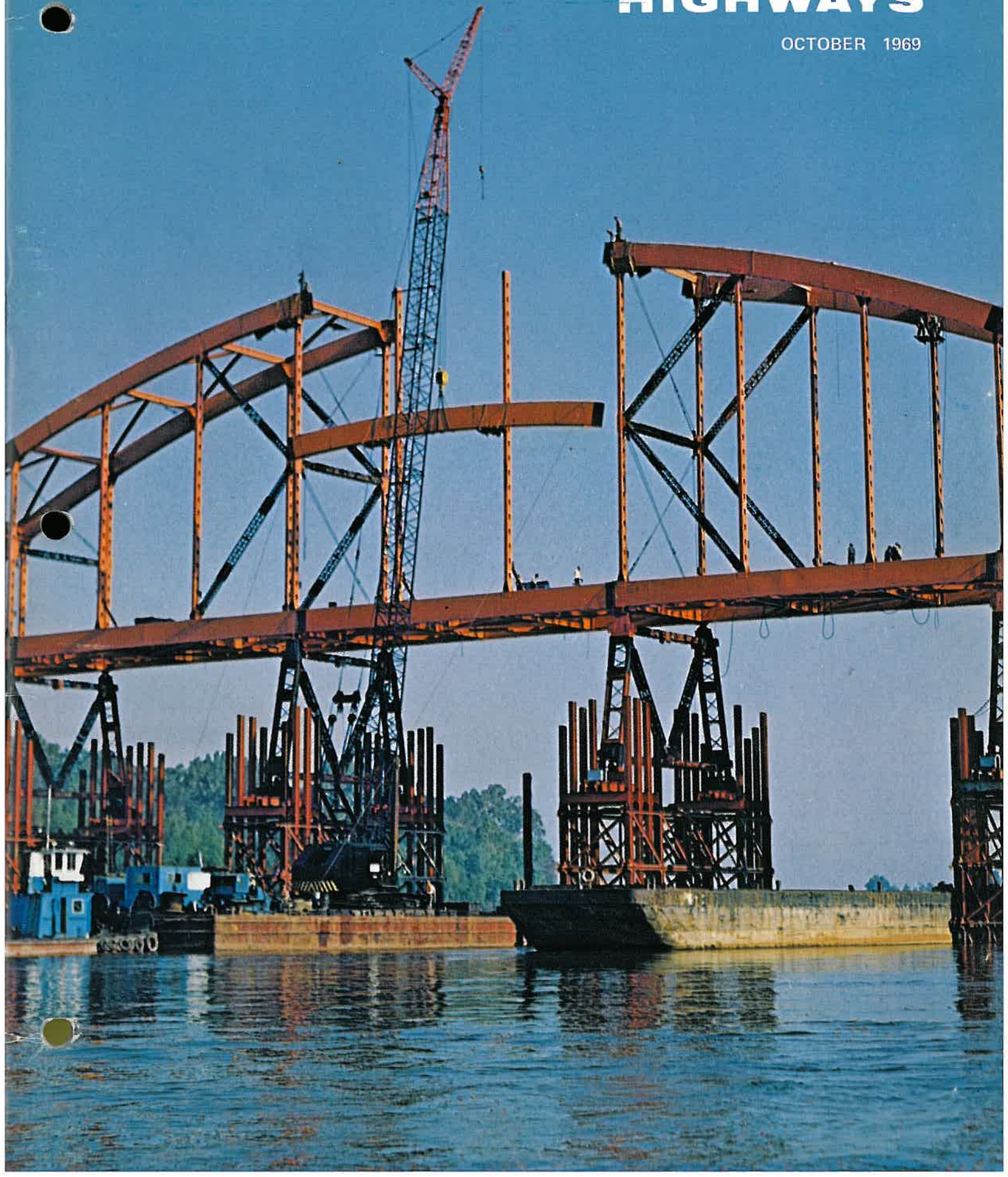


ARKANSAS HIGHWAYS

OCTOBER 1969





Officials on hand at the ribbon cutting were: left to right, Dist. 8 Engr. John Price, Asst. Dir. Henry Gray, Dir. Ward Goodman, Commissioners Maurice Smith and Truman Baker, Miss Harsh, Commissioner John Harsh, BPR Div. Engr. Rex Leathers, Commissioner J. C. Patterson, Olen Fullerton, Mayor Hickey and Conway County Judge Tom Scott.

I - 40 OPEN FOR 225 CONTINUOUS MILES

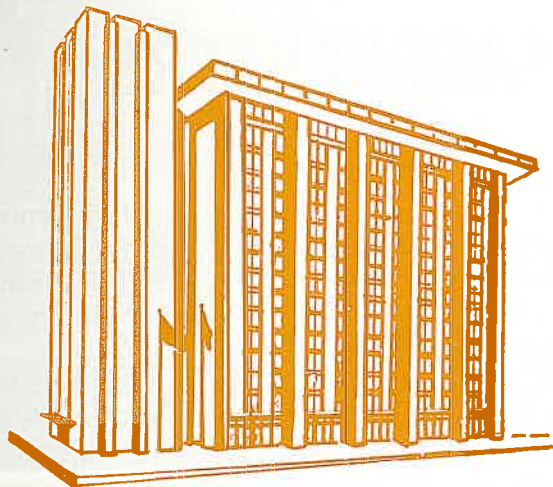
THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT dedicated and officially opened a 16.9-mile section of Interstate 40 on September 25, making 225 continuous miles open from the Mississippi River westward to Clarksville. The new section opened was from Menifee near the Conway-Faulkner line to Blackwell just east of the Pope-Conway county line. The dedication was held at the Highway 9 interchange at Morrilton.

The Morrilton Chamber of Commerce cooperated in the dedication ceremonies and a crowd of some 300 - 400 turned out on a sparkling autumn afternoon to witness the occasion.

Miss Amy Harsh, daughter of Commission Vice-Chairman John Harsh of Magnolia, cut the ribbon assisted by Chamber and AHD officials.

Former Highway Director Olen Fullerton of Morrilton gave the invocation. Bob Allison, president of the Chamber of Commerce, acted as master of ceremonies and Mayor Thomas H. Hickey made the welcoming remarks. Commission Chairman Truman Baker made the dedicatory address and introduced other Highway officials. The 16.9 miles cost \$7,916,359.00 plus \$835,000.00 for right-of-way costs. R. C. McConnell and Lawrence Fletcher were the resident engineers during construction.

The Highway Department now has 417.6 miles of the 518.7 miles of interstate planned in the state complete and open to traffic. Almost 232 miles I - 40 is complete and open. The length of the entire route across Arkansas is 284.69 miles.



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HARRISON

DEDICATES NEW HEADQUARTERS

THREATENING WEATHER forced the formal ribbon cutting ceremony for the new District headquarters complex to be held inside the equipment shop but the spirits of several hundred people attending were not dampened. Activities scheduled for Monday afternoon, October 6 were carried out on schedule.

The new facility, the fifth to be constructed by the Department from similar plans in the last five years, is located on a 24½-acre tract approximately five miles south of Harrison on U. S. 65. There is an administration and maintenance building which includes a parts room, a service station with wash and grease and paint rooms, and a chemical storage building. A resident engineer's office for Resident Engineer Gary L. Godfrey is also located on the grounds.

It has been the policy of the Department to construct new buildings away from the urban areas, including the central headquarters buildings at Little Rock, and their spacious, well-kept grounds make the various locations across the state places of beauty. Undulating terrain at the Harrison site particularly adds to the esthetic quality there. The familiar silver spherical water tank erected at all the new headquarters locations is also a part of the Harrison complex. It stores up to 100,000 gallons of water pulled from a 2,000 foot well.

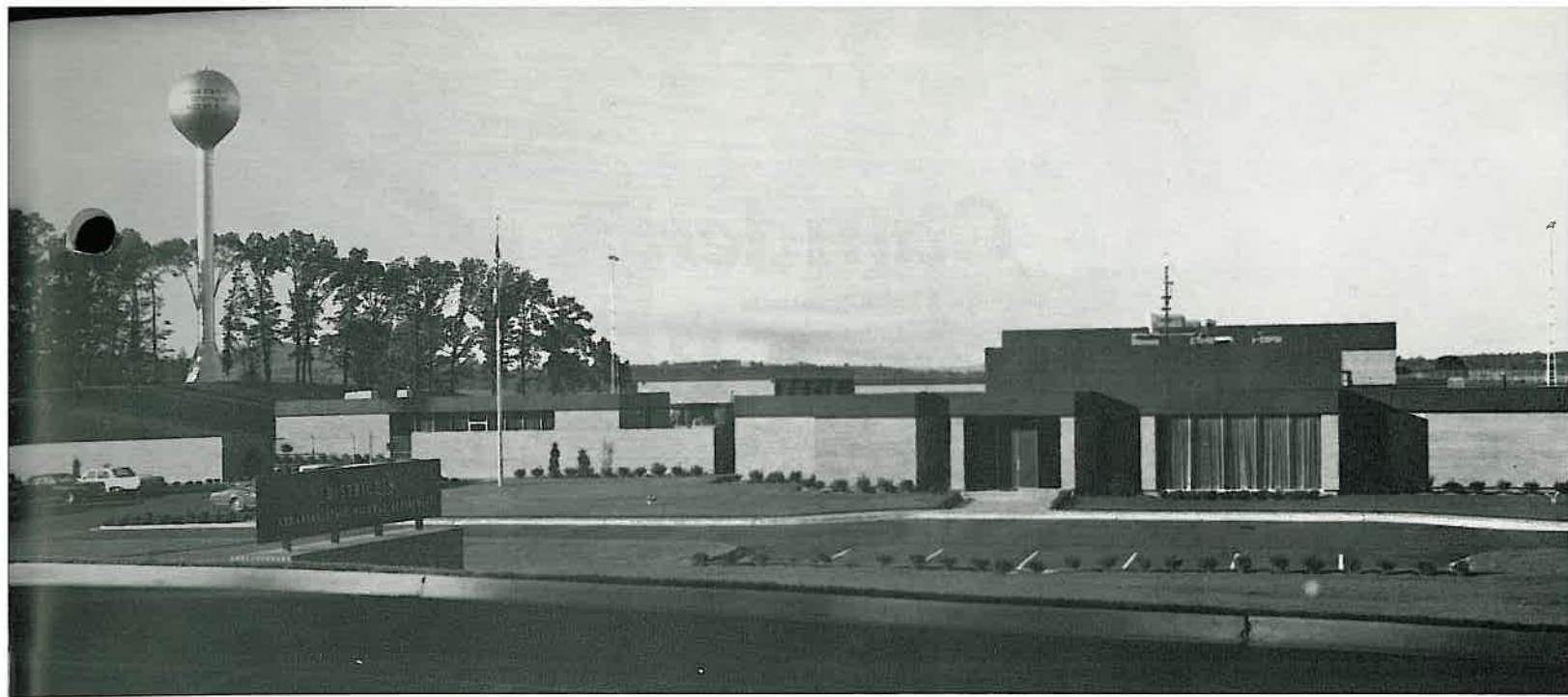
The high school band was on hand to furnish pre-activity music and add a gala note to the program. Senator Ralph Hudson acted as master of ceremonies. The ribbon was cut by John Carrol Whitaker, grandson of District Engineer Jewell Whitaker.

