grandparents corner: Tracy Hill (1), grandson of Virgil Parr; Windell H. Allen, Jr., (2) grandson of Pat Russell; Bridgett Latham (3) granddaughter of Leonard Roberts; Jenny and Ricky Hartness (4) grandchildren of Dick Ethridge.

GRANDPARENTS CORNER



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CHRISTMAS PHOTOS



DISTRICT TWO

BY LESLIE JOHNSON

Between 75 and 100 District 2 employees and their families enjoyed our annual Christmas Party on December 13, in the shop of the District Headquarters. The tables were gaily set with Christmas clothes and candles and our beautiful Christmas Tree was a welcome at the front door. It was a pot-luck affair with smoked ham and turkey furnished. The ladies favorite foods were so good. The wonderful arrays of cakes and pies were delicious. The group had a great time. Larry Alexander entertained the group with a skit of Impressions and Personations of Famous People. He is a voice major at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. Larry is a brother-in-law to Jim Allbritton, our permit clerk. Our special guest was Mrs. Woodrow Wilson (Pauline) from Monticello.



Our only Christmas pictures, not of the party, are of Betty Carter and her girls, Candy, Connie and Christie and your reporter and her family.



Sitting: your reporter and husband Clyde. Standing: L to R, Peggy & husband Ronnie; Tom Robert & wife Charlotte.

The Pine Bluff Residency held their annual Christmas luncheon at the Resident Headquarters for their employees. The wives prepared the abundance of food and goodies with the Turkey being furnished. Mr. John Harris and Mr. Ken Tyler were guests.

The Monticello Residency had a very festive Christmas party, for their employees and families, complete with Santa Claus, tree and decorations. This reporter was a guest along with Ken Tyler, from this office. The group began gathering about 11:00 a.m. and visited until the

smoked turkey & ham and all the trimings were served. The food was delicious. Following dinner Santa Claus arrived with candy and gifts for all. The children were amazed at the sight of Santa. Everyone had a great time. Mr. George Karnes played the part of Santa and was certainly a great one.

Calvin Rawls, our Shop Supv. and his family had a misfortune to lose their home and belongings due to a very disastrous fire. The District 2 employees have miraculously raised about \$500.00 toward a new start.

Benny Roberts' jocular personality is being missed around our office. Benny underwent surgery at Jefferson Hospital Monday and will be out for a while. We hear he is recuperating nicely but giving the nurses a hard way to go. Benny is one of Sarge's right hand boys in the stockroom.



Jamie Paul Anderson

Congratulations are in order to, Ronnie Anderson and his wife upon the birth of Jamie Paul, 8 1/2 lb. on December 2, at Jefferson Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Anderson and Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Jackson, all of Newport.



Nathan Jerome Boyd

Also congratulations to Jerome and Debbie Boyd upon the birth of a 6 1/2 lb. son, Nathan Jerome, born on October 1 at Jefferson Hospital. Grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Aubrey Murphy of Pine Bluff. Jerome is an employee at our Pine Bluff Residency and granddaddy "Murphy" is our No. 1 Painter at the District.

Cecil Clark, wife of Olan, our Shop Supt., has been a patient at Jefferson Hospital since sometime in November and is in critical condition. We hope for the best for her.

James Henderson's wife, Emma, has just been released from the hospital after about a 10-day stay. James reports that she is doing fine because she has him on a diet.

Betty Carter our Fuel Clerk, joined the Opportunity Chapter of ABWA two years ago and has been elected to serve as President this year. During her two year tenure she has served as Boss Night Chairman, Special Enrollment Tea Chairman, Vocational Speaker Chairman and Vice President. She is anxiously awaiting the month of May as she will be attending the Regional Convention at Nashville, Tenn.



Betty Carter

We have a number of employees receiving honors and awards for their years service with the Department. We, here, at the office honored Joe A. Leopard of the stockroom with coffee and donuts and John Harris presented him with his 10 year certificate and pin.

Other recipients were: W. H. Kyle, Eq. Opr., Chicot Co., 30 years; Floyd Fullbright, Area Foreman, Drew Co., 30 years; Aubrey Murphy, Painter, Jefferson Co., 25 years; Melvo Pledger, P.B. Residency, 25 years; Chennault Dunem, Eq. Opr., Drew Co., 25 years; Bernard Hart, P. B. Residency, 25 years; Frank Novak, Monticello Residency, 20 years.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Benny Roberts family in the death of his mother, Ruth Roberts.

