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BACKBONE MOUNTAIN

Opens Up For A Highway

Cover Story

The bermes, or steps, on either side of U. S. 71 southwest of Greenwood is a prime example of the Highway Department's commitment to environmental enhancement and increased safety practices. Conventional blasting methods would have saved the Department time and money but the job specifications required pre-splitting on each 20-foot level. The bermes add scenic beauty and help prevent slides and erosion. The total cut through Backbone Mountain, which runs east and west, is over 426 feet wide at the top and 178 feet wide at the bottom. The overall depth of the cut is 122 feet. More than 360,000 cubic yards of rock and shale had to be removed. The ridge, known locally as the Devil's Backbone, was formed from an upheaval known in Arkansas and Oklahoma as the Choctaw Fault.

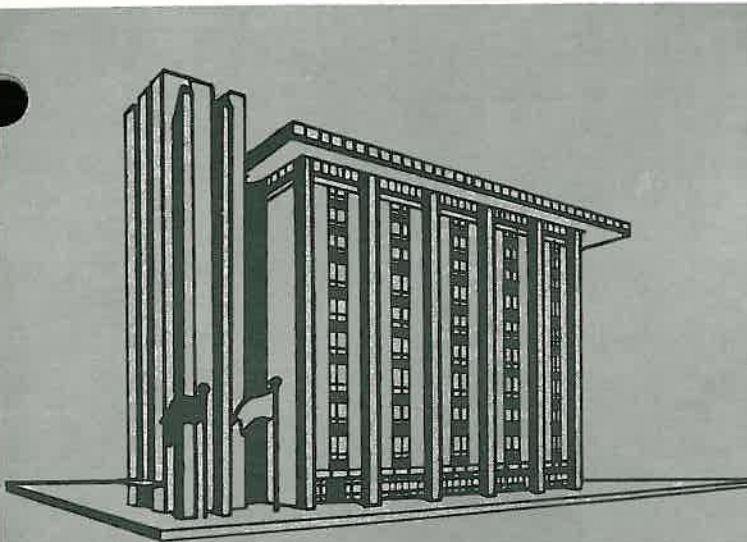
The cut is part of the newly completed U. S. 71 bypass of Greenwood. Two lanes were constructed on new location from 1.7 miles north of Witcherville to a junction with the existing route of U. S. 71 approximately 2.5 miles west of Greenwood. Provisions have been made for two additional lanes if needed in the future. D. B. Hill of Little Rock was the contractor for the 4.9-mile job, which was built with state and federal funds on a 50/50 matching basis at a total cost of \$1,726,950. Dale Spencer was the resident engineer.

HISTORY LINKED WITH MOUNTAIN

On Sunday, August 30, 1863, Confederate troops were being driven eastward out of the Indian Territory (Oklahoma) west of the Poteau River by the Union Army. The next evening, August 31, Colonel Cloud's horse soldiers of the 2nd Kansas Company, no doubt confident that they had the Rebels on the run, bivouacked right across the river from the Southern troops and waited until the next morning to attack again. However, next morning the Rebels were nowhere to be found. General William L. Cabell and his troops had retreated during the night, turning southwestward where the rough terrain made tracking and pursuit more difficult. At Jenny Lind (between Fort Smith and Greenwood), however, they gave up the back roads and paths, and entered the Fort Smith-Waldron road. General James G. Blunt, commander of the Union Army of the frontier, reinforced Colonel Cloud with 1,500 cavalrymen, 40 wagon loads of men and six pieces of artillery, and sent him in swift pursuit of Cabell's fleeing forces.

Union soldiers began to catch up with the Rebels about 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 1 and a skirmish was fought at Jenny Lind. A shoot-run-advance type of fighting continued for two hours until the Union forces approached the foot of Backbone Mountain. That afternoon the Battle of Backbone Mountain took place. The Confederates were astride

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PENDLETON BRIDGE

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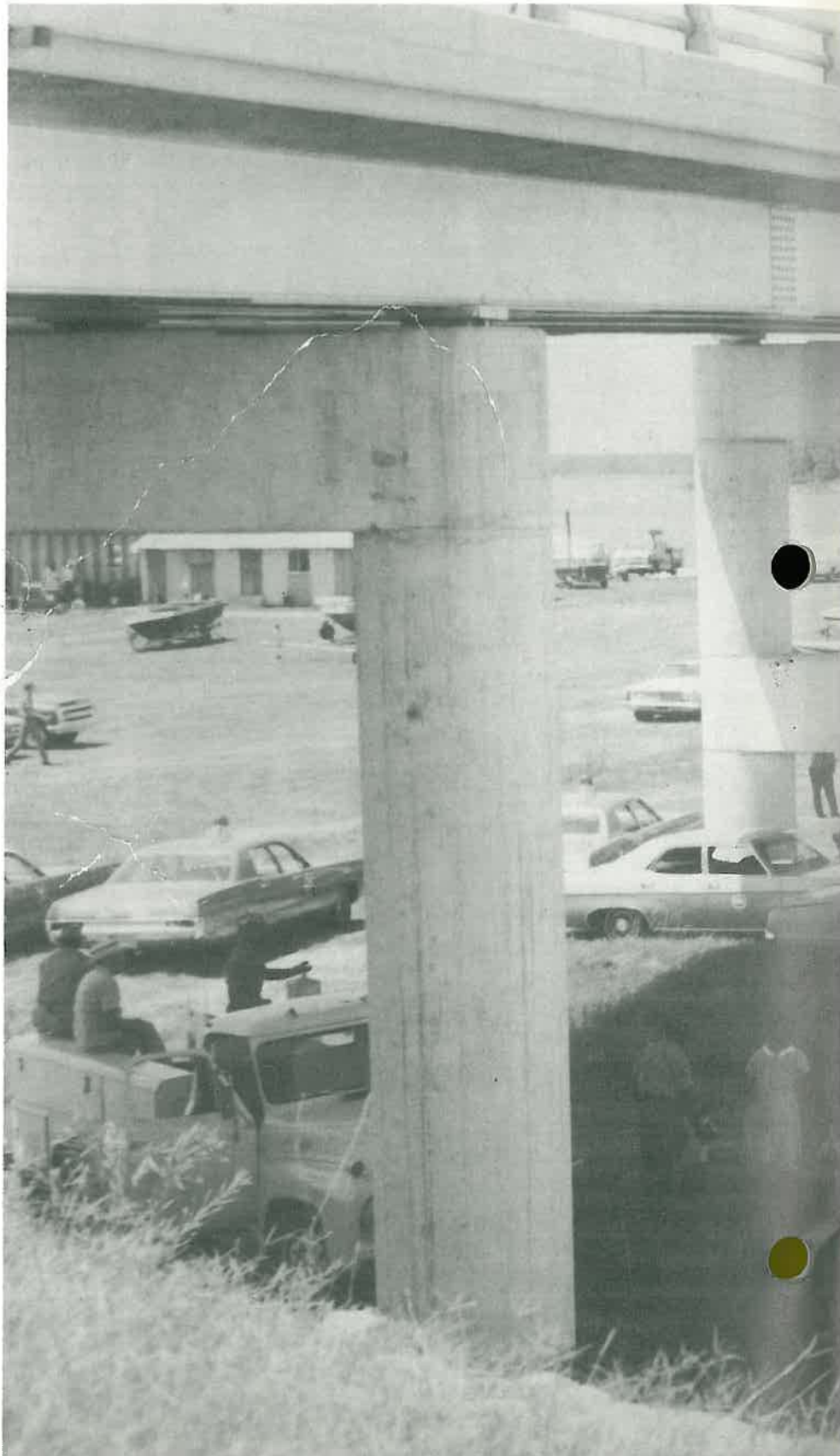
Saturday, July 10 dawned clear, bright and hot. By noontime, the temperature was pushing 100 degrees and the heat shimmered lazily in the clearing at Arkansas Post, but an estimated crowd of 500 persons gathered at the Post anyway for a noon fish fry held under huge shade trees near the Arkansas River bank. The crowd quickly consumed over 300 pounds of catfish and sent personnel of Arkansas Petroleum Company who sponsored the fish fry scurrying about to get more soft drinks and food.

This wasn't just another summer community fish fry, however. It was the preliminary event, or prelude to the main event of the day, the formal dedication of the recently completed Highway 1 bridge at Pendleton Bend a few miles away.

The bridge, long anticipated by southeast Arkansans during 4½ years of construction, and longer awaited during the years that its feasibility and possibility were discussed, had finally become a reality. It was opened on May 28 to accommodate the Memorial Day weekend traffic.

The fish fry crowd moved to the bridge site for the formal dedication and were joined by another 500 or so persons. On hand was a number of prominent Arkansans — Senator John L. McClellan, Governor Dale Bumpers, State Representative Wayne Hampton, Lieutenant Governor Bob Riley, state Supreme Court Chief Justice Carleton Harris, State Auditor Jimmie (Red) Jones, Attorney General Ray Thornton, Representative James Matthews, Desha County Judge Bonnie Zook, Arkansas County Judge John Peterson and Senator John F. Gibson.

Highway officials present included Commissioners John Harsh of Magnolia, Maurice Smith of Birdeye, Lawrence Blackwell of Pine Bluff and George Kell of Swifton; Highway Director Ward Goodman, Assistant Director Henry Gray, both



of Little Rock, and District 2 Engineer John S. Harris of Pine Bluff. Former Highway Commission chairman Truman Baker of Searcy was also present.

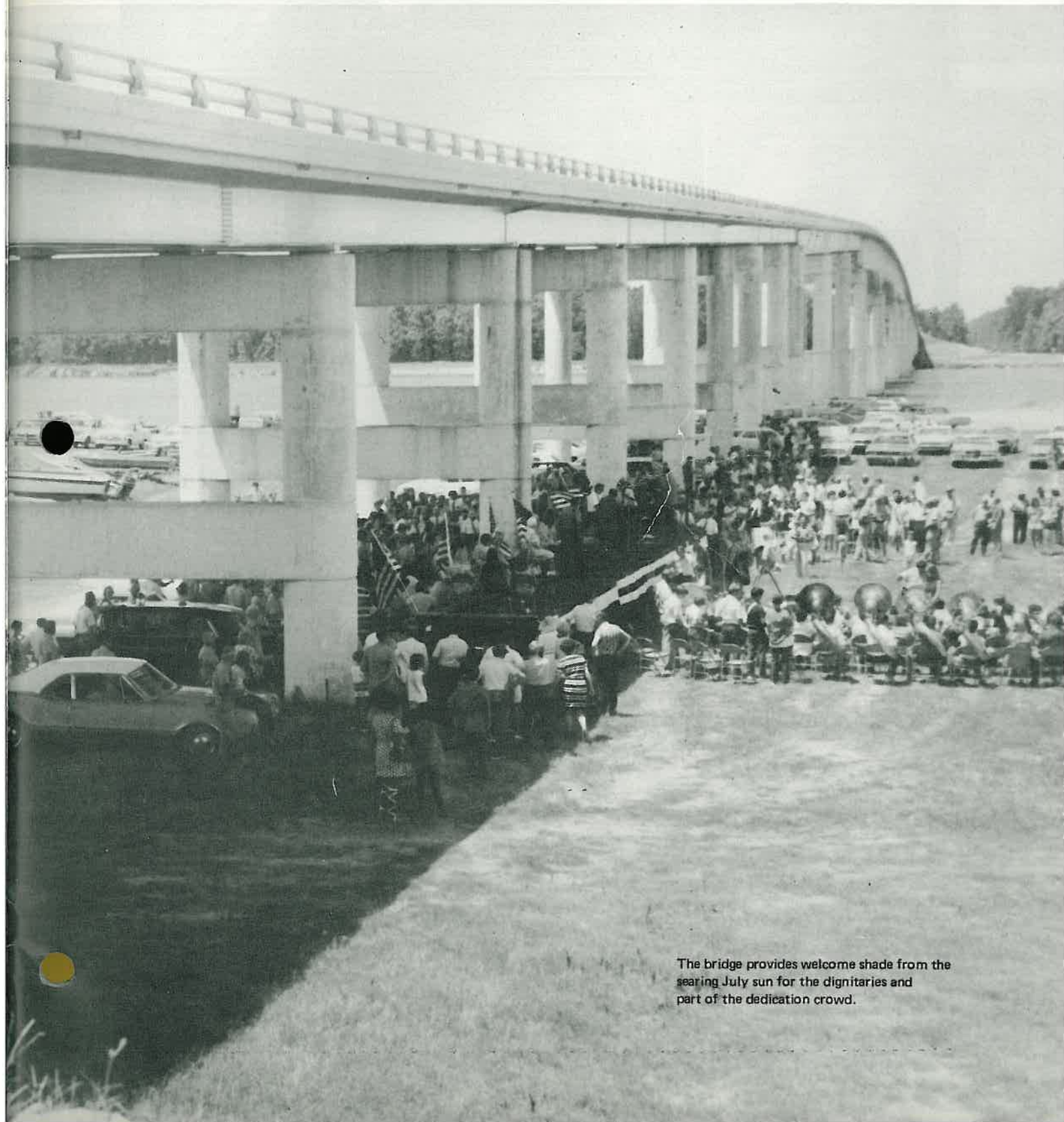
Mrs. Clay Cross, Sr., who was instrumental in getting the first school started in the area, and whose husband started the

present ferry operation in 1929, was a special platform guest. Mrs. Cross, in her 80's, now resides in Little Rock.

Because of the heat, made a little less oppressive by a brisk breeze at the riverside, the dedication ceremonies were held under the bridge on the Arkansas County

side. After the dedication addresses were concluded, the group moved upon the bridge where Arkansas and Desha County fair queens Debbie Wolfe, Kay Swain and Lorene Smith helped Senator McClellan and Governor Bumpers cut the ribbon.

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The bridge provides welcome shade from the searing July sun for the dignitaries and part of the dedication crowd.



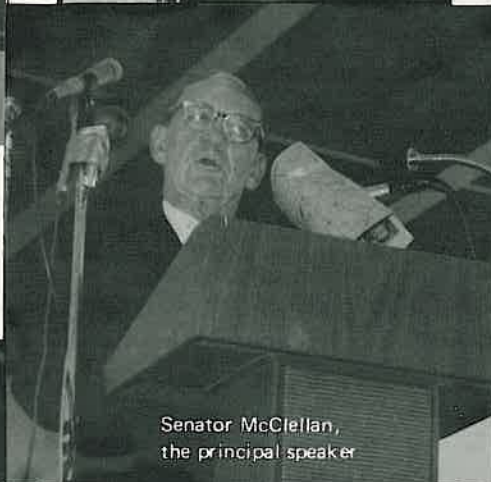
Arkansas County Judge John L. Peterson, master of ceremonies.



Commissioner Harsh



Arkansas Supreme Court Chief Justice Carleton Harris introduced McClellan.



Senator McClellan, the principal speaker



Desha County Judge Bonnie Zook welcomed the guests.



Representative Hampton, for whom the DeWitt Chamber of Commerce named the bridge.



Governor Dale Bumpers also spoke to the crowd.

BRIDGE WILL SAVE TIME AND MILES

The 2,898-foot long structure, built with state and federal funds at a total cost of \$3,839,850, now affords a time-saving and more direct route between Dumas and DeWitt. Any other route is 100 miles longer. Vehicular traffic in southeast Arkansas and particularly on Highway 1, which is the shortest route from Dumas to Memphis, is significantly benefitted.

Senator McClellan, introduced by Chief Justice Harris, said, "... I believe we will be remembered as developers and builders ... for the improvement of necessary bridges like this one that we dedicate today." He referred in part to the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation

System named for the senior Arkansas senator and the late Senator Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma. The center span of the 25-span structure is 377 feet long and rises 57 feet above the water to allow uninterrupted movement of barge traffic. McClellan noted that the bridge spans the longest unbridged reach of the river, 73.5 miles, between Pine Bluff and the mouth of the Arkansas River. "This magnificent structure is typical of Arkansas' accelerated growth during the past 10 years," he said.

Governor Bumpers said the bridge would greatly increase the area's industrial development potential, and would be a source of pleasure and satisfaction to the

residents of the area and motorists using the bridge. Former Commissioner Baker gave Representative Wayne Hampton, a Bayou Meto farmer and himself a former Highway Commission member and chairman, the credit for persistence in getting the bridge put to contract. Out of appreciation for Hampton's efforts in securing the bridge, the DeWitt Chamber of Commerce named the bridge after him. Hampton is now a state representative for the 24th district, which includes Arkansas County. He is a native of the area and quickly acknowledges an affinity for the land. When introduced to the crowd after being referred to by Governor Bumpers as a "man of vision, ability and fairness",



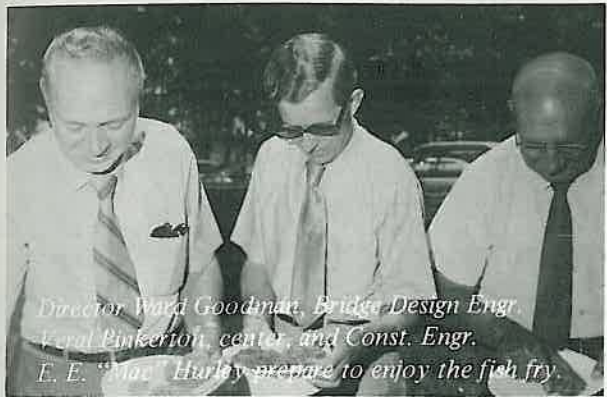
Commissioner Maurice Smith, Molly Harsh, & Kenneth Hollis



Rep. Wayne Hampton, left, and Lt. Gov. Bob Riley discuss what the bridge will mean to southeast Arkansas.



