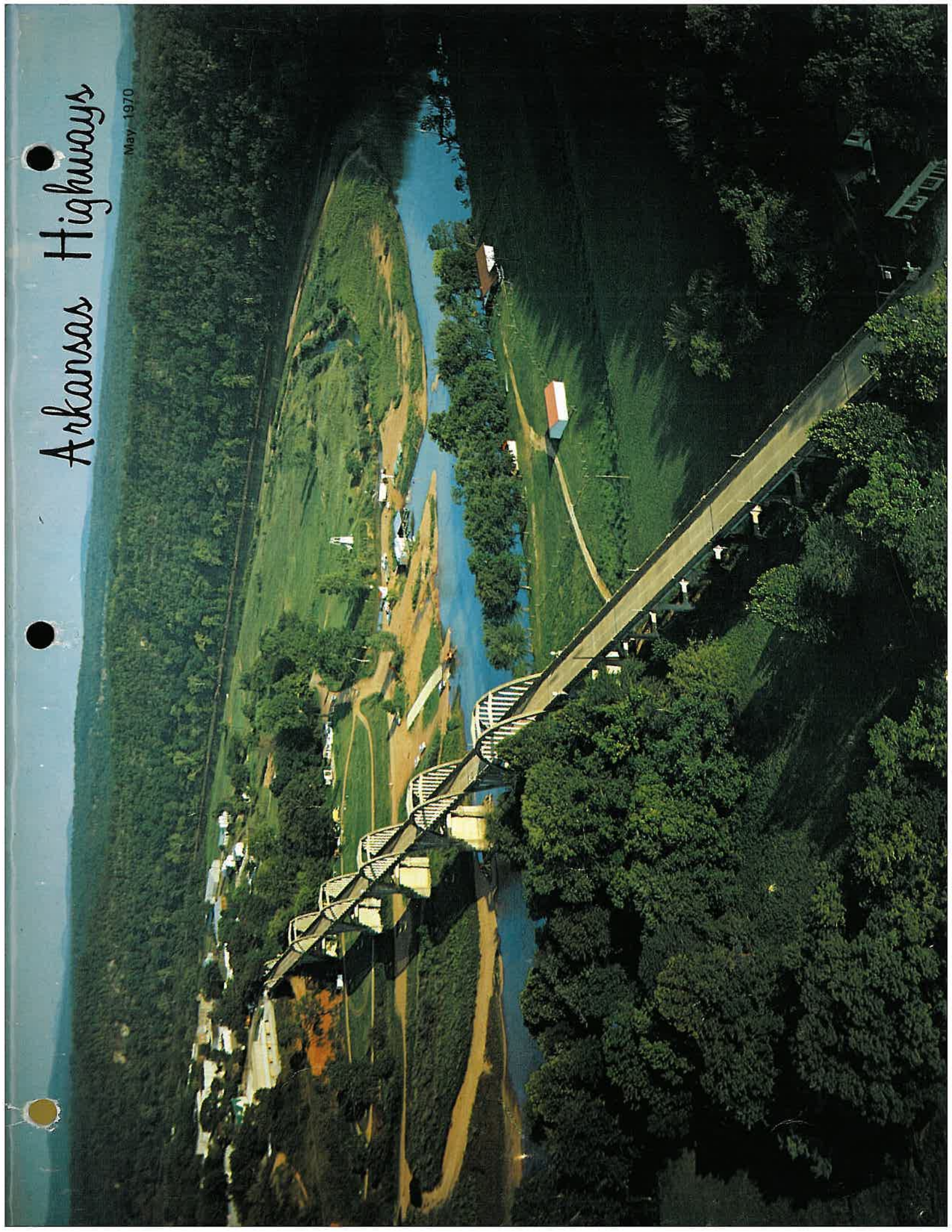
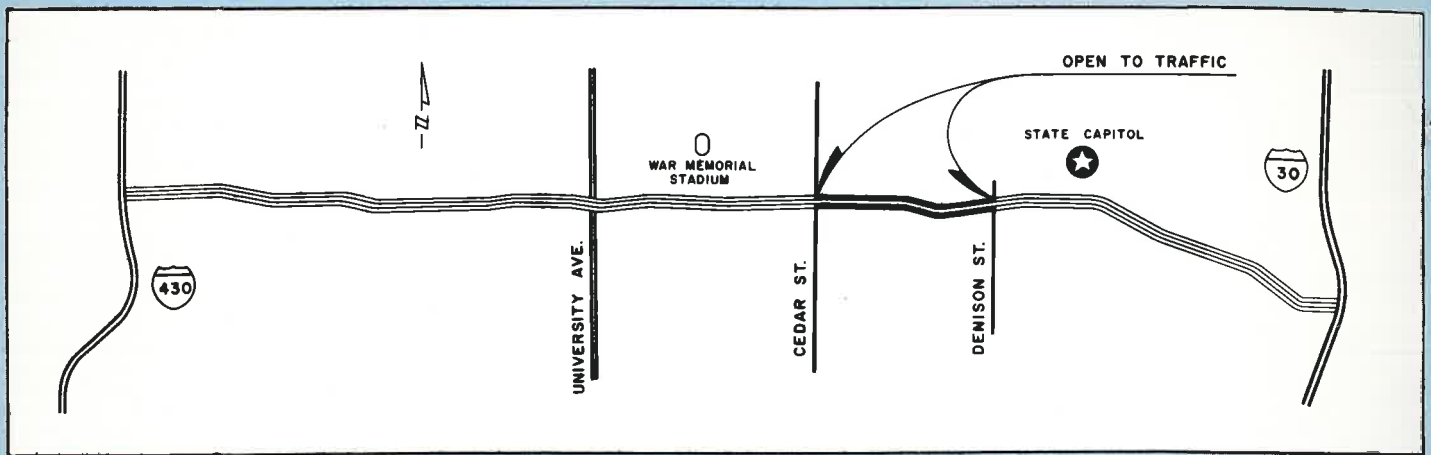


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A. H. C. REQUESTS ADDITION OF E - W FREEWAY TO INTERSTATE

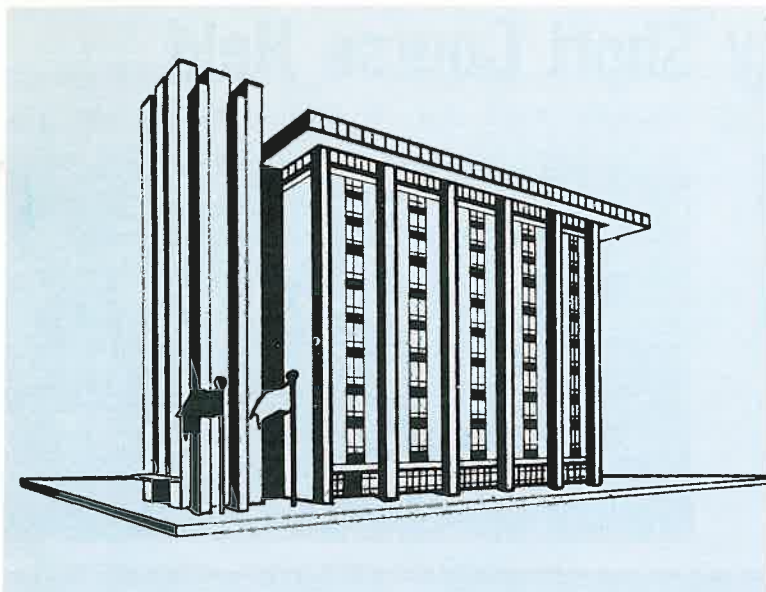
THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION has requested the Federal Highway Administration to add the Little Rock East-West Freeway to the state's official designated interstate mileage. Inclusion of the 7.4 mile urban arterial facility in the interstate system would mean that the route, which was planned and designed to full interstate standards from the outset, would be eligible for 90 percent federal funds in financing the remainder of construction. An estimated \$19.4 million (which includes the amount estimated for right of way acquisition) is needed to complete the route. It would connect the Greater Little Rock Freeway (I-30) and I-430, a north-south connection of I-30 and I-40 west of Little Rock. Construction is just now getting underway on I-430 and it will not be ready for traffic for at least another three years but increasing traffic congestion in central Little Rock would be greatly relieved by the completion of the East-West Freeway from I-30 to University Avenue. One mile of the route has been completed

and was opened to traffic last year. The average daily traffic using the facility is 8900 vehicles per day.

Several years ago when the plan for the Freeway was adopted by the City of Little Rock, the City agreed to provide the right of way if the Highway Department would build the road. Now, the City says it does not have the funds to acquire the remainder of the right of way.

The Highway Department, in its justification of addition of the route to the Interstate system, pointed out that 521.8 miles were originally allocated to Arkansas but later modifications lowered the actual mileage to its present 518.8 miles. Thus, addition of the Freeway would only mean the addition of 4.4 miles above the original allocation.

The request was submitted to Federal Highway Administrator F. C. Turner through the office of Rex Leathers, Division Engineer for the Bureau of Public Roads at Little Rock. To date, no answer has been received from Mr. Turner.



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FRONT COVER

Highway 82 looking across White
River at Cotter in Marion County.

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Art Johnson left, assistant division head of the Computer Services Division, completed 15 years' service with the Department and was presented a certificate and lapel pin by Chief Engineer B. K. Cooper on May 15.

15th Annual Highway Short Course Held

THE 15th Annual Highway Short Course was held on the University of Arkansas campus at Fayetteville April 2-3. The Short Course is an annual seminar jointly sponsored by the Highway Department and the College of Engineering of the University.

Highway Commission Vice Chairman John W. Harsh presided over the opening session. Dr. Charles W. Oxford, administrative vice president of the University, gave the welcome address.



HARSH

Chief Engineer B. K. Cooper gave the Highway Department's report. The 1970 Highway Department film was premiered and Roy Jorgensen of the consultant's firm of the same name spoke on a highway maintenance practices study.



COOPER



McCLINTON



JORGENSEN



KEYS



COUPER

Clark McClinton of McClinton Brothers Construction Co. of Fayetteville, and the current president of A. G. C., presided over the Thursday afternoon session. Chief Counsel Tom Keys of the Highway Department opened the session with some remarks about legal problems in highways. Dr. J. R. Couper, head of the Department of Chemical Engineering at the University, followed with a discussion of the effects of aging on asphalts.



L. to R., STERLEY, REYNOLDS and McMAHON

Bob Sterley, Larry McMahon and Jim Reynolds sat as a panel during a question and answer period pertaining to the E. E. O. program. Sterley is the assistant E. E. O. coordinator for the Highway Department. McMahon is the civil rights officer for the Federal Highway Administration in Fort Worth, and Reynolds is a partner in Reynolds and Williams Construction Co. of Little Rock.