Highway Commission Chairman Truman Baker and local officials used the occasion to recognize Whitaker personally for his dedication in the highway field during the past thirty years. Baker proclaimed the day "Jewell Whitaker Day", saying that Whitaker had a knack of getting more done with fewer words than anyone he had ever known. Whitaker was presented appreciation plaques from Mayor Dene O. Hester on behalf of the City of Harrison, from Donald Raney, director of an Economic Development District comprised of the same nine counties as the highway district, and from W. S. Walker on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. Visitors were conducted on tours of the headquarters after the ribbon cutting. A luncheon sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce preceded the dedication.

Other visiting dignitaries included Commissioners J. C. Patterson, Maurice Smith and John Harsh, Director Ward Goodman, Assistant Director Henry Gray, county judges from seven of the district's nine counties, mayors from area cities, Chamber of Commerce officials and several state representatives.

John Carroll Whitaker, grandson of Jewell Whitaker, gets an assist from Commissioner Baker as he wields the big scissors. Looking on are Director Goodman, Commissioner Smith, Mrs. Whitaker, Whitaker and Commissioners Patterson and Harsh.





↑ *New headquarters at Harrison with familiar silver spherical water tank set on a knoll to the left.*



← *Dedication day was also a time of recognition and honor for District Engineer Jewell Whitaker. Here he poses with plaques presented him and friends Commissioner Truman Baker, left, and former governor Orval E. Faubus.*



← *Whitaker receives plaque from W. S. Walker, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee, on behalf of the City of Harrison.*

Camden's Covered Bridge

NOW BARELY A MEMORY

Many people don't know, and many others have forgotten, that a covered bridge spanned Two Bayou Creek on the Magnolia Road in Camden from right after the Civil War until late in the 1930's. The road was a major route and when highways were assigned numbers the Magnolia Road was designated State Highway 3. The covered wooden structure with boarded-up sides was a welcome shelter from the heat of summer or a driving rainstorm to those traveling on foot, horseback or in wagons and buggies. Though narrow, the bridge could protect several horseback riders, or two teams and wagons at one time. The shelter also served as protection of the wooden decking and timbers of the bridge from the elements.

And back in the days when light hand-holding was about all the audacity a "courtin' couple" could afford in public, a covered bridge was a good place to steal a quick kiss. Consequently, covered bridges were often called "kissing bridges." There are perhaps some couples around Camden who can attest to the Two Bayou Creek bridge as having served well in that capacity, also.

The Highway Department wanted to tear down the covered bridge in 1926 but some local people, including recently-retired "Jelly" Webb, for many years maintenance superintendent at the Camden headquarters, intervened and the bridge was spared. The

Magnolia Road was improved and the bridge kept in good repair but modes of travel became more and more motorized. In 1935 Highway 3 was made a part of U. S. 79 and Two Bayou Creek bridge became the only covered bridge on a U. S. numbered highway. However, passengers riding Greyhound buses from New York to California who had to travel the Camden-Magnolia road were more interested in speed than history and their patience was shortened at the delay necessitated by one-way traffic through the bridge. The constantly increasing number of cars and trucks put a severe strain on the old bridge, which was by then getting up in years.

After a bus hit the structure and damaged it in the late '30's, the roof was removed and later the sides were also taken down. U. S. 79 was re-routed in Camden and a modern bridge built over the creek. The old bridge was dismantled after the existing section of U. S. 79 was turned back to Ouachita County for maintenance in 1941. What became of the planks and original timbers is uncertain. They were probably carted away as junk. Prime interest was centered in obtaining a new highway and bridge and a shorter route. Now that covered bridges have become of interest from the standpoint of tourism and history, some of the Camden citizenry have proposed reconstructing the covered bridge as a tourist attraction.



The bridge as it looked in May, 1929. The sign to the right was advertising Willys-Knight's Whippet as a "fine motor car."

← —Photo courtesy Forrest Bogart



Another picture made in 1939, apparently in autumn or ↑ winter.

—Photo courtesy Al Rose, Camden



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The flood scene of the covered bridge (in the background between the trees) was made in 1937, just one of many times when Two Bayou overflowed the highway, halting all traffic on the only route toward Stephens and Magnolia. The water seldom ever reached the bridge's floor, however, because it was built above the 40-foot high water mark. That foresight on the part of the early builders helped the bridge withstand the ravages of floods and elements for many years.

—Photo courtesy Al Rose, Camden

AWARDS PRESENTED TO FOUR

EMPLLOYEES recognized by the Highway Commission for longevity in service at the September 26 meeting were Walker C. Haigh, John M. Hollis, Leroy Beckett, and William A. McDonnell. Haigh has completed 35 years, Hollis 25, Beckett 30, and McDonnell 25 years. The awards were presented by Lawrence Blackwell on behalf of the entire Highway Commission.



Walker Haigh (he pronounces it Hay) is one of the Bridge Design Division's top designers. He received his education at Fayetteville, both high school and college, and has a B. S. in civil engineering. He has also taken advanced courses allied to the engineering field. He designed the anchorages and alterations made to the Des Arc suspension bridge (mentioned elsewhere in this issue) after the Highway Department bought it in 1938. Haigh is a registered professional engineer and a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers. His interests include reading geographic subjects and travel.



John M. Hollis came to work with the Highway Department in January, 1941 as a bridge carpenter's helper. Presently he is the special maintenance supervisor over more than five hundred bridges in District 2. He was born in Cleveland County at Herbine and still lives within the county, near Rison.

Hollis spent three years in an engineering battalion during World War II. He is married to the former Maxine Pierson of Rison. They have four sons, two of whom are presently serving in the armed forces. Hollis is an outdoorsman and enjoys hunting and fishing.



Leroy Beckett head of the Mapping Section of the Planning and Research Division, launched a career in the drafting field when he went to work for the State Forestry Commission immediately after graduation from Little Rock (now Central) High School. He came to work for the Highway Department as a tracer in Planning and Research in early 1938. Beckett served three years in the Army during World War II and attained the rank of technical sergeant. He distinguished himself in service by mapping the Maginot Line, the defense perimeter for France.

Beckett introduced the scribing technique to the Mapping Section which is used in producing maps. The Arkansas Highway Department map is highly sought after and this year more than 350,000 copies of the four-color map will be distributed free of cost.

Beckett is married to the former Mary Ruth Chestnutt of Madill, Okla. They have a daughter stationed at Tacoma, Wash. with the Women's Air Force, and twin sons who are freshmen at State College of Arkansas. The Becketts are members of Pulaski Heights Baptist Church. Recently they acquired a camping trailer and have been having fun making numerous investigative jaunts to fishing and camping areas about the state. And Leroy says it is entirely possible to float the Buffalo River and not catch a single fish - he did it!



William "Bill" McDonnell, a construction inspector in District 3, started his career with the Department in March of 1938 as a laborer in a Sevier County maintenance crew. He has also worked as a rodman, instrumentman and engineering assistant before becoming an inspector. ^{McDonnell} ~~Hollis~~ was born in Kansas City, Mo. but moved to DeQueen at an early age and has lived there since. He is married to the former Pauline Flournoy of DeQueen. They have five children, and are communicants of St. Barber's Catholic Church. ^{McDonnell} ~~Hollis~~ is a former vice commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is active in church and civic affairs and also enjoys fishing, hunting and watching football games.

Break-away Supports For Overhead Signs Tested

The Texas Transportation Institute recently conducted the first full-scale crash test on a break-away support of an overhead sign bridge, with only moderate damage to the test vehicle. The test was witnessed by highway officials from 20 states, the District of Columbia and the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads. The safety-oriented research project is being conducted under a \$206,000 contract sponsored by the participating states, including Arkansas.

The base of the sign is designed to disengage upon impact and swing up out of the path of the vehicle with the structure's other three supports bearing all the sign bridge's weight. Sign bridges are structures which support the large information and direction markers extending over freeways and interstate highways. Supports for such structures are potential hazards if a vehicle veers out of control off the roadway.

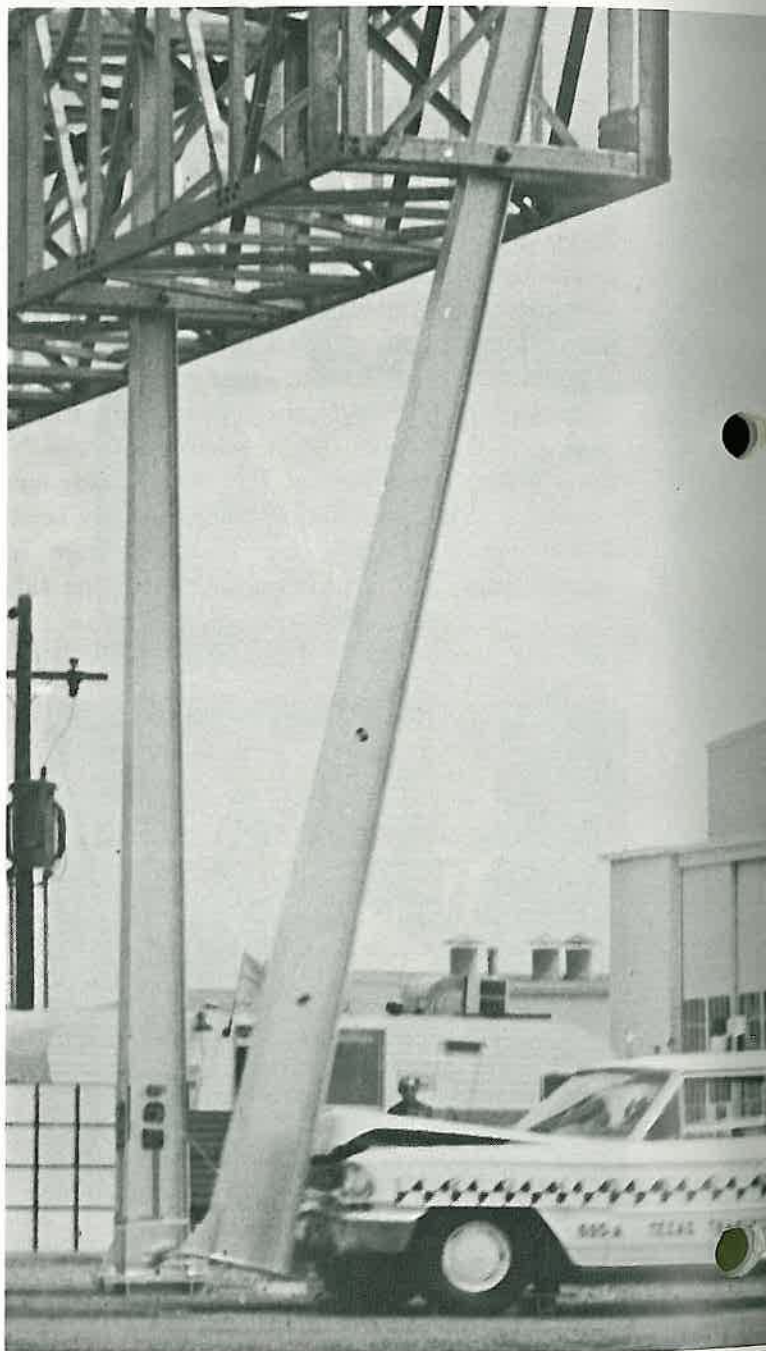
Dr. Robert Olson, TTI associate research engineer who heads the project, said he was "satisfied with the results." He indicated, however, the degree of success can be determined only by careful analysis of various photographic and electronic data.

