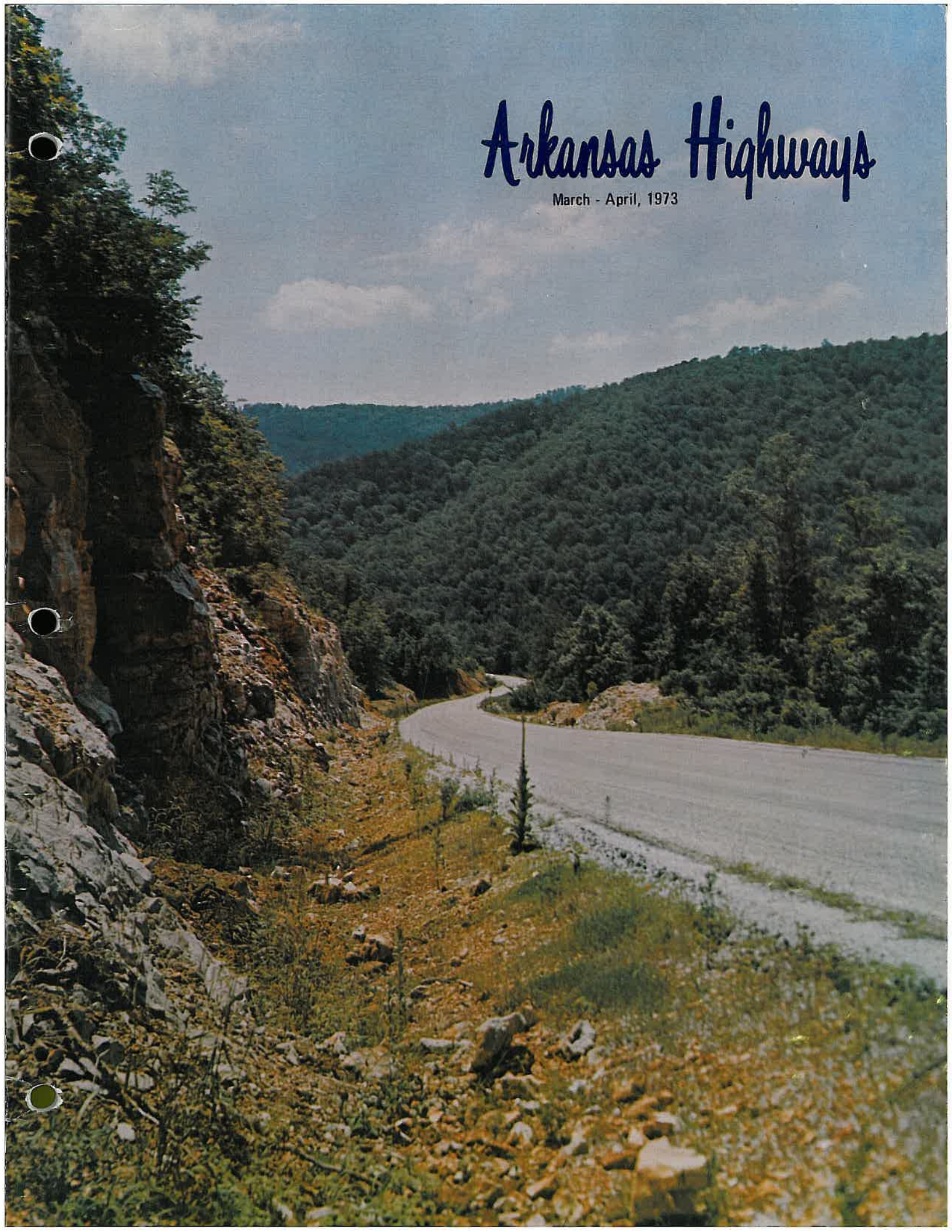


# Arkansas Highways

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# Employees Receive Many Benefits During the 69th General Assembly

*From the Director's Desk*



*Director Henry Gray*

The 69th General Assembly concluded one of the longest sessions in its history on April 5. Out of this lively legislative session your State Highway Department has been provided some progressive programs that will be a real challenge to our state agency to put into operation. Not just one – but THREE major programs were approved!

**First was the \$150 million Annual Construction, Maintenance and Operations Program.**

**The second is a supplementary \$32 million Annual State-aid Highway Program.** This is the first time in the history of Arkansas that a state-financed Secondary Road System has been established. Under Arkansas statutes, the present highway system – approximately 15,000 miles – is made up of primary roads. It was only for the purpose of utilizing Federal-aid funds that the state system in the past has been designated Interstate, Primary, Secondary or Urban routes.