Mrs. Wayne Hampton and Commission Chairman John Harsh

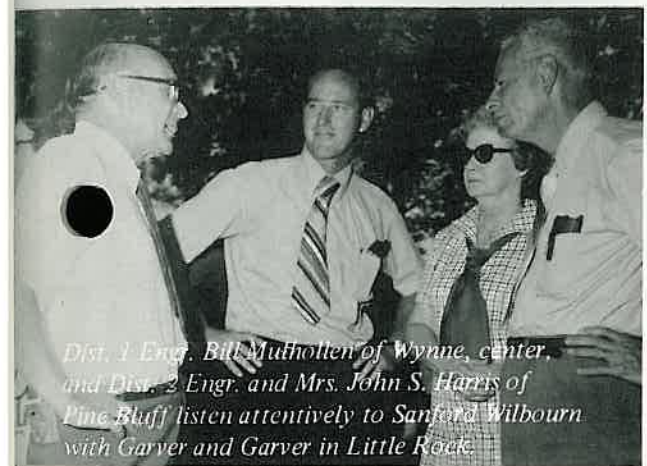


Director Ward Goodman, Bridge Design Engr. Vera Pinkerton, center, and Const. Engr. E. E. "Mac" Hurley prepare to enjoy the fish fry.

Rep. Hampton and Director Goodman after the ribbon-cutting.



Rep. Hampton and Director Goodman after the ribbon-cutting.



Dist. 1 Engr. Bill Muthollen of Wynne, center, and Dist. 2 Engr. and Mrs. John S. Harris of Pine Bluff listen attentively to Sanford Wilbourn with Garver and Garver in Little Rock.



Senator James McChallan and other people sitting at a table.

he said that when supporters promised a bridge at the Pendleton crossing, "Never did I dream of being here."

The Highway Department let the bridge to contract on October 26, 1966 and subsequently built it in three phases. The four main channel piers, built by San Ore Construction Co., Inc. & Gardner Engineering Corp. of Houston, Tex., and the approaches and substructure, built by Markwell & Hartz, Inc. of Memphis, Tenn., were financed by state and federal funds on a 50/50 matching basis. The contract for the superstructure, built by Carter Construction Co. of Benton, was paid for with 100 percent state funds.

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Former Commission Chairman Truman Baker and Rep. Hampton are also sought out for autographs.



Autograph seekers surround the Governor after the dedication.



Beauty queens Lorene Smith of Rohwer, Kay Swim of DeWitt and Debbie Wolfe of Gillett cut the ribbon.

ANOTHER FERRY RETIRED

Photo courtesy Dumas Clarion



Special platform guests included Mrs. Clay Cross, Sr. and her son, Clay, Jr. The Cross family has extensive land holdings around the bridge on the Desha County side and provided the right of way for that end.

The completion of the bridge retired the 6-car ferry which the Highway Department had operated on a lease basis for the last eight years. The ferry operation at Pendleton, however, has been operated off and on for over 100 years, dating back to the time when Dr. Stephen Pendleton and his family moved from North Carolina and bought a farm on the south side, or right bank, of the river in 1869. The place soon became known as Pendleton Bend. Dr. Pendleton owned land, and probably practiced medicine, on both sides of the river, so he established a ferry as a means of access to the north side.

The river site became the 43rd landing up the river from the mouth of the Arkansas and an important stopping place for steam boats that took farmers' cotton south. At that time the ferry landing was about eight miles up river from the present landing.

Dr. Stephen Pendleton died March 26, 1872, of meningitis, leaving a son and two



daughters. His wife had died soon after they moved to Arkansas. Dr. Pendleton's son, Pleasant H. Pendleton, became a doctor also, graduating from medical school in Louisville, Ky. at the age of 22. After a year of internship, Pleasant returned to Douglas, a now non-existent community a few miles upriver from Pendleton Landing, and took up his father's practice in 1876 or 1877 before moving to Pine Bluff in 1892.

There he went into partnership with a former classmate and longtime friend, Dr. James Langston Goree, but died only seven years later, on March 26, 1899, 27 years to the day after his father's death, from the same illness. Dr. Goree's daughter married Clay Cross, Sr. whose father later bought much of the land formerly owned by Dr. Stephen Pendleton.

Mr. Cross began a ferry operation which

has continued through three generations of his family, with the exception of a six-year period after the death of Clay Cross, Sr. in 1933. The family sold the ferry but Clay Cross, Jr. bought it back in 1939 and operated it privately until he sold it to the Highway Department in 1962.

Cross continued to operate the ferry on a lease basis and said that his arrangement with the Highway Department had been more profitable than as a private operation, nevertheless he is pleased to see the bridge completed and open to traffic.

"This will be the end of an era for the Cross family," he said. "But the ferry is outmoded . . . And anything that has to be operated 24 hours a day gets to be quite a burden." Cross is proud of the fact that in all the years his family operat-mishap.

Even Pulaski Jackson, a deckhand on

the ferry for 18 years, said he didn't mind seeing the ferry go because the bridge is progress and would be a big help to the area. As someone said, everyone likes to ride on a ferry but no one likes to wait for one. The 6-car barge powered by diesel engines had been moving from 100-125 vehicles daily Monday through Friday and from 200-250 vehicles daily on weekends. A traffic count made July 21 showed that 766 vehicles used the bridge that day. Daily crossings are expected to reach 1120 by 1975.

The Highway Department has 11 ferries still in operation over the state.

Highway 1 from the south bank of the river to U. S. 65 at Dumas was overlaid earlier this summer and the shoulders improved. Approval has been given to overlay the section of Highway 1 from the junction with Highway 169 south to the river on the east side.

U.S. 65 EXPRESSWAY THROUGH PINE BLUFF

A Major Completion in 1971

The first section of the U. S. 65 Expressway through Pine Bluff is one of the Highway Department's major job completions for 1971. The 2.6 mile, four-lane route has long been anticipated by Pine Bluff residents, as well as motorists who frequently travel through the city. The at-grade expressway has five traffic signals, but the four lanes divided, controlled access facility cuts off at least 10 minutes of the travel time formerly consumed going through the city. An estimate of the average daily number of vehicles using the expressway made prior to its opening was calculated at 7,250. However 12,100 vehicles traveled the route on July 26, only 19 days after it opened.

The completed section, which begins at Barraque Street just south of the Fair Grounds and continues due east to Texas Street, was officially dedicated and opened to traffic on July 7. The dedication ceremonies were sponsored by the Highway Committee of the Pine Bluff Chamber of Commerce. Louis L. Ramsay, Jr. is the chairman. Other Committee members are W. H. Kennedy, Jr., Wallace McGeorge, Gordon McNulty, Adam Robinson, William M. Creasy, F. G. Bridges, E. Harley Cox, Jr., Jim Benton, R. H. Herring, W. H. Roberts and Russ Samyn.

Chamber President W. E. Ayres was the master of ceremonies. Dedication speakers were Commissioner Lawrence Blackwell, who resides in Pine Bluff, and Mayor Austin T. Franks. Rev. Walter D. Langtry of Belair Presbyterian Church gave the invocation. Little Miss Leigh Ann Blackwell, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Banks Blackwell of Pine Bluff, and granddaughter of Commissioner Blackwell, cut the ribbon, aided by Lieutenant Governor Bob Riley and Blackwell.

Lieutenant Governor Riley was the speaker at a Country Club luncheon hosted by the Chamber of Commerce prior to the dedication. More than 350 people attended.

The project cost \$4,838,420., and was financed by state funds, and federal-aid Primary, Urban, and TOPICS funds. Widening and improvement of four blocks of Texas Street, over which traffic moves to re-enter the original route of U. S. 65, was a TOPICS project, the first major one to be completed in Arkansas. TOPICS funds are federal monies which enable improvements to be made to increase safety and capacity of existing streets.

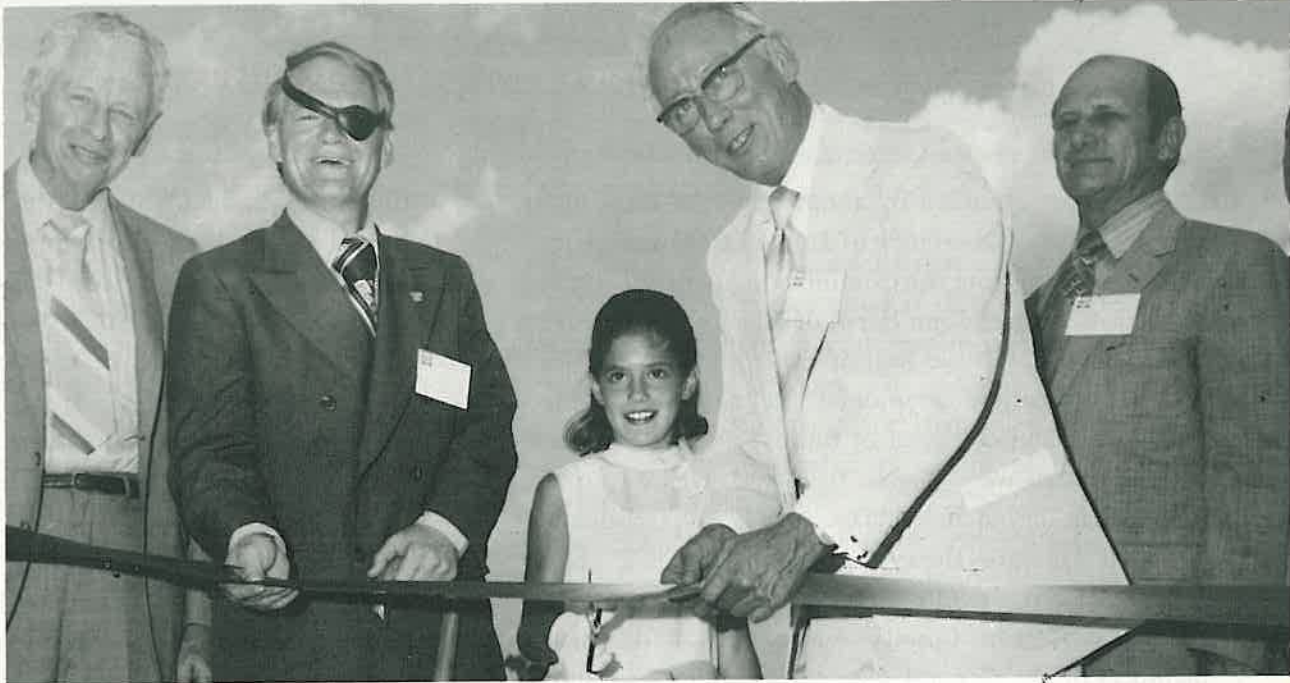
Contractors for the expressway were McGeorge Contracting Co. and Bituminous, Inc., Pine Bluff; Ben M. Hogan Co., Inc. and Fagan Co., Inc., Little Rock; and U. S. Steel Corporation, New York City. John S. Harris, Jr. is the district engineer at Pine Bluff. Van Bratton was the resident engineer for the Highway Department.

Pine Bluff Chamber of Commerce president, W. W. Ayres was master of ceremonies at the dedication. On the platform with him are, left to right: Jefferson County Judge Joe Henslee, Chief Engr. B. K. Cooper, Director Ward G. [unclear] Commission Chairman John Harsh, Pine Bluff Mayor Austin T. Franks, Lt. Gov. Bob Riley and Commissioners Lawrence Blackwell and George Kell.

Commissioner Harsh addresses the dedication crowd. Mayor Franks and Lt. Gov. Riley are at right.



Riley and Blackwell hold ribbon for little Miss Leigh Ann Blackwell to snip it. Dist. Engr. John S. Harris is to the left and Commissioner Harsh is at right.





Commissioner George Kell, Director Ward Goodman and Judge Joe T. Henslee.

COMMISSIONERS, HIGHWAY OFFICIALS HONORED AT BANQUET

A banquet attended by about 135 Pine Bluff citizens was given the evening of July 6 at AQ Fountains Restaurant honoring the Commission members. Three of them, Chairman John Harsh of Magnolia, Lawrence Blackwell, and George Kell of Swifton, were in town for the dedication ceremonies the next day. Commissioners Maurice Smith of Birdeye and J. C. Patterson of Lavaca were unable to attend. Highway officials attending included Director Ward Goodman, Assistant Director Henry Gray and District 2 Engr. John S. Harris, Jr. Other dignitaries included Mayor Franks, Jefferson County Judge Joe T. Henslee; members of the General Assembly and the Pine Bluff City Council.

Chamber President Ayres thanked the Highway Commission for their efforts in making the U. S. 65 Expressway a reality. Since it was first proposed 22 years ago by the Pine Bluff City Council and Chamber of Commerce, problems of location, design, right of way acquisition and costs, a freeze in federal highway funds, soaring construction costs and unstable soil along a portion of the proposed route all had to be overcome before the culmination of the first section of the three-stage project.

Right of way is now being acquired for the second half of the route which will carry traffic eastward, then southward to rejoin the existing route of U. S. 65 near Commerce Road outside the city limits. A

Ayres was also the master of ceremonies at a luncheon hosted by the Chamber of Commerce prior to the dedication. To his right are Lt. Gov. Bob Riley, the main speaker, and Ferd Bellingrath, first vice president of the Chamber of Commerce.





The dedication in Commissioner Blackwell's home town was an occasion for a family gathering. With him in the back row are, left to right: Mrs. Blackwell, their sons Alan and Dr. Banks Blackwell (dark coat), their daughter, Mrs. Ann Sullivan, and their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Banks Blackwell. The grandchildren are Larry, son of Banks; Lane, Lauri and Linda, daughters of Ann; and Leigh Ann, daughter of Banks.

contract for the first phase (roadway construction) of the second portion could possibly be advertised for bids in September or October. The final phase will be bridging the railroad tracks to connect Michigan and Texas Streets.

At the banquet, Ayres and E. Harley Cox, a Pine Bluff attorney, pledged the city's support to the Commission and urged top priority be given to the construction of a four-lane highway between Little

Rock and Pine Bluff, saying that a high-volume highway between the two cities is vital if Pine Bluff is to experience a predicted 24 percent population growth within the next 10 years.

Before the dedication the Highway Commissioners and others were treated to a tour of the Arkansas River in the Pine Bluff vicinity. The tour included an inspection of the Highway 79 bridge now under construction and the Port of Pine Bluff.

Work to begin on CAVERNS ROAD

Improvement of the remaining unpaved gap of Highway 5 between Allison and Calico Rock in Stone County has begun. Highway 5 is the main access route to Blanchard Springs to the south, and to Calico Rock and the Twin Lakes area to the north.

Blanchard Springs Caverns, whose beauty and enormity reputedly will rival that of Mammoth Cave and Carlsbad Caverns, is being readied by the National Forest Service for a public tourist site, with opening scheduled for 1973. A \$989,999 Federal grant approved in July will be used to complete and equip a visitors information center, complete the lighting and trails system for a trails tour, and

completion of the shelter cave, swimming and picnic sites.

The Caverns, which are anticipated to attract an estimated 500,000 visitors the first year, are expected to generate more private enterprise in the area. And, they are only two or three hours driving distance away from the Bull Shoals-Lake Norfolk area where already more than 5,700,000 man-day visitations are made. All of this means more traffic on the highway.

Freshour Construction Company of Sweet Home has the contract for the 9½ mile job which begins at Sylamore Creek bridge. Work will include grading, crushed stone base course, asphaltic con-

crete hot mix surface course, one I-beam span bridge 200 feet long, three reinforced concrete box culverts and erosion control items. Sections of the route will be constructed on new location. J. R. Chaney is the district engineer and John Ed Smith is the resident engineer.

Highway Director Ward Goodman noted that the work on Highway 5 was the culmination of a long-range cooperative plan between the State Highway Commission and the National Forest Service which began with the contract award in October, 1964 for the White River bridge at Calico Rock.

AHD HOLDS PUBLIC MEETING ON BRIDGE LOCATION

Dr. Don Davis, president of the College of the Ozarks, welcomed the group to the campus.



The Advance Planning Section of Planning and Research held a first-of-its-kind public meeting regarding proposed alternate locations for another bridge across the Arkansas River, to be located in the area of the Johnson-Logan County line southwest of Clarksville. The purpose of the discussion meeting, held at the College of the Ozarks in Clarksville, was to present to the local people the Department's findings of a bridge planning and location study to date, and to gain more knowledge about their interests, desires and beliefs concerning the bridge's eventual location. A cluster of four new town sites with an estimated population of 50,000 people each have already been planned for in an area called the Lake Dardanelle Area Development Plan. Other new town sites may be developed later. The study area extends along both sides of the Arkansas River and encompasses the entire Dardanelle Reservoir area.

Approximately 100 persons, representing a broad range of interests in the bridge location, attended the meeting. Four route locations have been proposed, as shown on the sketch at right. Primary preference among those attending the meeting was for Alternate II, with Alternate III being their second choice. A questionnaire, which those attending filled out, queried them about their reasons for wanting a bridge. The answers signified that residents of the area felt a bridge constructed on either the preferred or alternate route would be the most economical and serve the most people.



Carl McChesney, head of the Advance Planning Section, was the moderator.



Joe Foster of Advance Planning was the Study director. He presented results of traffic and economic analyses.



Surveys Div. Engr. Charles Venable described the four alternate route locations from a construction standpoint.



Bryan Davis, chief of the Environmental Section of the Right of Way Division, presented findings of the Department's analysis of the environmental effects a bridge might have on the area.



Ted Riley, president of and spokesman for the Johnson County Bridge Association.



Herman Schwartz, president of, and spokesman for, the Logan County Bridge Association.

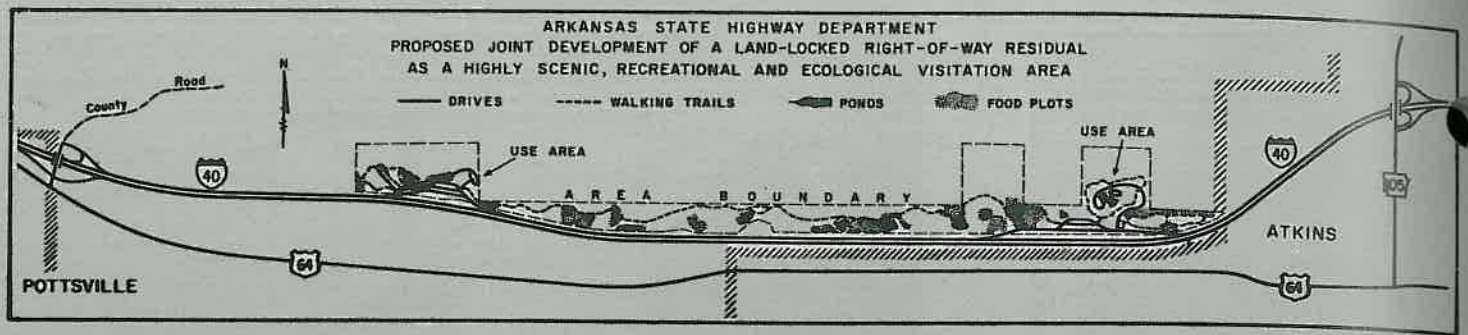


Clarksville insurance man and former Highway Commission chairman Armil Taylor, second from right, discusses one of the alternate route locations with District 8 Engineer John Price, left, District 4 Engineer Calvin Peevy, second from left, and Commissioner J. C. Patterson of Lavaca.