From all indications, the driver or other occupants of the vehicle would not have been injured, provided they had been wearing seat belts, Olson noted. The car was equipped with a dummy driver.

Upon impact the catapulted vehicle was traveling 25 mph. The vehicle's grill and radiator were damaged, but the impact was not severe enough to break the headlights.

Later tests will be conducted at 60 mph.

A test vehicle sustains only moderate damage after crashing through a "break-away" support for an overhead sign bridge. Sign bridges support the large information markers extended over freeways and interstate highways.



Employee Risks Life To Save Man From Burning Car

Calvin Gipson - Didn't Hesitate To Get Involved

On Wednesday afternoon of September 10 L. C. Courtney of Shirley in northeast Van Buren County lost control of his car on Highway 9 north of Formosa in south Van Buren County. The auto left the roadway, hit a post and overturned and burst into flames with the driver unconscious inside.

Calvin Gipson of Atkins, a member of B. R. McAlister's district-wide crew, came along just at that moment and used a 2¾ lb. dry chemical fire extinguisher in his Highway Department vehicle to smother the flames enough to rescue Courtney from the wreckage. Moments afterward the gasoline tank exploded.

A sad commentary on the growing unconcern of Americans for one another was brought into focus by the comment of another motorist who stopped and then drove away with the statement, "I just don't want to watch a man burn to death."



Gipson



Tires melted away on burned car give testimony to the fate of its occupant except for Gipson's bravery.

Fire Extinguisher Should Be Standard Equipment

Safety Officer Roland Humble has been encouraging the inclusion of fire extinguishers in all Department vehicles for a long time. On this occasion the one in Gipson's vehicle helped save a man's life. Gipson was recommended for a Red Cross citation for outstanding bravery in the face of danger, and the award was presented to him on October 31.

Johnson Partipates In DPMA Conference

Arthur C. Johnson, assistant division head of Computer Services, acted as program chairman for the Division 3 conference of D.P.M.A. held at the LaFayette Hotel October 9-11. D.P.M.A. stands for Developing Professional Manpower thru Action and is an organization for managerial people in the data processing

field. Seven seminars were conducted during the three-day meeting. Topics included communication with top executives, personnel management, new techniques, long range planning, software organization and supervisory motivation.

Approximately 400 attended from five states.

On Friday evening of October 10 members and their wives were invited to dinner and a show at Olde West Dinner Theatre.



Art and Mrs. Johnson, left, with dinner partners Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boosey of Kellwood Corp.



Jerry Conway of Computer Services and Mrs. Conway, right, enjoyed visiting again with former D. P. employee Robert Plough, now with Arkansas Valley Industries, and Mrs. Plough.

E. E. O. SECTION ESTABLISHED

The Highway Department has established an equal employment opportunity section to assure the employment of minority citizens in highway construction where federal funds are utilized. Frank Newsham is the E. E. O. officer for the Department both within the Department and out. He is responsible for verifying the Department's and contractors' compliance with special assurances pertaining to E. E. O. as stipulated in the Highway Act of 1968.



Frank Newsham came to the Department in June, 1967 as a job analyst. He has nearly twenty years' experience in personnel work, most of it accumulated in the Air Force from which he retired in April, 1967 as a chief warrant officer. Newsham and his wife Ceal live in Jacksonville where they are active members of First United Methodist Church. They have three married daughters. He is a native of St. Petersburg, Fla.



Robert L. Sterley, 32, has been employed as assistant coordinator. He is a native of Little Rock and holds a degree in business administration from Wichita State University. He is a Navy veteran, a Mason and former president of Toastmasters International, San Diego, Calif. chapter. He was recently married to the former Ann Noble.



Denise McCool, formerly of the Personnel office, is the secretary for the new section.

WHITE EMPLOYED IN PERSONNEL

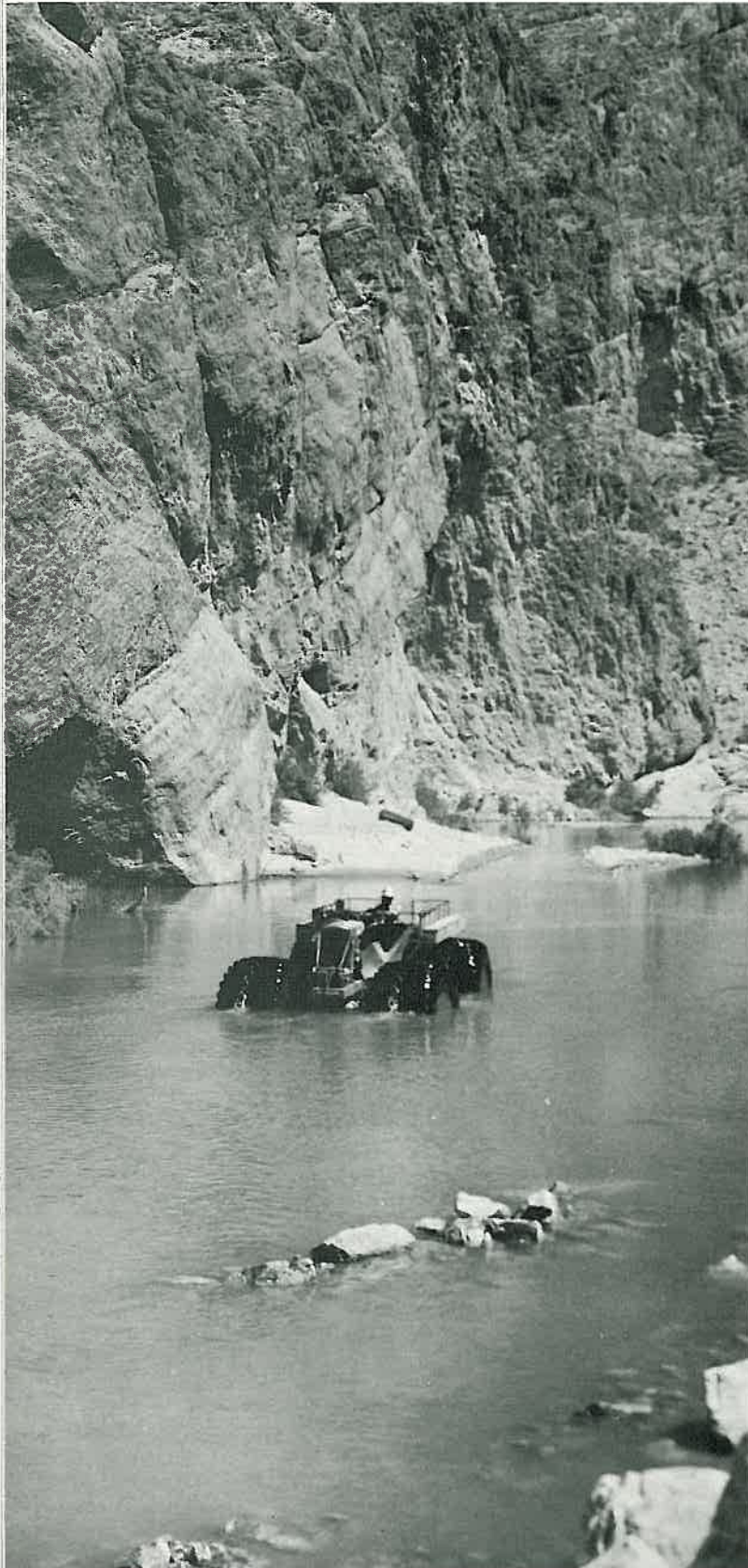
Walter Edwin White has been employed as assistant personnel officer. He is a native of Pulaski County, having been born and reared at Alexander. He graduated from Little Rock High School (now Central) and fulfilled a career of twenty years in the Navy, where he was discharged as a Chief Personnel Man. Ed is married to the former Ethel Ramsey of Vilonia. They have a son, Michael, 19, who is a sophomore at UALR, and a daughter, Beverly, 18, who is a student at Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Mo. The Whites are members of 12th Street Independent Baptist Church, where Ed teaches a Sunday School class. His Sunday mornings are a bit longer than many peoples', since he also drives one of the church's eight buses.





Here,
There
and Everywhere

A HIGHWAY! THERE?!



THE ARIZONA HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT has begun construction on the most expensive section of highway ever built in the nation, located in some of the most remote country of the nation. Ironically it will not serve a single Arizona city. Nor will any Arizona state highway connect with the roadway to compensate for the Department's expenditure of between \$1.6 million and \$1.8 million. The Arizona Highway Department didn't even want the highway built on that location.

The highway is part of Interstate 15 which stretches from Las Vegas to Salt Lake City and cuts the northwest corner of Arizona for a distance of 31 miles. The 31 miles is expected to cost between \$32 and \$37 million but the 3.8 miles through the lower Virgin River Gorge will cost an estimated \$1,000 per foot, making it the most costly on the entire interstate system in the rural areas. The only project considered more expensive is the Los Angeles Freeway, where real estate values skyrocketed costs.

The Virgin River Gorge is so rugged that the only means of transportation for engineering crews from one end of the gorge to the other is a \$15,000 "swamp buggy" obtained from Houston, Tex. It is amphibious, travels on tires 42 inches wide and five feet high, and can climb up and over any type of obstruction.

The Arizona Highway Department wanted to build the highway three miles north of the present approved location at an approximate \$5 million savings. However federal authorities wanted the road, which will be elevated, through the gorge for several reasons, one of which will be the unsurpassed scenic beauty of the gorge and its eight proposed bridges as seen from the highway. At one point the canyon is so narrow that the proposed double-lane roadway will have to be brought together, separated only by a four foot divider. The highway width will be reduced to 72 feet at this point, with two 38-foot traffic lanes.

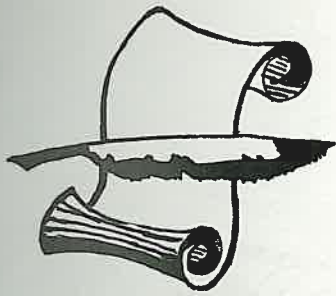
Engineering and construction of the highway through the gorge will be a monumental feat. It is expected to be completed in two to three years.

Peter Kiewit and Sons of Omaha, the contractor, has to contend with several huge problems including the relocation of the river in several spots, construction of eight bridges high above the canyon floor and blasting of millions of yards of rock.

The gorge is treacherous. Early in the survey work a contractor left an Army "duck" equipped with a drilling rig near the river bed overnight. A summer thunderstorm struck before morning and the next day it was completely buried in sand except for the tip of a vertical exhaust pipe.