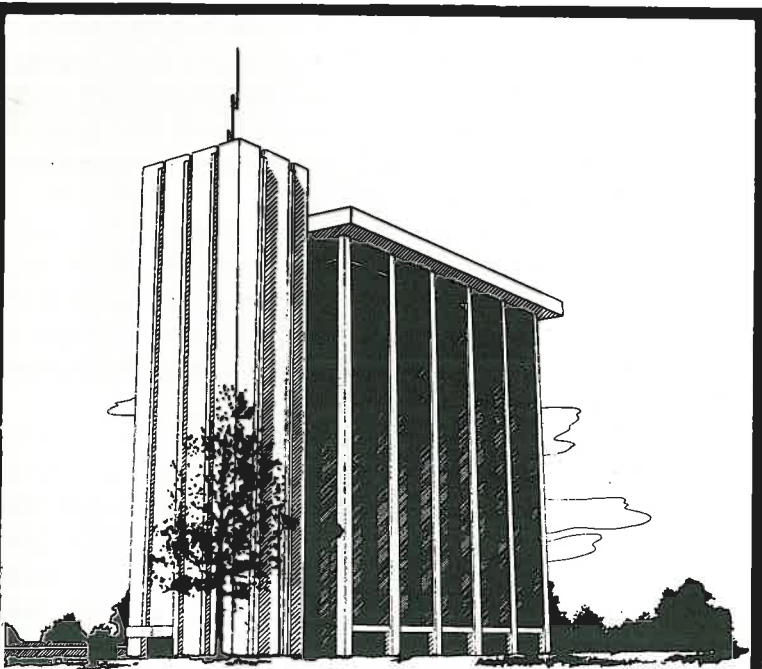
A State-aid Division will be established within the Highway Department in the near future to cooperate with County Judges in selection and designation of a 5,000-mile State-aid System of county roads. A statewide construction improvement on this system of rural state-aid roads will begin shortly thereafter that could reach \$40 million over the next two years!

**The third item of legislation passed by the General Assembly was Senate Bill 388 which designates the State Highway Commission as the official Turnpike Authority.** The bill sets up revised criteria under which major primary arterials with high traffic growth potential may be constructed as toll facilities in the future.

Some of the fine benefits resulting directly from earnest cooperation between your Highway Commissioners and members of the legislature are:

- A minimum wage increase to \$2.12 per hour – an amount in excess of minimum requirements set for this area under the Fair Labor Standards Act. The increase will range from 12 percent for unskilled to 6 percent for skilled labor.
- Provisions to pay time and one-half for overtime work performed by hourly employees.
- A bill to increase the allowable state contribution for State Employee Insurance from \$5 to \$11, making the insurance plan much more desirable for Highway employees.
- A provision to increase the daily allowance for travel expenses.
- An increase in the uniform allowance for uniformed Weights and Standards personnel from \$600 to \$780 per year.
- A \$120-per-year tool allowance for automotive diesel mechanics.
- A \$10,000 payment to a Highway employee, or his survivors, in the event of total disability or fatal injury as the result of an on-the-job accident occurring on a state highway open to traffic. Benefits are retroactive to July 1, 1969.

Your Highway Commissioners and the legislators are very conscious of the needs of highway employees and will continue to provide you with better working conditions and an improved standard of living in the future without personal assessment against the income of employees.



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# Henry Gray is New Director



*Director Henry Gray*

Henry Gray has been selected by the Highway Commission as director of highways to fill the vacancy created by the death of Ward Goodman. Since coming to the Highway Department 11 years ago he has been chief of the Right of Way Division; chief of both

Right of Way and Legal when the two divisions were combined for a time; assistant to the chief engineer, and assistant director for administration and realty. He has been assistant director since the post was created in March, 1970 as the number two position in the Department.

Gray is secretary-treasurer of SASHTO and a member of several AASHO committees. He is chairman of the Highway Department Insurance Committee and a member of the State Insurance Board. He was chairman of the Central Headquarters Building Committee.

Gray came to the Highway Department from the State Game and Fish Commission. During the 10 years of his employment with G&F he was a biologist, assistant Federal-aid coordinator, chief of the Game Division and chief of the Lands Division. He attended Little Rock Junior College and Louisiana State University and graduated from the University of Wyoming with a B.S. in wildlife conservation.

Since coming to the Highway Department, Gray has been responsible for coordination between the Game and Fish and Highway commissions to provide hard-surfaced access roads to game and recreational areas in the state. He is a member of the board of directors of both the Pulaski County and Arkansas wildlife federations. A native of North Little Rock, Gray and his family reside in Lakewood. He is the father of two sons and two daughters.

# Cooper Designated Deputy Director and Chief Engineer



*B. K. Cooper*

B. K. Cooper, a career Highway employee with 18 years' service, who has been chief engineer since February, 1970, was designated deputy director, now

the number two position in the Department. The designation is to establish the line of authority. The assistant director's position will not be filled at this time, according to Commission Chairman Maurice Smith.

Cooper has worked as a traffic engineer, assistant division head of Planning and Research, engineer of Roadway Design and assistant chief engineer. He holds an associate of science degree in engineering from Arkansas Tech, a B.S. in civil engineering from the University of Arkansas, a master's from Purdue, where he studied under a National Fellowship in Engineering.

Cooper is a member of the Highway Research Board, Arkansas and national societies of professional engineers, the Institute of Traffic Engineers, American Society of Civil Engineers, several AASHO committees, and an honor member of Chi Epsilon. He is also a member of Little Rock-South Kiwanis. The Coopers have a son and a daughter.





*Maurice Smith*



*Lawrence Blackwell*

## **Smith Moves Up To Chairman Of AHD Blackwell Elected Vice Chairman**

At their January meeting, the Highway Commission advanced Maurice Smith to chairman of the State Highway Commission and elected Lawrence Blackwell vice-chairman.

Smith, a banker, cattleman and farmer from Bird-eye, was appointed to the Commission in 1965 and has been vice chairman the past two years. A graduate of the University of Arkansas with a degree in science and agriculture, he and his brother operate a 11,000 acre farm in Cross County where they raise cattle, cotton and rice. Maurice Smith is president of the Bank of Cherry Valley and chairman of the Board of the St. Francis Levee District which embraces seven counties. He is also a member of the Board of the Arkansas Livestock Exposition.