For our deer page we have a photo of Ricky Allbritton, age 11 son of James Allbritton Permit Clerk. (Page 20). Ricky and Jim were

among the District 2 employees hunting at Dean Camp at Monticello. Others being lucky and killing their deer were Joe Hays with a 5 pt.; Floyd Fullbright and son-in-law, killing (2); Van Bratton, with a 6 pt.; Joe Akin, killing (2) with one being a 7 pt. Virgil Green and George Karnes were also there.

Richard Morgan, Area Foreman, Star City, killed a 6 pt., somewhere. — This reporters husband Clyde, killed a spike at the Sulphur Springs camp.

MONTICELLO RESIDENCY

By the Staff

December 19, a Christmas luncheon at the Resident Engineer's office was enjoyed by the employees, their families and guests. There was a bountiful supply of food, the menu consisted of smoked turkey, ham and all the trimmings, supplied by the wives of employees. After the meal, our very own special Santa Claus, (George Karnes) made an entrance to the surprise and delight of all the children. Santa distributed candy and gifts to all the youngsters and some not so young and those under ten years old were allowed to sit on his knee and tell the jolly old gentleman what they wanted to find under their tree on Christmas morning.



Special guests who enjoyed the occasion with us were: Mr. Ken Tyler, Assistant District Engineer, Mrs. Leslie Johnson, District secretary and the families of the employees.

The celebration was the idea of T. G. Orton, Jr., who is Resident Engineer of Office 21 and as everyone knows, "Buddy's" favorite pastime is eating good food. We hope to make it an annual affair in celebrating the holiday season.



Frank Novak, left with T. G. Orton, Jr.

Congratulations to Joe Akin, Jack Camden, Robert Rhoads and Sammy Denton in their successful deer hunt.

We congratulate Frank Novak on completing twenty years of loyal and faithful service with the Highway Department. January 23, our group helped him celebrate with cake and coffee. Mrs. George Karnes made the delicious cake and it was enjoyed by everyone. Jan (Mrs. Novak) pinned on Frank's 20 year pin — after all she helped earn it. T. G. Orton, Jr., presented Frank his certificate.

We extend our sympathy to the Denton family in the death of Mr. Denton.

DISTRICT THREE

BY SHARON BAILEY

Congratulations to the following employees on earning service awards: William Hulan, Lewis Gore and Russell Winton for 20 years; Denvil Sparks and Horace Jordan for 15 years; Floyd Petty and Robert Ghormley for 10 years, and Tom Hubbard for 5 years.

Montgomery County is our newest crew, although they have been with us for quite some time now, but a lot of us don't know all of them. They are located so far away that just a few get down here to meet us. Therefore, I was glad to receive the picture shown here so that we could put some faces with the names we know, and I know that there are a bunch more that will appreciate "meeting" these guys by way of this picture. Thanks fellows.



Left to right: L. J. Williams, T. O. Snow, Area Foreman; L. T. Gaither, H. L. Elder, C. G. Qualls, B. A. Turpin, T. D. Brakefield, E. A. Rowland. Bottom Row: A. C. Noles, A. D. Carmack, E. G. White.



Jeremy Lane Barnett

Charlotte and Jerry Burnett and little daughter Misty of Ashdown are happy to announce the arrival of a baby boy on December 16. He weighed 6 pounds 4 ounces and has been named Jeremy Lane. Maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Lovell of Ashdown and paternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. William Burnett of Hope. Jerry is our Area Foreman in Little River County.

Sherri and Ricky Roberts became the proud parents of their first child on January 16. Since Kristen Renne came about two months early, she weighed only 3 lbs. 3 ozs. and is still in the hospital at this writing. Ricky is our newest employee in the Hope Residency.



Ronnie Jonathan Cross was born January 27 and weighed 8 lbs. 5 ozs. He is Mr. and Mrs. John David Cross' second child and first son. John works in our Miller County crew.



Miss Debra Ann Barham and James Michael Taber exchanged wedding vows January 16th at the Oak Grove Methodist Church near Hope. Rev. John Lawrence of Little Rock, brother-in-law of the bridegroom officiated at the double ring ceremony. Parents of the couple are Mr. & Mrs. Joe Barham of Hope and Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Taber of LR. Joe Barham is the welder in our District Shop. The couple will be at home in Little Rock where the groom is employed at Siebert's Inc. and the bride at Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.

Our welcome goes out to Rodney Price who was transferred from the Little Rock Residency to Hope to be Resident Engineer at the Hope office. Rodney is a Civil Engineer graduate of the University of Arkansas and has been employed with the Department for almost 4 years. He is joined by his wife, Sue, and 2½ year old daughter, Rhonda.