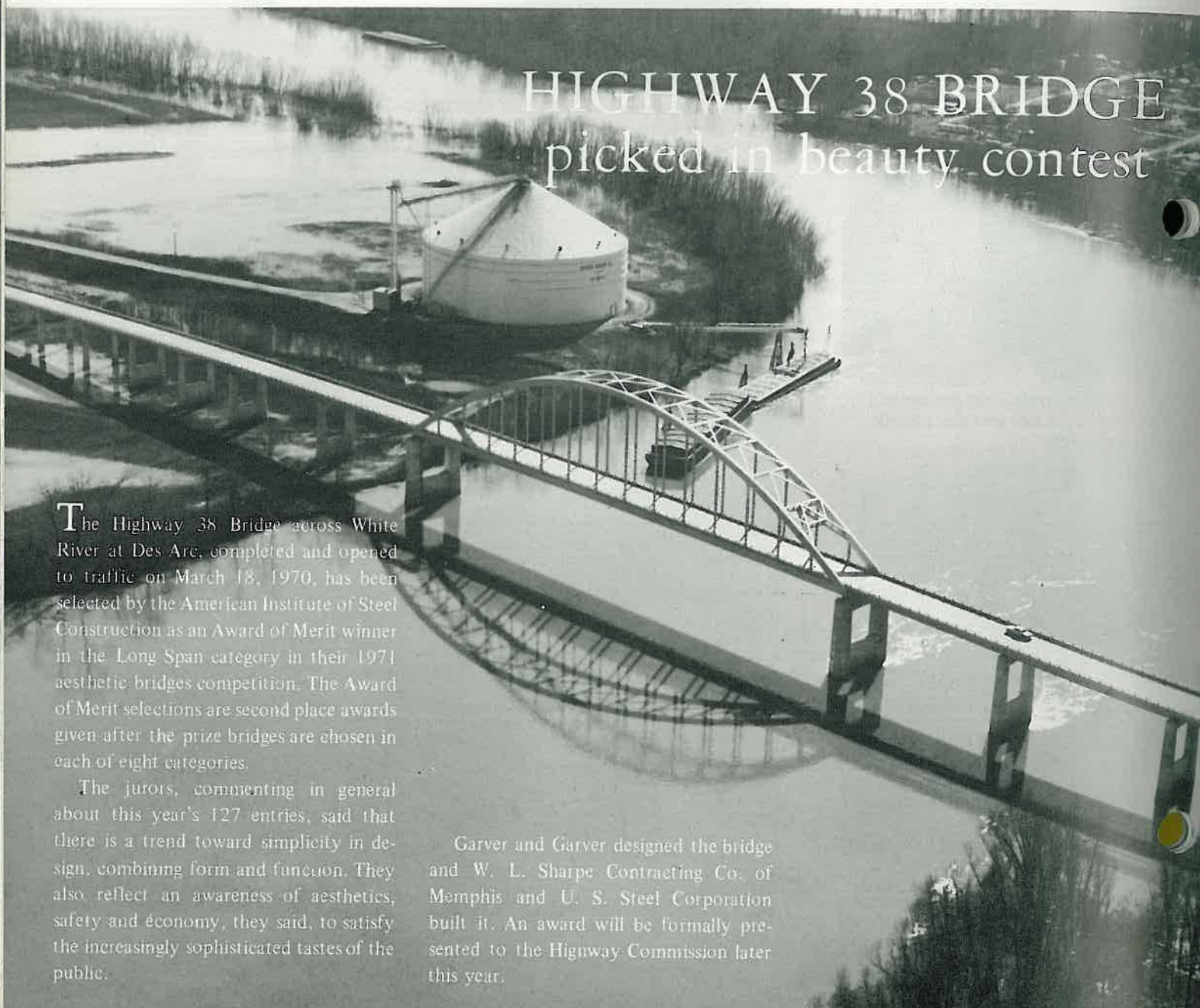
Four St. Francis River Bridges To Be Replaced

The Highway Department has received notification of approval by the Department of Transportation for construction of four 4-lane bridges over the St. Francis River Floodway under a new special bridge replacement program. The new bridges will be on U. S. 63 between Marked Tree and Payneway in Poinsett County. They will cost an estimated \$3,942,000.

The special bridge replacement program, authorized by the 1970 Federal-aid Highway Act as a safety measure, was established following the disastrous collapse of several major bridge structures throughout the United States.



AHC To Seek Aid Of Other State Agencies In Development Of Park On I-40



HIGHWAY 38 BRIDGE picked in beauty contest

The Highway 38 Bridge across White River at Des Arc, completed and opened to traffic on March 18, 1970, has been selected by the American Institute of Steel Construction as an Award of Merit winner in the Long Span category in their 1971 aesthetic bridges competition. The Award of Merit selections are second place awards given after the prize bridges are chosen in each of eight categories.

The jurors, commenting in general about this year's 127 entries, said that there is a trend toward simplicity in design, combining form and function. They also reflect an awareness of aesthetics, safety and economy, they said, to satisfy the increasingly sophisticated tastes of the public.

Garver and Garver designed the bridge and W. L. Sharpe Contracting Co. of Memphis and U. S. Steel Corporation built it. An award will be formally presented to the Highway Commission later this year.

The Highway Commission has developed plans for making a scenic, recreational and ecologically useful area from a 380-acre land-locked pocket of land. The narrow strip of property, located just west of Atkins between I-40 and the bluffs of Carrion Crow Mountain (where the Razorback is painted on the bluff face), was acquired along with the I-40 right of way since no access to the area was provided.

The Commission will enlist the aid of other state and federal agencies in the development of hiking trails, food plots to attract and sustain the wildlife of the region, and to conserve and restore game and wild plants. The area will have parking areas, rest

rooms, transient camping facilities with sanitary disposal stations and picnic areas. Access ramps to and from the westbound lanes only of I-40 will be located at each end of the area.

The proposal, which has already been approved by the Federal Highway Administration, will be the first such development in Arkansas and one of the few in the United States as yet. Development costs, estimated at \$450,000 will be on a 90/10 matching basis, the same as interstate highway construction costs. The park will be maintained by State Highway maintenance forces.

Commission Receives Road, Bridge Awards

At the Highway Commission meeting in Little Rock on May 26 the Highway Commission received two national awards, one for a section of highway and one for a remodeled bridge.

Federal Highway Administrator J. W. White of the Fort Worth regional headquarters of the Department of Transportation, presented the road award given by DOT for the selection of a portion of Talimena Drive (Highway 88) northwest of Mena as the third place winner in one category of DOT's Third Annual Award Competition/1970 - The Highway and Its Environment (Apr. - May - June, 1971 issue). Chairman John Harsh received the award on behalf of the Commission.



Harsh left, and White

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Harsh also received the bridge award and plaque on behalf of the Commission, who are designated as the owners of the Highway 23 bridge across the River at Ozark. It was selected as being the most aesthetically satisfying structure of all entries in the Long Span category of the American Institute of Steel Construction's 1970 contest. The plaque has been affixed to the bridge, a remodeled structure originally built with six concrete spans, two of which were removed and replaced with one main channel steel tied arch span. The presentation was made by Leslie H. Gillette, assistant executive vice president of the American Institute of Steel Construction, Inc., New York City.

Awards were also made to the bridge designer, Howard, Needles, Tammen and Bergendoff; the steel fabricator, Nashville Bridge Company, Nashville, Tenn.; and the contractor, Al Johnson Construction Co., Minneapolis, Minn.



Harsh left, and Gillette

BACKBONE MOUNTAIN

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the mountain crest, with artillery and troops well spaced. No one knows why the Confederates stopped to fight on the mountain but apparently it was because Cabell and his men were too few, too ill-equipped, and burdened with too much heavy artillery and a large number of prisoners. Even from their vantage point, the Rebels were unable to hold the mountain. The battle, in which some 8,000 troops were engaged, was a three-hour nightmare of flame and horror that left varying estimates of dead and wounded ranging from 14 to 150, depending upon whether the estimate was made by Union forces or Confederates. Rufus Patton, a lad of 14 who lived in the area, said some years later that after the battle he and his brother went to the battlefield and helped carry away the dead and wounded soldiers left behind by fleeing Confederates. There was no military significance to the battle other than its futility and lack of purpose. The battle was typical of the tactics used by the Confederates and was symbolical of their philosophy of life. Southern honor said gentlemen must not attack, but must defend. So defend they did, a useless mountain in an impossible situation.

OLD SOLDIER RETURNS SEEKING SAMARITAN

In the 1880's a member of the Kansas Regiment that had fought at Backbone Mountain returned to Fort Smith. He inserted an item in the Fort Smith weekly paper, stating that he wished to get in touch with a woman and two little girls, nameless to him, who brought him water and tried to relieve his agony when he lay wounded on the battlefield. However, there was no response to the old soldier's ad. When the story was recounted again in the 1920's in a column of the Fort Smith Times-Record, Dorthela Gilliam and Mary Heathcock, both more than 80 years of age by that time, answered the column and said that they were the two little girls who carried water to the soldier. It was also learned that Mrs. Susan McClure was the woman at the well who drew the water. By that time no trace could be found of the Yankee soldier. He apparently had already gone to his reward without knowing who befriended him on the battlefield at Devil's Backbone Mountain.

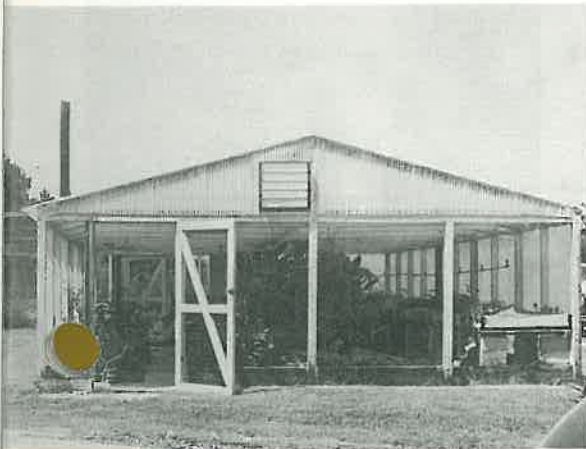


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IOWA – The Iowa Highway Commission and the Engineering Research Institute of Iowa State University are making a year-long study of the effect of leaded and non-leaded gasoline. Iowa Highway Department vehicles are being used for the study, which will provide information on performance of the vehicles, exhaust emissions, operating and maintenance costs of vehicles using both types of gasolines, and the effect of each type of fuel on atmospheric pollution.

MISSISSIPPI – The Mississippi Highway Department has really gone the second mile in highway beautification. When Lady Bird Johnson began her campaign for more beautiful highways in 1965, MHD's District 6 Engineer, Jimmy Brownlee of Hattiesburg, hired a horticulturist whose title became Roadside Development Supervisor. They set up their own greenhouse adjacent to the district headquarters and there they produce shrubs

The district greenhouse.



and plants to replace dead plants on the highways each year. The horticulturist, whose name is Bill Rawls, propagates his own replacement plants – even camellias. According to Rawls, 4,000 shrubs and plants, and up to 50,000 pine seedlings are needed to replace those which die during a normal season. The highway department obtains all of their trees from the Forest Service. The 20 x 40 foot greenhouse is complete with heat, intermittent mist and rooting bench where plants are placed until they establish roots.

Rawls, left, and Brownlee observe progress of camellias being grown for eventual transplanting to a roadside somewhere in their district.



COLORADO – The 20-mile highway up 14,110 feet Pikes Peak near Colorado Springs is considered one of the most expensive to maintain in the world. Seven million cubic feet of snow must be removed from the road when clearing begins each spring. Once the snow has been cleared and the road opened, water from the melting snow fields presents a drainage problem, sometimes washing away huge sections of pavement.

FLORIDA – Pollution causes explosion of bridge pilings. The plans of a new \$12.5 million bridge near Jacksonville included 3,000 precast, prestressed hollow concrete piles, cut off at or below the high tide level and capped with concrete beams. Water filled the piles before being capped and bacteria present in the water reacted with cardboard inner forms in the piles, forming methane gas. Intensity of the pressure of the gas caused 32 of the piles to explode!

KENTUCKY – Rash of bridge burnings. Burning of bridges by vandals has brought about the loss of some of Kentucky's most historic covered bridges and incurred a rebuilding and replacement bill of over \$240,000. Among those structures destroyed was the longest remaining covered bridge in the state, a 289-foot long structure built in 1862 and so prized as a historical site by the Highway Department and other interested Kentuckians that plans were being made to float the bridge away to a safe new location to keep it from otherwise being flooded when a planned reservoir would have flooded it. A new bridge is being built at the site of the old covered bridge but no amount of money will replace the old one.



AHD Planner Elected to AIP

Miss Betty Gene Wiggins, 7015 Morgan Drive, Little Rock, has been elected to full Member in the American Institute of Planners. Miss Wiggins is an urban planner in the Planning and Research Division of the State Highway Department and has 15 years' experience in the planning field. Full membership in AIP requires a number of years' training and/or experience at the professional planning level prior to passing the Institute's oral examination based on comprehensive development planning with a specialized area of concentration. Miss Wiggins' area of specialization is transportation systems.

She has worked for Metroplan; Wittenberg, Deloney and Davidson, Inc.; and Environmental Design, Inc. (formerly Associated Planners). She is a member of the Arkansas chapter of AIP, which has only about 30 members; and the four-state Arkansas Valley Regional chapter.

Miss Wiggins has been with the Highway Department since July, 1967. She is a native of Tulsa, Okla. and a graduate of Tulsa Central High School. She is also a former member of the Women's Army Air Corps.

ARTHUR WATT IS NEW CHIEF OF UTILITIES

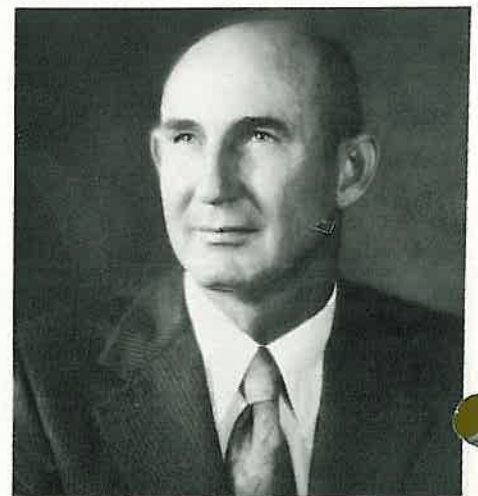


Arthur T. Watt, an employee of the Utilities Section of the Right of Way Division, has been promoted to chief of the Section, filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Alton Van Patten. Watt, a native of Little Rock, has been with the Department two years. Prior to that time he was employed by Arkansas Louisiana Gas Company for 23 years.

Watt attended Little Rock University and is a veteran of World War II and saw action in the South Pacific combat zone. He is married to the former Betty Mueller. They are members of Oak Forest United Methodist Church and have three sons. Tommy attends the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville; Randy is a senior at Hall High and Chris is a fifth grader at Williams Elementary.

Lowder Reelected to Retirement Board

Assistant Chief Engineer J. E. Lowder has been reelected to membership on the State Highway Employees Retirement System Board for a two-year period beginning July 1, 1971. He has been a member of the Board since 1968 and chairman since April, 1970. He was also reelected chairman by the other four Board members.



PERSONNEL CHANGES

Davis to Environmental Development

Because of the Highway Department's concern about environmental enhancement, a new section has been established in the Right of Way Division to deal specifically with problems concerning environment and ecology. The section is called Environmental Development and Bryan Davis, formerly chief of the Roadside Development Section of the Maintenance Division, is the chief of the new section. He is assisted by two other employees, Tony Fakouri and Doug Rogers. Davis is a graduate of Louisiana State University with a B. S. degree in landscape architecture. He has been with the Highway Department since 1967.

Francis to Roadside Development

James R. "Jim" Francis has been promoted from highway maintenance inspector in the Maintenance Division office to chief of the Roadside Development Section. Francis has been with the Department 13 years. He has completed engineering courses both at Little Rock Junior College (now UALR) and through correspondence. He has also had prior experience with industrial heating consultants.

Tucker to Central Headquarters

James H. "Jim" Tucker, maintenance superintendent for District 1 for 7½ years, has been promoted to highway maintenance inspector to take Jim Francis' place. Tucker has been with the Department 17 years. He is a native of Harrison. After graduation from high school there he attended Kemper Military Institute in Missouri for two years and the University of Arkansas one year. Jim and Mrs. Tucker have moved to Little Rock from Wynne and are residing at 12 Jan Drive near Alexander. They have two sons and one daughter. The eldest son, James R., recently graduated from the University of Arkansas with a degree in industrial engineering and is presently going through the Department's engineer-in-training program. The second son, Chris, is at the Air Force Academy and plays football on the Air Force team. Their daughter graduated from high school this year and was married in mid summer.



14 Recognized for Long Service

Fourteen employees whose cumulative service to the Highway Department totals 365 years, have been recognized for their loyalty by the Highway Commission.