Smith is married to the former Alva Jane Murry of Wynne. They have two daughters, Mrs. Jerry Bradshaw of Wynne, and Annette, a student at the University of Arkansas; and one son, Maurice III, affiliated with the Cherry Valley bank. The Smiths are members of Wynne Presbyterian Church.

Blackwell, a Pine Bluff attorney, is beginning the sixth year of a 10-year term on the Commission. He previously served as a commissioner from May, 1958 until January, 1961.

A 10-year veteran of the State General Assembly, he helped author the amendment which bears his name, the Mack-Blackwell Amendment. He served as president pro tem of the Senate in 1955.

Blackwell is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and Harvard Law School. He is a former city alderman and mayor. Presently, he is a member of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce and Arkansas Power and Light Company. Blackwell is a Shriner, a Scottish Rite Mason and a former Potentate of Sahara Temple.

Mrs. Blackwell is the former Mai Banks of Dumas. They have two sons, Dr. Banks Blackwell, a Pine Bluff orthopedist; and Allan Blackwell, affiliated with a Little Rock real estate firm; and one daughter, Mrs. Ann Sullivan of Louisville, Ky. The Blackwells are members of Lakeside Methodist Church.

# WARD GOODMAN 1908-1973



*Ward Goodman*

Director of Highways Ward Goodman died Thursday, March 15 at the age of 64. He collapsed about 10:45 a.m. while testifying before a legislative committee in the old Supreme Court room of the state capitol. He was rushed to Baptist Medical Center nearby but died shortly thereafter.

Goodman, one of the nation's most eminent men in the highway field, spent virtually all his career in highway building, and had received many awards and honors for service and his contribution to the industry. Upon reaching minimum retirement age, someone asked him why he didn't retire. His answer was, "What would I do?"

Goodman was born in Tennessee but came to Little Rock with his family at an early age. He attended Little Rock public schools before enrollment at the University of Arkansas, where he was graduated in 1930 with a degree in civil engineering. He was first employed by the Highway Department as a summer employee in 1927 while still in college. After graduation he joined the Department as a full-time employee and was made an inspector of the bridge being constructed across Ouachita River at Calion. Later he worked as an instrument man, resident engineer (which included supervision of the Memphis Bridge) and bridge designer before promotion to Engineer of Bridge Design. That position was followed by promotion to chief engineer in 1955, and director of highways on January 1, 1967.

At the time of his death, Goodman was president of the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO) and vice president of the American Association of State Highway Officials (AASHO). For the past several years Goodman had served on the AASHO executive board, the Planning and Design Policies Committee and the Standing Committee on Bridges and Structures, of which he was chairman.

Goodman was a registered professional engineer and an active member of the National and Arkansas professional engineering societies and a past president of the Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers. He was an honor member of Chi Epsilon, academic engineering fraternity, and Little Rock Engineers Club. He was a member of the College of Engineering Hall of Fame at the University of Arkansas and held the Thomas H. MacDonald Award from AASHO for outstanding achievement in highway administration, engineering and research.

Last year he was recognized by the American Institute of Steel Construction of New York for exceptional achievement and creative contribution to



the art of steel construction. The award was based on design and construction of bridges built by the Highway Department under his guidance. He was also listed in "Who's Who in Engineering." During the World War II years he was a supervisor for the J. A. Jones Construction Company, builder of the Atomic Energy Commission plant at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.


Goodman was interested in Scouting throughout his lifetime and held the Silver Beaver award. He was a former member of the advisory board of the Quapaw Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. He was a Shriner and a member of the Consistory. Diamond Charter Chapter of American Business Women's Association selected him as their "Boss of the Year" for 1963. He was a former member of Hi-Noon Toastmasters and was awarded a special plaque in December for his contribution to toastmastering.

At the time of his death Goodman was president of the Old Goat's Birthday Luncheon Club, a purely-for-fun group of 12 friends, all past age 60, whom he thoroughly enjoyed. The Club meets once a month at various restaurant and clubs for luncheon to honor the member whose birthday occurs that month but in a reversal of tradition, the honoree treats all the other Club members. In observance of an agreement among the Old Goats, the other members of the group were his pallbearers.

Funeral services were conducted at Ruebel Funeral Chapel in Little Rock on March 17, with interment in Roselawn Cemetery. He is survived by his widow, the former Mamye Gerald, one son, William Ward, Jr. and three grandchildren.

Both the Senate and the House of Representatives passed memorial resolutions in respect for Goodman's service to the state.

The excerpts at right are part of many tributes paid Goodman since his death.




A Ward Goodman Scholarship fund has been set up for the School of Engineering of the University of Arkansas. At press time contributions of \$1,108.50 had been turned over to the University. Others who wish to make a contribution may contact or mail a check to Mrs. Ferol Jones, Arkansas Highway Department, P. O. Box 2261, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203.

*The esteem of Ward Goodman's professional colleagues has been expressed over the years in various honors tendered him . . . These recognitions brought honor not only to him but to the Arkansas Highway Commission and the entire state as well. Ward Goodman was a worker. And whether the streets in that place are paved with gold or portland cement, whether the bridges are cantilever, single span or truss design, it is certain that the "Bridge Man" will be on the job. .*


*We, the members of the Arkansas Highway Commission, cognizant of the esteem of Ward Goodman's colleagues and the people of the State of Arkansas, do hereby express our personal admiration for the achievements of Ward Goodman during his lifetime and cherish his memory as a friend.*