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RIDING HIGH in the swamp buggy during an engineering examination of the Virgin River Gorge project in Northwestern Arizona. This stretch of highway, of no use to Arizona, is a vital link in the Los Angeles, Las Vegas to Salt Lake City Freeway -- Interstate 15.

— Arizona Highway Department photo



Letters

303 Wilten
Ann Arbor, Michigan
October 1, 1969

Dear Sirs:

I wish to compliment you on the beautification program on U. S. limited access highway 55. While traveling on it today, I was pleased with the pyracantha and cannas and evergreens at several locations. Keep up the good work, and thank you.

Mrs. C. P. Means

October 7, 1969

Arkansas State Highway Department
Little Rock, Arkansas

Gentlemen:

I have just had occasion to see your 1969 Arkansas State Highway map.

Certainly it is an excellent map, bringing out the wonderful natural resources or scenic areas of the State and at the same time carry so much valuable information relative to the location of the various Highway Department District Headquarters, State Police District Headquarters, and a great deal of other worth while information.

I would like to take this opportunity to express as a citizen of Arkansas my personal appreciation and that of my firm for the availability of these maps. I do not know how they are distributed but probably are free to the public and to some others as a service for advertising for the State. I would like very much to have a limited number of the 1969 maps; many times being here in the downtown area and being well-known, I have tourists asking me about different points in the State and would love to be able to give them a map.

Thanks again for this splendid piece of work.

Cordially yours,

Burney Wilson, President
THE EL DORADO HOUSE

October 9, 1969
1127 Main St. Box 411
Eudora, Kansas

Arkansas State Highway Dept.
Little Rock, Arkansas


Gentlemen:

Recently my husband and I had occasion to drive through your beautiful State of Arkansas. On the way we stopped for a picnic lunch at one of your roadside rest areas. We wish to commend you on the neat appearance of the area and the exceptionally clean well maintained comfort houses. We were pleasantly surprised also on your well maintained highways.

Keep up the good work.

Mrs. Walter Overley





DES ARC BRIDGE Nearing Completion

All the steel has been hung on the superstructure of the new Highway 38 bridge across White River and very soon now the historic old swinging bridge will hand over its daily traffic to the new steel and concrete structure.

Superstructure of the new bridge, 2,212 feet long, is being built by U. S. Steel Corporation at an estimated cost of \$1.6 million. It is expected to be completed by the end of the year. The substructure, awarded in a separate contract, was built by W. L. Sharpe Contracting Co. of Memphis for approximately \$830,000. J. W. Gee is the resident engineer.

The existing suspension bridge, longest ever constructed in the state, together with one over Black River at Powhatan, were built by a private corporation headed by a Chicago financier. Construction was begun in 1927 and the bridge was opened to traffic in March of 1928. It operated as a toll bridge until the state bought it under Act 65-39 and made it toll-free in 1940. The bridge is 1,290 feet long, and is 650 feet between the main towers. Its narrow 15-foot roadway will be relieved by the 30-foot wide new bridge.



*Modern traffic has long since outdated
this narrow, wood-decked structure.*



*The old suspension bridge will be dismantled
after the new one is opened to traffic.*



MA

Those of us who knew **Nathan Whitehead** will miss seeing him around, although his job was confining and kept him pretty well out of circulation around headquarters. He retired from the Permit Section on October 1 due to ill health.

Charlie Hooker from the Surveys Division is hospitalized at St. Vincent's Infirmary after suffering a heart attack on September 27. He is improving and at this writing is sitting up some.

Ferol Jones attended the national convention of the American Business Women's Association in Detroit October 16 - 18. She reported that the weather was nice and the meeting interesting, but that a weekend trip to Detroit, even by jet, is pretty exhausting.

Erma Wynne suffered cuts about the leg when she fell at home and broke a glass door. The wounds were serious enough to keep her from work several days.

The word is out that **Ann McLain** and **Bob May** are tuning up the wedding bells but Ann is cagey about the date. Bob is employed with Garver and Garver.

We extend sympathy to **Virginia Williams**, whose husband Ken passed away October 17 after a lingering illness.

Margaret Weathers enjoyed a delightful experience while attending an international Rebekah meeting in Baltimore a couple of weeks ago. Since 1961 Margaret has been corresponding with a Dutch lady who is also a member of the Rebekahs. They met at the convention and saw each other for the first time. It was one of the highlights of the trip for Margaret.

Welcome back to **Frank Battisto** who is now employed in Surveys. Frank worked in Bridge Design for seven years, then left for other employment.

Co-pilot **Rudy Peace** has completed five years' service with the Department and was awarded a five-year certificate and lapel pin by **Director Ward Goodman** on September 25.



Rudy Peace, left, and Ward Goodman

There's someone missing on the 9th floor and it's **Neoma McAlister** from Construction, who transferred to the District 6 office September 1. **John Helgen** transferred from the Final Estimates Section of Construction to assume her duties in the Construction office proper.

The Legal girls have decorated the hall across from the elevator on their floor with a grouping of colorful Halloween cutouts. Pretty!

Judy LaBorde was employed in Final Estimates September 16 to replace **Deborah Tracy**. Judy and her husband Clyde came to Little Rock from Ft. Smith. He is with Worthen Bank.



Judy LaBorde

I see by the AIDC magazine, *This is Arkansas*, that former Reproduction employee **Sid Barth**, now a photographer with KTHV, was among the official group headed up by Lt. Gov. **Maurice Britt**, who attended the Arkansas Week of San Diego, California's 200th anniversary being celebrated this year. A major part of the San Diego celebration was "50 State Week" and Arkansas Week was August 24 - 30. A work week filled with activities which included a Mexican rodeo, dinner guest of a Naval admiral, a short trip across the border, guest of the Rotary Club for lunch, Disneyland, tours of the San Diego

Zoo, Seaworld, and the harbor, and a San Diego Chargers ball game sounds like an awful way to make a living, doesn't it?

Chief Auditor **Ron Keene** is such a quiet type individual you'd hardly know he was around unless you saw him, but many of us are going to miss him all the same. He has resigned to accept a position with the Office of Safety Coordination.

Can you guess who this solemn-countenanced, mustachioed employee is? We will give you one clue — add about 25 years to his age from the time this picture was made.



Bridge Design Blitzes Tourney!



One of the winners of the first flight and both winners of the second flight of the AHD four-ball golf tournament were Bridge Design employees. Jim Barnett of the Traffic Division helped John Sage of Bridge take the first flight. Dale Loe and Frank Harrison won the second. In the play-off Loe and Harrison won out over Barnett and Sage. All four received trophies and three golf balls.

Consolation winners of the two flights were Don Martin and Bill Courtney, first flight, and Lee Gibbons and Charles Rain, second flight. Each team won a dozen golf balls.

Twenty-eight golfers made up the field of fourteen teams for the second annual four-ball tournament played at War Memorial Park course during September.

Leon Noel, Ben Landers, Larry Johnson, Bob Narrell and Bob Mattox each won six golf balls for coming nearest the hole with their tee shots on five of the par 3 holes.

Sincere thanks is extended to Meyer's Bakery for their donation of two dozen Finalist golf balls through Don Martin, and to Tony Zini who donated six Atlas balls through Larry Johnson.



Barnett and Sage



Loe and Harrison



ACCOUNTING DIVISION

by *Mildred Harness*

On August 8 Willene Dorris received a certificate and pin for completion of 15 years' service with the Highway Department. Mr. McCarthy made the presentation. The employees of Accounting honored her with a cake and punch.

Barbara Pierce is back to work with us after a leave of absence. Welcome home, Barbara.

Ann Forte, our insurance clerk, was given a birthday party September 9 by a few close friends. Lynda Winbury brought the birthday cake. Ann received gifts and cards from her well-wishers. We all had a grand time.

Our good - looking bookkeeper, Ola Hawkins, is wearing a big diamond on her left hand. Congratulations to the lucky boy.

Ronnie Clayton is driving a new yellow Mustang. How about that?!

John and Margaret Allen drove to Houston, Tex. to see son John Jr. and family.

Georgia Cottrell was given a surprise birthday party September 11. A table was reserved in the cafeteria for the party. She was presented a very pretty birthday cake and lots of gifts and cards from her many friends. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Mell Jones became a grandmother again on September 11. Jennifer Lee Jones weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces. Parents are Jim and Peg Jones who live at Port Arthur, Tex. Mell flew down to take care of things, and also visited her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brinson. Congratulations, Mell.

Our little Rose Clingan had to go to the hospital on September 11 but she is back at work and looking fine.

Irene Hawkins is really shining. Her son Jim and family who presently live in Washington, D. C. are being transferred back to Little Rock. We are happy for her.

Vernon Fulmer tells us his little daughter Stacy is doing fine. She is sure a little doll, and her dad is not bad either.



Karen Griffin

Karen Griffin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Griffin. She is a first grader at Sylvan Hills School. The picture was made when she graduated from Little People Kindergarten of Park Hill in the spring.



by *Willie Whitmire*

Two men in our division received service awards this month. Walker C. Haigh received his 35 year pin and Dale Loe his 10 year pin. We would like to congratulate both men for a job well done.

John Sage finally became Papa again. You guessed it another boy, Michell Anthony. John has three boys now. Whew!!

Rib, Jib, Rib, Jib!! This is all we heard for a week before Frank Harrison and Dale Loe played John Sage and Jim Barnett in the AHD golf tournament play off. Now that is all over we hear Rib, Jib, Rib, Jib!! Congratulations, Frank and Dale.

Recently J. P. Sumner had a collision in his auto. Not wanting to let one of his squad outdo him, Frank Harrison smashed his car also.

We welcome two new employees, Jim Evans and Jerry Woods. Jim is a native of Little Rock. After receiving his education he went to Chicago for three years but couldn't stand it, so he came back to Little Rock. Jerry is also a native of Little Rock, but resides in North Little Rock at the present. His interests are camping, swimming, boating, singing, drawing and all types of musical instruments, especially the organ. We welcome both these men to our division.



Jim Evans

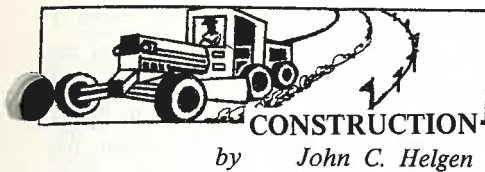


Jerry Woods

Boss L. P. Carlson's young grandson Eric shows his dislike at being upstaged by a smelly old fish. Eric, who was two months old when the picture was made, made his first fishing jaunt when he was 10 days old. They believe in starting them early in Alaska where he and his folks live at Juneau.



Eric Carlson



by John C. Helgen

My wife and I, accompanied by our oldest daughter, her husband and their two daughters, motored to California for vacation in August. On the way we took in the Indian Ceremonial Affair at Gallup, N. Mex. Twenty-two tribes were represented in a huge parade in which they all put on their native tribal dance. The next stop was close to Flagstaff, Ariz. where we took a look at the Meteor Crater, then on to Grand Canyon and fabulous Las Vegas for a night on the town there. Didn't win too much but saw all the sights we possibly could. Next stop was Calico, a ghost town where silver was mined years ago. Finally arrived in California. We took in Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm, and visited the Wax Museum, which was most interesting. Also spent a day in Los Angeles and Marineland.