District 2 Maint. Supt. Brewster M. Shalmy of Pine Bluff has completed 35 years. Fay Karnes of West Fork, has completed 30 years. The other 12 cited have completed 25 years each. They are: Elmer G. Horn, Archie E. Lewis, Glenn Trammel, Eugene A. Ashcraft, Charles L. Baucum, William C. Pillow, Miss Jackie Wallace, Fred Beliew, James E. Hardcastle, Lester M. Rabb, Leonard O. Roberts and Josh P. Suitt.



James E. Hardcastle is an auto/diesel mechanic in the Central Shops at Jacksonville. He started as a mechanic's helper in 1946 after working for a lumber company. He is a World War II veteran, having served with the Navy in the South Pacific. Hardcastle is a Scottish Rite Mason. He and his wife Leona live in Jacksonville. They have one son. James is a member of Bayou Meto Baptist Church.



Eugene A. Ashcraft is a career Highway Department employee whose first job was a chainman in a construction crew soon after graduation from Sheridan High School in 1946. He worked in the Final Estimates Section for several years before assuming his present job of Engineering Aide V in the main Construction Division office. Gene has completed several civil engineering courses at the University of Arkansas and is a certified engineering technician at the senior (highest) level. He and his family live in North Little Rock, where he is a past president of the Civitan Club. He is a deacon in the Downtown Little Rock Church of Christ, and a Toastmaster.



Miss Jackie Wallace, a long-time employee of the Personnel Office, started her career with the Highway Department operating a blueprint machine which at that time was in the Planning and Research Division. Her present duties include relief switchboard operator. Synonymous with Jackie's reputation is her ready smile for everyone. She was born and reared at Heber Springs.



Charles Lee Baucum is the assistant resident engineer in A. W. Hardy's crew at Magnolia. He is responsible for the interpretation of construction plans and coordination of work of survey parties under his supervision. Charles worked for the Corps of Engineers before joining the Highway Department in 1946. He and his wife live in Emerson south of Magnolia. They have one daughter and three grandchildren living in Fordyce. The Baucums are members of Central Baptist Church in Magnolia.



Elmer G. Horn of Nashville is an Equipment Operator III. Prior to employment by the Department in February, 1943 he was employed by the Howard County Road Department. He and his wife Eunice are members of the Church of Christ in Nashville.



Archie E. Lewis is an Equipment Operator III in District 4. He is a member of the Washburn Church of Christ in Greenwood, where he and his wife Lois reside. His hobbies are golf and motorcycle riding. The Lewises have three children and four grandchildren.



William C. "Bob" Pillow is one of a family that has served the Highway Department a total of 79 years. He is an auto/diesel mechanic. In addition to his 25 years, his father, William Joseph "Bill", worked 35 years before he retired. Bob's brother Joseph is Greene County area foreman with 19 years' service. Bob lives in Paragould, where he is a member of the Church of Christ.



Fay Karnes was born in Washington County at West Fork where he still resides. He began employment with the Department as a laborer in 1941 and through the years has advanced to his present position of area maintenance supervisor in District 9. Fay and Mrs. Karnes are members of West Fork Baptist Church.



Brewster M. Shalmy, district maintenance superintendent, is a native of Jefferson County who has worked for the Department ever since graduation from high school with the exception of one brief period. He is a member of Lakeside Methodist Church, a 32nd degree Mason, member of Quapaw Lodge No. 370 and Sahara Shrine Temple. He and his wife Helen have three sons and three grandchildren.



Glenn Trammel, Assistant Roadway Design Engineer, began his highway career as a draftsman in 1946. He was a squad leader in Roadway for several years before being promoted to assistant division head. Among the projects for which Glenn has had direct responsibility of design are I-40 between Little Rock and Conway, the Marked Tree bypass, the Helena loop and U. S. 67 between the Pulaski-Lonoke County line and Searcy. Glenn is a registered professional engineer and one of the Department's top designers. He is a Board member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, a 32nd degree Mason and past master of Western Star Lodge No. 2.



Lester M. Rabb is a special maintenance supervisor in District 2. He started as a laborer but in his 25 years of service, he has held several supervisory positions. The Rabbs live in Monticello where he is commander of the American Legion Post. He is also a member of First Baptist Church, Eureka Masonic Lodge and United Commercial Travelers. Lester and Mrs. Rabb have one daughter, Leslie, who is a junior at Monticello High School.



Fred Beliew is a motor patrol operator in Lonoke County. He left the farm and came to the Highway Department as a laborer in 1944. Fred and his wife Maxine live in Humnoke. They have five children and seven grandchildren.



Leonard O. Roberts is a special maintenance supervisor in his native Cross County. Like many other maintenance employees, he was a farmer prior to joining the Department. He served with the Armed Forces in the South Pacific during World War II. Leonard and his wife Phyllis live in Wynne, where he is Sunday school superintendent at New Hope Baptist Church.



Josh P. Suitt began his career with the Department in 1941 as a rodman in a construction crew in District 2. He is presently a construction inspector. Prior to employment in highway construction he was an estimator and office clerk with a lumber company. Josh and his wife Josie live in Lake Village, where he was born.

Obituaries

WILLIE B. BUSTIE



Willie B. Bustie, 70, Route 1, Lake Village, died July 28. He was a retired truck driver and had worked for the Highway Department 21 years. He was a native of Sunflower County, Mississippi and a member of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church of Lake Village.

Funeral services were conducted by Downey Funeral Home of Lake Village on July 30 with interment in the city cemetery.

Bustie is survived by his widow, Mrs. Daisy Coon Bustie; three sons, William, Monticello; Harold Wayne, Conway; and Randy, Lake Village; two daughters, Mrs. Pauline Bustie Bryan and Mrs. Mary Frances Bustie Humphreys, both of Mobile, Ala.; one brother, four sisters and four grandchildren.

ROLAND A. COPELAND



Roland A. Copeland, 39, 30 Southmont Drive, Little Rock, died suddenly while at work on May 19. He was an inspector with Ralph Jones' residency and they were working on the Main Street bridge job. He had been with the Department 21 years.

Copeland was a native of Nashville, Ark. and the son of the late John Roland and Anna Lee Burgess Copeland. He was a member of the County Line Baptist Church at Nashville.

Funeral services were conducted May 21 by Ruebel Funeral Home with interment in Forest Hills Memorial Gardens. Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Eloise Setliff Copeland; three daughters, Mrs. Debbie Copeland Hicks; Pam and Sheri Copeland, all of Little Rock; three brothers, one sister, and two grandchildren.

EUGENE WATLINGTON



Eugene Watlington, 43, of Colt (Cross County) died May 13 after a long illness. He was a foreman over one of the heavy bridge maintenance crews and had worked for the Department 23 years. Funeral services were held May 14 in Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, with interment at Smith Chapel cemetery.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Margaret Mercer Watlington; a son Richard Eugene; four daughters, Mrs. Linda Louise Cowan, Rebecca Jean, Elizabeth Ann and Karen Lynn Watlington, all of Colt; his mother, Mrs. Robert L. Watlington, Colt; eight sisters, eight brothers, and one grandchild.

JEP R. BOOTH



Jep Rowe Booth, 615 McNeil Street, Magnolia, died May 25 at the age of 76. He retired in 1962 after 20 years' service with the Department. He was a native of Columbia County and a World War I veteran. He earned a Purple Heart while serving with the American Expeditionary Forces in France after being in the Army only four months. He was a Baptist and a member of the American Legion.

Funeral services were conducted by Lewis Funeral Home of Magnolia, with interment in Antioch cemetery in east Columbia County.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Elvie Baker Booth, a son Hugh, El Dorado; a daughter, Mrs. Christene Baker, Springhill, La.; one brother, John T. of Magnolia; two sisters, Mrs. Jap Dees and Mrs. Pete Crisp, both of Magnolia, and eight grandchildren.

MILBURN HOLIMAN

Milburn Holiman, 311 Vine Street, Sheridan, died May 15. He retired from the Highway Department in 1965 after having worked 18½ years. He was a mem-

ber of First Baptist Church of Sheridan, where funeral services were held May 17 by Buie Funeral Service. Interment was in Lost Creek cemetery.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Jennie Reid Holiman; two sons, Billie Reid Holiman of Springdale, and James Russell Holiman of Heber Springs; two brothers, Herbert Holiman, Benton, and Milton (a twin brother of Milburn), Bryant; and a sister, Mrs. Belle Holiman Biggs, Bryant.

JAMES WALTER PERRY

James Walter Perry, 63, 518 South Gabbert Street, Monticello, died June 12. He retired in 1961 after 16½ years' service with the Department. Stephenson Funeral Service of Monticello conducted funeral services held June 13. Burial was in Old Troy cemetery.

Perry is survived by his widow, Mrs. Eula Hicks Perry; five sons, James Owen, Bobby Joe, Jesse Wayne, Charles Floyd and Carl Edward; two daughters, Mrs. Mary Jane Lofton, Virginia Beach, Va., and Sharon Kay Perry, Monticello; a brother, three sisters and 11 grandchildren.

LEE H. HUSKEY



Lee Hill Huskey, a retired District 3 maintenance employee and a Blevins, Arkansas town alderman, was killed in a tractor accident at his home on Saturday morning, June 12. He worked for the Department 26 years before retiring in 1964. He was a Baptist.

Funeral services were conducted June 12 in Bruce Memorial Methodist Church of Blevins. Burial was in Sweet Home cemetery east of Blevins. Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Hautie Wardlaw Huskey; a son, Gary W. Huskey, Luling, La.; a daughter, Mrs. Carole Hash, Luling, La.; a brother, Harold, Highlands, Texas; two sisters, Mrs. Thelma Black and Inez

Huskey, both of Texarkana, and four grandsons.

HULON M. OYLER



Hulon Moore Oyler, 508 Jackson Street, Mountain View, a retired equipment operator for the Highway Department, died March 30. He was 62 and had accumulated 23½ years' service prior to retirement in October, 1969. He was a member of White Water Baptist Church. Funeral services were held April 2, with burial in Flatwoods cemetery.

Oyler is survived by his widow, Mrs. Frances Parks Oyler; three sons, Dale, Cincinnati, O., Gene, Brevard, N. C., and Jack Oyler, Atlanta, Ga.; a daughter Helen Ann Oyler of Mountain View; four sisters and five grandchildren.

FRED LIPE



Fred Lipe, age 70, of Havana died Saturday, June 5. He was foreman of the West Memphis weight station at the time of his retirement in 1965. He was a native of the Chickalah community near Dardanelle.

Funeral services were held in the Havana Church of Christ on Monday, June 7. Burial was in the Havana cemetery with Cornwell Funeral Service of Dardanelle in charge of arrangements.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Alma Kyles Lipe; one son, Donald of Havana; two brothers, Marcallus of Charleston and Barney of Cedar Creek; one sister, Mrs. Edna Weddle of Napa, Calif. and three grandchildren.

JOHN F. DANNER, SR.



John Francis Danner, Sr., 79, 1511 West Arch Avenue, Searcy, died May 18. A 32-year veteran of the Highway Department, he was an equipment super-

visor in District 4 prior to his retirement in 1959. He was a graduate of the Mechanical Engineering College of the University of Arkansas and a World War I veteran. He was also a member of First Baptist Church of Searcy.

Funeral services were held May 20 with burial in Memorial Gardens of Searcy. Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Della Curtis Danner; a son, John F. Danner, Jr., Searcy; four brothers, Lee, Tom and Robert, all of Elkins, Ark.; three sisters, Mrs. Ellis Bell of Fayetteville, Mrs. R. H. Fallin, Corcoran, Calif., and Mrs. Cecil Fitch, Hindsville, Ark.; and four grandchildren.

RAYMOND H. RONGEY



Raymond H. Rongey, 52, Route 4, Searcy, died Sunday, July 25 after a brief illness. He was an employee of a center stripe crew in the Traffic Division and had worked for the Department almost four years. He was a 20-year veteran of the Air Force.

Funeral services were held July 27 in Daniel Funeral Chapel at Searcy with interment in Gum Springs cemetery.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Jessie Fay Duncan Rongey; a son, Stanley Rongey of Searcy; two daughters, Misses Hollis Dean Rongey, Conway, and Susan L. Rongey, Searcy; four brothers and five sisters.

LUTHER BEARDEN



Luther Bearden, 75, 1188 College Avenue, Batesville, died July 16. During the 27 years of his employment with the Department he had worked as a resident

engineer, location engineer, district engineer, maintenance superintendent and was a negotiator in the Right of Way Division at the time of his retirement in 1963. He had attended Arkansas Tech at Russellville

and was a civil engineer.

Bearden was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Batesville and the American Legion and was a state officer of United Commercial Travelers. He was in the Submarine Service of the U. S. Navy Reserve for a year during World War I.

Funeral services were held in First Presbyterian Church on July 17 with burial in Oaklawn cemetery. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Martina H. Bearden; two sons, Luther Bearden, Jr., Batesville, and Jim Bearden, Bartlett, Tenn.; one brother, four sisters, and a granddaughter.

EMPLOYEE KILLED IN ACCIDENT



Carl Gene Pitts, 29, of Onia (Stone County) was killed in an accident while at work on Highway 5 south of Mountain View on Thursday, July 8. He was crushed between a motor patrol and dump truck. Pitts was a truck driver who had been employed by the Department one year and two months. He was a native of Stone County and a Baptist.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Norma Trammell Pitts; a daughter, Cindy Ann Pitts of the home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Pitts of Newnata; two brothers, Roy Dean Pitts of Mountain View and Ronnie Lee Pitts of Newnata; three sisters, Mrs. Darlene Smith of Fifty Six and Mrs. Maxine Trammell and Mrs. Irene Jordan, both of Newnata.

Funeral services were held in Oak Grove Baptist Church at Newnata. Interment was in the church cemetery by Crouch Funeral Service of Mountain View.



While the camper-outers, swimmers, skiers and sunbathers have been having a heyday of fun-in-the-sun, hot-house flowers like me who can blister while sitting by a window on a cloudy day are counting the days until summer and it's chief helper — daylight saving time — are over and done with for another year.

Ferol Jones, Director Goodman's faithful secretary, was pleasantly surprised one morning when Delta Airlines' District Sales Manager Wallace Harmon and Mrs. Yvonne Phillips, also a Delta employee, arrived unexpectedly and presented Ferol an award called the "Order of the Flying Orchid". . . in recognition of her support and continuing good will of Delta Airlines." She received a gift jewelry box bearing an engraved plate stating her membership and the date. In order to receive the award, a person must be nominated by a Delta employee.



Harmon presents the award to Ferol.

Several of our "Highway children" made outstanding records during the 1970-71 school year. Kenneth I. Roy, son of Vershel Roy in Computer Services and

Mrs. Roy, graduated from Hall High and received one of the 31 major awards granted to that school's seniors — a scholarship in fire protection engineering to Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago.

Thomas Lewis, son of B. C. Lewis in the Economics Section of P & R and Mrs. Lewis, was one of 27 Catholic High seniors to receive a college grant. Tommy received two, one from the University of Dallas and one from the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology. He will use the University of Dallas scholarship.

Former Accounting Division employee Barbara Bueter's son Randall won a \$9,800 scholarship to Washington University. He also graduated from Catholic High.

Sandy Cagle, daughter of Bldgs. Maint. Supt. Gene Cagle and Mrs. Cagle, was one of the ten top honor students in a graduating class of 211 from Mabelvale Junior High.



Sandy Cagle

Sheila Blankenship was in the building for a little visit one day while in town for a dental appointment. Her husband was transferred to Russellville and they are now settled in a house there but we still miss her cheerful countenance from next door to the Magazine office. She is now secretary to one of the deans at Arkansas Tech.

Rachel Simmons happened to be on vacation when her birthday came around. It also happened that she was chosen Secretary of the Day. So, her co-workers called her to come out to the office to see her flowers, courtesy of a local radio station, and to be honored with cake and coffee. The ladies also took her to lunch

but it turned out that she worked almost all day. The folks in Reproduction used the occasion to declare Section Head Allen Dunn Boss of the Day. He even had a boutonniere to prove it!



Rachel and Allen enjoy their "day."

Donna Spraggins of Malvern who replaced Sheila in EEO, took the giant step Friday evening, July 30. Our congratulations and all that stuff for many happy wedded years. A few days before the wedding Donna was the honoree at an office shower hosted by the girls in Final Estimate Section from whence Donna transferred. She received lots and lots of pretty and useful gifts to make that household drudgery seem like what it ain't.



Donna, left, Debbie Barnes, Katherine Jones, Vicki Arthur (seated) and Laura Malone look on while Ann McLain tries to dislodge a card bearing the name of whomever gave her the recipe file in which the name was stuck to the bottom.

We also miss seeing pert little Debbie Barnes around the building. Her husband was transferred to Alabama on short notice and Debbie was gone almost before we knew it.

Nebraska Draughter, our faithful mail-

man for several years, was here from Susanville, Calif. where he now lives and visited at the building one day.

Maintenance retiree Ceceil Byrns had a really serious bout with a deep-seated lung infection which kept her hospitalized almost a month earlier in the summer. Her complete recuperation will take several months. (See her note on page 46.)

The Johnny Longcoys have gone to Minnesota for a month's visit. The L. M. Elledges left July 26 for a tour of Germany and the Scandinavian countries. He was by the Magazine office just before they left and said they almost went on a tour that included Morocco and had they gone, they would have been in the country at the time of the attempted assassination of King Hassan II on July 3.

Freddie Pulliam, retired from Roadway Design, was visiting in the building a couple of weeks ago. He looked thin but perkier after a re-diagnosis of his condition revealed that the existing condition can be treated with medication much more effectively than the condition as first diagnosed.

I was over at Johnnie Beavers' house one night and showed him and Molly the new Highway movie. He had several new jokes to tell me, per usual.

We miss the cheerful face of Charles Faulkner, a short-term mail delivery man who resigned to accept employment in the post office. But we are glad to have Larry Foreman as his replacement and he makes such a handsome mailman. Larry Jones now handles the mail between the buildings, the capitol and the post office. He is out and away from the building so much we don't see much of him.



Our Larrys - Foreman, right, and Jones.

Calvin Collins of the Supply Room took a week's vacation in July and took his family to Six Flags. Our sympathies to Calvin, who lost his grandmother a few weeks ago. She was especially dear to him.