Paul Moeck, project engineer with Brighton Engineering Company, now assigned to the I-430 bridge construction job, closed the first day's session with a talk on the design and construction of I-430 embankments.

Div. Engr. Rex C. Leathers of the Bureau of Public Roads presided over the Friday morning session and introduced Ross Martin, paving engineer with Portland Cement Association, who talked on CRCP overlays.



LEATHERS



HENSLEY



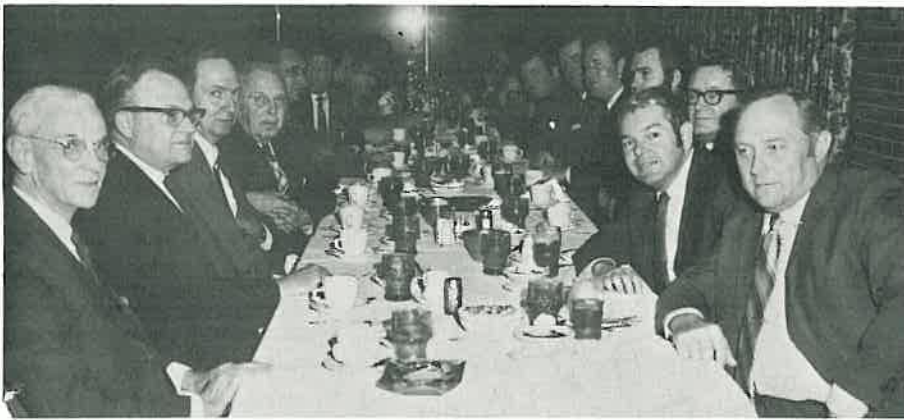
HOGAN

He was followed by M. J. Hensley, district engineer with the Asphalt Institute at Little Rock, who discussed full depth asphalt construction. Construction company owner Ben M. Hogan of Little Rock closed the session with some comments on the proposed new State Constitution. Hogan is a delegate to the Constitutional Convention.

A banquet was held at Fayetteville Country Club for those attending on Thursday evening. Entertainment was furnished by a young folk singing group from Springdale, followed by humorist Jeff H. Williams of Hot Springs.



↑ Left to right: Frank Caple, Bill Moore, Bob Mattox and Mack Cumberland.



← Left of table, left to right: C. A. Shumaker, Don Martin, Hugh Treece, Clyde Treece, David Moore and J. B. Williamson. Right side of table, right to left: Allen Dunn, A.C. Ledbetter, Carl Keehn and Jim Mode, unidentified, Bob Baker and Billy Skeets.

Left side of table, left to right: Allan Holmes, Bob Myers, Cecil Locke, A.J. Robertson, Bryan Davis, E.W. "Dub" Rogers, Ken Tyler, Bernard Hart and L.K. Howell. Right side of table, left to right: Gene Naugle, Norman Pumphrey and Eugene Woodfield. →



Left to right: Maurice Head, Gary Hayden, Ralph Blackwell, Jake Weston, Charles Sherwood, unidentified.

↓ Right to left: Elmer Smith, John Price, D. B. Hill, Tommy Kinslow, J. B. Baggett, Darrell Holder, and Claude Parton.



BIENNIAL REPORT WINS NATIONAL AWARD



Cooper presented the award to the Highway Commission at the group's April 22 meeting. Commission Chairman Truman Baker accepted the award for the Commission.

For Second Time

The Arkansas Highway Department was one of three state highway departments selected to receive a 1970 Golden Milestone Award of Distinction for outstanding features contained in the 28th Biennial Report. The report is prepared each two years for the General Assembly and citizens of the state. The award was made by Robert L. Leyburn of McGraw-Hill Company, on behalf of the Highway Users Federation during the 13th Highway Transportation Congress held in Washington, D. C. on Tuesday, April 21. Chief Engineer B. K. Cooper attended the Congress and received the award for the Highway Commission.

The biennial report is compiled by numerous staff members in the Planning and Research Division. The 23rd Biennial Report also won the Award of Distinction in 1960.

The Highway Transportation Congress is sponsored every other year by the Highway Users Federation. The awards were begun in 1954 as an expression of highway users' appreciation for Highway Department reports that reflect special effort to bring highway information to the public.

Chief Engr. B. K. Cooper, right, on behalf of the Arkansas Highway Commission, accepts the Golden Milestone Award of Distinction from Robert L. Leyburn of McGraw-Hill, Inc. at the recent 13th Highway Transportation Congress in Washington, D.C. (Merkle Press)



THREE EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED BY COMMISSION

Three employees, Miss Julia Mae Halliburton, S.H. "Pete" Daggett and Lukie Atkinson, were recognized by the Highway Commission in April for having completed 25 years of service with the Department. Each received a certificate and lapel pin, presented by Commissioner John Harsh on behalf of the entire Commission.

Julia Halliburton began her career with the Highway Department in 1945 when she was employed by the Equipment Division, which was located in North Little Rock at that time. Since then she has worked in several divisions but was transferred to the Materials and Tests Division in 1951, where she has been secretary to the Division engineer, a position she still holds.

Miss Halliburton grew up and graduated from high school at Des Arc. She was employed by the Welfare Department, Cleburne County, Treasurer's Office and the State Legislature prior to employment with the Highway Department. She is a charter member and current president of the Greater Little Rock Toastmistress Club and a member of Golden Chapter, American Business Women's Association. She received that organization's Girl Friday award in 1969. Miss Halliburton is an active member of Immanuel Baptist Church where she serves as chairman of a Women's Missionary Union circle and vice president of her Sunday School class.

S.H. "Pete" Daggett is a registered professional engineer on the Chief Engineer's staff. He began his career with the Department in 1938 as a chainman with a survey crew working in St. Francis County. After a few years he left to work for an engineering firm but his Highway service has been continuous since 1949. Pete is a conscientious employee whose devotion to duty has earned him the reputation of having little patience with errors and negligence in connection with the job.

Daggett was born in West Point, Miss. He attended Oklahoma A & M for two years and completed his engineering work through I. C. S. and the University of Arkansas Graduate Center. He is married to the former Rebecca Sanders of Forrest City. They have a son and a daughter. The Daggetts are also active members of Immanuel Baptist Church. He is a Mason and member of Alumina Lodge 574 at Bauxite. He is a former Deputy Grand Master for Eastern Arkansas.



JULIA HALLIBURTON



"PETE" DAGGETT



LUKIE ATKINSON

Lukie Atkinson is a highway inventory technician with the Planning and Research Division. He is responsible for the maintenance and repair of traffic counting equipment and maintenance of stock control records for all parts necessary for the equipment. He is a native of Evening Shade in Sharp County where he farmed and worked for the Forestry Department prior to joining the Highway Department in 1945 as a traffic recorder operator. He and Mrs. Atkinson, the former Ethel Schales of Imboden, live in North Little Rock and attend the Church of Christ there.

22-Point Highway Program Proposed By AASHO

The American Association of State Highway Officials has presented a 22-point recommendation for a future highway program to the House Subcommittee on Roads. It carries the endorsement of two-thirds of the State highway departments. The proposals, developed by a special AASHO committee headed up by Maine Highway Commissioner David H. Stevens, has been in the process since 1964. The recommendations are as follows:

1. Continue the Federal-aid highway program under the present concept of Federal-State relationships.
2. Continue Highway Trust Fund taxes at present levels to finance the program through 1985.
3. Finance forest highway and public land road projects located on Federal-aid systems from the Highway Trust Fund.
4. Continue the present policy of financing maintenance entirely with State funds.
5. Beginning with fiscal year 1975 authorizations, earmark only 15 percent of the total Federal-aid authorizations for the Interstate System to permit more of the available funding to be used for higher priority highway needs. However, permit States to transfer other apportionments to the Interstate program at the 90-10 matching ratio. Thus, each State would have the option of accelerating or decelerating Interstate construction after 1974.
6. Beginning with the fiscal year 1975 authorizations, establish a uniform 70-30 matching ratio applicable to all Federal-aid projects of the 42,500-mile Interstate System, which would continue to be funded at the 90-10 matching ratio.
7. Provide for a fixed percentage of construction costs to be paid to the States as reimbursement for preliminary engineering, in order to simplify accounting procedures.
8. Strengthen the planning process to make it more effective in coordinating highway development with land use development.
9. Clarify Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act so as to clearly delineate the proper application of highway funds to environmental considerations.
10. Provide authority for the State highway departments to acquire land and contract for the construction of residential housing where there is no other feasible way to provide housing for families displaced by highway construction.
11. Simplify Federal-aid procedures.
12. Establish a new Federal-aid system for arterial streets in metropolitan areas of more than 50,000 population. Essentially, this would provide metropolitan areas with the same opportunity for Federal aid which is now available to counties through the Federal-aid secondary system.
13. Increase Federal-aid planning and research funds to help finance personnel training courses, management institutes, etc., for State highway department personnel.
14. Authorize State highway departments to use up to one-half of one percent of apportioned funds, without matching, to finance demonstration projects based on new concepts and innovations.
15. Provide annual authorizations of \$250 million from fiscal 1972 through fiscal 1975 to help finance advance planning and engineering in order to facilitate the transition from the present program to the new recommended program.
16. Authorize States to use up to 10 percent of apportioned funds, without matching, to replace bridges which are critically inadequate, structurally or functionally.
17. Begin a new Federal-aid bridge replacement program, with 70-30 matching, to build bridges across navigable waterways.
18. Authorize the use of Federal-aid highway funds to provide parking facilities, special bus lanes, turn-offs, etc., in support of highway-oriented mass transit, where it is impractical to expand highway facilities to adequately accommodate the traffic load.
19. Postpone until 1972 a decision on the division of Federal-aid funds between systems and possible revision of apportionment formulas. (As additional "information," as distinguished from a "policy," statement the State highway departments tentatively favor the following division of funds: 15% Interstate, 15% Secondary, 15% New Urban Program, 5% Major Bridges, 50% Primary.)
20. Continue the present policy of providing a sliding scale for matching Federal-aid funds in States with substantial acreage of Federally owned lands.
21. Authorize the use of Federal-aid funds, in reasonable amounts, to support programs to train construction workmen, in cooperation with highway contractors.
22. Provide for the State highway departments to assume leadership in a cooperative Federal-State program to eliminate billboards from all sections of the Interstate System and from selected sections of other Federal-aid systems. An acceleration of the rest area program is also recommended.



Demolition team member awaits signal to set off explosive which will bring down the bridge spans.

Father of father-son demolition crew waves a go ahead.

To provide spectacular photography, which always seems to be a part of bridge demolition, the wrecking crew planted bags of flour, the ordinary kitchen kind, on top of the towers before setting off the explosive.