Rhonda Price

Our best wishes go to John Watkins who transferred to the Final Estimate Section in Little Rock. John is single so we will be watching the magazine for news, now that he is in the "Big City."

Lillian Denise Ayers was born January 5 weighing 6 lbs. 1½ ozs. to William and Mary Ayers. This is their first child and, by the way, she was born on their Eleventh Anniversary. William works in our Sevier County crew.



Lillian Denise Ayers

Charles and Irma Gail George became parents for the fourth time on January 8. Richard O'Neal weighed 11 lbs. and 2 ozs. and joined two brothers and one sister. Charles works in our Miller County crew.

TEXARKANA RESIDENCY

By Debra Eaton

Two service awards were given in our office, both for 5 years, to Dennis and Danny McWilliams. Congratulations to both of them!

Danny and his wife, Barbara, are the proud parents of their first boy. Danny Wayne was born November 24 and weigh 7 lbs. 15 ozs.



Danny Wayne McWilliams

Our "Great White Hunters" (Deer) are Larry Myers with a seven point, Debby Eaton with a four point and Danny McWilliams with a spike. Congratulations to them and better luck next year to our other hunters. (Photo on page 20.)

We would like to wish Happy Birthdays to Larry Nine and Jim Karnowski (December) and Howard Young and Bryan Duncan (January).



Left to right: H. Young, J. Karnowski, B. Duncan.

Santa Claus was very generous in our area. Resident Engineer Charles Mauk got a CB radio and has been practicing that trucker talk. His handle is "Hitchhiker", which is appropriate since his car was confiscated. Jim Karnowski, Asst. Resident, has a new quartz watch and checks the time for everyone. Debby, our Field Clerk, got a new 1976 Elite, which Santa brought but Mr. Ford hasn't delivered yet. She says it should be in any day now.

January was a lucky month for Bryan Duncan and Jim Karnowski. Bryan took a chance and won \$25 on the AFL-NFL football game and Jim won two albums, a cake, and a box of groceries at a church bingo party.

Gary Roberts attended the IRA Rodeo Finals held in Tulsa, Okla., January 21-25 and was awarded an IRA jacket. Gary has been riding bulls and saddle bronks and working in rodeos for almost ten years. In 1973 he was appointed spokesman for the IRA. If anyone is interested in joining the IRA, Gary is the man to see.

Wayne McKnight, Larry Nine and Danny McWilliams were selected to attend the Materials School held in Hope at our District Office.

NASHVILLE RESIDENCY

By Connie Shaddox



Roy & Regina Wilson are the proud parents of an adorable little boy born December 3. David Christopher weighed in at 9 lbs. 7 ozs. This picture of him was taken at the age of 2 days. Roy and Regina also have a daughter, Donna Marie age 4 years. Roy is a construction inspector with the department at Nashville.



On December 12, the crew from the Nashville Resident Engineer's office held their annual Christmas Party in the SWEPCO hospitality room. As in the past there was lots of delicious food and fun to be shared by all.

DISTRICT FOUR

BY HELEN BUTLER

The Annual District 4 Christmas Party was held December 6, at Creekmore Park Recreation Center in Ft. Smith. Approximately 280 District employees, members of their families and special guests enjoyed the fine food and fellowship.

Santa Claus took time out from his very busy schedule to attend and to bring gifts to each young person who attended. Santa also provided some very nice gifts which were given as door prizes.

Special guests who attended were Commissioner and Mrs. J. C. Patterson, Mr. & Mrs. Otha Hewitt, Mr. & Mrs. John Tallant, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Gray, Mr. Ed Orsini, Mr. & Mrs. Norman Pumphrey, Mr. & Mrs. Kit Carson, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Hayes and Mr. & Mrs. Frank Blalock. We were very pleased to have these special friends with us.

At the close of the evening Mrs. Curt Wingfield, wife of our retired Area Foreman in Logan County, lead us all in singing Christmas Carols. Betty Millard of the Waldron Resident Engineer Crew played the piano. A special thanks to those two ladies.

Our Christmas Party is a very special event for all District 4 employees. Our 1976 is scheduled for Dec. 18th, everyone is invited to attend.

Snow, Snow! at least the children will remember our 1975 Snow with pleasure and delight. Too bad though, it took so many men away to clear the roads, from their homes during our four day holiday. The rest of us who traveled or just stayed at home thank them.

Polk County Area Headquarters employees and families held their annual Christmas party at the American Legion Hut on December 12. Carols were sung, with Karen Downs at the piano. Afterwards a potluck supper and good fellowship were enjoyed by all.