*Arkansas Highway Commission*



*Ward was 'Mr. Highway' of Arkansas . . . I never knew an administrator with as much knowledge of the affairs of their business as he had . . . He was dedicated to getting on with the business at hand, which was to him to make Arkansas highways the best anywhere . . . His friendship, guidance, and advice were invaluable to me . . . Because Ward Goodman lived, all of Arkansas is a better place. The lives of its people have been greatly enriched because he was here.*

*Maurice Smith, Chairman,  
Arkansas Highway Commission*



*When William Ward Goodman was taken from us by death on March 15, 1973, we in the Rotary Club of Little Rock, lost a friend, and Rotary, as an organization, lost a member who personified its ideals . . . Ward truly lived the motto "Service Above Self" in having served the people and the State of Arkansas for some 38 years in various capacities in the Highway Department.*

*Little Rock Rotary Club*



*In the presence of H. B. 278's sponsors, Governor Bumpers signs the bill into law. With him are left to right: Commission Chairman Maurice Smith, Senator Max Howell and Representatives Wayne Hampton, Frank Henslee and B. D. "Doug" Brandon.*

## ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS 3 WAYS TO GO

*Editor's Note: This is the first in three part series on construction programs in operation or available to the Highway Commission.*

### ACT 445

Even before the 69th General Assembly went into session on January 8, it was a foregone conclusion that highway financing would be an important item of business, since Congress made no Federal-aid appropriation to the states last year for highway construction.

Several bills to produce more highway revenues were introduced early in the session but the three most significant ones to the Highway Commission were H. B. 283 introduced by Representative John E. Miller, H. B. 254 introduced by Representatives Roger Logan and Frank Henslee, and H. B. 278 introduced by Representative Doug Brandon and Wayne Hampton, a former Highway Commission chairman.

Most of the provisions of the Logan-Henslee and Miller bills were incorporated into the Brandon-Hampton bill and after a stormy legislative career, the measure emerged as Act 445, the *1973 State-aid Road System and Accelerated Highway Construction Program Law*.

Beginning next July, the Highway Commission will begin to receive funds from the federal *State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972*, already known simply as revenue-sharing funds. The first \$18 million received each fiscal year will be supplemented with all revenues **in excess of \$7 million** derived from a 1 cent per-gallon increase in motor fuels tax and an equivalent increase in permit fees for LP gas users. The money will be used for projects set up in the Six Year Program and improvements on some of the 900 miles of roads added to the State Highway System mileage by the passage of Act 9 (to be discussed later in the series.)

In fiscal year 1974 (July 1973-June 1974) the one-cent increase is expected to bring in an estimated \$12 million, meaning that revenues in excess of \$7 million will be about \$5 million. The counties will get the first \$7 million for the new State-aid Road System.

### STATE-AID SECONDARY SYSTEM TO BE ESTABLISHED

In all probability, establishment of a 10,000-mile State-aid Road System is of more lasting importance. The new system will be comprised of county roads functionally classified as major and minor collector routes feeding into local trade areas or into state highways, and will incorporate all Federal-aid secondary routes not on the State Highway System. The law also provides for a continuing program of construction and improvement of the new system.

Mileage on the State-aid System, to be set initially at 5,000 miles, will include all County Federal-aid secondary routes. Allocation of mileage among the state's 75 counties will be as follows: (1) 2,500 miles divided equally among the counties; (2) 1,250 miles based on area ratios; and (3) 1,250 miles based on rural population ratios. The mileage may be extended by 1,000-mile increments to a total of 10,000 miles.

Constitutional jurisdiction of the County Court will not be affected in regard to the SAR System but designation of mileage and improvement-program scheduling will be handled cooperatively by the County Courts and State-aid Engineer to be appointed by the Highway Commission. Funds for improvement projects on the State-aid Road System must be matched by the counties on a 60%-SAR/40%-County ratio.

Four million will be transferred from the surplus in general state revenues during fiscal 1973 to finance the SAR improvement program for the first two fiscal years.



# 1973 Tourist Maps Ready For Distribution

The first printing of the 1973 Arkansas Highway Department's tourist map is now available. This year's map cover is strikingly different. The usual rural highway scene has been replaced by an urban setting where night lights and skyscrapers are prominent in the blue-toned night time-exposure of the North Terminal Interchange in North Little Rock where I-30 merges into I-40. Inside pictures are scenes of I-40 near Ozark in western Arkansas and Highway 7 along DeGray Reservoir near Arkadelphia.

The most important added feature of the map is numbering of exits on the interstate detail on the backside of the map and in the municipal insets. The motorist should familiarize himself with the exit numbering system and learn how to use it, since the system is required by the Department of Transportation and will be used uniformly nationwide as soon as all states have the signs and mileposts installed.

## IMPORTANT POINTS OF UNDERSTANDING ABOUT EXIT NUMBERING

Two of the most important facts to know about the exit numbering system on interstate routes are: (1) the zero points are the western and southern boundaries of the state; and (2) the exit numbers reflect how many miles a particular exit is from the zero point. Exits ARE NOT numbered numerically. For instance, the Markham Street interchange in Little Rock is the 48th exit from the zero point at Texarkana but the interchange is No. 141-A because it is 141 miles from the zero point. (West - and southbound traffic will need to read the signs in descending order.) Therefore, the motorist traveling the highway may note that he is passing Exit No. 14 and expect the next number to be 15 but it won't necessarily be. Unless there is an exit one mile beyond Exit 14, there won't be a No. 15.