The towers are all that remain of the old suspension bridge at Des Arc and they will come down soon.

OLD DES ARC BRIDGE COMES DOWN



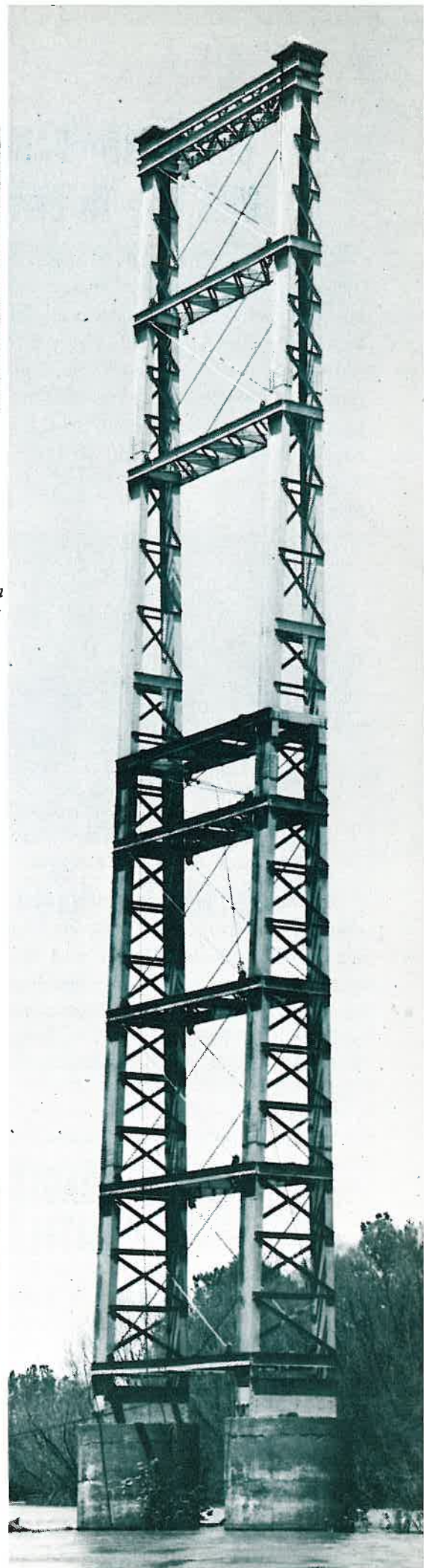
Bridge tower piers.



Massive cables which supported the bridge lay in a snarl after explosion brought them to the ground.



The explosive charge separated the hundreds of individual strands of the cable, giving it a hair-like appearance.



CHAIRMAN BAKER Wins Trip To Europe

Commission Chairman Truman Baker, owner of Truman Baker Chevrolet Company in Searcy, enjoyed an all-expense paid, eight day tour of Western Europe in mid April. The trip was the result of his dealership having amassed the highest number of points in a Chevrolet sales competition during January and February. Baker's company was matched with 12 other dealers in the Memphis zone, which includes dealers in Arkansas, Missouri, Kentucky, Mississippi and Tennessee.



With two hostesses in an Amsterdam restaurant.

Winners of the competition from throughout the country left from New York for England on the first leg of the trip but Baker and three others were selected to fly from California direct to Paris over the North Pole in a 747 jet airliner. They headquartered in Paris and flew to other points on the itinerary, which included London, Paris, Amsterdam and Geneva.



Baker outside the fence at Buckingham Palace.



Arriving in New York from London. The stewardess is one of 16 on the 747.

CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR FINAL JOBS ON LITTLE ROCK - FT. SMITH ROUTE

Contracts were awarded April 22 for surfacing of the two remaining sections of I-40 between Little Rock and Fort Smith. The contract for surfacing the section between Mulberry and Ozark went to Ben M. Hogan Co., Inc. and it is expected to be completed late this year. The contract for the unsurfaced section between Ozark and the Johnson County line went to Freshour Corporation and is not expected to be completed until late summer or early fall of 1971.

The road is complete from the Johnson County line to the U. S. 64 exit west of Clarksville but it cannot be opened to traffic because there is no access to it at the Johnson County line end.

Completion of the two projects will also mean completion of the entire I-40 route between Fort Smith and Memphis, except for the Memphis bridge and its approaches, which are not expected to be opened before 1973.



Henry Gray receives crown and trophy from emcee Bob Hicks while his secretary, Nancy Sipe, looks on.

GRAY WINS "Boss Of The Year"

Assistant Director Henry C. Gray was selected "Boss of the Year" by the Razorback Chapter of American Business Women's Association at the annual "Boss Night" banquet held April 23. Selection of boss of the year is made by a panel of impartial judges on the basis of letters submitted by A.B.W.A. members about their bosses without the person being named.

AIR POLLUTION - HOW MUCH IS THE AUTO TO BLAME?

Air pollution has emerged as one of the chief enemies of modern society and presently its cause, effect and dissolution are of major concern to many organizations and professional men. Soon after air pollution was recognized as being detrimental to humans, a large part of the blame for contamination was placed on the automobile.

The automobile does undeniably contribute to air pollution but researchers have found that it is not as greatly responsible as was once thought. That fact was brought out by Dr. Robert C. Lusk of the Automobile Manufacturers Association in a conference on air pollution as related to the automobile during the Tenth Annual AASHO-ARBA Public Information Workshop held in Salt Lake City the first week in May. Commissioner John Harsh, Asst. Dir. Henry Gray and W. P. Looney of the Planning and Research Division attended the conference.

According to Dr. Lusk, there are basically two kinds of air pollution. One is "particulate", composed

of small particles, and sometimes called the "London type." The other is photochemical, composed of new substances created in the atmosphere by chemical action in sunlight, called the "Los Angeles type."

Automotive pollutants are generally of four types. One of those is "particulate" and thought to be related to lead content of gasolines. Lead tends to inhibit the natural oxidation of unburned fuel in the exhaust stream. It also tends to cause more fumes from poorly-maintained cars. The prospect that lead may be removed from gasolines is quite promising even though the automobile is not a major source of the "particulate" type of air pollution. Nevertheless, auto manufacturers have installed exhaust control systems for new cars and have developed kits for used cars.

The three major sources of automotive air pollution are the photochemical type which have been identified as hydrocarbons, oxides of nitrogen and carbon monoxide. Emissions, or fumes, from cars come

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FROM WORSE TO BETTER IN SECONDARY ROADS

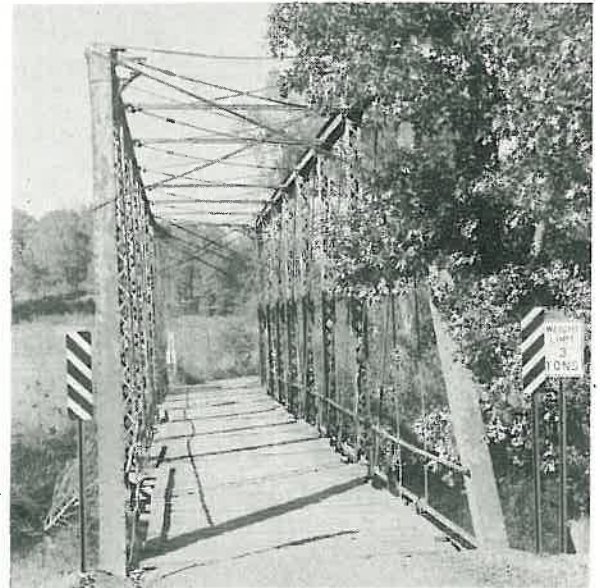
Virtually all the sections of county roads selected for addition to the official State Highway mileage are gravel or dirt routes with bridges often narrow and deteriorating. Even though the Department may not have funds to hard surface or reconstruct those added sections, the roads must be improved enough to meet secondary road standards. Most of such improvements are done by the Department's maintenance forces.

The "before" picture shows how the bridge over the South Fork of Spring River on the road between Salem and Moko, now designated Highway 395, in Fulton County looked when the Highway Department assumed the maintenance of the road in 1969.

Gene Watlington's heavy bridge crew of the Maintenance Division installed new decking and replaced horizontal bracing across the top of the bridge which strengthened the structure sufficiently to support 10 tons instead of the three-ton limit formerly posted. The tree to the right was also trimmed up to avoid entanglement in the bridge.

"Before" →

↓
"After"



AIR POLLUTION – HOW MUCH IS THE AUTO TO BLAME?

(Continued)

from the crankcase, the fuel tank and the carburetor. Scientists and engineers, probing into engine combustion chambers through quartz windows, learned that unburned hydrocarbons were hiding along cylinder walls in a thin skin of cooler air-fuel mixture, thus was developed the crankcase control, or PCV, valve which provides positive ventilation when operating properly and reduces emissions by 20 percent. Through engineering applications, the fuel tanks of today's cars are designed to restrict raw fuel emissions.

Gasoline combustion produces 0.7 percent of the pollutant, oxides of nitrogen, (nitric oxide and nitrogen dioxide) given off into the atmosphere. One of the most interesting facts about pollution that researchers

have turned up is that automobiles are responsible for only about 6 percent of the hydrocarbons emissions. (The annual hydrocarbon output of one square mile of land equals that of 1,000 automobiles equipped with PCV valves.) Likewise, natural sources contaminate the atmosphere with 95.3 percent of the existent oxides of nitrogen, compared to the 0.7 given off by automobiles.

The fourth automotive pollutant, carbon monoxide, was once thought to remain in the atmosphere for several years but recent researchers have found that its lifespan is about one month. Current generation control systems have reduced carbon monoxide output by two-thirds and future controls will reduce it even further.



There
and Everywhere

A PASSING TRADITION IS CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE RAILS by incorporating the name of the highway into the rails such as the one shown in the picture. The rails, which clearly indicate "Lincoln Highway", have been salvaged by the Nevada Highway Department as a tribute to another lost craftsmanship of earlier years.



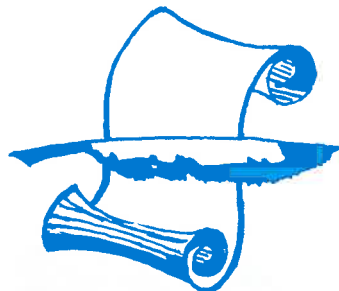
"FARM USE ONLY" TIRES INTENDED FOR JUST THAT. The Department of Transportation plans to crack down on the sale and use of so-called "Farm Use Only" tires for normal passenger car use. DOT says that unscrupulous distributors and dealers have been buffing off the information which is engraved on them stating they are for non-highway use

and selling them to the unsuspecting public as sound highway use tires. DOT says that while some tires, which were manufactured for normal highway use, but were found defective, were reclassified and allowed to be sold for non-highway use, they must be branded accordingly because they are unsafe for highway use.