On the way back we visited my folks who now live in Mesa, Ariz. and helped them celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. That was four days and nights getting acquainted with kin folks, some of whom I had not seen in twenty years or more. One entire motel was occupied by Helgens and relations and that was real fun. The folks were well remembered by everyone. Some friends of mine had sent gifts and messages for them by me which I proudly announced at the reception. After we left Mesa the next stop was Old Mexico. We spent one day shopping and looking around. We were all glad to get out of there by nightfall.

All in all we put another 5000 miles on the ole car and gained a few pounds as we lived it up for awhile.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thanks to all my friends and associates for the cards, flowers, candy and the many phone calls I received while I was in the hospital and convalescing at home from surgery. It sure helps a man's morale when he is not feeling too well to know he has friends who care.

Special thanks to Rachel Simmons and her gang for a most appropriate letter. It was hand delivered to my room with the most precious timing. Thanks also to

Jack Keilch in Accounting for his interest in trying to get the misplaced parts to fit. Thanks again to all of you for everything.

NINTH FLOOR WEST

by Marie D. Wano

W. A. Spratlin's son, W. A., Jr., was married in an afternoon ceremony to Karen Jo Spakes at the Dermott Baptist Church in Dermott. A reception followed the ceremony in the Church Fellowship Hall. The couple are both natives of Dermott. They are now residing in North Little Rock. Karen is teaching at Kramer School and W. A. Jr. is with the Arkansas Pollution Control Commission.

The last working day for Jerry Lewis in the Office Engineer's Division, was October 3. (I started to say, "Jerry was given a robe and satin scuffs for leaving the AHD"; but, somehow, that didn't sound just right. Neither did "was given gifts for going away." I even tried "A surprise party for leaving Mr. Holland's office." Anyway, the fact is, she was surprised with a party on retiring to await the birth of her second child. We hope to receive regular reports on how she gets along.



Mary Rowland

Mary Rowland of Benton has replaced Jerry Lewis. Mary, it won't take long for the names and faces in your new Division to all fall into place. Good luck.

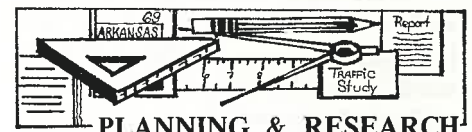
Chuck Freeman gets his "mile a day" by walking nine floors up and same back down most working days. That's the answer for vim, vigor and vitality.

Our deepest condolences to Charles Walther in the loss of his father Eugene C. Walther, who passed away September 27. Charles has been with the Department for almost 10 years and his many friends extend their sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mattox are in Baton Rouge at this writing where he is attending the Mississippi River Parkway Commission Convention, commonly called The Great River Road. Mr. Mattox is the Department representative to the Commission. Hope they bring back lots of news about planning for this beautiful Mississippi River Road which runs from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico.

Katherine Jones is pursuing her favorite hobby again this fall as a member of the Big Red League at Pleasure Bowling Lanes. Joe Garber of the Permit Section and wife Michi also bowl in this League.

Your reporter collects rocks and shells, among other things. Max Koehler brought her a piece of lava from the Mojave Desert. Any other contributions will be greatly appreciated.



PLANNING & RESEARCH

by Janet Billingsley

We are happy to welcome two more employees to our Division: Dan Flowers and Jack Reynolds. Dan has joined our Advance Planning Section. He is from Batesville and graduated from the University of Arkansas with a BSCE degree in Civil Engineering. Dan is married (sorry, girls) and his wife's name is Sara. At the present they are living at Chateau de Ville Apts.



Dan Flowers, left, and Jack Reynolds

Jack has joined our Economics Section. He attended Oklahoma State University for four years and played football for the O.S.U. Cowboys as fullback. Loyal Razorback fans will remember him playing on the 1967 team which defeated Arkansas and even scored some of the points. Jack is married and is happy to announce that a new member will be added to the family the last of October.

Jim and Joyce Gilbert are the proud owners of a new home at 36 Allyson Circle. When is the first party? The Economics Section is indeed happy to have Jim in their group. He has become a "friendly baker" and the results have been delicious.

Sue Walls, along with all map sales and distribution, was transferred to the Reproduction Section, room 204 of the Main Building. We in P & R will miss Sue and wish her the best of luck in her new quarters.

Leroy Becket received his 30-year pin October 3 and refreshments were served in his honor. Thirty years seems a long time but it doesn't seem to slow him down any. Right, girls?

We are happy to have Charles Frazier back with us. Charles transferred from Information Services to Planning & Research as an Administrative Officer.

B. C. Lewis will be in the hospital for a week during October for a check up. Do you suppose the hospital will ever be the same?



Jim Head, left, presents Paul's certificate.

Paul Elcan received his 10-year certificate and pin on September 1. Jim Head presented it and Peggy McFarlin pinned it on. Congratulations, Paul, and best of luck in the future.

Crawford Harrison is in the process of having a kidney transplant. We all wish him the best of luck and hope to see him back in the office soon.

PROCUREMENT

by *Liz Jacobs*

Just sit back, relax, and put your reading glasses on, for we're plush with news this month. (If all the other departments have as many happenings as ours has recently, the magazine will begin to favor Webster's Dictionary).

Rather than try to decide what takes top priority in listing, I will begin around the first of September and go from there.

September 8 we had a party for Patsy Navens, celebrating her 15 years' service with AHD. It was done in living color — beginning with an orange corsage of carnations (even Patsy's suit was orange) moving on to gold, aqua, and more orange. The cake was an inspiration from Glenda McIntyre - the theme "You've come a long way, baby!" was written across the top, complete with covered wagon to represent the old days, and sports cars for the "now" generation. We also splurged and bought Pat a typewriter. . ceramic, that is, which held a little green plant and more carnations. Congratulations Patsy. . . can't wait until 1989 to do it again!



Patsy Navens, left, and Bernie Cox

The very next day, September 9, Elizabeth Ann DeVice made her entrance into the world, and though Ted thought she would never get here, the waiting was well worth it. We got our first viewing

on the 23rd, and was so happy about it that we gave Ted and Carol a shower on the spot (all preplanned of course). We brought individual offerings for the baby, but didn't forget Mom and Pop either. We gave them a "Book of Advice", which consisted of a letter from each employee in our Section telling them how to raise Little Liz. The winning letter, I believe, was from Lem Kirkpatrick, which gave 10 rules to follow, all 10 saying the same thing - "Tell her to watch out for casanovas like me." Oh, yes, although I won't mention any names, a few of the girls even enjoyed the cigars Ted passed out, (they almost passed out too, after a few drags - that is all except one, who, I think, must be a professional cigar smoker on the sly).

On the 13th of September, Lou and Alton Hardy's wish came true. They had a precious little carbon copy of Lou, which they named Karen Lynn. Lou and Karen visited with us a little while on October 6. Still in the Stork Department, Glenda McIntyre became an Auntie this month. Her brother had a baby boy, and Glenda is now planning several devious ways to steal it. Congratulations, all you lucky people! May you enjoy the 1:00 & 4:00 a.m. feedings with pleasure.

Wanda Allred visited with us the last of September. She worked in our Section before deciding to just be a housewife for a while. Everyone enjoyed visiting with her, and I found out that her husband and mine worked together out at Alcoa. Small world, isn't it? Nice meeting you, Wanda.

Lem Kirkpatrick has been very ill with pneumonia, and boy!, have we missed him. The place just ain't the same with out Lem here. Hurry up, Lem, and get well, we can't stand it any longer.

Bernie Cox gave us a hint the other day what to buy him for Christmas — seat belts for his executive chair — I dare say no more, but it is a hilariously funny story. Lewis Warren had four days' vacation this month, which he spent squirrel hunting. Let's see, Lewis, you averaged killing one-fourth squirrels per day, didn't you? Let's just say it's a good thing he doesn't have to provide all the meat for the table at home or their protein diet would suffer quite a bit.

Tommie and Homer Ellis have bought a new home on Fairfield Drive in Little Rock. Tommie is thrilled about the new home, but dreads having to pack and move again, since it's been less than a month since she went through that routine. Wish you much happiness in your new home, "Thomas". Tommie's daughter Linda is beginning her second year at Arkansas Tech in Russellville.

Has anyone noticed the blush on Norma Hawk's cheeks, and the fabulous ring on her left hand? Wonder when the mate to it will be added?

Our boss, Frank Caple, is slowly getting rich by playing golf. . . he didn't get to do a repeat on winning the AHD trophy this year, but he did make a quarter by sinking a birdie. Keep up the good work, Boss, we're proud of you!

Joyce Lee, Glenda McIntyre, and Norma Hawk are all sporting new fall clothes . . . must be nice. . . must be nice. If my budget is figured correctly, (and it is usually on the optimistic side), my turn, in a family of five, for buying winter clothes will be about July 15. See what I have to look forward to!

Ted would never forgive me if I forgot to tell that he's got something else new this month. . . a beautiful new GTO, candy apple red, with a white top. He couldn't embarrass Elizabeth Ann by riding her around in his old 19?? car.

Lewis Wade has placed the coffee pot scrubbing duty by all the girls into heavy competition. We get graded on how well we clean the pot, cups, our attitude, and the time spent in doing this "wonderful" little chore. So far the grades ran like this: Liz "A-" (It took a month of constant washing to attain this). Norma "C-" (she cleaned out the pot too well, which caused it to lose some of its original flavor). Glenda "B" (she didn't give any "lip" back). Patsy "A-" (teacher's pet). Joyce "C-" (she dribbled a trail of coffee all the way down the hall) - I told her not to be so enthused that she bounce with joy instead of walking slowly. Tommie "I" (she missed 1 day, leaving the week uncompleted).

See what fun we have working at AHD?



Administrative Section

by Linda Trogden

This reporter is proud of her new Camaro Chevrolet. A nice little car with "not so nice" payments.

A few from our section joined the group from Relocation and Acquisition at Shakey's and will have to admit we sure had an enjoyable evening and are looking forward to more good times soon.

Acquisition Section

by Phyllis Erwin

Relocation is one less in number with the departure of Carolyn West. Carolyn was given a farewell party by both sections and received a musical baby book.

The girls from the ROW Div. treated Carolyn with a farewell lunch and a gift. She and husband Jim plan to take a vacation in New Orleans before the arrival of the stork sometime in December.

There was a "big time in the old town" recently when a group from ROW, including several from Relocation and Acquisition, had a Happy Hour at Shakey's. Perhaps it is putting it lightly to say, "We had a ball."

Appraisal Section

by Kathy Phelps

Congratulations are in order to Jim Fooks on his marriage to the former Kathy Nahlen on September 26. The newlyweds are residing in Benton. We wish them a lifetime of happiness.

Jean Barrett left us October 3 to await the stork. All of the Right of Way girls took her to lunch and presented her a gift of bedroom slippers. She was also honored at a party in the Appraisal Section. There she received a corsage of pink rosebuds and several gifts. Two former employees Joyce Porter and Sue Boyett and their children, surprised Jean by attending the party. Be sure to call us when that little *girl* arrives.