The elongated green signs with the word "Mile" and a number posted each mile along the interstate

routes tell the motorist exactly how many miles he is from the zero point ON THAT PARTICULAR HIGHWAY. Note changes in highway numbers because turning onto a different interstate highway will mean a change in the milepost sequence. For instance, turning off I-40 on Exit 277 at West Memphis onto I-55, the next exit number the motorist will see is No. 7 because I-55 exit numbers begin at the Mississippi River bridge. Interstate milepost signs are reflectorized and large enough for the numbers to be seen 500 feet away.

DON'T JUST LOOK AT YOUR MAP —

READ IT!!

Since the tourist map shows all highways in the 14,625 mile state highway system, it has become the source upon which many individuals and organizations rely for dependable travel facts and statistics. For that reason, the map constantly rises in demand and if printing costs were not prohibitive, many more could be distributed than the 500,000 printed.

Included on the map is a listing of state parks and recreation areas, forest recreation areas, and the accommodations at each location, such as cabins, fishing, swimming, boating, etc. It also lists sites of interest such as parks, monuments and battlefields.

The section entitled "Information You Need to Know . ." tells drivers what the legal speed limit is, what to do in the event of car trouble, regulations regarding a stopped school bus, and what to do in case of accident. In that section, also appears a listing of State Highway Department district headquarters, and their phone numbers, and Department of Public Safety district headquarters, their locations and phone numbers.

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# SASHO Officially Changed To SASHTO

BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

During the past several years officials of the Southeastern Association of State Highway Officials (SASHO) have discussed the practicality of embracing all modes of public transportation within the framework of SASHO, including a possible name change. At the SASHO meeting in Daytona Beach last October the Board members voted to appoint a committee to make a study of a constitutional change to effect this thinking. The change was important to SASHO states since four of the 12 member states – Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee – already have a Department of Transportation.

SASHO President Walter L. Revell, Florida's Secretary of Transportation, appointed Emory C. Parrish of Georgia, who had sparked the study, as chairman of the committee. E. E. Boteler, Jr. of Mississippi and Robert F. Smith of Tennessee were appointed to serve on the committee with him.

At the AASHO meeting in Phoenix in November, 1972 Parrish distributed a draft of the proposed constitutional revision to the chief administrative officers of SASHO. Suggestions were made and incorporated into a final draft.

On January 23, 1973 Director of Highways Ward Goodman, the new SASHO president, distributed to member states a ballot and a proposed new constitution which would provide, among other things, that the Association's name be changed to the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and all modes of public transportation be a part of the Association. Bylaws were revised to reflect changes in committee assignments. An Airways and Waterways Committee and a Public Mass Transportation Committee were added to the existing standing committees. When balloting was completed on February 19, the vote for the name and constitutional change was unanimous. Member states were notified of the results and that thereafter the organization would officially be known as SASHTO.

Traditionally the host state chairs the various committees and arranges the program. However, since Arkansas is the host state this year and does not have a Transportation Department, committee chairmen were recruited from outside Arkansas in order to assure quality programs during the initial sessions of the new transportation committees. Paul E. Lee, Director of Planning and Programming for the Georgia Department of Transportation, will chair the Public Mass Transportation Committee. William K. Fowler, Director of Mass Transit for the Florida Department of Transportation, will be in charge of the Committee on Air and Waterways.



## 1973 TOURIST MAP

### READY FOR DISTRIBUTION

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If you want to know where the next roadside park or picnic area is on the road you are traveling, do you know how to find it on the map? The legend tells you that rest areas and roadside parks are denoted by a symbol in the red outline of a tree; the roadside table or picnic area is denoted by a red triangle. National Forest campsites are symbolized by a red tepee inside a red circle. The Great River Road route is marked by a green pilot wheel. Read your map – it contains much information for your benefit!!

Persons wishing to receive a free map may write Map Sales, Arkansas Highway Department, P. O. Box 2261, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203, or ask at the nearest tourist information center.



## ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT ORDERED TO DETECT BRIDGE STEEL CRACKS

The Maintenance Division has purchased two types of highly sensitive, yet simple-to-operate instruments developed to detect minute cracks in bridge steel called "fatigue damage." A crack less than one-half inch is virtually impossible to detect with instrumentation other than the acoustic crack detector (ACD) or the magnetic crack detector (MCD). The ACD system is not an ultrasonic system but it does use the ultrasonic approach.

Both units are compact (about 12 x 15 inches), portable (a lightweight unit worn like a backpack), sealed (unharmful by rain) and safe (operable on a 12-volt rechargeable battery which presents no danger or electrical shock to the operator). The operator's hands are free to move into and away from the inspection area. The ACD unit can be used for eight hours without recharging; the MCD unit about three hours.

The ACD uses a pulse-echo ultrasonic technique in which an acoustic pulse generated by the probe, held in contact with the surface, travels through the steel member being inspected. When a fatigue crack is encountered the acoustic pulse is reflected back, or echoes, from the crack to the hand-held probe; and a digital display of the distance, electronically determined in feet from the probe to the crack, is automatically

obtained. The ACD can be effectively used to inspect various bridge details at distances up to 10 feet from the probe, depending upon the surface condition of the steel.

The MCD, which operates on magnetic principles, is used to determine the precise location and dimensions of fatigue cracks. A detailed scan with the hand-held probe is conducted in the region suspected of containing a fatigue crack based on the ACD survey indications. As the probe encounters a fatigue crack, a red light is illuminated and an aural tone is activated. They remain constant as the probe scans along the direction of the crack. If the scan path deviates from the crack, the tone and lights go off until the probe is again moved over the fatigue crack.