HISTORIC SITE SAVED – FOR WHOM? The Maryland Road Commission went to a lot of extra bother and money to save a famous landmark, only to find that no one seems interested in preserving it as a shrine. The house, known as "Troy Hill", is a 12-room fieldstone which is believed to be the oldest house still standing in that area. Built in 1665, it once served as a point for planning strategy and rallying patriots during the Revolutionary War. The Maryland Road Commission bought the property for \$125,000 as right of way eight years ago. When a historical society asked that the house be spared, state and federal highway officials agreed and a \$63,000 concrete retaining wall was built to reduce the amount of right of way needed. The historic group has now apparently lost interest or lacks funds to maintain the place.

HIGHWAY BYPASSES EAGLES' NEST. The Florida Highway Department has re-routed I-75 between Tampa and Miami by some 300 feet in order to spare a 50-foot pine tree with an eagles' nest in the top. A pair of bald eagles moves into the nest each fall and departs as soon as the eggs are hatched and the eaglets are airborne.

DEATH AT RAILROAD CROSSINGS. A research report revealed that 1,500 to 1,800 deaths occur and 3,500 to 4,000 injuries are sustained each year as the result of accidents at railroad crossings. The number is surprisingly small, however, in consideration of the fact that there are 30,000 railroad-highway grade crossings in the nation that need improving. The improvements may not be forthcoming very soon - the estimated cost is in the neighborhood of \$580 million.



Letters

Fayetteville, Ark.
April 20, 1970

Highway Director
Arkansas Highway Department
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

We wish to congratulate your department for the cleanliness of the rest rooms in the rest areas where we have stopped.

We'd like to call particular attention to the cleanliness of rest room area 916-D and the friendliness and helpfulness of the attendant who happened to be there at the time.

We are travelling over the entire country, have stopped in many rest areas but this was one of the best.

We just thought you and your men should know how one couple feel. Keep up the good work. We'll always remember your state.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Neil McDonald
1273 Rice Road
Ojai, Calif. 93023

April 27, 1970

Mr. Ward Goodman, Director
State Highway Department
State Highway Building
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Goodman:

I had an occasion to drive on the Interstate from Conway to Gurdon this past week-end. It was certainly a pleasure to note the beauty that the red clover (which is now in full bloom) offers to the highway system.

Your department is to be commended and I think it goes without saying that many favorable comments from both within and without the State should be received from this.

From our work, I am aware that most comments are unfavorable and when a favorable one should be made, many times it is not. Therefore, I wanted to congratulate you and your department on this.

Sincerely,

Bill Hoggard
Business Manager
Arkansas Children's Colony
Conway Unit

(Rest area 916-D is the one located just north of Brentwood on U. S. 71 in Washington County.)



W. A. "Andy" McDonnell, 56, of DeQueen died April 17. He had been employed with the Highway Department 25 years and was an acting resident engineer at the time of his death. He had previously worked as a laborer, roddman, instrumentman, and engineering assistant. McDonnell was born in Kansas City but had lived around DeQueen most of his life and graduated from high school

there. He was a veteran of World War II and served in the European theater. He was a member of the V. F. W. and former vice commander. He was also a communicant of St. Barbara Catholic Church.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Pauline Flournoy McDonnell; four sons, Andy, Marion, Henry and John, all of DeQueen; two daughters, Rose Mary and Cathy McDonnell, both of DeQueen, and six sisters. Funeral services were held Monday, April 20 in St. Barbara Church with interment in Redman Cemetery by Wilkerson Funeral Service.



ACCIDENT PREVENTION HONOR ROLL

ATOTAL OF 65 supervisors earned certificates of safety because they and their crews worked the entire 1969 calendar year without a lost-time personal injury or a chargeable accident to a motor vehicle or equipment. Since the practice of recognizing crews for a year's safe work record and the issuance of certificates began four years ago, 10 crews have completed the entire four years, 21 crews have completed three years including 1969, and 16 crews have completed two years including 1969. The number of accident-free years are indicated by figures in parentheses.

District 1 — Sign Foreman Earl Mauppin, Wynne (2).

District 2 — Job Supts. Elbert Martin, Pine Bluff (2), Virgil Green, Pine Bluff (4), and Joe C. Hays, Pine Bluff (3); Lincoln Co. Area Foreman Glen Jacks, Star City (1); Cleveland Co. Area Foreman Artis S. Price, Rison (1); Crew Leader Aubry M. Murphy, Pine Bluff (1); and Res. Engrs. L. K. Howell, Pine Bluff (3), George Karnes, McGehee (3), and Kenneth Tyler, McGehee (3).

District 3 — Shop Foreman Clovis Tittle, Hope (1); Sign Foreman John W. Barham, Hope (3); Spring Bank Ferry Foreman Hermit Vestal, Doddridge (2); Sevier Co. Area Foreman Ruel K. Staggs, DeQueen (1); and Res. Engrs. John Shaw, Hope (3), William A. McDonnell, DeQueen (4), and Gayle E. Gunn, Prescott (3).

District 4 — Job Supts. Leo Seal, Ozark (1), and Carl E. Winn, Fort Smith (1); Sign Foreman C. L. Oliver, Waldron (2), and Res. Engr. D. C. Spencer, Mena (3).

District 5 — Job Supts. Harold G. Taylor, Batesville (2), and Kirby Johnson, Batesville (1); Equip. Supvr. O. H. Stanbrough, Locust Grove (1); Ferry Foreman Robert L. Johnson, Batesville (3); Izard Co. Area Foreman T. B. Love, Melbourne (1), Sharp Co. Area Foreman William T. Newman, Ash Flat (2); Area Foreman Bert Mathis, Salem (1); and Sign Foreman Hanford Magness, Batesville (1).

District 6 — Garland Co. Area Foreman R. J. Johnson (2); Grant Co. Area Foreman Coy Pruitt, Sheridan (1); Sign Foreman Doyle Bratcher, Cabot (4); and Res. Engrs. W. A. Dodds, North Little Rock (2); Ralph B. Jones, Little Rock (2), and B. J. Parker, Malvern (3).

District 7 — Sign Foreman Kenneth W. Dunn, Camden (3); Calhoun Co. Area Foreman Donald D. Brandon, Fordyce (1); Moro Bay Ferry Foreman Jim B. Gates, Hermitage (2); and Res. Engrs. A. W. Hardy, Jr., Magnolia (2), and J. B. Williamson, El Dorado (3).

District 8 — Job Supt. Billy R. McAlister, Dover (1); Dist. Equip. Supvr. Joseph W. Applegate, Dover (2); Faulkner Co. Area Foreman Grady F. Lasley, Enola (1), Van Buren Co. Area Foreman Opie Winningham, Clinton (1); and Res. Engrs. Elmer Smith, Clarksville (4), and Lawrence Fletcher, Conway (4).

District 9 — Job Supt. John Box, Springdale (2); Equip. Supvr. Otis Vaughn, Springdale (4); Washington Co. Area Foreman Jadie Allen, Lincoln (4); Benton Co. Area Foreman W. R. Shay, Gentry (3); Benton Co. Area Foreman J. J. Pratt, Pea Ridge (2); Boone Co. Area Foreman C. W. Deakins, Compton (3); and Res. Engrs. V. O. Selby, Fayetteville (2), and Gary L. Godfrey, Harrison (4).

District 10 — Job Supt. Lester Wycoff, Marmaduke (1), and Randolph Co. Area Foreman Clifford Cook, Pocahontas (3).

Surveys Division Party Chiefs — John L. Adams (3) and Bobby M. Brown (4), Plumerville; Gerald T. Kirksey, Amity (3); Tom E. Wacaster, Harrison (4); Bill F. Prince, Mt. Ida (3); Roy Dunfee, Mena (3); John H. Campbell, Jr., Malvern (3); John A. Sims, Morrilton (3); and L. F. Radford, Beebe (2).



HIGHWAY LEAGUE BOWLING SEASON ENDS

The Highway Bowling League has ended its 1969-70 season with the Bureau of Public Roads team coming out on top. They won the first half of the season and then overcame Radford Equipment, winners of the second half, to become season champs. Final standings were:

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| 1. Public Roads | 6. M & T |
| 2. Radford Equipment | 7. Reproduction |
| 3. P & R Mapping | 8. Traffic Engineering |
| 4. Internal Audit | 9. Secondary Roads |
| 5. Roadway Design | 10. F. H. A. |

Max Hall, left, president, and John Adams, secretary, of the League are shown with the display of trophies awarded at the end of the season.

John Langston of Materials and Tests bowled the high series. John Cusick of F.H.A. bowled the high game. High team series was racked up by P & R Mapping. The high team game ended in a tie between Secondary Roads and F.H.A.



THE RESIDENT ENGINEER

(Editor's Note: The following poem is the composition of one of our resident engineers who wishes to remain anonymous. It really is very clever and we wish L. K. Howell wasn't so modest!)

He and his organization
Do the field work.
Their duties are many,
Which they seldom shirk.

He is constantly under fire
But must never show his ire.
There's "The Public"
And don't you forget!
The season is open
And he's their target.

He's required to be registered,
And have a license, too.
Sometimes he's asked at home,
"Am I your better half
Or does 'The Job' mean more to
you?"

Each job is a challenge to him and
his crew.
They "get with it", for there is
much to do.
Many books are used, to DOCUMENT,
you see.
If they're not signed and dated -
They had better be!

If the jobs progress nicely
The common expression is "We."
If things get fouled up,
It's likely to be "He."

He dare not eat a steak
With a contractor by invitation,
For fear of bringing on
A Senate investigation.

He gets an awful lot of mail
And all is read, without fail.
The correspondence causing most
of his fears
Are those circulars: TO ALL RESI-
DENT ENGINEERS.

He's accountable to all other engi-
neers.
They come and go over the years.
There's the District, Construction,
all Assistants and "The Chief."
At times he considers getting on
"Relief."

Then "The Bureau", last but not
least.
He's always a choice morsel for
their feast.

After he's been fired at
From every direction,
The Bureau cracks down
With a "depth inspection!"

He's called on to show
Each record and book,
And to explain why
Things aren't like they look!

The game starts out friendly
enough
But at times at gets rather rough.
The Bureau "opens" -
He HAS to play.
He can't get out -
He's forced to stay.

The Resident calls all bets
Without reservation.
He has in the pot
His own reputation.

After an eternity
The inspection ends.
They all shake hands -
They're still friends.

The Resident watches
The Bureau depart,
And breathes a prayer of thank-
fulness
From the depths of his heart.