Nancy and Kenny Sipe vacationed a week to, from, and in Dawson, Nebr., Kenny's old stomping grounds. They also visited friends in Kansas City. We keep hearing glowing reports of the good work their daughter Connie is doing in her LPN training at Baptist Medical Center Nursing School. It goes without saying, that's a tough field which requires a lot of midnight oil. Connie plans to work as an LPN while studying art at the Memphis Art Academy.

Susan Patterson took off a couple of days in July to attend the Passion Play at Eureka Springs and said she found it to be very interesting.

Aleen Boysen Faulkner and Marvin left Friday, July 30, along with a bunch of other Shriners and wives, for London. They also planned to visit Paris before they returned. Oh, these gadabout retirees!

Frank and Ceil Newsham have had visits from two of their daughters and families this summer. Deanie and family were here from El Paso July 4th weekend, and Frankie, her husband Mike and baby Michelle were here from Lincoln, Nebr. the week of July 25. Frank and Ceil had planned to take Frankie and Mike to Dogpatch. So, wouldn't you know it - the only rain we had in Little Rock since July 4 came while they were here - every day while they were here - dawning bright and clear on Saturday, the 31st, the day they left. Oh, well, maybe next year, Frankie and Mike.

Ferol Jones is enjoying visiting various ABWA chapters in her capacity as regional vice president. The courtesies extended to her as a V. I. P. are some reward for the efforts exerted in campaigning for the office.

We are glad to see Frank Vozel of the Traffic Division back on the job. He found the Marines to be not quite his cup of tea and resigned, ha. Frank had just finished the engineer-in-training program and settled down to his assignment in Traffic

when called for basic training in the Marine Reserve.

A countenance we were very happy to encounter one day last week was that of former auditor Bill Pilcher who looks marvelously well despite the fact that he has not been. Come back again anytime, Bill.

District 8 Engr. John Price was telling me recently that he and Mrs. Price are parents at last! It seems that their nephew has come to live with them while he attends Arkansas Tech. John is not at all sure whether he is up to playing father of a college freshman. No doubt about it, John, they can carry you pretty fast.

Floyd Pharris of Computer Services received his 15-year service certificate to the toast of cake and coffee the morning of July 15. It was presented by Computer Services Chief Pat Huddleston.



Pharris, right, and Huddleston.

Geraldine Kissire's daughter-in-law Pat and her two adorable children were out at the building to eat lunch with Gerry one day recently. Never saw two more charming youngsters.

We're so sorry that Patsy Roling's health has made it necessary for her to resign. Patsy had been here a long time and will be missed by many employees and friends. We wish the best for you in improved health, Patsy.

On June 28, Helen Hackett and Ken Brock were presented service awards by Chief Counsel Thomas Keys. Helen, Mr. Keys' secretary, received a 15-year award. Brock, a staff attorney, has completed five years.

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Brazilian Engineer Visits AHD



Carlos Lima, left, with Joe Foster of the Advance Planning Section of P & R.

Carlos Lima, director of the State Highway Department in the State of Piaui, Brazil, spent a month here studying and observing the preparation of plans, specifications and contracts on construction projects, and advance and current planning methods being used by the Arkansas Highway Department.

Lima's visit in Arkansas, June 21-July 23, was part of a six months' study tour in

the United States arranged through the Agency for International Development. He came to Arkansas from North Carolina and left here for Oregon, where he hoped to see his first snow on the ground. The State of Piaui (Pee-'ow-ee) in northeastern Brazil is near the equator.

Lima, whose complete name is Carlos Wagner Leopoldo Lima, is an engineer and has over 1500 employees under his supervision. He said the land area of his state is approximately three times that of Arkansas' but there is a total of only 3,000 miles of roads, compared to Arkansas' 13,151 miles. Of the 3,000 miles in Piaui, only 150 miles are paved. Automobiles average one to each 30 people.

Lima, 29, is married and the father of a 2½ year old son. A most charming and polite young man, he said he was very favorably impressed by the courtesies extended to him while in Arkansas.

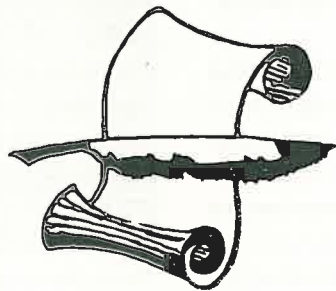
WHO IS IT?

Last issue's Who Is It? was Lucille Huffstutlar of Reproduction. Her identity was correctly guessed by Gerry Kissire of Construction and two other people whose names we cannot recall, due to the notes having become misplaced.



May 19, 1971

Letters



*State Highway Dept.
Little Rock, Arkansas*

Dear Sirs:

After traveling Highway No. 167 in northern Grant County, I would like to commend you on the work being done. The work has added to the natural beauty of the area and also to the safety of travel. The workmen have been so very courteous to the public that it makes our travel far more enjoyable.

Thank you for your kind consideration and your endeavors to establish beautiful roads.

*Sincerely,
Pegi Bunch
Route 1, Box 240
Sheridan, Arkansas*

May 3, 1971

July 20, 1971

Mr. M. C. Peevy, District Engineer
Arkansas State Highway Department
Fort Smith, Arkansas 72901

Dear Mr. Peevy:

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to you for the fine job you did for us on Highway 71 between 7th and 8th Streets. This is going to not only help us in our beautification project but also make these school crossings much safer. We appreciate your promptness in starting the work to coincide with the other work we are doing on the streets adjoining the Stilwell School grounds.

This has been a project that has received full cooperation of the City of Mena, Polk County officials, civic organizations and, in fact, the entire area. Thanks again for your cooperation.

Sincerely,
S. L. Inlow, Superintendent
Mena Public Schools

Mrs. Maebelle Whisenant
President, Mena Garden Club

August, 1970

Dear Mr. Kessinger,

I received my purse in the mail this morning and I could never express my thanks enough.

Our family was on vacation in Arkansas and stopped in Sheridan to visit some friends. I laid my purse on the back of our car while we were standing talking and forgot to pick it up. We were very upset but I really didn't think I would find it. I couldn't really give up because I have a six-year-old daughter with a bad bladder and kidney trouble. On July 30 she had her third minor surgery performed and these pills determined whether or not she would have major surgery.

We really enjoyed our vacation to Arkansas and met many, many wonderful, friendly people. Among these people I didn't meet was a very honest outstanding man, Mr. Doug Nielson. I sincerely thank each of you who had something to do with returning my purse.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Claudell Schlegel
Box 564
Electra, Texas

(The above letter was directed to Bob Kessinger in the Research Section of P & R. Doug Nielson was a summer employee who found Mrs. Schlegel's handbag while working in the area. The pills to which she refers were in the handbag. Ed.)

Mr. Ward Goodman
Director of Highways

Dear Mr. Goodman:

The people of Son's Chapel community certainly appreciate your prompt reply to the request for the "Church 45 MPH" signs and the erection of these signs along Highway 45 East. There surely was no delay and we feel they are already being observed.

I personally would like to thank you for this and for all favorable actions on former requests sent in by me and also for the fine new highway seal.

Yours very truly,
Curtis S. Crouch, Supt.,
Son's Chapel Sunday School
Highway 45 East
Fayetteville, Arkansas

August 11, 1971

Arkansas State Highway Dept.
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sirs:

I had the pleasure of vacationing in your state this past week. We covered several areas of the state. I would like to give a word of thanks for the job you are doing in maintaining the highways of your state, certainly remarkable due to the many different terrains and adverse conditions which I am sure you must face.

On my return home I had the pleasure of traveling your I-40 from Little Rock to Ft. Smith. A magnificent (sic) highway in every respect. Just one question? Why must one leave this wonderful highway and drive through three or four small towns on two lane roads meeting large trucks and sharp curves and etc. I am sure you are aware of these conditions. Surely the economy of these small towns isn't the reason. Except for a fruit stand maybe I see nothing they have to offer the motoring public. Certainly hard to leave a wonderful highway that from all appearance is complete and take this alternate route.

Planning to return soon and hoping to see these barriers removed. Again thanks for a job well done.

Sincerely,
Bill Parker
517 South 37 West Ave.
Tulsa, Oklahoma

(continued)

June 12, 1971

State of Arkansas

Dear Sir:

The wife and I just returned from a nice trip from here to Atlanta via several of your fine southern states and really enjoyed your fine hospitality and friendliness (sic). Your part of our country was surely beautiful at this time of year.

We are all very much concerned about pollution (sic) and litter at these times and it surely comes home to all of us at different times and ways. One thing that came to our attention was the litter on your highways, not cans, bottles or paper but Coon and Possum. Now this problem is similar to ours with rabbits and deer but it must be that we have enough Foxes and Coyotes to clean ours except the deer which the highway crews dispose of.

If these were disposed of before becoming a large grease spot and sometimes a road hazard I'm sure that especially our women and children would enjoy your scenery even more.

Sincerely,
Arthur Miller, Mayor
City of Steele, N. Dakota

(How about those Code 33's, D. E.'s?)

Highway Department, District 4
Fort Smith, Arkansas

Gentlemen:

I hope you will be able to help me with this unusual request. Recently, while traveling to Little Rock on Highway 40, I was impressed with the beautiful ground cover planting along the road and I wonder if you would be kind enough to send me the name of this type of plant. I have a large bank on my property that needs this type of quick cover, low maintenance plant and this certainly looks like it would fill the need.

I am enclosing an envelope for your reply. Thanking you in advance for your help.

We retired to this area recently and wish to compliment the Highway Department for the great amount of progress that the road system has shown in only a few short years. Several years ago, we traveled through Arkansas when there were only a very few good roads. Now it is hard to find one that is not in very good condition.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Mary C. Musgrave
Box 231
West Fork, Arkansas

(The ground cover referred to is red top and crimson clover. Ed.)

Service Awards Changed to Annual Event

One of the best testimonials to what a good place the Highway Department is to work is the increasing number of employees who have long years of service. It has been the practice of the Highway Commission for the last several years to invite employees who have completed 25 years of service and each five years over 25 to come to Little Rock on the Commission meeting day in the month of their employment anniversary to receive a specially prepared framed certificate and lapel pin presented in behalf of the Highway Commission.

Last year the Commission began to present retirement certificates to those employees who reached mandatory retirement age with 25 or more years of service as a means of saying a final thank you for their long years of dedicated work. The number of persons receiving awards averages from 6-8 each month and with a full afternoon of delegation hearings, the presentation of awards must necessarily be brief. In order to give more time to the presentations and to honor the employees in a manner which the Commission feels they deserve, a special meeting has been set for December 15. At that time all those employees who are due awards after July 1 will receive them.

The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the main building and all family members, friends and retirees are invited to attend the presentations. Those employees who are to receive awards will be notified well in advance of the meeting.

GOLF FEVER HIGH



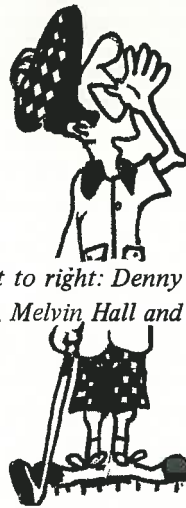
"Scramble" winners, left to right: Denny Hamilton, Jerry Bobeck, Melvin Hall and Wayne Major.

After a Spring "scramble" tournament in which 56 pros and duffers from the Department and their invited guests participated April 30 – May 4, golf fever was running at an all-time high among AHD employees by the time for the summer 4-Ball tourney.

In the scramble tournament the best ball of the team was used and all four players of the team hit from that location. The tournament was played at Riverdale.

Jerry Bobeck, Melvin Hall, Wayne Major and Denny Hamilton won first place with a 15 under par for two rounds. McArthur, Ronnie Wehunt and Ronnie MacSmith at 6 under.

All rounds of the 4-ball tournament were played on War Memorial Course. For



about five weeks, talk of the tournament could be overheard everywhere — in the halls, in the elevators, in the cafeteria, and to and from the parking lot — as enthusiasm and the spirit of competition grew. Twenty-three teams, divided into three flights, entered. Bob Narrell and Marlin Powell won the championship flight, and Jim Lowder and Bob Mattox won the first flight. Winners of the second flight were Jim Tucker and George Thweatt.

Narrell and Powell beat Lowder and Mattox in the play-off for all-round champions. Tucker and Thweatt came in third. Trophies were awarded for first, second and third places.

Thirty-four birdies were made by 18 players during the three rounds. Dick Jones, Frank Newsham's partner, made the only eagle. It was on the 7th hole. Jim Lowder had the low net score, 178, and Ronnie Baker of FHWA had the low gross, 222. Susan Patterson and Betty Wiggins were the first lady duffers to enter an A H D tourney. (Where are the rest of you lady golfers?)

RADFORD WINS BOWLING ROLL-OFF



Jerry Conway, only AHD employee on Radford's team.

Radford Equipment Company's bowling team with whom Jerry Conway of Computer Services plays, won the first half of the 1970-71 bowling season and then defeated the second half winners, Secondary Roads, in a 3-games-out-of-5 roll-off for the championship.



Secondary Roads' team, left to right: Jerry Bobeck, John Sage, Ron McConnell, Dale Loe and Max Hall.

All of Secondary Roads' team works in that Division except Dale Loe, who is in Bridge Design. He bowled the high game, 256. Jerry Bobeck had the high series over average, +138. Ron McConnell received an engraved belt buckle for bowling a 278 at Pike Lanes in North Little Rock on July 21. After 8 consecutive strikes, he left a single pin in the ninth frame, spared,

threw two more strikes in the 10th frame and left another single pin on the last ball. The 278 game was the highest bowled in the Central Arkansas Bowling Association during the 1970-71 season.



M&T's employee team members, left to right: Jim Reynolds, R. C. Turney and Joe Magness.

M&T won the high team series with a 3,136 and Roadway Design had the high team game with 1,091. Don Galloway of Right of Way, a member of Roadway's team, bowled the high game over average, +96.

The Season for Brides

COTTON-HARSH



Mrs. Jim Cotton

Miss Molly Harsh, daughter of Commissioner and Mrs. John Harsh of Magnolia, was wed to Jim Cotton of Paris on Saturday, August 14 in the Magnolia Church of Christ. The bride was given in marriage by her father. Mr. and Mrs. Harsh were hosts for a home reception.

The couple are living in Fort Smith where the bridegroom is associated with Ryder Truck Rental. Mrs. Cotton is teaching in the public school system.

MARTIN-SPRAGGINS



Mr. and Mrs. Glen A. Martin

Miss Donna Spraggins and Glen Alan Martin were married in Second Baptist Church of Malvern at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, July 30. The bride is the secretary to Frank Newsham of the E.E.O. Section. Their parents are Mrs. Robert Spraggins and the late Mr. Spraggins and Mr. and Mrs. Royce Martin, all of Malvern.

The bridal couple are living in Geyer Springs Apartments at Little Rock. Mr. Martin is employed with Arkansas Power and Light Company.

SPENCER-MCKENZIE



Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Spencer, Jr.

Miss Diana Lynn McKenzie and William Roe Spencer, Jr. were married July 24 in the South Meridian Church of God in Anderson, Indiana. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. McKenzie of Anderson. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Spencer, Sr. Mrs. Spencer, Sr. (Joyce) is secretary to the Highway Commission.

The couple are residing in Anderson where he is a senior at Anderson College majoring in sociology. Gick and Joyce drove up for the wedding.

RAMBO-LIVINGSTON

Miss Cindy Livingston and Don Rambo were married Friday evening, August 27 in the Church of Christ at 44th and Potter. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Livingston of Little Rock and Mr. and

Mrs. Don A. Rambo of North Little Rock. Mrs. Livingston (Madge) is employed in the Radio Central Section of the Maintenance Division. They are residing in Little Rock.

SMITH-JONES



Mrs. Fred Smith

Miss Evelyn Janice Jones and Fred Vernon Smith were united in marriage Saturday afternoon, August 14 in Baring Cross Baptist Church in North Little Rock. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond W. Jones. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Smith. All live in North Little Rock. Raymond, chief of the Final Estimates Section, gave his daughter in marriage.

They are residing in North Little Rock. Mr. Smith, a graduate of UALR, is a teacher in the Pulaski County Special School District. Mrs. Smith, a graduate of ASU, teaches at Rogers Hall of the State Hospital in Little Rock.

LITTLETON-BECK

Miss Carolyn Beck and Herb Littleton of Little Rock exchanged vows at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, July 24 in the Student Union Chapel of the Baptist Medical Center at Little Rock. She is the daughter of Hempstead County Area Foreman and Mrs. W. C. Beck of Hope.

Mrs. Littleton, a graduate of Hope High School, attended SCA and graduated from the Arkansas Baptist Hospital School

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DEPARTMENT NEWS



BRIDGE DESIGN

by *Wilkie Whitmire*

Howdy! Tain't much of nothin' happened in this here division since the last time I set a spell with you'all.

Back last month we all took us a fishing trip down at old Washita. We all had us a good time; lucky thing was me and old Carl Petz went, for me and him caught enough fish to feed the hole pack Saturday noon. Twern't bad, tho — all the other guys caught two fish that weekend.

We sure do miss "sweet thing" Betty Claude since her retirement. We got us a new secretary, tho. Name's Bonnie Wesson. (You know — the one who runs over policemen.)

By the way, if anybody is going on one of them there cookouts, I have a fellow who can really cook 'em up good. Harry Densmore — bestest cook I ever been out with.

Guess you'all know bossman Dale Loe got a trophy for knocking down the most of them pins in a boling game. Him and John Sage got a trophy cause their team came in number two in the Highway League. Guess they will be joining the tour perty soon.

Say, we got a sure 'nough seleberty in our squad. His name is Johnnithin Sage. Suppose you'all read where he done knocked one of them golf balls in the hole in only one knock. Yessir, ole John done got a hole-in-one at Rock Creek! Guess he will go pro, now.

Well, till I get to see you again, you'all come to see us.

COMPUTER SERVICES

by *The Staff*

We've had graduations, a wedding, and a few vacations in our division as of this

writing.

John Minor, Anne and Earnest's son, graduated from Parkview and plans to enter UALR this fall.