The instruments were developed by Southwest Research Institute at San Antonio under contract to the Federal Highway Administration. Both have been demonstrated to Highway officials and Maintenance personnel, tested in the Materials and Tests Division and used in actual crack detection on three Arkansas bridges. SRI has already been testing the units for almost two years and many faults and weaknesses in the systems have been worked out. The refined processes utilized by the detectors can detect bridge faults which could possibly cause a structure to collapse as did the Silver Bridge five years ago, prompting each state highway department to launch an extensive and intensive bridge inspection program.

## Streamlined Maintenance Program Under Way

In January, 1972 the Highway Department put into action a maintenance management system designed to establish a more systematic method for planning and determining priorities in the performance of maintenance work. The system is based completely on planning and scheduling work.

This year the technical part of the revamped maintenance program — that of putting the plan into operation — was begun. Management personnel have been trained in scheduling and reporting. Personnel who actually do the work have been given step-by-step training about how each work function in the maintenance

area is to be done. Schools were held in each district and attended by all maintenance employees. Prepared quizzes were given to employees to ascertain their understanding of the training material.

As far back as 1968 the Highway Department and the Highway Research Board began working jointly on a maintenance management research project to establish a more systematic method of planning and carrying out maintenance work since there has been no substantial increase in the budget and costs continue to rise.

The technical training program, which involved about 1,850 employees, and the actual application of it in the field is the last phase of the research project.



*Maint. Management Coordinator Monte Deakins, standing, instructs a group of District 6 employees.*

# Four Employees Promoted

Highway Director Henry Gray has announced promotions of four administrative personnel to become effective April 16.

Gip I. Robertson, Jr., chief of the Right-of-Way Division, will be promoted to assistant to the Director for Administration. He is a native of North Little Rock and a graduate of the University of Arkansas with a B.A. degree in government. He began a 19-year Highway career in the Accounting Division before being promoted to Right-of-Way. He enjoys hunting as a pastime.

Robertson is married to the former Patsy Mashburn, a science teacher at Sylvan Hills High School. They have a son, Gip Allen, a freshman at Arkansas Tech, and a daughter, Diane, in high school. The Robertsons live at 4509 Locust Street in North Little Rock.



*Gip I. Robertson, Jr.*



Don H. Martin, who has been with the Department 16 years and assistant division chief since 1961, will succeed Robertson as chief of Right-of-Way. Martin has a B.A. degree from Hendrix and is a registered professional engineer. He is married to the former

Ernestine Matkin from Woodruff County. She is employed at Methodist headquarters and is an active member of Highway Dames. The Martins have one son, Dr. William C. Martin II, now doing his residency at the Medical Center. They also have three daughters, Mrs. Anne Crary of Houston, Mrs. Margaret Hurley, a student at the University of Arkansas, and Alice, a student at Pulaski Heights Middle School, and three grandchildren.

The Martins attend Pulaski Heights Methodist Church and reside at 624 North Oak in Little Rock.



*Don Martin*



*Charles Venable*

Charles E. Venable will be promoted to assistant Chief Engineer for Planning. He is a native of Pine Bluff and a graduate of the University of Arkansas with a master's degree in civil engineering. A registered professional engineer and land surveyor, Venable taught one year at the University while obtaining his



degree before coming to the Highway Department in 1959. He has been engineer of Surveys Division since 1967. Mrs. Venable, the former Evalee Harvill of Pine Bluff, is employed by a legal firm. Their son Robert is a student at Hendrix. The Venables are active members of Calvary Baptist Church, where he enjoys coaching a softball team. They reside at 9808 Treasure Hill Road in Little Rock.



*Robert Mattox*

Robert H. Mattox, operations engineer, will assume the responsibilities of engineer of Surveys. He is a registered professional engineer and a career employee who has been with the Highway Department 22 years. A native of North Little Rock, Mattox graduated from North Little Rock High School, attended SCA (then State Teacher's) one year and graduated from the University of Arkansas with a degree in civil engineering. He spent two years in the Air Force. Since employment with the Arkansas Highway Department, he was worked as a bridge designer, assistant division head, bridge maintenance engineer, and District 3 engineer at Hope.

Mattox is married to the former Adelle Smith, also a native of North Little Rock. She is the current president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Central Arkansas Chapter, ASPE, and an active member and past president of Highway Dames. The Mattoxes enjoy golfing in their leisure time. They reside at 14 Diana Drive in Little Rock and have two sons, Mike, a student at UALR and Jim, a student at Hall High.

## COVER STORY

# HIGHWAY 43 WINS SCENIC AWARD

A section of Highway 43, located three miles north of Ponca in Newton County, has been selected as the winner in one category of the Fifth Annual Department of Transportation Awards Competition/1972 – *The Highway and Its Environment*. A photo of the highway was entered in the first category called “Outstanding Highway in Its Rural Setting and Environment.” It is the first time an Arkansas highway has won a first place in the judging. A section of Highway 88 (Talimena Drive) northwest of Mena won honorable mention in the 1970 contest.

The categories, in addition to the Rural setting, are an outstanding: Urban Highway; Bridge, Ramp, Overpass, Interchange Area or Tunnel Approach; Safety Rest Area; Highway-oriented Private Enterprise; Multiple Use of Right-of-Way; Preservation of Wildlife or Natural Area; Preservation of Historic Site; Landscape Treatment Along Roadsides and Interchanges; Screening, Removal or Disposal of Junked Automobiles; and Service Station.

The Department submitted seven photos distributed among three categories. A total of 600-800 pictures are entered in the contest each year. Judges are outstanding environmentalists appointed by the Secretary of Transportation. A formal presentation to the Highway Department will be made later by the DOT representative.