Resident Engineer E. L. Brewer & family.

Leon Brewer's Residency at Springdale enjoyed their Christmas party held at their headquarters on December 19. Besides the delicious potluck dinner, and adding to the fun and festivities, was the employee band, ably assisted by Rama King's two sisters. In "Costume", needless, were C. F. Collins (guitar), B. E. Ditmore (bass fiddle), and F. G. Weaver on the Rub Board. Rebecca King played the guitar and Linda the gentle-sounding dulcimer.



L to R: F. G. Weaver, Ditmore, Collins.

Highway Engineer Aide Cecil Collins must have been playing his guitar romantically also. Anyway, his marriage to Annette Loe took place January 17 in Kingston, Ark., where the happy couple will make their home.

Roy Williams, Const. Insp., of Ralph Fulton's Residency, Ft. Smith and his wife announce the marriage of their son David to Hoang Thi Kim Phuong, January 10. David met his lovely bride last summer while working as a cook at Ft. Chaffee. She and her family of 12 have been sponsored by the Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church of Dallas, Texas. The newlyweds will reside with the groom's parents while he finishes high school. We wish David and Kim happiness and good fortune.



Three of our men were honored with service awards in Little Rock. H. L. Hodnett, 30 years; Harrison Heath, 25 years; and Bob James, 25 years. We congratulate them for their loyal service.

A New Year's Day to remember for all Razorback fans was the Cotton Bowl victory at Dallas! Of course, we would have won anyway,

but the enthusiastic cheering of Sue and Job Supt. Leo Seal and their two sons, David (16) and Mike (14), added to the excitement and encouragement.

Some of our retired visitors have been District Engineer J. P. and Mrs. Clayton, and Neely Parker, who was happy to report that his wife, Hazel, is doing well and is in good spirits. Also Herb Gregory, former Crawford County Foreman, came by. Nice to talk over "old-times".

We would like to wish Marge Parnell a Happy Retirement. Marge took disability retirement, effective in November after 21½ year's service as District Fuel Clerk. We hope she will soon be feeling better and enjoying her new life to the fullest.

Carol Lancaster, District Wide Eq. Op., has also retired after 21 years. A party was held in his honor at Crawford County Area Headquarters.

Our condolences to the family of Bob Gray, retired Permit Clerk, who died last November.

There probably were more deer killed than we were informed of but we do know Bud Faubus got a 10 pt.; Leon Brewer, Res. Engr. at Springdale a spike buck; Wayne Goodson a spike buck, and Glenn Stewart a three point. (See photo on Page 20.)

Franklin County, too, has good hunting and fishing, whether it is for antiques, scenery, or festivals. Foreman Cletus Whitson, wife Ruby, and children - Ray (8) and Cheri (14) - live in Ozark.

MEANS' RESIDENCY

By Betty Millard

Several of our employees have received service awards since our last issue. Among them are: Mack Rose, 15 years; Charlie Lance, 10 years; Lyndell Lyda, 10 years and Charles Means, 5 years. Congratulations to all!

Lyndell Lyda has been having quite a bit of sickness in his family lately. His wife spent a few days in the Polk Co. hospital and both of the children have been quite sick. Lyndell reports that all are improving and we hope that they will all soon be back to normal.

Jerry Hunsucker also had a stay in the hospital in Fort Smith and they almost had to throw him out - he liked it so well! Anyway, Jerry is home now and is doing fine. He must be getting well cause he said he was going hunting as soon as he had the chance. Glad to have you back, Jerry!

We've had a few birthdays since our last issue. Happy Birthdays go to Mack Rose, Charlie Lance, Lewis Martin, Jerry Hunsucker, and Charles Means.

That's about it from Waldron until next time!

DISTRICT FIVE

BY MARILYN COFFMAN

Weather seems to be the main topic of discussion around our office. According to Mary Lee, the Almanac has thirteen more snows predicted for 76 (cheerful news). We do hope they all won't be like the January 7th snow and

ice storm. That unfortunate day our receptionist was attending the Office Seminar in LR and we all came apart trying to answer the telephone. The only comforting thoughts were that we would attend the Seminar the next day, if weather permitted! Thank goodness, the snow and ice disappeared as fast as it arrived and we motored to LR in 40 weather. We had a most enjoyable two days meeting the district and central employees who most of us had talked to over the phone for years. We would like to say a special thanks to Personnel and all those responsible for making the seminar possible.

In the new arrival department is Kathy and Junior Landers little son, Nelson Andrew, born September 24. Kathy is our fuel clerk. This is a late news release, but we were all busy keeping those fuel records rolling.