(Picture on page 29)

Danny Hooten, son of Herbert Hooten, left September 20 for Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Tex, where he will enter

basic training in the Air National Guard. After basic Danny will be stationed at Biloxi, Miss., where he will enter Office Administration School. He will return in January, 1970.

Engineering Section

by Ellen Gross

Our Section enjoyed a party at Paul Broyles' house on September 27. We cooked hamburgers outside and had a lot of good food to go with them. Fred Williams and Vic Winchell engaged in a hamburger eating contest. They bragged the day before that they could eat five each but that night they only managed to get down three. We played pool before and after dinner, then topped off the evening with a rousing game of bingo. Everyone seemed to have a good time.



by Benny Robbins

Paul DeBusk is the proud owner of a beautiful new white Oldsmobile Cutlass. He says it's a real comfortable automobile but that it will have to really perform well to surpass the service ability of his old 150,000 - mile "Black Beauty".

Among those who also played in the most recent AHD Four Ball Golf Tournament were Brooks Nichols and Bob Narrell. Brooks and B. K. Cooper lost in the final match of their flight to Dale Lowe and Frank Harrison. Bob Narrell and his partner Dave Conner, also lost in the final match of their flight to Jim Barnett and John Sage. Reports are that all participants really enjoyed the tournament and are looking forward to the "Winter Four".

It seems all we hear around the Division is sports, but it is interesting to all of us. On the bowling team is Rick Henriksen, Paul Hayden, Brooks Nichols, Don Galloway (R/W), Arlo Waggoner, a former AHD employee now with AFCO, and Bob Mize, team captain. They say they are up and coming. Good luck, fellows.



(L. to R.) Lee, Dunn, Thomas and Major.

Sidney Lee, John Dunn, Robert Thomas and George Major represented an accumulated 50 years' service when they were presented certificates and lapel pins on September 19. All received 15 year pins from Asst. Division Head Bill Hurt except Major who has completed five years. There was also a huge cake and coffee for the occasion.

Well, that's all the news for now. Hope we have more next time.

SECONDARY ROADS

by Barbara Oldham

In the month of August there were brides everywhere. We had a bride to tell about on August 22. The lucky girl was the former Kathy Mitchell of Little Rock. She is very lucky because she married Mark James, who is an engineer aide in this Division. Kathy and Mark were married at Geyer Springs First Baptist Church and spent their honeymoon days in Dallas. We wish them the best of everything in the future.



Kathy and Mark James

Melvin Hall, another of our engineer aides, went on vacation back in May. We

expected him back in two weeks. He went to Arizona for a vacation, at least that is what we thought. We received a letter from Melvin saying he would not be back on time. . . . seems like Melvin had gone to Arizona to take a bride from just across the border in Los Mochis, Mex. and bring her back to the Good Ole USA. This would have been done in two weeks but troubles began to overtake Melvin. The immigration board decided that it would take from two to six weeks before the bride elect, Mireya Fox Mendevil, could come across the border. It was all very exciting and romantic, I thought, but it was very nerve-racking for Melvin and Mireya. Finally, on June 14, after much paperwork and legal stuff, they were married in First Baptist Church of Ajo, Ariz. The newlyweds spent their honeymoon in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mex. They are now living at # 7 Linkay Court in Little Rock. Melvin is back at work and very happy. We would like to say "Welcome to Little Rock, Arkansas" to Mireya and extend to her an invitation to visit us here at the office anytime. Mireya, Somos alegre a tener usted en nosotros cuidad.

Florida has been the place for vacations this year. Jack Teasdale and his wife Mary spent their vacation time there, as did John Kizer, our boss, and his family.

We are very pleased to have Max Hall, president, and John Adams, secretary, of the bowling league in our office. But having officers in our office somehow doesn't help our bowling score. Words of encouragement to our team: Go get'em!!

Jim and Barbara Oldham and their two beagles, Bimbo and Cleo are enjoying a new home located at 7810 Impala Drive.

A parting thought for those in our office. . . . why not ask Don Potter what happens to people who move to the country. . . . it's a good story.

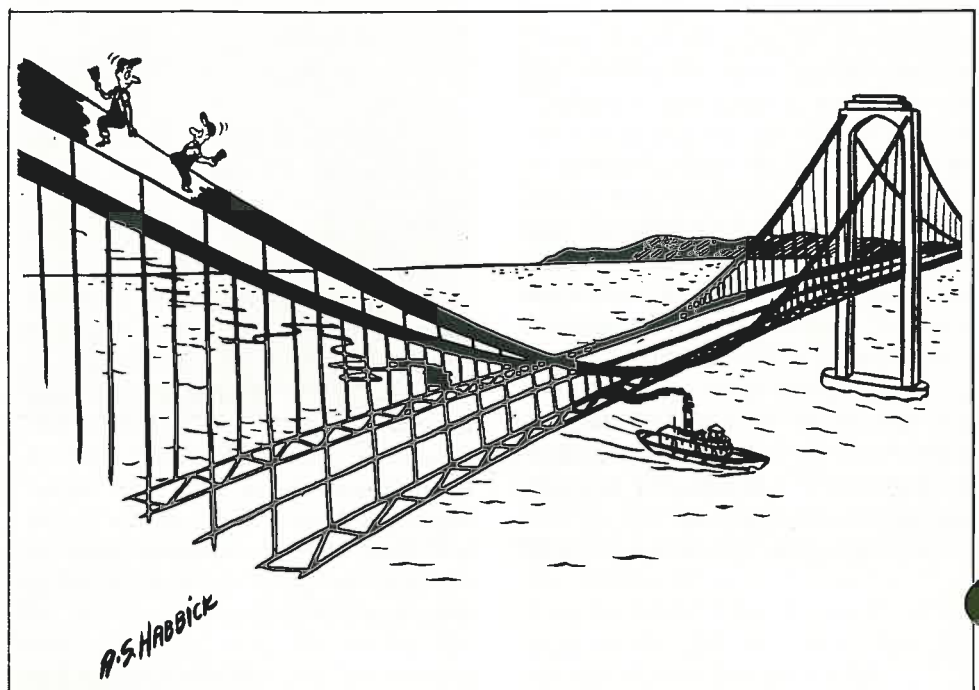
TRAFFIC DIVISION

by Joan Niehaus

Charles Rain and wife Paula had a little bundle of joy born September 20. She has been named Terri Leigh. Both mother and baby are doing fine. Congratulations to you both.

Ken Bynum is back with us after spending a year in West Virginia working on his Masters Degree in Civil Engineering. We are happy to have you with us again Ken.

Mr. V. O. Campbell had an operation last month and is reported to be doing fine. We all hope he is feeling much better by the time he reads this.



Another



HIGHWAY MOVIE WINS AWARD



The current Highway Department film, "Highways — Our Link To The World" has placed as a finalist in *Industrial Photography* magazine's 11th film competition. It is the sixth Highway Department production to be selected as a finalist. One of the six won honorable mention.

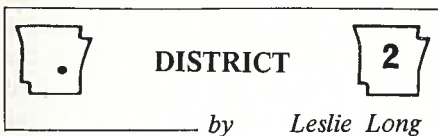
Industrial films may be entered in one of three categories: Public Relations, Sales & Advertising; Industrial Relations; and Research and Development.

The Public Relations, Sales and Advertising category in which the Arkansas Highway film is entered was the most popular category this year. Sixty-one percent of all entries were in that group. Entries are limited to one per company and had to be completed in the period between June 1, 1968 and May 31, 1969.

Individual winners for each category are announced but those chosen as honorable mentions (second place) and finalists (third place) are not listed by category.

Johnnie M. Gray, staff photographer, now has six winners out of 10 entries to his credit. Gray has been on the Department staff for sixteen years and has 34 years' experience as a professional photographer.

The Highway Department produces a film each year primarily for public relations to show the public what the Department is doing in construction and maintenance projects. It is shown statewide upon request to many civic and service organizations, schools and other interested groups. More than 10,000 people view the film each year.



by Leslie Long

Drew County Area Foreman Floyd Fulbright and his crew, Lester and E. J. Rabb and Elbert Martin were hosts to the area foremen and district headquarters personnel and their families at a barbecue held at the Monticello area headquarters the evening of October 9. Staff photographer Johnnie M. Gray was on hand to show the current Highway Department film. An estimated 150 people attended.

N. M. Mitchell, who is retired as a foreman in Drew County, announces that he and Mrs. Mitchell will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on November 23. Their son, William Clay Mitchell, and his wife and two sons will hold open house in their home at 407 South Main Street in Monticello between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00. Friends and relatives are invited to call. Mitchell was with the Highway Department 35 years before retirement in January of 1962.



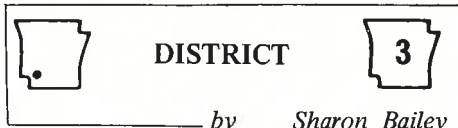
Hosts, left to right: Lester Rabb, E. J. Rabb, Elbert Martin and Floyd Fulbright.



Ouida Grimes of the District office and Beth Gaddy, niece of C.R. Gaddy, show off their pastry prowess to Dist. Engr. John Harris.



Another scene from the chow line.



by Sharon Bailey

Congratulations to Andy McDonnell on reaching 25 years with the Department and to Kenneth Wayne Smith and Bobby Ray Rosenbaum for completion of five years.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Neighbors became grandparents for the first time when their daughter, Mrs. Bryan Strong of Nashville, gave birth to a 9 pound, 4 ounce boy, whom they named David Allen, on August 12. J. D. is an employee in our Pike County crew.

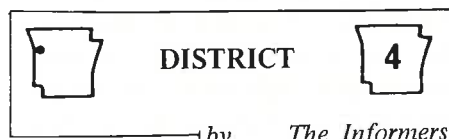
Several of our men have retired recently and we wish them the best of luck in the future and hope they come by often to visit. Out of the Sevier County crew, George Cox retired after 18 years' service and was the roller operator in the sealing crew. Johnny Robinson worked in the Hope Interstate Office and has over 36 years' service.

Carroll Beck, our Hempstead County Foreman's son, planned to go to Henderson as I stated in an earlier article. However, after the article had already gone to press, plans changed and Carroll is now attending the U of A on a full four-year RAZORBACK scholarship! Here's hoping we'll be seeing him on T.V. in another couple of years.

September 4 was our boss' birthday and we had a surprise dinner for him at my home that evening. Mrs. Tallant and daughter, Kay, attended along with the office crew and their spouses - 19 in all. A buffet of ham, potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, etc. was served. Dessert was a birthday cake decorated with roses and six candles. (We were afraid to put the right number of candles on the cake due to the fire hazard.) After dinner we all sat around and talked and just enjoyed getting together.

Edna Lewallen, our payroll clerk, took off a couple of weeks and went on a vacation with her daughter, Mrs. Richard Poteet and family. They traveled approximately 4600 miles through Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, Oregon, California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. Some highlights of their trip were Yellowstone

National Park, San Francisco Air Force Academy, the Seal Cave and Las Vegas, where Edna came out a 65¢ winner! She said everything was beautiful and she had a grand time. She said the mountains were just absolutely beautiful from afar, but she kept her eyes closed while going over them.



by The Informers

ALMA RESIDENCY

The leaves are beginning to turn red and gold, showing signs of fall here in Alma. We have turned the air conditioner off and opened the windows to enjoy a few days of fresh country air before we close everything up and light the fire.