# ACCIDENT PREVENTION HONOR ROLL

## GODFREY'S CREW HOLDS RECORD

A total of 55 field supervisors received certificates of safety because their crews worked the entire 1972 calendar year without a lost-time personal injury or a chargeable accident to a motor vehicle or equipment. Awarding a certificate for each year worked without lost-time injury or chargeable accident was begun seven years ago by the Safety Section to build incentive in using safety practices. The only remaining group which has completed seven unblemished years is Res. Engr. Gary Godfrey's crew of Harrison.

Seven other crews are close behind with six years each. The years are cumulative and not necessarily successive. For instance, a crew could work three years, have an accident or injury the fourth year, work three more accident-free years, and accumulate six years of safe job performance. Thirteen crews completed their first year in 1972.

Godfrey's crewmen are Lloyd Burgess, Jr., Randy Clark, Jay Sasser, Fred Graves, Don Cope, Howard Campbell, Jack Brisco, Leon Brewer, Omel Fields, Nelson McCutcheon, Wallace Harrison, Bill Phillips, Raymond Cantrell, Robert Passmore, Kent Kimes, Junior Horton, Caryl Hathcoat and Marion Downs.



At "parade rest". Front row, l. to r.: Godfrey, Burgess, Clark, Sasser, Graves, Cope and Campbell. Back row, l. to r.: Brisco, Brewer, Fields, McCutcheon, Harrison, Phillips, Cantrell, Passmore and Kimes. Not shown, Horton, Hathcoat and Downs.

Several men working for as long as two or three years without a major accident or injury, handling heavy equipment and performing more or less hazardous duties is no easy accomplishment. Safety doesn't just happen — it must be striven for — by every man in a crew. So, Woodruff County Area Foreman J. L. Carter of McCrory is justifiably proud of his crew, who have completed three safe years, two of them successive. He sent the picture below after Calvin George, maintenance superintendent for District 1, had presented the certificate to Carter and his men.



Front row, l. to r.: Henry Armstrong, J. F. Ashby, Bobby Wright, Wister Morris, Leon Meredith, Freddie Bradley and Carter. Back row, l. to r.: J. C. Freeman, Kenneth Perry, Woodrow Taylor, L. A. Daniels, Ruben Lee, Upton Harmon and Wilbur Wiggins. Crew members not in the picture are J. J. McCabe, Donald Armstrong, J. C. Keen and Gene Taylor.

Others who earned certificates and the number of years are listed below:

District 1 — Res. Engr. C. G. Dunne, West Helena, and Carter, (3).

District 2 — Job Supt. Virgil Green, Pine Bluff (6); Job Supt. Joe Hayes, Pine Bluff (4); Crew Leader A. M. Murphy, Pine Bluff (4); Signman Victor Brown, Jr., Pine Bluff (3); St. Charles Ferry Foreman W. H. Poston (4); Arkansas Co. Area Foreman



Clinton Bohannon, DeWitt (2); Chicot Co. Area Foreman R. O. Jarboe, Lake Vill age (1); Res. Engr. Van Bratton, Pine Bluff (1); Res. Engr. K. F. Tyler, Pine Bluff (4); and Res. Engr. M. D. Bagwell, McGehee (1).

District 3 – Sign Foreman J. W. Barham, Hope (6); Spring Bank Ferry Foreman Hermit Vestal, Doddridge (5); Nevada Co. Area Foreman W. E. Miller (1); Sevier Co. Area Foreman Jerry Whitehurst; Res. Engr. C. F. Mauk, Texarkana (4); and Res. Engr. K. L. Harris, Nashville (2).

District 4 – Sign Foreman C. L. Oliver, Waldron (5); Sign Foreman D. W. Carpenter, Fort Smith (2); Logan Co. Area Foreman J. C. Wingfield, Magazine (4).

District 5 – Job Supt. K. W. Johnson, Batesville (2); Res. Engr. Ralph Wyatt, Batesville (3); Bridge Foreman W. O. Schales, Batesville (2); Sign Foreman A. L. Cole, Batesville (2); Ferry Foreman J. T. Sexton, Magness (1); and Sharp Co. Area Foreman B. J. Weaver, Cave City (2).

District 6 – Sign Foreman Doyle Bratcher, Cabot (6).

District 7 – Equip. Supvr. L. D. Hopper, Camden (1); Sign Foreman K. W. Dunn, Camden (6); Moro Bay Ferry Foreman J. B. Gates, Hermitage (5); and Maint. Supvr. O. A. Reddin, Camden (1).

District 8 – Job Supt. B. R. McAlister, Russellville (2); Sign Foreman Joe DuVall, Morrilton (4); Perry Co. Area Foreman J. O. English, Perryville (2); Yell Co. Area Foreman Cecil Gilmore, Briggsville (2); and Res. Engr. Elmer Smith, Russellville (5).

District 9 – Mech. Supvr. Arvis Clark, Harrison (1); Equip. Supvr. Bill McMullen (1); Job Supt. Paul Bennett, Harrison (2); Washington Co. Area Foreman Bill Hudson, Lincoln (1); Carroll Co. Area Foreman J. T. Fancher (1); Newton Co. Area Foreman Vernie Berry, Deer (2); Peel Ferry Foreman Ruben Hurst (1); Res. Engr. V. O. Selby, Fayetteville (5); Crew Leader J. B. Wallace (2); and Godfrey.

District 10 – Res. Eng. J. M. Garrett, Osceola (4).  
Central Shops, Jacksonville – Equip. Supt. C. B. Brooks (4).