Nelson A. Landus

We have at least one proud Grandfather this month. K. K. Boyce, Welder, would like to show off his first Grandchild Jason "Jake" Boyce, age 3 months.



Jason Boyce

The new car spotlight this month is on Charles McClusky, proud owner of a 75 red and white Ford Elite. I'm sure when his wife Betty hears the wolf-whistles from the girls at the office his driving will convert back to his old 71 Ford Pickup.

Danny Seaman is our outdoorsman of our office. Latest purchases consist of a new four wheel drive and bass boat. Watch this column for future fishy stories.

Congratulations to Marie Dawn Sherley and Steve Moody, who were united in marriage December 19, at the Sulphur Rock Baptist Church. Marie is the daughter of Charles Sherley, Asst. Resident Engineer in the Harold Beavers Residency.



Mrs. Steve Moody

Jack Barton, welder, motored to San Jose, California for daughter Lynn's marriage to Robert Adair, on November 3.

We welcome our newest employee Kay Taylor. She and her husband V. L. and teenage son Greg live in Batesville.

Our get-well-soon wishes are sent to C. L. Bradberry, maintenance superintendent, who is recovering nicely from a heart attack.

Congratulations Edgar McClure for 30 years service with AHD. Also to William E. Farra, Floyd Lancaster, Charles McClusky, Wilfred P. Cummings, Wilburn W. James and A. J. Courtney received twenty year service awards and pins. We are proud of these employees.

A. J. Courtney received another honor recently. He was featured in the Batesville Guard as Batesville's Champion Blood Donor. He has given 27 pints of blood, or almost three and a half gallons since returning to the Batesville area in 1954. This does not count the blood given during his years in the service.

We still all miss Rick Cowdrey, who transferred from the Harold Beaver Residency to the Bill Anderson Residency in Little Rock.

We are always pleased to see retired employees. Carl Hames, George McElmurry, Roy Goacher, and Oscar Syfert visited us a few days ago.

DISTRICT SIX

BY OLGA ESTELL

Christmas at District Six for all employees was a very delightful event. All the office crew is on a diet of one sort or another, and no wonder with all the goodies that poured in daily. To say nothing of cheese, dip, candies, and cakes that everyone brought throughout the season which was topped off with a catered

party that included everything from turkey to pecan pie. Now for some strange reason everyone is walking and exercising for dinner. The long weekends were greatly appreciated by everyone.

OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY



Jack Canant finally got his barn painted. If you haven't been to District Six lately, you really must amble over. We have added a new room divider, made by our own Larry Kling, who really did a fantastic job. Glenn Appleby created a beautiful lamp made from items such as melmac plates, peanut butter jars, cool whip container and a top off toothpaste, all this and more assembled and painted black really turned out a beautiful lamp.

Our Orange tree is still blooming and is covered with little minitured oranges. Quite a sight, and a conversation item.

Too bad, about the ground hog seeing his shadow. We'll have winter all year now.

Good luck to all those heading for Hot Springs these days and who knows, maybe I'll see ya there.



Heath Randall Corbishley is 3 months old. He is the grandson of George Ingle.



J. J. Malat is the son of Laura Malat of District Six and grandson of Frank Newsham of our EEO office.

J. E. Herrington retired recently with approximately 23 years of service with AHD. He was honored with a party at the Dixon Road Area Headquarters by his crew that gave him a hunting knife and whit stone. Congratulations.

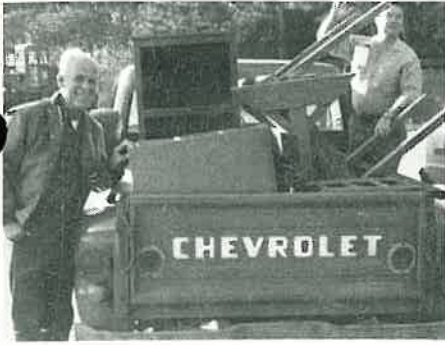


J. E. Herrington Retirement Party

DISTRICT SEVEN

BY ALTHEA CAMPBELL

In District 7 we are happy to welcome Abby Hardy, Resident Engineer, Jeanne Johnson, clerk, and all employees in his residency as new neighbors. Mr. Hardy has been Resident



Engineer at Magnolia; they have recently moved to their office across the highway from our District Headquarters in order to be closer to additional construction projects they have accumulated.

Deer Season left a group of happy hunters – Coy Campbell (7 pt.), John Livingston (?), Larry Hollis (3 pt. & 5 pt.), Gene McMahan (7 pt. & spike), George Griffis (2pt. & 7 pt.) and a big, 0 pt. for Allen Cheatham (see photo on page 20.) My husband Elwood Campbell got an 8 pt. (I must get that one in too.)