Sue and Bill Riffin's son Duke, graduated from Catholic High School, and is a lifeguard at Aqua Park for the summer.

Vickie Lynn Shelby, daughter of Roy and Dorothy Shelby, won an all-expense trip to Miami and a three-day Freeport-Nassau cruise after graduating from Metro High, June 2.

Congratulations to all these young people!

Now Jo and Merle Young's daughter Debbie not only graduated from McClellan High but she topped it off by marrying Glenn Rice on June 4. Best wishes to the happy pair.

Judy Lawrence is sporting a beautiful tan she acquired while taking in the sun in Florida. Judy is also the proud owner of a new Vega, since the middle of May.

Barbara Smith and family went to Gatlinburg, Tenn. the first week in June. "Lovely and restful" was Barbara's description of that section of the country.

Carolyn Reddin had a week off just visiting and talking with her relatives from Houston, Texas. Knowing how much Carolyn enjoys talking, we know she had a good time. (All in fun, Carolyn!)

Roy and Mrs. Shelby and son Doug enjoyed the week of June 1-7 in Dallas visiting relatives and attending a rally at the Dallas Memorial Auditorium the night of June 3. They really enjoyed their new 71 Impala on the trip.

Evelyn Handley spent her vacation time at home with her husband and daughter. She said they had a nice time and enjoyed the fishing they were able to do!

Jim Stringer's wife Judy is recuperating at home after an operation. Jim says she's doing fine now and we hope she continues to do so!

We had a potluck dinner last month.

The girls in the office cooked and treated the boys to a delicious meal — now it's their turn to do the honors!

John Carter is away at camp — Chaffee, that is. He's spending some time for Uncle Sam.

The rest of us are anxiously waiting for our vacation time to come around so we can tell you all about our trips.



MAINTENANCE

by *Melba Shepard*

Greetings from the Maintenance Division! Since the last publication, I have transferred from Procurement to Roadside Development and want the Maintenance crew to know I love 'em.

Our sports enthusiast, A. J. Robertson, has been having a field day. He landed an 11½-pound walleye — on a fly rod, no less! And for the benefit of the skeptics, he has a picture to back up his story.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fulton celebrated their eleventh anniversary this month. Daughter Cynthia thought it would be "neat" if they all went to the Bonanza, but for once, Bob isn't talking. He didn't say how they celebrated the occasion.

The family of Gene Watlington and the entire Maintenance Division would like to express our appreciation for the kind words and thoughtful deeds shown in the passing of our friend.

Our man of fashion, Bill Bosley, recently attended the Indianapolis 500 and reportedly had a very enjoyable time. Next time you see Bill, inquire as to which of the more fashionable hotels he patronized while in the big city.

On April 27 Bridge Maint. Engr. John Hall received his 20-year pin. Mrs. Hall joined us in cake, coffee and chit-chat. We congratulate you, John, on your 20th anniversary with the Highway Department and also on having such a charming wife. May you have twenty more. (We don't mean charming wives!)

We welcome Jim Tucker to our division. Jim, who has been maintenance superintendent for District 1, will be

servicing as State Highway Maintenance Inspector.

The girls in the Maintenance section have been showing a great deal of verbal concern in regard to Mack's health. Has anyone heard if his back problem has improved?

J. C. Perkins has recently made a big move. He and his family have moved from Oaklawn to McCain, a couple of blocks down the street.

Gerald Sisk and his wife have just returned from a fabulous three weeks vacation to the Virgin Islands. They visited their son and his family who live on St. Croix. Gerald's son is operator of the Smithfield Mill Restaurant and Bar.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Stewart are presently on vacation at Yellowstone National Park and are coming back by way of Las Vegas.

Madge Livingston's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Burrows from Texas, visited Madge and her family this month.

Thought for the day: Always behave like a duck. Keep calm and unruffled on the surface, but paddle like the devil underneath.

EQUIPMENT SECTION

Two of our Equipment children made real outstanding records as seniors at Jacksonville High School this year. Both Wilma Jean Padgett, daughter of Avalee Padgett, and Aundra Kay Harden, daughter of Parker Harden, were among the ten outstanding seniors.



Wilma Jean Padgett Aundra Kay Harden

Wilma Jean was Miss Jacksonville High and a cheerleader co-captain. She was also chosen to represent Jacksonville school as an "Outstanding Teen-ager of the United

States." Wilma plans to attend Arkansas State College at Conway.

Aundra Kay graduated as an honor student. She was captain of the Devillettes, who were selected the best drill team in the nation at Santa Monica, Calif. earlier this year. She plans to attend UALR this fall. Her father is an equipment operator at Central Shop in Jacksonville.

Erma Halford is patiently awaiting the stork. A shower was given in honor of the event before Erma left.

Three of our employees — Jack Price, W. W. Yancy and W. E. Ripberger — recently retired. We wish all three a very happy and rewarding retirement.

Peggy Rainey is the summer girl in our office and she has caused quite a stir. Peggy plans to attend the University of Arkansas this fall.

Donna Bunger and husband Ronnie have been on vacation. They went to Atlanta, Ga. and stayed at Stone Mountain Inn and toured parts of Tennessee. By the picture they brought back, they must have had a marvelous time. We're all real jealous.

MATERIALS & TESTS

— by *Sibyl Maddox*

Welcome to our summer employees. We are glad to have you with us. To R. J. Hammack, Hugh Battershell and Elaine Roberts, our returnees, we are glad to have you back.

Our new employees are R. W. Sneed from Quitman and James R. Tanner, both engineering aides in the Asphalt Lab; Raymond Hickey from Little Rock, engineering aide; Arthur Johnson from Lonoke, chemist; and Mike Taylor, who has transferred from District 2.

Edwin A. "Sonny" Wilkinson of Paragould, a materials inspector, has retired after 17 years and 8 months of service. A party was held in his honor. Delicious refreshments were served and a gift was presented to Mr. Wilkinson. Division Engineer Joe Magness made the presentation. Edwin is a former mayor of Williford in Sharp County. Mrs. Wilkinson and many

of Edwin's friends attended the party.



Edwin Wilkinson, left, and M & T Engr. Joe Magness.

Congratulations to John Storey of Fort Smith. John, also a materials inspector, was awarded his 20-year service pin and certificate on June 23. Punch and cake was served.



John Storey, right, receives award from Division Engr. Joe Magness.

Wedding bells rang June 18 for R. J. Hammack. He was wed to the former Ellen Elizabeth Adkins at the Washington Avenue Methodist Church in North Little Rock. Congratulations to you and your bride, R. J.

Barney and Mrs. Phillips are quite proud of their little Erica Lynn. Barney works in the Cement Lab.



Erica Lynn Phillips at 4 months.

By the time you read this our cute little summer employee, Elaine Roberts, will be a bride. She and Stuart Sims will pledge their vows August 28 at Lakeshore Baptist Church in Little Rock. Gary Harden, area engineer, will wed Judy Ledbetter of Fayetteville, July 31.

Vacations, Vacations . . . Charlene and B. F. McClain motored to Cottonport, La. to visit Charlene's foster sister and brother-in-law. They also visited New Orleans and adjacent cities . . . R. C. and Georgette Turney went to Norman, Oklahoma to visit son Doug and daughter-in-law Alexa. Both Doug and Alexa are students at the University of Oklahoma . . . Bob Gossett and wife Becky went on a float trip. What fun! . . . Terrell Watts and wife recently went to Indiana to visit his relatives. This reporter and husband C. A. have just returned from a trip to New York, Connecticut, Plymouth, Mass., and Cape Cod. While there we visited Hyannis, Provincetown, Wellcreek, and Dennis Port. In New York we visited Rockefeller Center, Lincoln Center, toured Central Park in a horsedrawn carriage and took a boat to Liberty Island to see the Statue of Liberty.

On arriving in New York we had dinner at Sardi's. This is a treat that cannot be enjoyed too often unless you have scads of money to throw away. We really had a scare on the flight to New York. Leaving on Flight 340 Saturday morning out of Memphis, the 727 had just attained an awesome height of 30,000 ft. when a loud boom was heard, the tail section shook and a sudden drop was felt. Immediately afterward, the pilot informed the passengers that they had lost the number one engine. A return to Memphis would have to be made but in the meantime a quantity of fuel must be jettisoned before a landing could be made. This would be no problem, the pilot said, and sure enough a smooth landing was made. It was a scary sight as the big plane landed and fire engines were standing by with their flashing red lights. They say a bad beginning makes a good ending. How right!

I am sure many more vacations are worth mentioning but some people just

will not let us in on the news. Come on, folks, let's hear more about all of those good times.

See you next month.



PLANNING & RESEARCH

by Janet Billingsley

The P & R Spring outing on June 4, turned out to be a successful picnic. The weather was perfect, the food and attendance were good, and everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves in general.



Steve Benson

Steve Benson has been employed in the Advance Planning Section. He and his wife Linda have two children, a son, King, and a daughter, Brooks. Steve graduated from Arkansas State University with a B. S. degree in business administration.

Legeina Kellar and family have been on vacation. They took an overnight trip to Greers Ferry. While there, they took time to tour one of our highway projects, the new suspension bridge over Little Red River on S. H. 110.

Penny Bullock has been on vacation for a week. She and her family made a trip to Oklahoma.

Hilda Crabb was the guest of honor at a shower given for her the evening of June 18. The storm kept some from coming but those who did make it said they had a good time.

Thelma Jones is back with us after a leave of absence for a broken leg. Better be a little more careful, Thelma.

Mayo White and his family are on vacation. One of their destinations is the

coal mining regions of Kentucky.

Ed Johnson is back to work after a two-week military leave in Albuquerque.

We have a proud mother in Current Planning. June Brown's daughter Renee is a member of Wood Wigglers bowling team who recently won the city tournament for Bantam Girls. Renee is 12 and attends Western Hills.



Renee Brown

Herb Hawn, his wife Betty and their two daughters, Reiko and Rita have recently moved into a new home. Herb is the co-pilot for the Highway Department and also does computer programming for P & R.



Johnny E. Webb

Johnny E. Webb is a new employee in the mapping section. He is a graduate of Horace Mann and has successfully completed a course in drafting at Capitol City Business College. He will be doing compilation and scribing.

Former employee Darrel Dobbins returned to the Mapping Section after hav-

ing worked for Rand McNally Map Co. in Kentucky. While away, the Dobbinses became the proud parents of a baby girl. He says he is glad to be back in the "Land of Opportunity."

Margaret Hudson's daughter Jenny recently attended Girls' State at Camp Robinson. (She was sponsored by the B&PW of Benton.) The girls slept in barracks and ate in chow lines. The purpose is to give the girls a better understanding of our government.

Polly and Robert Cloud recently took a week's vacation. They split up their time between the lake, softball games and the dog races.

Terry Williams, who works in Current Planning, has made two big decisions lately - to get married and to join Uncle Sam in the Air Force, in that order. Terry will be leaving us in July to start his new venture. Lots of luck, Terry.

Brenda and Paul Kirkpatrick have a new car. Brenda thought Paul was buying it for her but Paul is the only one who has been seen driving the pretty yellow Thunderbird. Maybe he will let you borrow it sometime, Brenda.

Margaret and Troy Hudson and their five tax deductions, Henny, Kim, Lorie, Valerie and David, are planning trips to Six Flags and to Lake Ouachita. Swimming, skiing, fishing and lots of homemade ice cream are on the menu for the lake.

Jim Head has had his share of chicken poxs lately. His daughter Dana, received it, then her little brother, Douglas, took it. Daddy managed to escape it but there is always a next time.

Vacations, anyone? Leroy Beckett spent two weeks in Florida, while Pete Benetz went to California. Stella Owen went to Tennessee for two weeks, and Joe Lovell and family are spending their vacation in Germany.

B. C. Lewis and family are on vacation now, floating the Buffalo River. Bet he will return to work tanned and with much to tell.

The Economics Section celebrated John Hume's birthday in June with homemade cinnamon rolls at coffee break time.

Fernie Speight's mother and father brought dinner (fried chicken and vegetables from her garden) plus homemade bread and orange coconut cake. The group was pleasantly stuffed and wished for this occasion more often, all except John that is.

The Smiths, Morris, Mary and Lee Ann, vacationed to Gatlinburg, Nashville and other places in Tennessee, including Rock City. They really enjoyed their trip, according to Morris.

Florence Routh and family spent a few days in Dallas during the month of June. They seemed to have had a lot of fun and received a little sun while away.

The P & R Division has several summer employees, including Tamara Cockman from Benton, Jerry Rogers and Kathy Davis from Little Rock, and Carol Burkhalter from North Little Rock.



Left to right: Tamara Cockman, Kathy Davis, Jerry Rogers and Carol Burkhalter.



Steve Teague

Steve Teague, a new employee in the Advance Planning Section, was married June 11 to Nell Edge of Dardanelle. He is a graduate of the University of Arkansas. Best of Luck goes to Steve and his wife.

We welcome Larry Anger to the Research Section. He has been working in Arkadelphia on the Maintenance Research Program.

On behalf of the P & R employees, I extend a welcome to the new employees and the summer help in our Division.

Alleen Taylor, secretary for Advance Planning, entered the hospital for surgery June 22. She is doing well and should be able to go home soon. Hurry and get well, Alleen.

Dan Morgan received his 10-year pin on the 18th day of June. Cake and coffee was served for this occasion. Congratulations, Dan!

PROCUREMENT

by *Jean Cadjew*

We have two new employees in our division. Clara Jones came to work with us in April. She is married, has two children and is a former Marine. She gets a lot of teasing but always has a pretty quick answer.



Clara Jones

Patricia Ellis, our summer girl, just graduated from Central High and plans to attend UALR this fall.

Al Sacco, whom we introduced you to in the last issue, and his family have recently built a new home in North Little Rock. For the first time in several months, they are all together and about to get

settled. Al gets quite a bit of teasing, too, from fellow workers because he is Italian.

Patsy, Rita and Lem attended Linda Edgren's wedding earlier in June. Linda worked in our division for 3 summers.

Bernie Cox and his family spent their vacation in Florida. They reported a wonderful time although they got homesick and came back before their vacation was over.

Everyone was so surprised one morning, as we thought we had a new man in our division. He was a very handsome, dark-haired young man. Several people came to visit him before we discovered it was Wade. Although he surprised everyone, we turned the table on him and later that day surprised him with cake and punch for his 15th anniversary with AHD. That was the first time anyone had ever seen Wade at a loss for words.

Lem has been taking a day or so of his vacation. He is beginning to talk a lot of his retirement in October. Just think of all the fishing and dreaming he will do. I think the first thing he plans to do is to go to Houston to see that grandson.

Frank Caple played in the Bull Frog Golf Tournament at Wynne earlier this month. He also attended a lecture on magic given by a man from Switzerland.

Lewis Warren's daughter came by for a visit. We thought she was a little girl, but she is a very pretty young lady. Bet her daddy has to chase away a lot of boys from her door.

My husband and I flew to New Mexico the first of the month to attend the funeral of my uncle and grandfather. We were really glad to get back to Arkansas. Everything is so dry and barren there. They haven't had any rain in many places for several months. The first night we were there they had one of the worst sand storms in history. We also took a short trip to Madill, Okla. to attend the Sand Bass Festival. That is a very friendly place. The festivities last for a week and are climaxed by a big free fish fry. You meet people from all over the world there.

Nothing can replace the modern swimsuit, and it almost has!

RECORDS & REPRODUCTION

by *Mary Dry*

There are several new faces in our section. Bill MaGee lives in Benton and is a student at A S U, majoring in accounting. Gail Hines from Little Rock, is attending U of A where she is majoring in anthropology. Bill Kirkes is our new camera operator. We welcome all of these new employees.

We also welcome Angela Vick who transferred from P & R. She is walking around on a cloud because her boyfriend Bill is home from college for the summer.

Mariea Bornemeier's husband Dick has just returned from the Army. They celebrated their third wedding anniversary June 21. Happy Anniversary!

Pete Escarre has a new car — a pretty blue Toyota. A certain P & R employee was giving Pete a little trouble about defective brakes. It turned out that the defective brakes were only on blue Toyotas.

Tommy Daniels entered his guinea pigs in the R. R. C. show at Searcy and came away with ribbons and a trophy. Congratulations, Tommy!

Pat Latson's daughter Vaneesa, and Mary Dry's son Mike were sixth grade graduates in June. Al Dunn's daughter Patty graduated from junior high. Melvin Moss graduated from Metropolitan High School. We had cake and punch to celebrate the occasion.

Mike Dry won first place in the *Southwest Shopper's* clown coloring contest.

Sue Walls has just returned from her much-earned vacation. She and her husband Harrison spent a week at Mountain View, Ark.

Lucille Huffstutlar and Pat Latson have both made trips recently. Mrs. Huffstutlar went to Muskogee, Okla. to visit her 84-year-old aunt. Pat went to California for her vacation.

Gary Kirklin has a new Maverick. Oh yes, girls, Gary is now 22 years old and available for dates.



ACQUISITION SECTION

by *Phyllis Erwin*

Acquisition has lost the services of Mary Ball, who worked in Property Management. Her husband Ron has been transferred to Mena, where he will work as a state trooper. We miss having Mary around.

Refreshments were served and a gift from the Section was presented to her.

We did gain two more employees, however. Max McHaney came to this Section on June 1 from Marmaduke, Ark. and is working as a negotiator. His wife Peggy and their two daughters, Tracy, 10, and Terri, 8, are in Marmaduke.

Lorna Kee, a summer employee who just graduated from Hall High School, is helping in Property Management at present. She plans to start college this fall at the University of Arkansas. A hearty "Welcome" to both Max and Lorna.

Nothing spectacular has happened. Just the usual summer leaves being taken with the usual summer sunburns, mosquito bites, parties which last a weekend, etc. Just the usual summer fun.

APPRAISAL SECTION

by *Jean Barrett*



Ginny Johnson

Jim Johnson's daughter Ginny was elected the Most Model Student of English class at Bryant School, where she

is a ninth grader. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has all A's in English and chemistry.