He does his best
In a very short span,
Then bows out gracefully,
For a younger man.

He can spend his time
After he has retired,
Reliving his experiences
Since the day he was hired.

He can work on
His "Final Estimate."
Which, if properly documented,
Will be his last date.

The time will come
For his "Final" to be reviewed.
It will be too late
To get things renewed.

His final report comes before
"The Committee."
He's there all alone - Oh, what a
pity!
His record is his ticket
To get on the inside
Where other worthy Residents
Have gone to abide.

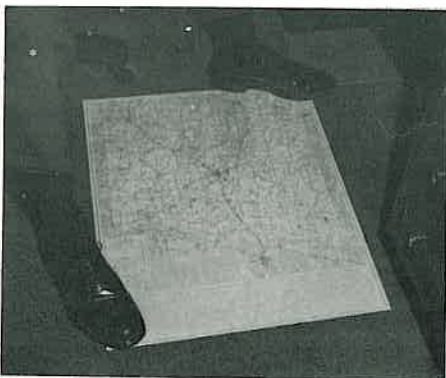
After much discussion
He's told to stand
And hear the verdict
Like any other man.

When the verdict is read,
He bats not an eye.
He can't believe it -
Doesn't even try!

The verdict said, "On this we agree,
It is, but it had not ought to be.
Try again after you've repented.
This time you weren't properly
DOCUMENTED!"



District 1 Engr. Bill Mulhollen doesn't have all that space between his ears for nothing. It came to him one day that he often looked at the floor while talking on the phone and that very often he also had to refer to a map, so he simply placed the map where he was already looking—on the floor, under the plexiglas which protects the carpet from his chair casters.



Right there where he can see it!



Commission Secretary Joyce Spencer and her husband spent a week vacationing in south Texas. Ann McLain is also vacationing at this writing, her whereabouts unknown.

Ferol Jones, Marilyn Robinson and Susan Patterson attended the South Central District meeting of A.B.W.A. in Shreveport April 17-19. All are members of Razorback Chapter. They joyfully returned home bearing two blue ribbons, one for the scrapbook of which Susan and Nancy Sipe are co-chairmen, and the other for the chapter bulletin edited by Ferol. Their chapter was the only one of 88 chapters represented from five states to win two blue ribbons.

Friends of Mildred Harness in Accounting were saddened to learn of the death of her mother, Mrs. Margaret Birmingham, who passed away May 10 after a long illness.

S. A. "Speedy" Hutson, assistant chief of Weights and Standards, was presented a certificate and lapel pin on May 11 for completion of 10 years' service. Chief Roy Johnson made the presentation.

↑ *Speedy Hutson, right, receives a service certificate from Roy Johnson. Looking on are, left to right, Guthrie Goodwin, Billy Skeets, Bob Baker, James T. Harrell and John Phelan.*

← *Bob Hamilton, right, with Herbert Hooten, head of the Appraisal Section of Right of Way Division. See Right of Way news, page 21.*

Those who gave blood on behalf of Jimmie Farnam's 2-year-old nephew, Rodney Heffington, and many others who knew of his congenital heart condition and planned surgery in January will be happy to learn that the operation was postponed. His parents decided to have Rodney's condition diagnosed by Houston specialists, who advised them that the operation was not necessary now and may not be until he is quite a bit older. Jimmie, nevertheless, is very grateful to the more than 30 friends and co-workers who contributed blood to Arkansas Baptist Medical Center to help offset the tremendous costs of the operation, had it been done.

Through erroneous information, the Magazine reported in the February issue that retiree Judd C. Hedrick was deceased. The Magazine staff has since learned that Mr. Hedrick is not deceased. He sustained a severe shoulder injury from a fall on the ice and was hospitalized for sometime in February but has since recuperated. The staff apologizes for the error. *msH*

DEPARTMENT NEWS

COMPUTER SERVICES

by The Staff

Art Johnson and Floyd Pharris of this Department attended the In-Service Training Course at Fayetteville the first of April.

Brenda Brown of the Key Punch Section and Robert Halsdorf were married in Poteau, Okla. They are residing in Little Rock. Robert is employed by B. T. L. Truck Lines. Much happiness to them.

Jo Anne Dailey's mother, Mrs. Burl Gowen, underwent surgery on April 14. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Congratulations to Brenda and Jeff Haley in the purchase of a new mobile home. We hope they enjoy their new abode.

New car fever has struck in the office! Darla Hunt, Gary French, and John Quarti are all lucky new owners!!

Our condolences to Grover Smith in the recent loss of his mother. Several from our office and Nathan Bingham from P&R attended the funeral services, which were held in Camden.

Billie Ratliff, who retired last June, came for a visit and brought us — along with her pleasant smile — some delicious doughnuts to enjoy with our coffee.

Two more former employees — Suzan Harville and Mary Barthel — paid us a visit recently. It was nice to see them also! Suzan had a new baby boy to show off.

Speaking of babies, the stork has paid Computer Services another visit: Mary and Tommy Green are to be proud parents sometime in October.

Carolyn and Jimmy Reddin went camping recently on Ouachita River. Carolyn really turned out to be a true camper — she's ready to go back again providing she can stay in a motel with running water and TV accommodations.

Pat Huddleston has been absent from the office for a few weeks. He was in the hospital for a time but is now home and on the way to a quick recovery - we hope!

MAINTENANCE, RADIO, & ROADSIDE DEVELOPMENT

by Billie Boyd

One can tell spring is here — everybody's fishing. Jim Francis spent a weekend at Crystal Springs on Ouachita Lake. Bryan Davis and A. J. Robertson went to the Mountain Harbor area for some night fishing, but Bryan got cold so A. J. had to take him home. Some people just aren't meant to be rugged outdoorsmen.

By the way, we congratulate Jimmie Farnam, secretary to Maint. Engr. Bert Rownd, for getting her 5-year pin and certificate. I know this doesn't sound very impressive to you 30 and 40-year people, but to us 3-year people, it's a long, long time.



Jimmie Farnam

My husband and I bought a tent and just had to try it out. Naturally, we chose the coldest weekend of the spring. Being a warm weather fisherman, I stayed in my sleeping bag the majority of the time. Rick managed to bring in about a two-ounce bass and since another couple and their dog had gone with us, we were trying to figure how we could split it five ways. Just in the nick of time, A. J. happened by with a whole cooler full of bass (the big kind) and generously gave us a few. Had we not been famished, it would have been humiliating. It was a fun weekend, though.

Maintenance has a new employee. His name is Don T. Brown, and he and his family are from Malvern. I'll try to get his picture and more information for the next issue.

Radio Section and their families had a picnic May 2 at Twin Creeks in Montgomery County. They had fried chicken, hamburgers and other necessary picnic goodies. It sounds like they had a good time.

MATERIALS & TESTS

by Sibyl Maddox

A reception was held in the lobby of Materials and Tests the afternoon of April 22 to honor three employees, Julia Halliburton, George C. Allen, and C. F. Jones. Julia received a pin and certificate for twenty five years' service; George for 20 years; and C. F. for 15 years. Approximately 100 employees and guests attended the reception. Cake, punch, and coffee were served. Julia was presented an orchid from her fellow employees. She was also KMYO Secretary for the Day on that day and received a beautiful engraved desk trophy and arrangement of flowers for the the honor. Lucky Julia!



Julia Halliburton, center behind flowers, with M & T employees who gave a party in honor of her 25 years with the Department.



George C. Allen, right, receives certificate from M & T Engr. Joe Magness.



C. F. Jones, left, received a 15-year award from Mr. Magness.

Joe Henderson, laboratory technician, transferred to the Advance Planning Section of Planning and Research as of May 1.

Henry Hart's wife, Dorothy, has been ill in Saline Memorial Hospital. We are happy to report that she is now at home and recuperating nicely.

Chemist Wendell Williams and his wife are the proud parents of their second son, John Sherrod, born Saturday, April 8. The Williamses also have a daughter which makes a nice family. Congratulations!

Julia and this reporter were among five members of the Little Rock Toastmistress Club who attended the annual Speech Contest and meeting of Council No. 5, International Toastmistress Club in Memphis on April 11. I was privileged to be elected Chairman of Council No. 5, for 1970-71.

Your reporter and five members of Golden Chapter, American Business Women's Association, motored to Shreveport, La. for the South Central District Meeting. On the way back we visited Arkla Village in Emmet, Ark.

Bill Wall is Scout Master of Troop 12 at Pulaski Heights Methodist Church. Jake Clements is his assistant. It is wonderful to know that our men take such an interest in the youth of today.

Camping time is here, that is if you like to camp in the rain. Bill Langston and his family have a 2 out of 2 record. They have been twice and both times it rained. C. A. and I went camping at Shangrila last week end — and sure enough, it rained.

Maurice Tillery, a former employee of Materials and Tests, visited us recently. He tells us that he will begin working in the admissions office of the Benton State Hospital on May 1.

Greg Magness' sixth grade basketball team from Geyer Springs Elementary School recently completed a successful season by winning the Rural Dale Tournament against teams from Benton and the surrounding area. They won the tournament sportsmanship trophy too, which makes us doubly proud of them. The team also participated in the St. Joseph's School tournament at Morrilton, winning two games before being ousted. Greg is also interested in art. One of his drawings was selected to represent his school in the Young Peoples Art Fair, and is currently being displayed at the Park Plaza office of First Federal Savings and Loan. Greg is the son of Joe and Bonnie Magness.

NINTH FLOOR WEST

by Marie D. Wano

On April 22, the 25th anniversary of his AHD Service, S. H. "Pete" Daggett was surprised by his co-workers with an open house in his office. Nearly a hundred friends visited, reminisced and shared refreshments served by his secretary, Kathrine Jones. She had the able help of Max Koehler, whose choice of punch was just right for the warm afternoon. Max and Katherine were "pleased as punch" that the whole affair was really a surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Daggett. Mrs. Daggett's costume was a bright spot and Samuel Horace's boutonniere looked very distinguished.

Your reporter had an unexpected four days in Long Island and New York City with her eldest son, Charles C. Tipton, Jr., his wife, Cathy, and son, Stephen, aged 3. Stephen and I had not met before, except for photographs, and I was a little worried over his acceptance of me. No cause for alarm, though — As I neared the kitchen entrance, I asked, "Where is my grandson Stephen?" And a small voice answered, "here I am, Grandmother, eating my cereal and Lucky Charms." Everything was rosy from then on. We toured Rockefeller Center and Radio City. Luck was with us at the Music Hall; it was the last day of the "Easter Cantata" (Choral and ballet), which was superb. And, you might know, the film was "Airport".

There I sat for three hours, watching the problems of that plane and almost ignoring my own return flight home three hours later.