Any others – “Well, you should’ve told me.”

Jane and Sam Bradshaw (Engr. Aide for Bob Myers) have a son, Thomas Jason born January 6. J. D. Batron (employee with Ruben Fields) and wife have a 8½ lb. son, Michael Wayne, born January 14. Congratulations, to these two couples.

We will miss Louise McMahan, who has been helping in the office temporarily. We have enjoyed working with you, Louise, and hope you will come back and visit often.

Enjoyed a visit with E. C. Kitchens, retired employee from Bradley County. Come again.



Robert Christopher Turner is nephew of Helen Turner (our payroll clerk) and son of Cathy & Randy Turner. We can see why Helen is quite proud of this little one.

M. J. REESE RESIDENCY

BY CINDY HOUSE

Pictured is M. J. Reese, Resident Engineer, presenting J. W. Millican, Highway Engineer Aide III, with his 15-year certificate and pin.



Those reaping from the 1975 deer seasons were Conrad Sanders with a three point and a spike, J. R. McVay with a six point. Better luck next time to Dallas Smith.

DISTRICT EIGHT

BY NANCY KENNEDY

District 8 employees and families turned out for our annual Christmas Party at the District Headquarters. We were very pleased to be joined by Mr. and Mrs. Bert Rownd and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Pumphrey. An excellent meal was prepared by a local caterer, and entertainment was provided by the Oak Grove Junior Singers. We do not have pictures to show you, but the children's faces were beaming as usual when Santa Claus came flying in to listen to their Christmas wishes. We were also happy that so many of our retirees could join us.

A supper was held in November in honor of retiring Area Foreman Opie Winningham at the Van Buren County Area Headquarters. A nice watch was presented to him by the County Crew.

Those receiving service awards in December were Johnny Vaughn, 5 years; Jurld Payton, 5 years; Jack Biffle, 5 years; Fred McCain, 10 years; and H. C. Eggleston, 15 years. Van Z. Sturdevant received his 15 year pin and certificate in January.



Donnie Duvall with 5 generations

When Donnie Duvall's family got together during Christmas, there was five generations present. Donnie's son Jeremy, enjoyed his first Christmas this year.

Glen Rackley's son, Perry age 17, belongs on the FFA team that won the District and State Championship for Horticulture this year. His team went to Kansas City in November for the National FFA Convention. In individual competition Perry received a silver emblem for placing second. He is now vice-president of the Russellville FFA chapter.



Perry Rackley

Our deepest sympathies go to Jim Phillips whose brother, Odis, recently died. Jim works in our District shop.

Bob Watson (Van Buren County) did not send us a picture of his six point deer he got this year, but we know he is very proud of it.

Ed DeSalvo (Conway County) is still recuperating from surgery at the Veterans Hospital in Little Rock. We hear that he is doing much better.

We are happy to have our Maintenance Supt., Tommy Kinslow, back after his recent surgery on his hand.



This cute little fellow is Alan Kirkland Cocanaugher. He is the son of Danny Cocanaugher who works with the District Wide Crew. Alan was born November 12 and weighed 7 lbs. 13 ozs. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cocanaugher and Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Lunningham all of Pope County.

DISTRICT NINE

BY SHIRLEY MORTON

Ginger C. Hudson is the six month old daughter of Bill and Mary Hudson and is really a special little gal at their home. The proud father works with the District wide heavy bridge crew and recently received a ten year service award.



Ginger Hudson



Bill Hudson receiving Service Award

Ten Year Service Awards were presented during a supervisor's meeting by District 9 Maintenance Superintendent L. L. Hodnett to Shirley Wright, Payroll Clerk and Charles Gibson, Henderson Ferry Pilot.



Charles Gibson



Shirley Wright

Huel Pack retired Searcy County Area Foreman, received his Retirement certificate and Ambassador of Good Will Award from Mr. Pangle at a district meeting. Huel has been retired for several months and it was good to visit with him again.

Howard Campbell retired last November sith sixteen years service as a Construction Inspector at the Harrison Residency. He was honored at a party in the District EOC room and presented gifts. Cakes, punch and coffee was served to the residency crew and other



Huel Pack, right with Curtis Pangle

friends of Howard's. We all wish him good health and many happy years of retirement.



Howard Campbell, left with Curtis Pangle



Congratulations to Resident Engineers and their personnel at Yellville and Bentonville who have moved into their new office buildings. Needless to say, they are very proud of the new facilities.