Jim and his family vacationed in July in Tennessee and Kentucky. They spent the past weekend camping.

The Henry Williamses vacationed in Missouri and reported that they had a real good time. Bryan McArthur said they had another "honey-do" vacation.

Danny Hooten and Wayne Cullins (Rochelle's husband) both attended summer camp in Savannah, Ga. Danny is the son of Herbert Hooten, chief of the Appraisal Section.

Kenneth and Dee McMurrough took a pleasure trip to Atlanta, Ga. to try out their brand new Chevrolet Caprice. They attended a bowling tournament in Atlanta in which Dee participated.

W. E. Hayes attended the annual Laymen's Assembly for the Methodist Church at Mt. Sequoyah in Fayetteville August 7-8. Governor Dale Bumpers also attended as one of the leaders.

We have been honored by visits from retiree Zack Mashburn and Mrs. Louise Hayes. Mr. and Mrs. Mashburn recently visited his son in Washington, D. C.

Charlie and Allena Scott, their daughters and families are enjoying a week's vacation at Bull Shoals.

Charlie and Allena are the proud grandparents of Andy Bemis, born to their daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Ted Bemis who live in Ohio.

Bryan and Billie also have a new grandbaby, Robyn, who was born at Easter. The proud parents are Bill and Alice McArthur of Little Rock.



It's pure horseplay when a guy gets a gift for being a grandfather but Bryan, left, and Charlie, right, did. Herbert Hooten made the presentation for Appraisal.

Rochelle, Wayne and their boys, Clay and Dale, are on vacation this week and plan a trip to Six Flags over Texas. They're really going in style in a new Buick!

Walker Watson's daughter Kathleen Crumby has joined her husband Al in Virginia, where he is now stationed after completing a tour of duty in Viet Nam. Walkers' son James is getting ready for school at State College of Arkansas.

Jim and Kathy Fooks are the proud parents of a darling baby girl born July 22. Her name is Angela Darlene. The proud papa has passed out the traditional cigars. He reports that he has already learned how to change a diaper and fix a bottle (occasionally a 3:00 A.M. one). You can always tell, because he comes in pretty sleepy-eyed those mornings.



Jim Fooks and a gift for his wee one from the Appraisal Section.

This reporter had a very nice beginning to an otherwise regular old Monday morning. When I arrived there was a scrumptious banana nut cake on my desk! — a birthday present from Jim Fooks. He couldn't have brought anything I would enjoy more, because it is my favorite cake.

ENGINEERING
by Ellen Gross

Well, we have quite a bit of news this month. First, we welcome two new employees. Larry Green is 24 and married to a girl from the Panama Canal Zone. They have a little 1-year-old boy, Larry Jr. Larry is originally from Kentucky.

He left there when he was 17 and attended Chicago Academy of Fine Arts for 2 years. He was an Air Police in the Air Force for 4 years. Larry's hobbies are music and free lance painting which he does in his spare time.



Larry Green

Willard Holt is the other new employee. He is 21, married, and originally from Ola, Ark. He attended Arkansas Tech at Russellville for 3 years. His hobbies are any kind of sports but he especially loves motorcycles and basketball. Willard replaces Larry Shelton, who left on May 7 for another job.



Willard Holt



Larry Shelton, right, receives a going away gift from Section Head Glendol Jackson.

Charles Rankin, one of our big boys, weighed 297 pounds the latter part of March and now weighs 245 lbs. He is still losing and is very proud of it. He looks a lot slimmer.

Jim Mode has given up the renting bit and has gone into hock for 7 years for a 3 bedroom mobile home.

Glendol Jackson's daughter Karen graduated from high school and invited him to her senior prom. I would say that is a real sweet daughter and an awfully proud father.

Steve Crook is a partner in a B-Class stock car which they race at the Petit Jean Valley Raceway. They are doing pretty good if they can keep it right side up.

Carl Keehn and wife Janie drove to Chippewa Falls, Wisc. to visit Carl's father who is 90 years old. While in route they visited the Antique Airplane Museum at Ottumwa, Wisc. Carl also brought back some of that famous Wisconsin cheese to share with us. Thanks, Carl.

Fred Williams' son Steve graduated from the sixth grade and received three awards of which he was proud. They were an Award of Merit for co-captain of the Safety Patrol, Outstanding Scholarship award and Best Boy Student award. Steve is also an outstanding baseball player, so Fred should be very proud of Steve.

Neil Gibbs has a new fishing boat but says that it hasn't brought him much luck fishing. He has also been hard at work adding a playroom for this three children on his house.

Charles Edwards has been away at summer camp for 2 weeks. He reports that he really enjoyed his vacation.

Ted Mitchell's sister passed away suddenly of a heart attack and we extend our sympathy to him.

This reporter has been busy carrying her son Rod back and forth to baseball practice and games. His team, Hazel Construction, has an 8-1 record and is in first place. Rod plays shortstop and pitcher, and if I say so myself, he is pretty good. My other son, Jim, is taking guitar lessons and one of these days will probably be another Glen Campbell. We also are

adding onto our house and will be so glad when it is finished. Everything is in such a mess right now.

Vic Winchell and family took a trip to Six Flags and reports a great time.

Ron Johnston just got back from his 2-weeks vacation and said the fishing was terrible.

That covers everyone except Ed Shelton, so I'll mention his name to make him happy.

UTILITIES

by Frank Artz

It seems as if everytime this reporter picks up a pen to write an article, it's about someone leaving the section. B. A. Van Patten, chief of the Utilities Section, left June 17. It's hard to put into words how much we miss him. Everyone, not only in this section, but the Highway Department in its entirety, will be losing a dedicated leader and friend. Van was honored at a bon voyage party Wednesday, June 16 by the division for his 11 years of service. The Utilities Section also had a little get-together Thursday. Van is going into business for himself in Waco, Texas. Good luck, Van and Louan!



Jim Bartlett, left, Utilities Section, presents a going away gift to Alton Van Patten on behalf of all the Utilities employees.

Charles Smothers and his son, Wesley, teamed up to bring home a nice stringer of catfish just right for the skillet. Charlie commented that he and his "fishing" buddy were not through depopulating Arkansas waters, so watch out, my finned friends!

David Pyle attended a two week get-to-

gether that Uncle Sam arranged this summer to help our weekend scouts earn some extra spending money.

The French Quarters of New Orleans will, more than likely, never be the same, now that the Don Juan of the AHD, Buddie Cazer, vacationed there three days and then journeyed to Biloxi a couple more days to attend his daughter Vickie's graduation.

The world's most eligible bachelor, Carl Petz, is and I quote "looking", and I might add hoping. Looking and hoping for what is still a mystery.

Doyle Rowland, the Davy Crockett of modern times, was sighted drifting into the sunset at a well known lake near Benton, trying out his new outboard motor on staying up with those schooling bass. I hear tell he had his wife Zoa, son Steve and daughter Melissa along to boat a few lunkers.

Jim and Wynona Bartlett journeyed to Hector, Ark. to attend a 25-year class reunion. Jimmy was voted to be the one hardest to recognize. It must be that Highway Department life.

This section welcomes a new member to the team, Larry Barnes. He is a June, '71 graduate of University of Arkansas with a degree in industrial engineering. Larry and his wife, the former Miss Linda Randolph, a past secretary in the Right of Way Division, reside in Little Rock. Glad to have you with us, Larry!



Larry Barnes

English is a funny language. A fat chance and a slim chance are the same thing.



ROADWAY DESIGN

by *Benny Robbins*

We have three summer employees with us this year. They are Alex Restum, Steve Prater and Seth McElvaney. We are glad to have all three with us.

It seems like everyone is on vacation but me — of course, they aren't.

We lost Randy Gray, who resigned to join the Air Force. We wish him all the luck in the world.

The rest of us are waiting until the other half gets back to go on vacation.

We in Roadway Design Division had our picnic the 20th of May. It was held at Burns Park and we really had a lot of fun. I think there were 56 present. The food was as good or better than last year's. Everyone who went had a good time.

SECONDARY ROADS

by *Barbara Oldham*

I would like to begin our article this month by saying: "Hi, Jack. Come to see us real soon. We miss you here at AHD."

Shirley Marie Wesson, 19 years old and single, is a new employee working as a clerk-typist in our division. She resides with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Edward, Sr. at 618 Corning Avenue. She has older twin sisters, a younger sister and two brothers. Her last employment was at the Employment Security Division on the Capitol grounds as file clerk. Miss Wesson is a very active worker in her community, working with a Girl Guard and Sunbeam program similar to Girl Scouts and Brownies. This organization is a branch of the Salvation Army.

Shirley enjoys baseball, badminton, cooking and sewing. She also loves camp, and last summer won as A-Ki-Ko-Ka Princess in Stillwell, Okla. She was judged on personality, ability to work with others, participation in sports and pro-

gress in studies at camp. For her gifts she received an Indian headdress, Indian doll, Indian necklace with a dollar coin piece in it and a certificate. She also received a full scholarship to camp this year, but due to circumstances beyond her control (hard at work here in our office) she will be unable to attend. She has a 5 year camp experience record and has worked as a counselor for two successive years.

Miss Wesson is a 1970 graduate of Little Rock Central High School. She received business training at Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC) where she graduated on Thursday, June 24, at McArthur Park's Museum of Science and History Building. WELCOME to our office, Shirley!



Shirley Wesson

Welcome to Andy Rateliff, another new employee in our office. He is 22 years old and a 1967 graduate of Hot Springs High. He won a \$1,200 scholarship and attended Arkansas Tech one year and the University of Arkansas (Fayetteville) one year. Andy majored in civil engineering and hopes to finish school in the not-too-distant future. In September he will be married to Betty Payne from Hot Springs. He loves golf and fishing.

David Covey transferred to our office from Office Engineer. He has a very interesting and unusual hobby. He rides a "chopper" (a 1949 Harley Davidson 74) which he bought a little over 5 months ago. He now has approximately \$1,200 invested in it. It is completely legal and

safety inspected. He did all the work except for having the engine rebuilt. When the bike is not locked up in his storage room, it is kept within sight and running distance in the event someone attempts to "borrow" it.



Diane and David Covey

David's wife 18 year old Diane, rides his first bike, a 650 Triumph. He also did all the work on it and has approximately \$1,300 in it. At a contest held in connection with the premier of a bike movie, "Hard Ride", Diane's bike took 3rd place, received a 2½-foot-high trophy presented by the star and the producer. They take camping trips as often as possible because both bikes are completely dependable. They have been to Lake Ouachita, Heber Springs, Memphis, Newport and Hot Springs, and are planning to go out of state on their vacation. David's parents and in-laws come in handy as they watch the children while David and Diane are camping.

David says there is never a dull moment when he is riding his bike. Then he goes on to relate a few months ago as he was on the way home from work a state trooper started following him. David made sure he wasn't breaking any traffic laws but he was pulled over anyway. As David got off his bike and reached for his wallet, the trooper said "Put that away, I just want to look. I'm building up a bike and wanted to get some ideas!" David says it gives him faith in our protectors knowing some of them ride "choppers", too.

Gary McWilliams will be with us this summer. His hobbies include watching girls, swimming, and hunting. He has a bird dog puppy which he is training for some future good hunting adventures.

Gary is single and will return to UALR in September. He is a graduate of Catholic High, 1968 and worked in the Maintenance Division last summer.

TRAFFIC DIVISION

by *Joan Niehaus*

SIGN SHOP

by *Marlene Hogan*

We welcome new employee Janice Hampton. She replaces Julia Hopkins, who has resigned to become a full-time homemaker and mother. And to make sure Janice stayed employed for awhile, her husband Ervin went out and purchased a new Dodge Charger.

Other new employees are William Masie, Jim Majors and Frank Pratt. Majors and Pratt are summer employees.

Well, it's time to dig out the suntan lotion and head out on the yearly vacations. Among those around here who have been down to Florida for theirs are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blaylock.

Henry McCrotty and his family should be down there at this time, getting their share of that Florida sun. Henry feels that his family deserves this trip, since his son recently got out of the hospital after having surgery on a broken nose.

Others who have been hospitalized are J. H. Day, and Mrs. Earl Hillis, who is recovering from surgery. Jack Davis is still in Memorial Hospital in North Little Rock.

Earl Hillis and his brother James H., who is visiting at home while on military leave, have something going. Both have dents in their car fenders. Hope whatever it is isn't catching.

D. O. Hightower's son has been visiting home on leave from the Army before going to Germany.

Middle age is that time of life when you can feel bad in the morning without having had fun the night before.

DISTRICT NEWS



DISTRICT



by *Sharon Bailey*

Congratulations to Elmer Horn on 25 years with the Department; Harlan Grimes and Roy Ward for 20 years; Albert Hodges, Ralph Wylie, Howard Hazel, J. D. Neighbors and Phil Koelzer for 15 years; G. O. Monroe and Robert Stell for 10 years; and Jimmy Osburn, Alton Murrah, Samuel Bumgarner, William Tyler and Billy Karber for 5 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Goodson's daughter Patricia Anne became the bride of Billy MacGallagher June 25 in the Sunset Church of Christ in Nashville. Pat is a freshman at Southern State. Billy Mac is a graduate of Nashville High School and is presently in the U. S. Navy stationed at Memphis. He will complete his tour of duty in August. The couple plans to continue their educations in the fall. Tommy Goodson is an inspector in our Nashville residency.



Mrs. Billy MacGallagher

In a candlelight setting May 15 in the sanctuary of First United Methodist Church of Hope, Miss Mary Lou Huckabee and Ronald Terry Hooker exchanged marriage vows. The couple is now at home

in Arkadelphia, where Ronald plans to continue his education at Henderson. Mary Lou is the daughter of Sam Huckabee who works in our Hope residency.

Bobby G. Haynie of Pine Bluff, a systems analyst in the corporate services department of Arkansas Power and Light Company, has been promoted to long-range marketing planner and transferred to the sales department of the company's general offices in Little Rock. A native of Prescott, Bobby was graduated from Prescott High School and received a BSAE degree from the University of Arkansas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Haynie of Prescott and is married to the former Ida Ray Hamilton of Prescott. Loyd is a retired job superintendent.



Bobbie G. Haynie

Ruel Staggs, Sevier County area foreman, suffered a heart attack recently and is now at home recovering. We wish him a very speedy recovery and hope that he is well on his way to coming back to work when this news is printed.

Jim Foster, who was our permit clerk, is now the Pike County Area Foreman. He took over these duties when Billy Wayne Stewart took a leave of absence due to ill health. We wish Jim the best of luck in his new job.

We enjoyed a fish fry at Hope's Fair Park on June 18, compliments of the Weights & Standards men from Guernsey. As usual, the food was absolutely mouth-watering and a good time was had by all who attended. We girls in the District

office feel honored that they invited us and hope that we can stay on their good side so that they will remember us next time.

Fuel Clerk Vinie Holt came in second in the Singles and tied for second in All Events when the Emmet Women's Bowling Association held its 11th annual city bowling tournament at Gaslite Bowl in Emmet the last of April. I believe if any of you guys are interested, she'll give lessons.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Baucum of Magnolia are proud of their three grandchildren, Angela Kay 8, Clark Alan 4 and Leann Elaine 6 weeks. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Fawcett of Fordyce. C. L. is a Highway Civil Engineer IIB with A. W. Hardy's residency.



Angela Kay, Clark Alan and Leann Elaine Fawcett.



Jimmie, left, and Woodrow Brown, Jr.

Pictured are Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Brown's two children, Woodrow Jr. and Jimmie. Woodrow is a motor patrol operator in Lafayette County. Mrs. Brown wrote the following poem about her sons.

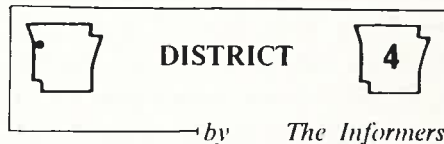
There's two little lads which I adore,
The baby's one, and our little man, he's four.

I am up in the morning, six thru nine,
Boy, I sure do welcome good old bedtime.

All they do is fuss and fight,
From Monday to Monday, morning, noon
and night.

I thank the Lord for our two little lads,
Each and every night when I tuck them to
bed.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to
Floyd Pharris on the death of his mother,
Mrs. Lena Pharris of Friendship.



District Engr. and Mrs. Calvin Peevy and Commissioner and Mrs. J. C. Patterson were among approximately 25,000 people who attended the dedication of the McClellan-Kerr Navigation System at Catoosa, Okla. on June 5. President Nixon delivered the dedicatory address.

A 14.5 mile section of I-40 between the Dyer interchange and S. H. 23 north of Ozark was opened to traffic on June 24. Jack Coleman was resident engineer on the new construction.

Resident Engr. Carl Sanders and his crew have moved to their new office at 1400 South Knoxville, adjacent to the District 4 headquarters in Ft. Smith. Sanders also has a new office girl. Debbie Smith, Miss Van Buren of 1970, reported for work June 22. Along with her other duties, she will be our new magazine reporter. So, all of you employees in District 4 send your news and pictures to Debbie.

Kay Minten, a student at Westark College, is working in the District 4 office this summer. Welcome to both new girls.

Calvin Peevy, Dale Spencer and Jack Coleman are quite interested in baseball this summer; however, I don't think they are bragging as much now as they did earlier in the season. District Secretary Mona Mahl and Roy Clotfelter, carpenter, are coaching teams.

Fred McLaughlin, District equipment supervisor, was honored at a surprise party on his 60th birthday, attended by approx-

imately 50 friends and family members. Fred has enough shirts and a new pair of pants now. Hope you have 60 more, Fred!

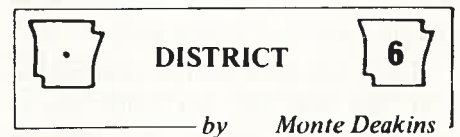
Several of our employees and families are spending weekends camping and fishing. We haven't seen many fish but great fun is being enjoyed by all.

On June 23, the first span of the old Van Buren Bridge (erected in 1912) was exploded. Other explosions to bring down the remaining spans are being scheduled during the next two months. The old bridge has recently been replaced by a new four-lane, high-rise structure. The people doing the blasting work are from Fairbanks, Alaska. The high Arkansas temperatures are a little disagreeable but they have not let it hinder their expert work.