I won't mention names — BUT, a certain person on this floor needed a ride home one afternoon. (He had asked his wife to do an errand for him, causing her not to be at home at the usual time). So, an obliging co-worker informed our nameless one that she would "... be glad to give him a lift if he didn't want to go straight home."

Through the keyhole I heard that Director Ward Goodman and S. H. Daggett are two members of this Department who hold the honor of receiving the Silver Beaver Award of the Boy Scouts of America for distinguished service to boyhood!

All sorts of youth activities are in the mill now. Millie Houston mentioned that Office Engineer Hub Holland escorted a Cub Scout group to a ball game over the weekend; Bob Andrews' wife is on the refreshment committee for the senior prom at Central; and Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Freeman chaperoned a junior high dance (Quote from Chuck: "Never Again!")

Ken Rounsavell is now driving an Opel-Kadett.

Former employee Jerry Lewis and children visited the Office Engineer's staff on April 17.

At the time of this writing, Mary Rowland says it's only 38 more days before the wedding bells ring for her.

PROCUREMENT

by Liz Jacobs

A Farewell to Norma . . . The air is full of the fragrance of new roses, their rich, velvety petals making us wonder anew how great our Maker must be to create such fragile loveliness from so small a seed. We feel that somehow one of our roses is being taken from us . . . for Norma Hawk is leaving. She will be placing her future in the hands of Chip Fuller, to have and to hold until death they do part. Their wedding will be an event of June 6 at First Baptist Church.

Norma, your effervescent personality will be missed, and your golden-brown

eyes which speak out so clearly "I'm Alive". We send with you our hopes that your life will continue to be a wonderful new experience each day, and that the bloom will never leave your life . . . A going away party was given for Norma in our office on April 29. Chip, and his two small sisters, Misty, 3½, and Christy, 1½, came to meet Norma's many friends in the Department. The refreshment table was lovely and the girls did an excellent job of hosting the occasion. Our Division gave Norma and Chip a queen-size bed-spread as a wedding present. Norma also received an orchid corsage.



Norma Hawk, second from left, with Procurement girls at her going away party. They are left to right, Rita Hart, Glenda McIntyre, Patsy Downing, Jean Cadjew, Liz Jacobs and Joyce Lee.

Ted DeVice has really become over-loyal to AHD - he bought a new Maverick and it's very close to being Omaha orange. It has racing stripes, too, and it is snazzy!

Darn it all! I missed the big showing of Phillip, Lem Kirkpatrick's grandson, who paid us a visit last Friday. Lem took off a day and a half to visit with the little fellow. By the way, Phillip's mom (Lem's daughter), Kitty Tardy came along to escort Phillip on his first visit to Grandpa's house.

Jean Cadjew came to work in our section on April 20 as Norma's replacement. You will love Jean! She is a vibrant mother of four - 3 boys: Leslie, 13, Jimmy, 11, Greg, 9, and one little girl, Rea Ann, 2½. Her husband Ralph is president and general manager of O. K. Transfer & Storage Company in Little Rock. The

Cadjews just recently moved here from Irving, Texas, so we will have to give Jean lessons in calling the Hogs. Jean has a hobby that is shared by her whole family. They own a boat; and each weekend they pack up and go camping and fishing. It sounds wonderful to me, but Jean says sometimes she almost prays for rain on a weekend. It's nice having you with us, Jean.

Some of the Procurement girls took Tommie Ellis out to dinner at Bruno's the other night. She was released from our section to Accounting so quickly that we had no time to plan anything special . . . better late than never.

Boss Frank Caple took four days' vacation to attend the Masters Golf Tournament in Augusta, Ga. Must be a great thrill to see firsthand the pros swinging those wicked golf clubs, especially if you're a golf bug like Frank. Last weekend, Mr. Caple spent his time at a Magicians convention in Tulsa, Okla. That man really gets around! . . . or should I say, "he's really going places with his hobbies"?

Bernie Cox was grandpa again on April 13. His son Donnie and wife Phylis became the proud parents of a little baby girl whom they named Terri Christine. I think Grandpa made it over to the hospital in time for the first showing.

Lewis Warren took a couple of vacation days off and so did Joyce Lee, however neither said they did much of anything except rest . . . Boss, you must be working us too hard if we have to use vacation time to just rest up! Actually both these people had the flu in a pretty rough way and they are just slowly getting their strength back. Lewis Wade is still peaked from his bout with it too.

We have had the "pesky auditor" with us this week, and we have enjoyed Jim. A very nice guy who will stay anonymous for his sake.

My summer will certainly be busy. Both my oldest son John, and daughter Lisa are playing baseball this year. That means an average of four games a week to attend, plus taking them to even more numerous practices. I attended MT/ST school last week, and it was a great exper-

ience. Besides learning something new, I found that there are a lot of nice people at IBM. Everyone treated us four trainees so pleasantly, that after the first day we no longer felt like outsiders invading the place. I was fascinated by all the new machines they are now making and what they will do, and can only say, thank goodness, they still have to be operated by a human.

Congratulations, Magazine Staff, on such a beautiful cover on last month's magazine. The brilliant yellow reminded me of buttercups and smacked of spring-time. Also, congratulations to Johnny Gray on his fine job with the Highway movie.

There is just one thing I would like to add . . . and that is - there's a certain secretary who is really treated special on this floor. The guys she slaves for really appreciate her. They are always bringing her flowers, food, etc. . . . (hint, hint). See ya'.. next month.



ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

by *Linda Trogden*

I am happy to report that Kay Jones' father is feeling much better now. Kay was off to be with him in a hospital in New Orleans, La.

In case you haven't heard, Nathan Garrett killed a twenty pound turkey! We are still waiting for an invitation to turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

APPRAISAL SECTION

by *Kathy Phelps*

Since we've missed reporting the last couple of months, we'll try to catch up in this issue.

Kathy Phelps left us February 20 to move to Jackson, Miss. where her husband Frank was transferred. All of the Right of Way girls took her to lunch and presented her with orchid throw pillows. She was also honored at a party in the Appraisal Section and received a white

quilted bedspread and a crystal bowl set. Kathy writes that she has a real good job and loves the new home they bought. She is really enjoying working in the yard and planting flowers.



Kathy Phelps

Bob Hamilton and daughter Jan attended the annual meeting and gun show of the National Rifle Association at New Orleans the first of April. Bob served as a delegate of the State Rifle and Pistol Club. He says that anyone interested really missed a fantastic display of hunting, target, and collector's guns and accessories. He complained that the schedule was so tight that he didn't have time to check out any of the fancy night clubs.

Zack Mashburn who retired in January, has visited us and we were certainly glad to see him. He really had a battle with the flu, but won out and is feeling better now. The Mashburns are in Washington visiting their son at this writing.

Kenneth and Dee McMurrough are the proud grandparents of Dena Kaye Montgomery, who was born February 25. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Montgomery of Hope, Ark.



Dee McMurrough holds their new granddaughter while Kenneth waits his turn.

We are happy to welcome Rochelle Cullins who joined our crew February 19. She and husband Wayne have two boys, Clay, 7 and Dale, 2. She replaces Kathy.



Rochelle Cullins

We regret to report that Bob Hamilton resigned in April after more than 11 years with the Department to re-enter private business. A party was given in his honor and he received a pen set from his co-workers. Several other friends from within the Department attended. We will surely miss Bob and hope he will visit us.

ENGINEERING SECTION

by Janice Hartman

Charles Edwards and Barbara Hudson-pillar, of Camden, are getting married in July. We'll fill you in on the details as we hear them.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartman, my in-laws, came down from Pittsburgh for a visit the last week of April.

Steve Crook and Van Johnson are splitting up, they're both moving back to their mothers.

Van Johnson got a bowling award for Highest Game over his average.

Neil Gibbs, Glendol Jackson, Ron Johnston, and Vic Winchell have all been doing real well on their fishing. Ron and Vic got their limit of crappie and bass the other day and were home by 1:30 p. m. I think that's really fisherman's luck!

UTILITIES SECTION

Jim Bartlett and Carolyn Halbert of the Utilities Section have completed 10 years' service. They were awarded certificates and lapel pins in recognition by head of the section, Alton Van Patten.



Bartlett, right, and Van Patten.



Carolyn and Van Patten.

SECONDARY ROADS

by Barbara Oldham

Our boss, John Kizer, is a speech maker . . . On April 28 he gave a speech on "Consulting Engineering" at a meeting of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and in May he will speak on "Fields of Engineering" to the Draftsman's Club at Central High School. We are proud of our boss.

Marvin Griffin and wife Eva are expecting a visit from the stork in September.

A fishing trip is being planned by the Secondary Roads "gang" for sometime in May. That is, every one is going except wives and the Secretary, of course. Anyway, Marvin is going to be the head cook. John Adams says if you have any fish orders, be sure and get them in early.

I've been hearing Bellomy mumbling something about everyone getting a salary cut in July . . . We sure wish he would stop . . . he makes us nervous.

This reporter's husband Jim and dad Johnnie Gray, have become enthusiastic about radio controlled model airplanes. The first flight was made in April and it went just fine, even though the two controllers were a little nervous.



Johnnie and Jim at play

"Rev." Leroy (Tiger) McLain lead our office in a "Spirit"-ual awakening last month. We have no idea what he has planned for the office this next month, but we are all waiting with anxious anticipation.

Anyone planted any gardens this year? Don Potter and the Secretary planted a garden . . . nothing much up yet . . . too much rain?

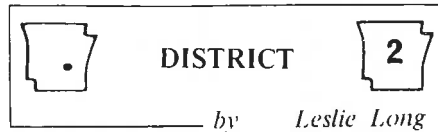
Max and Mary Hall are sporting a new member to their family, — a green American Hornet that really burns up the highways.

Mary Hall is constantly knitting. She could be officially named Mrs. Knit of 1970. She has knitted numerous lovely vests, which are the rage of the fashion world. She even made one for the Secondary Roads Secretary, who has had suggestions from the guys on just how to wear it. Mary also makes hats, dresses, coats, and just about anything knitable, for herself and her grandchildren.

We have two new employees, Ronnie McConnell and Joe Nemec III. We will have their pictures next month. Also a story on both of them.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Teasdale in the sudden loss of their only daughter, Mrs. Pat Allen of Houston, Tex. on May 5. Funeral services were held in Houston on May 7.

DISTRICT NEWS



Aubrey M. Murphy, chief bridge operator and caretaker of the free bridge, has completed 20 years' service and Dist. Engr. John Harris presented a certificate and lapel pin to him. Aubrey is a very dependable and efficient employee. He has become the master of a stray dog that rides up and down the draw span.



Murphy, left, receives certificate from Harris.