We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Allen Lammey who were united in marriage on January 23, at the Open Door Baptist Church. The reception was held at the Holiday Inn. The lucky groom is an Equipment Operator assigned to the Garfield Area Headquarters.

On the evening of December 18, approximately six hundred District Nine employees, their families, and friends gathered for the annual Christmas Party at the beautiful Marble Falls Convention Center. A covered dish dinner was served and entertainment was provided by the New Covenant Singers from the First Methodist Church and the Boone County 4-H Blue Gress Group from Harrison and The Faulkner Family of Huntsville. We were honored to have Mr. & Mrs. Gip Robertson, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. John Hall, Mr. & Mrs. Hurley



Mr. & Mrs. Allen Lammey

Perkins, Mr. & Mrs. Dale Liadler and Mr. Norman Pumphrey among our guests. The snow machines were in full operation on the ski slopes outside the Center which provided good landing for Santa Claus and his bag full of goodies for the children. Everyone enjoyed a nice evening of good food fellowship and fun

DISTRICT TEN

BY ISABELLE PSALMONDS

Marvin Keller, Equip. Opr., Clay County, sends a photo and story of a hunting trip he made. Sounds like he had a good trip even though he didn't bag any game. Marvin is the man on the far right in the photo. (Photo on page 20.)

"Heading west on I-40 through Arkansas, Oklahoma and Amarillo, Texas then to Clines Corner, New Mexico, then north on 285 through Santa Fe, New Mexico through the Apache Indian Reservation - five great days of deer hunting in the Carson National Forest on the Crocca Mesa. Saw deer and elk every day, but I got so excited I missed mine. Up through Pagosa Springs, Colorado, then south for home - from 13,180 feet down hill all the way to Corning, Arkansas."



M. L. Darr, right, with Sam Smith

Sam Smith presents M. L. (Mack) Darr his 20 year pin and certificate. Mack is Hwy. Engr. Aide IV and works out of the Paragould Residency. He was on sick leave for several weeks and we are glad he is able to be back on the job.



Jackie Rainwater, left with Sam Smith.

Jackie Rainwater, Hwy. Engr. Aide II, who works out of the Walnut Ridge Residency was presented his 10 year pin and certificate by Mr. Smith. The crew had a fish fry on the occasion.

Babies are also in the news. Dairl Hyde, Poinsett County Area Foreman, is the proud father of a 2nd son, Bart. Bart was born on December 19, and weighed in at 8 lbs. 5 ozs. Congratulations to the Hydies.

Charles Hopper, Job, Supt. is Grandpa for the first time. His granddaughter, Darlenia Michelle, arrived on January 26 weighing in at 8 lbs. 14 ozs. Her father Scott is Charles' son.



Darlenia M. Hopper

The more grandparents we get the more bragging we have and lately we have been hearing alot of it. I don't blame them a bit - personally, I like to hear them - I am sure if I had a grandchild, I would do my share of bragging.

The Christmas Party of 1975 was a big success. The committee in charge was Darrell Holder, Maint. Supt.; Charlie Hesselbein, Asst. Maint. Supt.; Rex Hall, Job Supt., June Troxel, Stock Clerk; Jesse Doughty, Auto/Diesel Mch.; Sonny Loftlan, Res. Engineer; Leonard Nelson, Area Foreman. They really did a good job. The Christmas tree was a beauty, the air was filled with music, the tables were loaded with food and all the people were happy. Between 450 and 500 employees and their families enjoyed the fellowship and food.



And here is our GUESS WHO? This picture was taken in 1954 on Highway 135 about a mile north of Lepanto. From left to right the men are: Guy Williams, C. R. (Doc) Nichols, Elmer Smith, Guy Spears, Bob Glover.

We were all saddened by the death of Lester M. Wycoff, Bridge Foreman on January 14. Lester was at work Tuesday and lingered a while after quitting time to talk with fellow employees. He went home and went to church to a Bible Study that night. About 1:30 a.m.,

he was rushed to the hospital in Paragould where he died of a heart attack.

Lester had been with the Highway Department 22½ years. He was a faithful and valued employee and was loved and respected by his fellow employees. He is survived by his wife Daisy and two sons, L. S. who works out of the Paragould Residency and Junior a former employee of the Department, and four grandchildren. He is greatly missed. We extend our deepest sympathy to the family.



SAFETY BARRIERS

The concrete barrier is designed to prevent cars from crossing highway medians or "re-bounding" into traffic lanes. The angle of the base and face of the barrier literally "lifts" the vehicle, slows it, and permits a safe straight-line deceleration.