Don Wilkerson's crew have been telling us some tall tales about the deer trying to run them down on the Fern-Shores Lake job. I wonder about this????

Everyone here is excited about football. It seems to be the only subject that interests anyone. Everyone who could walk, crawl or get someone to take them, went to the Little Rock games. I lucked up and got someone to take me. Sure enjoyed both games.

Bill Bice has already wrecked his new Nash Ambassador. The accident occurred near Batesville on Highway 25, which he helped build. No one was hurt but there was considerable damage to the car.

Resident Engineer Mike O'Shea and Bill Hendricks of Ft. Smith came by and had coffee with us the other day. Nice to have visitors.

We have three new employees: J.L. Sory, Ozark; John Lomance, Mulberry; and David Hanna, Alma. Glad to have them working with us.

Rebecka Coleman, daughter of Res. Engr. Jack Coleman, was operated on a few weeks ago. We are happy to report that she has recovered and started to school.

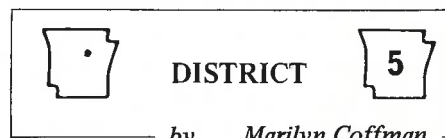
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bice have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Jeanie Bice, to Jerry Maier of DeWitt, Arkansas.

Mrs. Bice underwent surgery last month, but according to Bill, she is doing nicely and went down to her Fabric Store in Ozark awhile Saturday.

Gene Wray and family bought a new fully-equipped camper trailer. Gene thinks he wants to get a head start on next summer. He said it was Mrs. Wray's birthday present, but guess who will use it the most!

Chester Eversole and family went to Idaho on their vacation, and visited Mrs. Eversole's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Liman Richardson. Enroute home Mrs. Eversole left her purse in a restaurant where they stopped to have lunch. When they missed the purse, they went back to the restaurant for it but it was gone. Chester said they reported it to the police, and started on home quite sure they would never see that purse again, but before they got home the police in Colorado stopped them and told them the purse had been turned in! It was mailed to them with everything intact! They were surely happy to have it back. Proves there are still some honest people in the world.

J. D. Kuykendall is walking around with a far away look in his eyes. He leaves next week for a two-week hunting trip in Craig, Colo. He has earned the pleasure because he recently finished painting his house and it sure looks great.



by Marilyn Coffman

We welcome Norma McKinney, clerk for Resident Engineers Ralph Wyatt and John Smith. Norma is a native of Batesville. Her husband Harold is employed with White River Petroleum Co. Inc. They have a son Rickey, 6, who is a student at Westside Elementary. The McKinnys attend Ruddell Hill Baptist Church. Norma likes to sew in her spare time. (Her smart looking clothes show that she does a good job). She replaced Mildred Thomas, who was employed for almost five years and resigned to become a full time housewife. We wish Mildred the best of luck and know she will enjoy being home with her son Mike.



Rickey, left, and Norma

After a three years' rest our A.H.D. Bowling Team re-organized and the season's play is under way. They seem a little embarrassed over being tied for sixth place out of ten. Get to work, boys! This year's team members are: Oscar Syfert, Jim Chaney, Randy Satterwhite, C.L. Bradberry, and Orville Gold.

Congratulations to the White County Sheriff's mounted patrol, who was voted the best mounted patrol in the Arkansas Livestock Show parade. The patrol has received second place for the past four years and moved to top place in this year's competition. One of the members is our own John Odom, area foreman of White County.

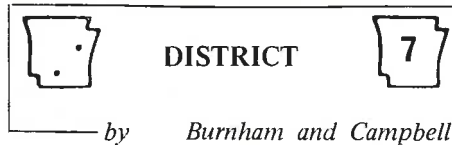
Congratulations to Roy Pitts and Travis Moser, equipment operators, for completing five years' service last month. This month's service awards were presented to Albert Watkins, engineering aide in the Searcy residency, 15 years; and Holman Arnold, watchman for our District headquarters, 5 years.

We are sad over the death of C. M. Benz, resident engineer at Searcy. He will be missed by his many friends in our district.

S. L. Swink is the new resident engineer at Searcy. Leroy was transferred from District 2 and has eleven years' service. He and his wife Helen have two children, Sherry, 7, and Tracy, 5. They are members of Temple Baptist Church in Searcy.

Our new boss, Jim Chaney and family, are now settled in Batesville. We consider ourselves lucky to get such a good boss and we welcome them to our City of Hospitality.

Lawson Johnson, ferry foreman, and Harold May, mechanic, will leave Batesville this weekend for their yearly elk, deer, and bear hunt in Gray Bull, Wyo. Watch our column next month for stories and pictures of the big hunt!



Congratulations to Asst. Maint. Supt. Jewell Prince who received a 15-year service award and to Dist. Engr. Coy Campbell and Equip. Oper. II Edison V. Booth for completion of ten years.

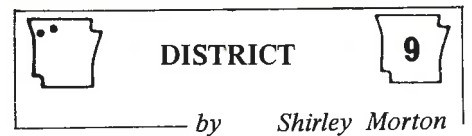


Prince, left, receives award from Campbell while Maint. Supt. Grover E. Nunnally looks on.

Equip. Clerk Mildred Russ underwent major surgery October 6 and is recovering nicely at this time. We miss you, Mildred, and are anxious for you to be back with us.

Mary Nell Carlson, husband Joe and children enjoyed a trip to Six Flags recently. Mary Nell is the clerk for Res. Engr. Bob Myers.

We extend sincere sympathy to Jeanne Johnson, whose husband Pat passed away after an extended illness on September 10. Jeanne is the clerk for Res. Engr. A. W. Hardy at Magnolia.



Our belated congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. James Roy Fultz on the arrival of their baby girl, Melody Kim, and to Res. Engr. Carl Sanders and Mrs. Sanders on the arrival of their son, Kelly Stewart.

Service awards were presented recently to Wayne Coonfield and Paul Bennett for completion of 20 years; to Austin Bowling and Ed Mulford, 15 yrs.; Bill Phillips, 10 yrs. and Louis Null, 5 yrs.

Kenny Watkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hillman Watkins, began his first year in college at Arkansas State University, Beebe Branch, in September.

The wedding of Nancy Diane Young and Charles George Bergman of Mountain Home was solemnized in St. Paul's Methodist Church at 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, August 30. Rev. Wayne Clark officiated at the double ring ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oral Young. The reception was held in the church parlor following the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Bergman are living in Russellville where both have resumed their studies at Arkansas Tech.



Kathy Thomason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Thomason, became the bride of Johnny Martin of Deer in a double ring ceremony performed Monday, September 29, at 7:00 in the Bellefonte Baptist Church by Rev. Charles Taylor. A reception was held at the church after the ceremony. They are at home in Deer, Ark. where Johnny is engaged in the sawmill business and farming.

Wayne Bell, patrol operator in Carroll County, and Carolyn Cochran were married August 30 and are now residing at Osage, Ark. Congratulations to the three happy couples!

Our sincere sympathy to Jim McIntosh, mower operator in Carroll County, in the loss of his father on September 8.

The ribbon-cutting and dedication of our beautiful new headquarters was certainly a happy event for the several hundred people who attended the festivities. Dist. Engr. Jewell Whitaker was honored with the presentation of plaques

from the City of Harrison, Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District and the Harrison Chamber of Commerce for outstanding achievements during his long career with AHD. Highway Commission Chairman Truman Baker speaking after the presentations, declared the event "Jewell Whitaker Day", so October 6, 1969 was truly a very happy, special day for all of us. Coffee, punch and cookies were served during the open house. Our thanks to everyone who helped with the arrangements.

 **DISTRICT** 
by *Isabelle Psalmonds*

Sorry there was no news from District 10 last month but it sorta slipped up on us and we didn't get any in.

Several of our people have taken interesting vacations and have told us about them. There have been others we are sure but we haven't heard about them.

Jackie Hopkins, payroll clerk, and her son Mark flew to Washington, D.C. for a few days' visit and then on to Boston to visit her daughter Pam. She reported a wonderful trip. Jackie brought back some beautiful pictures. They are in color so we can't share them in the Magazine. (Oh, but you can, Isabelle! However, they will be black and white. Ed.)

Maint. Supt. and Mrs. John Sanders went to Albuquerque, N. Mex. to visit their daughter Linda. Making Albuquerque their headquarters, they visited many places of interest in the area.

Dist. Engr. Sam Smith and his family visited his sister and her family near Washington, D.C. Office Suprv. Junior Wycoff and his family went to Florida. Hamp Fletcher, shop foreman, and his wife went to Grand Canyon and other points of interest in Arizona and the Southwest.

John Sanders is attending the 28th Short Course on Roadside Development in Columbus, Ohio.

Jeff Robins, Equip. Opr. II at Walnut Ridge, caught a 7-lb. large-mouth bass at Denton Lake! It was 26" long. His wife Lucille shows proof.



Lucille Robins

Larry Whittle, clerk in the Osceola Office, has a new Plymouth Sports Fury with all the necessary attachments -- including the payments!

Bill Montgomery, Const. Insp. I at Osceola, has successfully completed the basic drafting course at Cotton Boll Vocational School in Burdette, Ark. Congratulations, Bill.

Sam Smith and John Sanders permitted the office crew to attend the open house and dedication of the new District 1 headquarters in Wynne in September. We certainly did appreciate the privilege. We enjoyed the afternoon and congratulate Wynne on their beautiful office. We also congratulate District 9 on their new headquarters. Mr. Smith attended their dedication and said the headquarters was lovely.

We have had two men reach the 20 year mark since we wrote last. Frankie Flay "Red" Lovelace, auto diesel mechanic, received his 20 year pin and certificate in August. We had coffee and cake to help him celebrate.

Res. Engr. H. C. Martin of Paragould received his 20-year pin and certificate in September. We again had coffee and cake and his crew presented him a pen and pencil set. I really think that for once Cliff was surprised!

Other certificate awards since May include: Troy Smith, truck driver at Paragould; John W. Henry, truck driver at Jonesboro; Joseph E. Carley, mower operator from Walnut Ridge, 15 years; Mech. I Charles E. Franks, Paragould; Engr. Aide IVA Maurice Sale, Res. Engr. James M. Garrett, Equip. Oper. Ernest E. Faulk-



Smith presents pin and certificate to "Red".



Martin, left, receives award from Smith.

enberry and Robt. T. Starrick, all of Osceola; and Cecil E. Butts, mower operator from Walnut Ridge, 10 years.

Five-year awards went to Jesse R. Dial, front end loader operator; truck drivers Willie M. Rippy and James H. Cooper; James T. Freeman, asphalt raker; Jerry D. Black, auto-diesel mechanic, all from Paragould; Gerald W. Wood, Engr. Aide IIIB at Jonesboro; Truman L. White, Equip. Opr. II and Robt. L. McDaniel, patrol operator. both from Pocahontas; Elbert J. Harris, Equip. Opr. II from Walnut Ridge; Frank E. Gurien, Equip. Opr. II from Blytheville; and William H. Locke and Don L. Phillips, both Equip. Oper. II from Corning.