Equip. Oper. George Ashcraft, who works with the Jefferson County crew, has completed 15 years with the Department. Congratulations to you both.

Those who attended the Fifteenth Annual Highway Short Course at Fayetteville from District 2 were L. K. Howell and Bernard Hart of the Pine Bluff residency; Ken Tyler and George Karnes from the McGehee residency; and Maint. Supt. Brewster Shalmy and C. E. Woodfield, engineer, from the District 2 office.

Fuel Clerk Ouida Grimes and her husband planned a big surprise birthday celebration for their daughter Debbie on the occasion of her 14th birthday, which is actually on March 30. However, her parents gave a dinner for her at Olive Street Missionary Baptist Church the evening of March 29 and invited the Church's teenage choir. Pastor Paul D. Magness' birthday is the same day as Debbie's, so he was a special guest at the

dinner. Fifty one people helped Debbie celebrate.

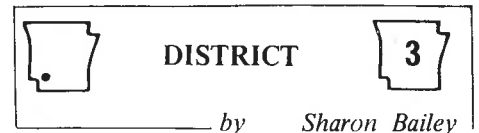
Shop Supt. Red Goins' niece, Miss Zoe Ann Goins of Sheridan, representing State College of Arkansas, has won first place in business law in a state contest sponsored by Phi Beta Lambda, a national organization for students seeking careers in business and economics. State College won the sweepstakes award in the annual contest held March 13 in Little Rock by amassing the highest point total. Eleven colleges and schools participated. Zoe Ann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Goins, Sr.

Richard Waller, the station attendant at McGehee, really gets dreamy-eyed about this time of year and yearns for a big ole watermelon patch in his own back yard.

News From Desha County — Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes were invited to go fishing in a private reservoir one recent Saturday and with a little help from John, they carried home 28 fair-sized crappie. John is the area foreman in Desha County.

Donald Ault, who has transferred from a residency to work with Maintenance for awhile, is very active in Boy Scout work. He is the assistant scout master to a troop of 42 boys who have gone on camp-outs to Vicksburg, Morgan Point, Arkansas Post and Lake Quachita. They also collected over \$360 one Saturday for the Crippled Childrens Fund.

Larry and Anthony Hutchison, equipment operators in Desha County, have had good luck so far frog hunting. They caught their limit one night and have been bragging about the good eating. (Back in my young days at McGehee we referred to that sport as "frog gigging". I can surely vouch for the good eating, too.) Thank you, Desha County, for the interesting news items.



Congratulations to Oren White for completing 15 years with the Department. This writer also received her 5 year pin. Goodness, time goes by fast!

Charlie McPherson is pictured raising the flags for the last time. After being with us for 18 years, he decided to retire

and take life easy. Charlie has been keeping our office clean for quite some time and it just doesn't seem the same around here without him. We all wish him lots of luck and a long, enjoyable retirement. By the way, all you other Districts take a close look at our building in this picture and eat your hearts out!



Charlie McPherson

Buck Wahl's wife Rosie invited me to their home to see some of his paintings. I had a most enjoyable visit and it turned out to be most informative, as she has quite a family. Buck, who is an inspector in our Interstate residency, has only recently taken up painting as a hobby and, as you can see from the pictures he is already quite good at it.



Two of Wahl's paintings

Buck must have gotten the idea to paint from his daughter, Sandra Kay, a senior art major at Hope High. The Arkansas Arts Center in Little Rock recently selected her painting "Reality" to exhibit during May. It was one of 40 chosen from 1,346 entries. During the coming summer, these paintings will be on exhibit throughout the United States.



Sandra Wahl's "Reality"

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Owens announce the betrothal of their daughter, Brenda Ann, to William B. Leslie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis B. Leslie of Pine Bluff. Miss Owens is a physical education major and a prospective May graduate of Henderson. Mr. Leslie is a pre-dentistry major at Henderson. The couple will exchange vows May 30 in the First Methodist Church at Glenwood. J. C. is an inspector with the Interstate residency.



Miss Owens

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. "Shorty" Carlton announce the approaching marriage of

their daughter, Carolyn Ann, to Dan F. Light, son of Mr. and Mrs. Davis Light of Mineral Wells, Texas. Carolyn is a 1966 graduate of Laneburn High and has attended Southern State College in Magnolia for 2½ years. The wedding is planned for May 16 in the home of the bride-elect. Shorty is our heavy truck driver and works out of the District Headquarters.



Miss Carlton

Well, our guys did it! They didn't win first place in the Classic Bowling League at Emmet but they did come out with the high game for the season, 1102, so it looks as though we will have one trophy to show off. John Tallant, Charles Webb, John Shaw, Clovis Tittle, William Tyler and Dub Beck, substitute, were our bowlers. I personally congratulate them because I know how difficult it was. (You see, I've watched them bowl.) No kidding, though, if you fellows decide to try again next year, I bet you'll come out league champions.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of W. A. "Andy" McDonnell who died of a heart attack April 17. Andy was our resident engineer in DeQueen and had been with the Department for 25 years. He was one of our best loved men and his absence is felt by many.

Sympathy is also extended to Roy Ward on the death of his mother, Mrs. John J. Cox of Fulton; Bully Chism on the death of his father-in-law, J. W. Downs of Prescott; and Pierce McCorkle on the death of his father, Frank McCorkle of Hope.

The Wahls have two other daughters, both of whom have new additions to their

families. Reva Wahl Kirkpatrick lives in Little Rock and has three children; Jennie, 8; Marty, 6; and Michelle, 8 weeks. George Ann Wahl Wright lives in Tacoma, Wash. and has one child, Roy III, 3 weeks old.

Two sons complete the Wahl family. Bucky has just returned from Vietnam and after a well-earned leave, will be going to Cuba. Billy is 12 and in the 6th grade. Maybe we will hear more about him in the near future.

Margie Royston was named Miss Ouachita University April 25 in competition with twelve other OBU students. She is a junior psychology major and last year was judged 1st runner up in this same contest. Margie is a beautiful girl with a fabulous personality. We'll certainly be pulling for her during the Miss Arkansas pageant. Her father, Buster, is an inspector in our Hope residency.

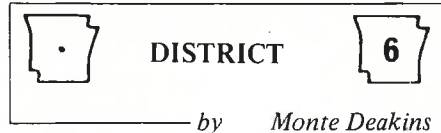


Miss Royston



Kathy Cox and "Bailey"

Congratulations to Kathy Renee Cox for winning the title of FFA Rodeo Queen at the Hope Coliseum April 25. She is 10 years old, attends the 5th grade at Paisley School and is a member of the Hope Roundup Riding Club. Kathy has shown her horse, Bailey, in two quarter horse shows this season and has won three trophies in the Western Pleasure class. Her mother, Linda, is the field clerk in the Interstate residency office in Hope.



Wedding bells rung on Friday, March 20 for Janis Cullins and James Taylor. Their vows were spoken in a candlelight ceremony in Francois Baptist Church in Malvern. After a wedding trip, the newlyweds are at home in Benton. Janis is the field clerk in B. J. Parker's resident engineer's office at Malvern.



Mrs. James Taylor

Service awards this month went to D. F. Gray, J. W. Meeks and E. D. Hogue, 10 years each; and D. G. Yates and R. H. Tate, five years each. All are from the Maintenance Section of the District. D. S. Crow from the Construction Section has completed five years. Congratulations to all.

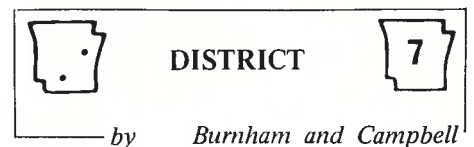
We regret that Harley E. Adcock, an asphalt truck driver with the District-wide sealing crew, had to retire in February due to ill health. He had been with the Department over 11 years. Harley says he intends to spend his time raising more garden to beat the high cost of living.

Homer Atchley has also retired from our District. He worked 28 years in the Maintenance Division of the Highway Department, all of it in Hot Spring County. Atchley, of the Fairview community, started his employment with the Department in May of 1942 when there were only two paved roads in the entire county—U. S. 67 and U. S. 270. And 270 had been built just six years before in a crash program so that President Franklin D. Roosevelt and his entourage could travel by auto from Hot Springs to Rockport and Malvern to participate in Arkansas' Centennial celebration. When Atchley went to work, he was a truck driver for three years and was one of two Department employees who did all the road work in Hot Spring County. The dirt roads had to be bladed every week or two, so there was always work to be done.

Atchley's fellow workers gave him a pocket watch as a retirement gift when he left on March 31. He plans to spend his time gardening and raising cattle on his 70-acre farm, and doing "a little more fishing."



Atchley, center, receives a watch from Maint. Foreman James Welcher, while Mrs. Atchley looks on.



Congratulations to Herschel S. Sloop, Equipment Operator II, who received his 5-year service award in April.

Two pre-construction conferences were held at our headquarters in April. J. B. Williamson held one for the Marysville-Columbia County Line project on April 7 and A. W. Hardy, Jr. held one for the North Atlanta-Jct. Hwy. 82 project on April 27. These conferences, which are held prior to beginning a construction job, are attended by the contractor and his representatives, representatives of utility companies whose lines must be adjusted, and representatives of Highway Divisions involved.

Mrs. Mary Herndon showed the film, "Arkansas Highways - Our Link With the World", to the Camden B &PW Club on Tuesday evening, April 7. Coy Campbell greeted the guests and invited them to tour the new District headquarters. Thirty-two members enjoyed Mary's presentation, the tour and a dinner in the E. O. C. room. Mrs. Arlene Davis, stock clerk, was program chairman for the Club's "Show Me" trip for 1970.

Fuel Clerk Mildred Russ and husband John are sporting a new brown Buick LeSabre with burnt saddle upholstery and brown vinyl top - very pretty, even though green is Mildred's favorite color. They enjoyed a trip to visit her parents near Mobile, Ala. the first week of April.

Those from District 7 who attended the Highway Short Course held in Fayetteville April 1-3 were Coy Campbell, Bob Myers, Jim Williamson, Gayle Gunn and Gene Naugle.

Receptionist Mary Lane enjoyed a visit from her daughter Sherry, a student at A. S. U., for the spring holidays. Later in April Mary and son Curt made a trip to Jonesboro to visit Sherry.

Payroll Clerk Carolyn Milner took a trip to Mobile and toured Bellingrath Gardens and the Azalea Trail. They came back along the coast and saw a part of the large area which was hit by Hurricane Camille last August.

Res. Engr. Bob Myers won first place in his flight in a golf tournament held at the Fordyce Country Club in April. Bob's office employees have been spending their coffee breaks lately making a very attractive flower bed in front of their building.