The design greatly reduces damage to both car and barrier. It makes it impossible for a car - and the driver - to be 'implanted' by metal rails common to other types of barriers.

The Arkansas State Highway Department is presently installing this type barrier.

BILLY CAROL HYDE

I am a bridge inspector for the AHD. I enjoy my job very much, as I feel the bridge maintenance program is very important for the safety of the traveling public. I recently had an experience that is almost unbelievable. My accounts of that experience are as follows:

It all started about three years ago, when the AHD took over a county road just south of S. H. 14, and is now S. H. 119 in Mississippi County. This road has five bridges on it. Mr. Garrett, our Res. Engineer, and Mr. Smith, our District Engineer wanted us to inspect the bridges. As we drove up to the first bridge, $\frac{3}{4}$ mi. south of S. H. 14, I had a peculiar feeling about it, as though it didn't want to be inspected. I knew that our job must be done, so we proceeded with the inspection. At first glance, you could see it was in poor condition, its deck was rough, its stringers decayed, overall it was rotten to the core. I felt that the bridge was going to be hostile, so we proceeded with caution. Beneath the bridge we were attempting to measure the length of span. As one of the men held one end of a measuring tape, above the cap on bent 2, a poisonous snake was poised to strike. At the last moment, a warning was sounded, and the naked hand was withdrawn in a hurried fashion. As we finished the inspection I felt the bridge had been defeated.

Three years passed, and everything was going just fine. On January 28, 1976, it was time for this bridge to be inspected again. The closer we got, the more concerned I became about the bridge and its determination to get revenge. As we began the inspection we moved with caution. We walked beneath the south portion of the bridge and made a few notes, nothing happened. We walked across the deck, and then along the northwest side, beneath the north portion of the bridge, again nothing happened. I walked up on top of the bridge with the inspection completed, and I sighed with relief. Then suddenly, I thought of some stringers, beneath span 4, that needed some more investigation. I walked beneath the bridge and looked at the stringers. One of our men began walking beneath the bridge on the east side toward me, he walked about thirty feet and then turned around and went back to the top of the bridge. I said to myself, we've got it made now. I then proceeded back up the path on the east side, and suddenly there was an extreme pain coming up through the bottom of my right foot. I hurriedly made another step. As I looked back I could see nothing. I immediately grabbed a small timber

and raked the dirt and grass from the area. There it was poised with poison and filth, a rusty nail. I immediately began pounding on the nail and bent it badly. The pain was getting worse, I rushed to the truck and pulled off my new boot and two pairs of socks, and looked at the damage. We decided to go to the Doctor. As we drove off, I thought, how much patience and determination the old bridge had. It had set its trap and waited three years for me to spring it.

At the Doctor's office, I was treated. The next four days I soaked my foot in a salt solution and other things. My foot got worse. The fifth day I was put in the hospital and that is where I am now. I've got a feeling things are going to get better and move in an uphill direction towards "the thrill of victory".

P.S. If you don't remember me, I'm the same one that lost the 24-foot extension ladder.

The above was written by Billy C. Hyde, Asst. Res. Engr., a few days before his death in a Blytheville hospital, (Feb. 11, 1976).

Obituary

Billy Carol Hyde, 40, employee of the Arkansas Highway Department, died on February 11, at the Doctor's Hospital in Blytheville. Services were at 1:30 p.m. on February 13, at Cobb Funeral Home, Blytheville with burial in Elmwood Cemetery.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Peggy Hyde; a daughter, Miss Trena Lynn Hyde; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vick Hyde; two brothers, Harold Hyde and John Hyde, all of Blytheville, and a sister, Mrs. Glenda Roach of Jonesboro.

Billy had worked for the Arkansas Highway Department twenty (20) years and was Engineering Assistant in the Osceola Residency. He was performing his duties as Bridge Inspector when he stepped on a nail and was in the hospital for treatment of his wound at the time of his death.

Billy was an excellent employee, he was a fine dependable young man. He was an active member of the Trinity Baptist Church and was a Platoon Sgt. in the National Guard. He loved to play golf and had won several trophies.

Billy will be greatly missed by his fellow employees and friends and we extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

I-430 BRIDGE WINS AWARD

Interstate 430 Bridge over the Arkansas River west of Little Rock has been selected for an Honorarium Award as a winning entry in a contest sponsored by the Lincoln Foundation for its outstanding design of structures using welded fabrication.

Mr. Baldy Vinson, former Assistant Bridge Design Engineer with the Highway Department, was a member of the design team for Brighton Engineering Company, a consultant that was retained by the Department.





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