William (Buck) Johnston, Engineering Aide III with Carl Sanders' crew, has been promoted to master sergeant in the Air National Guard.

David Becker and Nancy Cowne were married on Saturday, June 26, at St. Mary's Catholic Church at Barling, Ark. Congratulations, Nancy and David!

Bill Hendricks, while surveying, found a \$50 bill on the roadway. Congratulations, Bill, why can't we all be so lucky!



McConnell's Residency

by Pat Main.

Happy Birthday to C. L. "Dunc" Duncan and A. C. Cunningham on their joint birthday (no celebrating in joints, you guys) July 1. Happy Birthday to Red Merriman on July 20, and also to me on July 23, and if you see a few guys around here sporting "shiners", you'll know they guessed my age right, or missed on the plus side.

May 27 was a very busy day at the McConnell household. Cindy graduated from Sylvan Hills Elementary School in the morning, and delivered the welcoming speech. That same evening Ken graduated from kindergarten at Sylvan Hills Day

Care Center. (They have a lovely sister, Laura, who didn't graduate from anything this year, but she's very sweet.) Cindy will be in the seventh grade at Sylvan Hills Junior High School next year and Ken will be in the first grade at Sylvan Hills Elementary School.

On June 1, Henry Purvis completed 15 years' service with the State Highway Department. Then, on the 6th of June, our boss, Ruben McConnell, joined the elite group of 10 year service employees. We had a safety meeting on June 18 and their certificates and pins were presented at that time. I made a speech, but they promised to do away with me if I repeated it here. So, anyway, we served doughnuts and coffee before we sent everyone out to the jobs.



Ruben McConnell, left, and Henry Purvis pose with their service awards. Perhaps Henry's extra five years is what makes his smile the broadest.

We had a fish fry out at West End Park on June 5. . . but it's such a pretty place I'm not even going to tell you where it is. Everett Faulk of D. B. Hill Co., James Sutton of Bradco and Ben Hogan of Hardy Construction Co. and their families joined us. Kenneth Williams wasn't able to be there — Uncle Sam called him into the service in mid-May, which was a pretty fair excuse. I was however, disappointed that more of our people weren't there. We had plenty of food and fun. Several couples were still cleaning up when the lights went out. Shirley and Leon Trickey did most of the cooking, assisted mostly by Bud and Kay McMillian and Barbara

McConnell. Ruben stood around over there quite a bit, but I think he was mostly sampling, as I didn't see him doing any work.

Verl Ray Gunter from Hazen came back to work for us this summer. Hey, gals, he is single and played football in college last year. We also have two new summer employees — David Wagnon, who graduated from Jacksonville High School in May, and George J. Hill, who plans to continue his studies at UALR this fall. He will become a father for the first time in August, at which time his REAL education begins.

Mike Thompson, engineer-in-training, came to work with us on Monday morning, the 28th of June. I haven't had much time to talk to him but he seems to be a quiet guy. That's probably why he'll only be with us a week. (We have a loud field clerk.)

Our sympathy to Nancy (Mrs. Bill) Terry who lost her father and stepmother in an accident in Missouri on June 15. We sent flowers — which seems so inadequate, I wish to suggest we all take just a few minutes to review our driving habits and as a special memorial, resolve to drive more safely. This would be especially appropriate at this time of year when so many people, even a lucky few of our own, will be on the road at vacation time.

I do sincerely thank my fellow employees for the flowers they presented me on Friday the 18th in memory of my grandmother who passed away on June 16 at the age of 90. My sister and I drove up to Cheney, Kansas for the funeral. There were so many relatives there, from every part of the United States, that Katie and I slept on the front porch in sleeping bags! (Now I'm saving Top Value stamps for some sleeping bags.) My grandfather was 90 on February 2, 1971 and is in good health, but after 66 years of marriage we all realize he's going to be lonesome.

Emily Gilbert Badger was born May 1, 1881 near Frying Pan Gulch, Colorado. In 1905 she married a young Baptist minister, Rev. Lew Cass Bennett. She passed away June 16, 1971 after a two months' illness. The funeral was at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday

June 19.

Sunday after church the members of family who hadn't already left for their own homes treated "Papa" to dinner at Cheney's one restaurant (and he managed to get away with the check). With a twinkle in his eye he stood, right after saying grace, and introduced my brother to the 25 or 30 other diners. After he told everyone about Mike's part in rescuing the Appollo 14 Astronauts he added, "And I want everyone to know he's my grandson." I'll always believe Mike's being there was another "rescue mission".

Our regular, Althea Campbell, is home now after spending three weeks in the hospital for surgery resulting from a broken hip. We certainly miss her and wish her a speedy recovery.

You can tell vacation season has arrived. PBX operator Mary Lane had a wonderful vacation with her daughter and son-in-law, Sherry and Gary Cook of Frederick, Md. who were home for two weeks.

Jewell and Katharine Prince flew to New York and spent a week with son Bobby Prince and family and met two of his grandchildren for the first time. They returned via West Baden Springs, Ind. and visited Katharine's daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. David Ross.

James R. Kitchens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kitchens, was married April 2 at Calvary Baptist Church in Warren, to Joy Lynn McKinney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cloyce McKinney. After a wedding trip to Hot Springs the couple are at home in Warren. Chester is an Equipment Operator II in Bradley County.

The Highway Department in Camden has another beauty in the "family". Patricia Rampley, daughter of Opal and Charles Rampley, placed as first runner-up in the Fairview Junior Miss contest. Congratulations to Patricia and her parents. Charles is an engineering aide in Res. Engr. Bob Myers' office. Their son Douglas is in the Army, stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood,

Mo. They are equally proud of him.



Patricia Rampley & Douglas Rampley

Service awards were received by the following employees: 15 years service: Clifford W. Smith, District Shops; John C. Wheelington, Ouachita County; Hershel F. Harwell, Columbia County; William M. Rowland, Jr., Union County; James M. Plum, Clark County, all equipment operators; and Dallas County Area Foreman Harry Castleberry.

10 years' service: Job Supt. William A. Cubage, bridge crew; 5 years' service: Oscar B. Doherty, Jr., Equip. Opr. II, asphalt crew; John W. Sandifer, laborer, Union County; Ralph Toward, parts clerk, District headquarters; David R. Joiner, Equip. Oper. II, Union County; and Virgil L. Rhodes, Equip. Oper. II, Bradley County.

Certificates of Safety for 1970 were awarded the following: Job Supt. J. M. Renfro, bridge crew; Job Supt. W. A. Cubage, bridge crew; Sign Foreman Kenneth W. Dunn; Jim B. Gates, Moro Bay ferry foreman; Res. Engr. James B. Williamson; Res. Engr. A. W. Hardy, Jr.; and Job Supt. George Griffis, asphalt crew.

We welcome to our family Sam Kizer, his wife and young son, who have transferred here from District 4. Sam is a construction inspector in Res. Engr. Bob Myers' office.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson are the proud parents of a new son James Blakely, born May 17. His proud daddy is an engineering aide in Bob Myers' office.

The Highway Department has been well represented at the Pilot Club of Camden in recent weeks. On April 13 District Engr., Coy Campbell, was guest speaker at the club and Permit Clerk M. S. Smith, showed the Highway Film —

“Arkansas Highways — Your Investment.” On May 11, Equip. Clerk Mildred Russ, was installed as the club's 1971-72 president.

Larry Hollis, accountant, celebrated his “40th” birthday (the only one we have at the Camden headquarters — it helps to bridge the generation gap). We helped him and look forward to his next “40th”.



Larry Hollis

Joan Coston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Coston, graduated in June from Hampton High School. Joan is attending college this summer in Nashville, Tenn. Clyde is a carpenter in the bridge crew.



Joan Coston

Another graduate is Glenda Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Parker, District equipment supervisor. Glenda graduated with honors from Harmony Grove High School and was valedictorian of the class.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Griffis are the proud parents of a new boy born June 18. His name is Gary Dale and his proud daddy is a member of T. L. Lindsey's crew.

A hearty welcome to John Watkins, a new employee in Res. Engr. Bob Myers' office. John is a civil engineer, having received his degree from the University of Arkansas in January 1971. His hometown is Prescott.

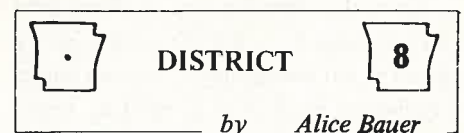
Curtis Lane, son of Mary Lane, was a member of a junior mile relay team that took first place at 2AA State track meet at Russellville and placed at the Meet of Champs at Little Rock.



Curtis Lane

Our sincere condolences to Ray Rogers, Columbia County area foreman, and his family in the loss of his son-in-law, M. B. Lawless.

Until next time, Remember — Drive with “Fender Loving Care.”



On April 23, Dist. Engr. John Price was given a surprise birthday party. Mrs. Price and Mrs. John Sanders, wife of Maint. Supt. Sanders, were present for the party as well as all the office personnel, area foremen, job superintendents, and John Wilhite from the Safety Section at central headquarters in Little Rock. Cake and coffee was enjoyed by everyone. Pictured is Mr. Price being “hand-fed” by his wife.



John Price is not so old as to have to be spoon fed. He and Mrs. Price were just spoofing a bit on his birthday.

Woody Applegate, District equipment supervisor, and his wife Nell recently enjoyed a two-week vacation to the East Coast. Along the way they visited many historical points of interest. They passed through the Smokey Mountains and Shenandoah Valley, and spent a few days on the Atlantic beach. Upon returning, Woody discovered that his office had been relocated, but he seemed pleased with the change, and we're all happy to have him safely home.

Quite a few service awards have been received by District 8 employees during the past month. They include: Job Supt. Butch Cochran, 15 years; Joe Smith, 5 years, mechanic; Elmer Lewis, 5 years, Johnson County; Gary Scroggins, 5 years, Morrilton residency; John H. Gruben, 10 years, Van Buren County; Alton Hallum, 10 years, Yell County; Silas Powers, 10 years, Pope County; and George Palmer, 5 years, District-wide crew. We congratulate these men and hope they stay with us many more years.

Two employees — Elmer Lewis, who worked in Johnson County, and Walter Owen, who worked in the District-wide crew — retired recently. We wish them the best of luck in their retirement.

On the weekend of May 22, Payroll Clerk Donna Hays and her husband Charles, along with several other couples, went to Branson, Mo. While there, they visited Silver Dollar City, toured Marvel and Talking Rocks Caves, and went to the

“Baldknobbers” Country Music Show. They also visited Eureka Springs and saw the “Christ of the Ozarks” statue. Coincidentally, I happened to be in the same area that weekend, and we bumped into each other three times Saturday night. Needless to say, we both returned to work thoroughly exhausted, but we certainly had a good time.

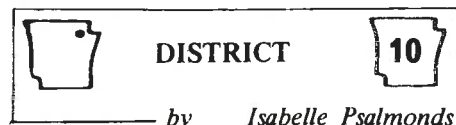
Billy Jack McAlister and Jeannie Hill were wed on May 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the First Assembly of God Church in Russellville. Billy Jack is the son of Job Supt. Bill McAlister and Jeannie is the sister of Donna Hays. Both attend Arkansas Tech, where Billy Jack is a junior and Jeannie is a sophomore. They will make their home in Dover.



Mrs. Billy Jack McAlister

On April 16, Stock Clerk Bobby Lynn Carter was married to Louise Shelton at Dover. They are now living in Russellville. Our congratulations to all the newlyweds.

We wish a speedy recovery to Nioka McCain, who is presently in St. Mary's Hospital in Russellville. She is the wife of Dean McCain, who works in the District-wide crew.



We have had a lot of service awards since the last news. William C. Pillow, auto/diesel mechanic, went to Little Rock

to receive his 25-year award. Those who have completed 15 years are W. R. East and Sam Young, equipment operators at Marked Tree; R. L. Swindle, maintenance repairman at Paragould; and J. H. Burton and Finis D. Brewer, equipment operators at Paragould.

These men received 10-year awards: Galen N. Williams, W. E. Short, Mack W. Brown, equipment operators at Paragould; Storeroom Supervisor N. Dewayne Combs, of Paragould; Engineering Aide III Don J. LeMay, of Jonesboro; and Jacqueline Black, clerk typist in Res. Engr. Cliff Martin's office at Paragould.

Five year awards went to C. C. Bennett and Larry J. Stevenson, equipment operators at Jonesboro; C. E. Dowdy, equipment operator at Paragould; Deward Zumwalt, highway signman at Paragould; and George Powell and Gene W. Davenport, equipment operators at Osceola.

Mrs. Araminta Hays, a teacher at Paragould, brought her civics class out for a tour of the local Highway Department facilities.



District Engr. M. S. Smith explains some of the Department's functions to the students.



Mrs. Hays, standing at the end of the table, and the students observe while District Engr. Smith shows them a mosaic.

On March 31 Floyd Utley, a member of the District-wide bridge crew, retired.

The crew had a get-together and presented him a rod and reel.



Floyd Utley displays his new rod and reel. Standing beside him is Bridge Foreman Lester Wycoff. Other co-workers present are front row, left to right: Jim Farley, Pete Cooper, Ernie Bryson, Webb Wince, Ira Eddings, Marvin Swink, and Otto Morton. The back row, left to right, is L. K. White, Jim Cooper and Maurice Sims.

W. S. Farley brought this picture by to prove that the fish were biting at Beaver Lake near Rogers, Ark. He says his daughter and brother caught the fish but they let him hold them.



W. S. Farley displays catch made by daughter and brother taken from Beaver Lake.

Paragould's Charles Hesselbein shows the first-place trophy he won at Newport recently in the Region 2AA tennis meet. He defeated Al Minor of Newport 6-2, 6-4 for the 2AA title. Charles is the son of Asst. Maint. Supt. and Mrs. Charles Hesselbein. Congratulations.



Charles Hesselbein, region 2AA tennis champ.

Essie Butler, retired bookkeeper, came by to visit us recently. She surely looked sharp. Retirement has certainly agreed with her. She has recovered from her eye surgery and is getting along fine. Come see us again soon, Essie.

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT (continued)



Helen Hackett and Thomas Keys



Ken Brock, right, and Thomas Keys

Thanks to my many friends of the Highway Department for the wonderful gift, the beautiful flowers and the cards you sent to me during my recent stay in the hospital. I have always treasured the friendship of my fellow employees and there will forever be a warm spot in my heart for each of you. God Bless You All!

Cecil M. Byrns

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of Nursing. Prior to her marriage she was head nurse of the Intensive Care Unit at Baptist Medical Center. The groom graduated from Little Rock University with a degree in psychology. He was employed by the Special Education Department at SCA and by the Baptist Medical Center medical laboratory.

They are now residing in Kansas City, where Mr. Littleton is enrolled in the Kansas City College of Osteopathy and Surgery, and Mrs. Littleton is employed by St. Luke's Hospital.

HARDY-McELDUFF

Simplicity was the keynote of the wedding of Miss Ellen Wood McElduff and David Walter Hardy of Wynne at 6:00 the evening of August 7. Plantings surrounding the patio of the Wynne Presbyterian Church created a natural setting for the ceremony. She is the daughter of Mrs. Janet McElduff, secretary to Dist. Engr. Bill Mulhollen, and Alton C. McElduff of Jonesboro. A wedding supper was given by Mrs. McEiduff at her home after the ceremony.

Both bride and groom are graduates of Southwestern at Memphis, where they are now residing. He is employed by Arlington School and Hospital in Arlington, Tennessee.



Mrs. Herb Littleton



Mrs. David Walter Hardy

THIS'LL KILL YA!!

A psychologist, while visiting a kindergarten class, was trying to test the youngsters' power of observation.

"How many ears has a cat?"

"Two!" the youngsters shouted.

"How many eyes has a cat?"

"Two!" was the unanimous answer.

"How many feet has a cat?"

"Four!" the kiddies chorused.

By this time little George was getting tired of what his more sophisticated mind regarded as useless questions. When the psychologist next asked, "How many tails has a cat", he inquired:

"Gosh, mister, ain't you never seen a cat?"

"I'd move heaven and earth to break a hundred," the golf addict bemoaned as he banged away in a sand trap.

"Try heaven," advised his partner."

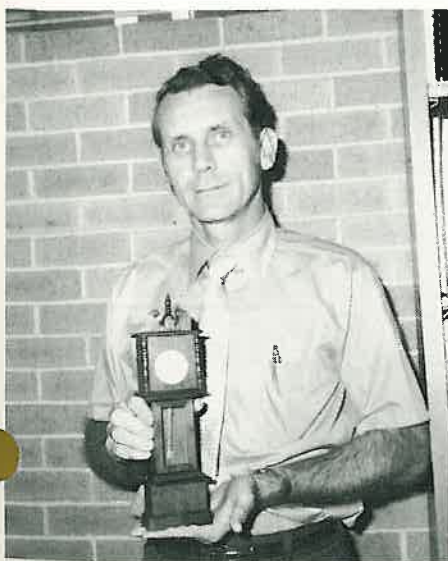
"You've already moved enough earth."

When we were borrowing customs from older cultures, who was the idiot who passed up the siesta?

An airman had to take to his parachute because of engine trouble. On the way through space, he met an old lady floating up.

"Hey," he shouted. "Have you noticed a jet going down?"

"No." yelled back the old lady. "Have you seen a gas stove going up?"



Whittlin' Skill

Bob Kessinger, head of the Research Section of the Planning and Research Division, is a handy man with a pocket knife. He holds a watch case styled like a grandfather clock which he carved from walnut to house an heirloom railroad pocket watch which has been in John Hume's family for almost 100 years. Kessinger said the only tool he used was a

pocket knife. He spent about 125 hours making the cabinet, which features delicate spool work on each side of the watch face. Hume's initials are carved and lettered in gold at the base of the finial. It stands about 10 inches tall.



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Where is it?



Last issue's Where Is It? juts out over the right-of-way on Highway 317 between Millwood Reservoir and the junction of Highway 32 near Fomby in Little River County. No one identified it.