"Green Thumb" Carlson's office is practically a green house. Mary Nell is the clerk in Myers' residency. She has many

blooming African violets, a geranium and other plants. The philodendron on the wall behind her is all one plant.

Fishing has been good in District 7. Coy Campbell has been fishing at White Oak and Millwood. Other fishermen reporting good catches are: Permit Clerk Maxwell Smith at Millwood; Larry Hollis, John Livingston, John Beasley, Buddy Beard and Loyd McMann.



Engr. Aide I Tommy Casteel and his friend "Lightnin" are proud of this 14 lb. 19 oz. carp caught in Bragg Lake at Camden.



Mary Nell Carlson



Alice Sneed

It might be tempting to overpark in Camden. Our meter maid is Alice Sneed, pretty wife of Gerald Sneed, a Materials & Tests employee stationed in Camden.

Althea and Elwood Campbell have another new grandchild. We are extremely proud of "No. 4". Kenneth Boyd arrived April 7. He is the second son of Robert and Joan Campbell of Camden.

Equip. Operator Clifford Smith and Evelyn have a new granddaughter, Shannon Leigh. She is the daughter of Rachael and Jim Avant.

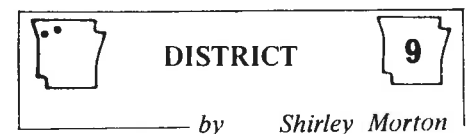


Shannon Leigh Avant at one week.

Bookkeeper Sula Burnham had a pleasurable visit in the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Ralph Faulkner, at Fayetteville recently.

We extend our sympathies to Asst. Stock Clerk Ralph Toward and his wife Mamie in the death of her mother, Mrs. A. P. Smith, on March 30.

Columbia County Area Foreman Ray Rogers did a few fancy steps, along with a "strip tease" in his back yard while burning trash not long ago. It seems Ray's light shirt caught fire and while he was removing it, the material clung to his hand. He sustained a large burn on his hand; even so, he was lucky.



Payroll Clerk Edris Braswell, her daughter Carolyn, and her mother Avis Hulsey, motored to Houston, Texas for a most enjoyable week's visit with Lou Hulsey and Mr. and Mrs. Luke Hulsey and boys.

We are very pleased to have Marcia

Holt working with us as receptionist as of March 16. She, her husband Joe, and two sons reside south of Harrison.

Welcome, also, to three new mechanics in the District shop: Marion Wray, Tommy Jackson and Ed Carson.

Carl Sanders, resident engineer at Huntsville, transferred to District 4 on April 1. We will miss Carl and wish him good luck on his new job.

Uva Harris, custodian, had an unfortunate accident a few weeks ago when he stepped on a nail. We are happy to report that his foot is on the mend and he is able to be back at work.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dickey are proud to announce the birth of their third child, Amy Elizabeth, who arrived April 6. The Dickeyes have a daughter, Debra Lynn, 10, and a son, Larry Allen, 9. Jack is the district sign foreman.

Spring is finally here after a long, hard, cold winter and we are certainly enjoying the warm weather and the beauty of flowering trees, shrubs and pink azaleas that are in full bloom at the district headquarters.

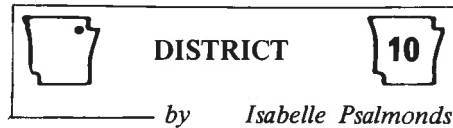
Miss Virginia Mae Thomason and Byrom "Button" Smith were married Saturday evening, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. in Bellefonte Baptist Church. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Thomason.

The bride wore a custom-made gown which she had designed. A reception was held immediately following the ceremony.

Virginia attended Southern Baptist College in Walnut Ridge for two years and has been employed as secretary in the offices of First Baptist Church in Harrison. Her father is an equipment operator with the Highway Department. The groom is in the U. S. Army, where he is presently receiving special training.

The couple were unfortunately involved in an automobile accident in Harrison as they were leaving on their honeymoon. She has been released to the home of her parents to recuperate from her injuries, and he to the U. S. Army Hospital at Fort Sill, Okla. We extend sincere wishes for a speedy recovery to Virginia and "Button", a happy delayed honeymoon, and a long, happy life together.

Spring: The time of year when farmers and golfers start their spring plowing.



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by Isabelle Psalmonds

Jimmie R. Horton, Engineering Aide IIB of Paragould, received a 10-year certificate last month. Those who received 5-year service awards were William O. Perkins, mower operator from Blytheville; and Raymond F. Hoelscher, maintenance repairman; William D. Jackson, bulldozer operator; and Hubert W. Cooper, bridge carpenter, all of Paragould. Congratulations to all of you.

Larry Whittle, Clerk II at Osceola, was in the hospital for several days, but is back at work now. Glad you're able to be back, Larry.

Res. Engr. H. C. Martin and his crews at Paragould and Walnut Ridge invited their families to a fish fry at Lake Charles State Park in Lawrence County, on Saturday, May 2. There were 44 men, women and children present and a good time was had by all. They played some baseball — don't know who won. Clif said it was too cool for swimming and that even though the fish weren't biting, the kids had fun wetting a hook. They did have plenty of fish to eat, cooked to perfection by Warren G. Glenn, Const. Insp. I. The ladies provided the salads and desserts. This was a first for Clif's crew, but from all reports, I'm sure they hope it won't be the last.

Fuel Clerk Karolyn Gregory reports that her husband Leland is much improved after having been bitten on the wrist by a brown recluse spider. He still has a long way to go before healing is complete, but is doing much better than was expected.

Payroll Clerk Jackie Hopkins goes in a run, even at home. She was going around the bed so fast she hit the sewing machine. The machine refused to yield the right of way and she wound up with a broken little toe. We accused her of getting angry and kicking the machine, but she says, "No." Anyway, we trust she won't be crippled for long.

Far more important than a broken toe

About the time you learn to make the most of life, the most of it is gone.

is the justifiable pride Jackie has in her son Mark. A seventh grader at Crowley's Ridge Academy, he recently scored a musical first at Paragould by earning the Intermediate Bach Plaque from the National Guild of Piano Teachers. To accomplish this feat, Mark memorized 15 compositions by J. S. Bach, "The Father of Music." He also received the Guild's International Award. Congratulations. Mark, we are all proud of you.



Mark Hopkins shows Bach Award.

LELAND HARRISES OBSERVE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Harris of Wynne observed their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house held in First United Methodist Church of Wynne on Sunday afternoon, April 26. More than 400 guests called during the appointed hours. The Harris's three daughters, Miss Dorothy Harris of Wynne, Miss Kitty Harris of Memphis, and Mrs. Joyce Harris Walker of Vicksburg, Miss. and her husband, Robert and two of their three daughters were present to share the occasion with Mr. and Mrs. Harris. Many gifts and floral arrangements were received by the honorees.

Mr. Harris was employed by the Highway Department 15 years and was working in the capacity of the district equipment supervisor when he retired in July, 1958, though the job was not called that at the time. He still enjoys good health but is afflicted with failing eyesight.

Coming Events

- May 30-Sept. 1 - "Arkansaw Traveller" Folk Theatre, open Tuesday and Saturday nights. Open Saturday nights only during September. One mile south of Hardy on U.S. 62-167.
- May 30-Mid-Oct. - Great Passion Play, Mount Oberammergau, Eureka Springs. Each night except Monday and Thursday.
- June 1-Sept. 7 (Labor Day) - Dogpatch, U.S.A. Open Saturdays and Sundays thereafter through October. Seven miles south of Harrison on Hwy. 7.
- June 11-13 - Tomato Festival, Warren.
- June 12-14 - Museum Society Antique Show, Siloam Springs.
- June 13 - Arkansas Teen Talents Contest and 1970 Arkansas Dairy Princess Contest, Junior High School Auditorium, Harrison. Any teen-ager between 12-20 who resides or attends school in Arkansas may enter the talent contest.
- June 19-20 - Arts & Crafts Association Outdoor Fair, and Baxter County Folk Festival, Courthouse lawn, Mountain Home.
- June 19-21 - 6th Annual Arts & Crafts Festival, Greenwood.
- June 20-21 - 2nd Annual Arts & Crafts Show sponsored by the Boston Mountain Resort Association, Winslow School.
- June 20-27 - Centennial Celebration, Russellville.
- July 1-4 - Rodeo of the Ozarks, Springdale.
- July 3-5 - Square Dance Callers Festival, Mt. Nebo State Park.
- July 15-18 - Miss Arkansas Pageant, Convention Center, Hot Springs.

HOUSE FOR SALE: 5 room frame with shaded, fenced yard in quiet residential neighborhood. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, living-dining room combination, floor furnace, attic fan. One-car garage. Garden space. Near Med Center at 3611 W. 8th. \$12,000. Contact John Helgen at LO 9-2251 or MO 3-4047.



Back row, Mr. Harris with daughters Kitty, Dorothy and Joyce, and Joyce's husband, Robert Walker. On the front row with Mrs. Harris are their granddaughters Maia and Jana Walker.

THIS'LL KILL YA



After a number of lessons on Lincoln, a fifth-grader charged into the library and said: "Have you got a book about John Wilkes Booth? I'd like to get his side of the story."

"So you desire to be my son-in-law?"

"No, I don't, but I don't see how I can avoid it if I marry your daughter."

The town drunk, who had been put away for the "cure", ran into a friend on his first day of freedom. The friend asked, "How was it?"

"Horrible," the drunk replied. "For six months I lived on nothing but food and water."

As the doctor was readying the patient for the operating table, he said, "I'm going to be very frank with you - this operation is only successful about 10 percent of the time. Now is there anything I can do for you?"

"Yes," replied the patient, "help me on with my shoes and pants!"

A rummage sale is where you buy stuff from other people's attics to put in your own.

"Is there anything you'd like to eat before execution?" asked the warden.

"Mushrooms," replied the condemned man. "I've always been scared to try them."



MATTHEWS IS MYSTERY MAN

Haskell Matthews of the Construction Division office was the person in the Guess Who? picture in the April issue. Among the many guesses ventured, only Doyle Carson, who is in the office with Haskell, came up with the right identification.



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Where is it?



LAST MONTH'S WHERE IS IT? was an easy one for the readers, many of whom quickly identified it as "Signboard Alley" going down Ramsey Hill on U.S. 167 just south of Batesville. Those who called in to make the identification included Pilot Ed Ray, Bertie Carr of the Chief Engineer's office, Jennifer Fox of Right-of-Way, Lewis Wade of Procurement, Dan Flowers of P&R, Paul Suttle and Nelson Farmer of the Sign Shop, L. D. Finister of Bridge Design, Doyle Carson of Construction, Jackie Black of H. C. Martin's residency and Ed Travis of Hayden Cockrill's residency.