OCTOBER

*Crickets are making
The merriest din,
All the fields waking
With shrill violin.*

*Piled up leaves smoulder,
All hazy the moon;
Nights have grown colder,
The frost will come soon.*

—Edward B. Reed.



AUTUMN GLORY

*This is Nature's carnival, bush and
bough ablaze
With the flaming pageantry of the
Autumn days.*

*Color, color, everywhere, gay, flam-
boyant, bold,*

*Scarlet, amber, rust, and bronze;
yellow, red, and gold.*

*Peace and joy and rich contentment
after all the strife,*

*These things make the beauty of
the Autumn tints of Life.*

—Patience Strong.

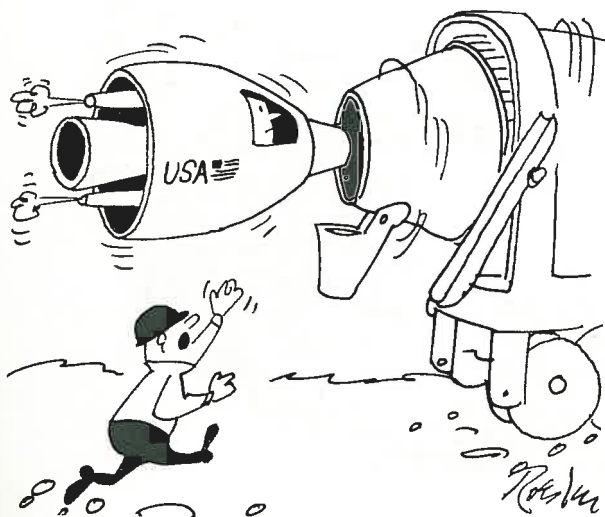
SHARE IN THE "ARKANSAS ACRE"

Contributions Lagging

The fund drive to raise approximately \$17,000 to pay for the Arkansas Acre at Valley Forge, Penna. is lagging and Governor Rockefeller and Secretary of State Kelly Bryant have made an appeal to state employees to contribute even so nominal an amount as twenty-five cents per person to boost the almost \$10,000 on which has been erected a memorial to the state's Congressional Medal of Honor winners.

The memorial is a seven-foot high concrete-effect plastic obelisk reinforced with steel. To it are affixed the state seal and a bronze plaque bearing the names of Arkansas' 15 Medal of Honor winners, six of whom are still living. If enough money is left after the Arkansas Acre is paid for, Secretary of State Bryant would like to duplicate the obelisk on the west grounds at the Capitol. He says it would only cost a fraction of the Valley Forge monument since it would be located on state property and maintained by the state.

Those wishing to make contributions to the Acre should mail them to *Arkansas Acre, P. O. Box 1803, Little Rock, Ark. 72203.*



"No, no, don't dock! That's not your command capsule!"

RIGHT OF WAY

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Pam Lewis and Kathy Phelps, left and Appraisal Chief Herbert Hooten with Jean Barrett at party given in her honor before she left the Appraisal Section on maternity leave.

Instead of Famine-Thanksgiving

Governor Bradford's history of the Plymouth Bay Colony
is a story that deserves to be far better known.

by HENRY HAZLITT

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Most of us have forgotten that when the Pilgrim Fathers landed on the shores of Massachusetts they established a communist system. Out of their common product and storehouse they set up a system of rationing, though it came to "but a quarter of a pound of bread a day to each person." Even when harvest came, "it arose to but a little." A vicious circle seemed to set in. The people complained that they were too weak from want of food to tend the crops as they should. Deeply religious though they were, they took to stealing from each other. "So as it well appeared," writes Governor Bradford, "that famine must still insue the next year also, if not some way prevented."

So the colonists, he continues, "begane to thinke how they might raise as much corne as they could, and obtaine a beter crope than they had done, that they might not still thus languish in miserie. At length [in 1623] after much debate of things, the Gov. (with the advise of the cheefest amongst them) gave way that they should set corne every man for his owne perticuler, and in that regard trust to them selves . . . And so assigned to every family a parcell of land . . .

"This had very good success; for it made all hands very industrious, so as much more corne was planted than other waise would have bene by any means the Gov. or any other could use, and saved him a great deall of trouble, and gave farr better contente.

"The women now wente willingly into the field, and tooke their litle-ones with them to set corne, which before would aledge weakness, and inability; whom to have compelled would have bene thought great tiranie and oppression.

"The experience that was had in this commone course and condition, tried sundrie years, and that amongst godly and sober men, may well evince the vanities of that conceite of Platos and other ancients, applauded by some of later times;—that the taking away of propertie, and bringing in communitie into a comone wealth, would make them happy and flourishing; as if they were wiser than God. For this communitie (so farr as it was) was found to

breed much confusion and discontent, and retard much imployment that would have been to their benefite and comforte.

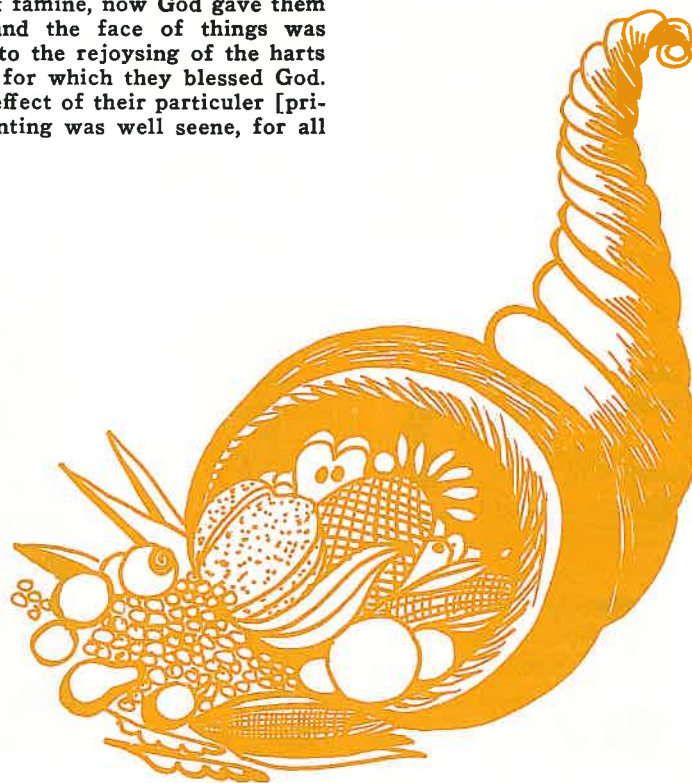
"For the yong-men that were most able and fitte for labour and service did repine that they should spend their time and strenght to worke for other mens-wives and children with out any recompense. The strong, or man of parts, had no more in devisision of victails and cloaths, than he that was weake and not able to doe a quarter the other could; this was thought injustice . . .

"And for men's wives to be commanded to doe servise for other men, as dressing their meate, washing their cloaths, etc., they deemed it a kind of slaverie, neither could many husbands well brooke it . . .

"By this time harvest was come, and instead of famine, now God gave them plentie, and the face of things was changed, to the rejoysing of the harts of many, for which they blessed God. And the effect of their particuler [private] planting was well seene, for all

had, one way and other, pretty well to bring the year aboute, and some of the abler sorte and more industrious had to spare, and sell to others, so as any generall wante or famine hath not been amongst them since to this day."

Let us be thankful for this valued lesson from our Fathers—and yield not to the temptations of socialism.



THIS'LL KILL YA



Asked about his bride's cooking, the sergeant replied, "Let's put it this way - I'm the only guy on the base who packs a lunch to go home."

First Drunk: "Shay, do you know what time it is?"

Second Drunk: "Yeah."

First Drunk: "Thanksh."

People will believe anything if you whisper it.

Sam: "I see your wife has a new mink coat. That ought to keep her warm this winter."

Tom: "I didn't buy it to keep her warm, I bought it to keep her quiet."

"How does it feel to live to be 100?" the reporter asked the old man. "Pretty good," was the reply, "considering the other choice!"

The people who tell you never to let little things worry you have never tried sleeping with a mosquito in the room.

A small boy stood watching the moving handrail of an escalator in a department store.

"Is anything wrong?" asked a saleslady.

"Nope", said the lad. "I'm just waiting for my gum to come 'round again!"

A drunk was leaning against a building. A policeman walked over to him and said, "Hey, fellow, why don't you go home and go to bed?"

"Wha time is it?" asked the drunk.

"It's 7 o'clock in the morning," replied the officer.

"Ish to late to go home now, officer. I get up at 6:30."

Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it starts avoiding you.

A new barber nicked a customer badly while giving him a shave. Hoping to restore the man's feeling of well-being, he said solicitously, "Do you want your head wrapped in a hot towel?"

"No, thanks," said the customer, "I'll carry it home under my arm."

KEN COLLINSWORTH

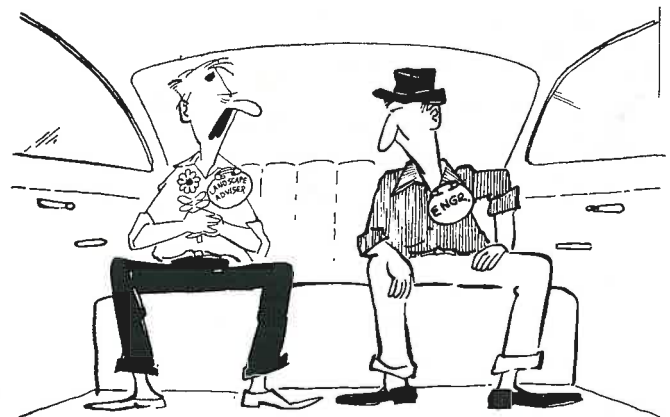
A Man To Take Lightly



From time to time *Arkansas Highways Magazine* uses cartoons created by Ken Collinsworth. They are always good for a chuckle. You may enjoy his cartoons more when you learn that he can be counted among our kin - that is, a highway employee like us. Ken is a landscape architect with the Texas Highway Department and draws a cartoon a month for *Texas Highways*. Many other publications throughout the country also pick up his drawings.

Collinsworth is a graduate of Texas A&M with a degree in landscape architecture. When he came to work with the Texas Highway Department in 1950 he was requested to draw cartoons for the magazine, although he had never done any cartooning. He soon established himself as a cartoonist, however, through the creation of a character named Fezby. He chose the name Fezby, he says, because a name generally tells what kind of person a guy is and "...you know a guy with a name like Fezby couldn't be president. It's a name for a guy who never quite makes it."

We hope you will enjoy this cartoon and others which may appear in the future even more than those which have appeared in past issues.



Ken Collinsworth

"SUPPOSE I TOLD YOU I THOUGHT YOUR SLIDE RULE WAS SILLY!"



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Where is it?



LAST MONTH'S WHERE IS IT? was the Little Missouri River bridge on Highway 53 south of Whelen Springs in Clark County. It was properly identified by Calvin Collins in the Mail Room, Asst. Const. Engr. Norman Pumphrey, Skip Harris of the Utility Section, Asst. Chief Engr. J. E. Lowder, and Glen Trammel in Roadway Design.