Survey Division Party Chiefs – B. M. Brown, Plummerville (6); G. T. Kirksey, Amity (6); B. F. Prince, Mount Ida (5); L. F. Radford, Beebe (5); J. A. Sims,

## DID YOU KNOW . . .

Arkansas experienced 757 traffic deaths in 1972. We shall do better next year, if we adhere to the following "Ten Commandments for Safe Driving".

1. Thou shall hold nothing but thy steering wheel.
2. Thou shall not make unto thee a god of unhappiness.
3. Thou shall not take the center line in vain.
4. Remember the driver behind, to let him pass.
5. Honor thy father and mother and thine other passengers.
6. Thou shall not kill any pedestrain or highway user.
7. Thou shall not commit drunken driving.
8. Thou shall not steel thy neighbor's eye with thy headlights, nor his ear with thy horn, nor his enjoyment with thy litter.
9. Thou shall not bear false witness with thy turn signals.
10. Thou shall not covet thy neighbor's right-of-way.

*State Health Dept., Division of Emergency Health Services.*

## WHO AM I? I AM YOUR ENEMY.

I am more powerful than the combined armies of the world.  
I have destroyed more than all the wars of the nation's.  
I am more deadly than bullets or missiles, and I have wrecked more homes and jobs than the mightiest siege of guns.

I spare no one. I find my victims among the rich and poor alike, among the young and old, the strong and weak, the high-level and low-level workers.

Widows and orphans know me well.

I rise to such proportions that I cast my shadow over every field of labor, professional as well as non-professional, from the humblest labourer to the nuclear scientist.

I kill thousands of employees every year.

I lurk in unseen places and do my best work silently.

I am relentless.

I am everywhere on the land and sea and in the air, in the home, on the job, on the streets and highways.

I breed sickness, degradation, and death. Yet, few people make a real effort to avoid me, or even take me seriously.

I crush, destroy, maim. I give nothing; I take all.

I am your worst enemy.

I AM CARELESSNESS.

Morrilton (6); Harold Wacaster, Fort Smith (3); and John Taunton, North Little Rock (2).

# Resident Engineers' Conference

The annual Resident Engineer's Conference was held February 14-15 at Central Headquarters. The resident engineer's position is one of the most responsible in the Department since he originates and finalizes all pay documents to the contractor and exercises direct control of all highway construction projects.

Construction Division Engineer John Tallant moderated the meeting where engineers come together to share problems, work out solutions and receive instructions pertaining to changes to record keeping, introduction of new forms, etc. Introductory remarks were made by Director Ward Goodman.

Assistant Construction Engineers H. H. Perkins, Norman Pumphrey, Ruben McConnell and Bob Parker worked for weeks

in advance of the meeting preparing the agenda, developing subjects to be discussed and contacting speakers both inside and outside the Department to participate in the program.

An innovation at this year's conference was a question and answer session which generated enough enthusiasm to warrant making it a regular part of the annual meeting. In late January copies of a Division memorandum were mailed out requesting district and resident engineers to suggest subjects which should be discussed and questions to be asked of a panel. The response was excellent. Subjects and questions received were referred to the Division, Section or person most qualified to answer them and the subjects researched so that informational answers could be given at the meeting in a minimum of time.

Resident Engineer Chip Young showed

a series of slides and movies made during the erection of steel on the I-430 bridge. The massive bridge girders are the longest on any bridge in Arkansas.

Resident Engineer Virgil Shassere discussed construction of the median barrier for the I-55 bridge at West Memphis. The concrete barrier was precast in sections by a firm in Little Rock, transported to the site and set in place without completely closing the bridge traversed by some 40,000 vehicles per day.

Other speakers were Raymond Jones, Joe Magness, Brooks Nichols, Calvin Peevy, Bob Fulton, contractor E. E. Barber, Jr. and Tom Willett of the Federal Highway Administration. Approximately 135 persons attended the conference.

Special guests at the traditional dutch treat dinner held at Magnolia Inn were Commissioners Maurice Smith and James Branyan. J. B. "Bob" Brumbelow, administrator of the State Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, provided the audience with hilarious after-dinner entertainment.



John Tallant



Bob Parker



L. to r: Norman Pumphrey, John Tallant, H. H. Perkins, Chuck McMillen, Gene Ashcraft and Bob Parker.

In session



L. to r.: Maurice Smith, James Branyan, and Jim Lowder.







*Dist. Supvr. Bob Baker, left, and Hope foreman Henry Burke weigh a truck while others wait. Computerized scales lessen waiting time but do not eliminate it.*

## Computerized Scale Speeds Up Truck Weighing



*Reader at close range.*

When a truck rolls up on the scale at the Hope or Marion weight stations, a computer is set in motion which immediately flashes on a "reader" the weight borne by each axle and if the weight officer does not have to ask for papers or other information, the driver can be on

his way in approximately 10 seconds.

Last year the Hope station, located at the Highway 353 (Guernsey) exit on I-30 about five miles south of Hope, weighed an average of 36,000 trucks per month, or 1,200 per day. That's almost as many trucks as there is minutes per day, so that if the traffic was spaced out to come on the scale at one truck per minute, the driver and weight officer would have to complete their business in a minute or less in order to not have a backlog of trucks waiting. The trucks, of course, do not come into the weight station on such a regulated basis; therefore, the most rapid, accurate method of weighing is of great importance.

The reader, mounted on an island by the scale, can be easily read by both driver and weight officer. At the same time, a permanent record is made as a control unit inside the station makes a print-out of the weight information. The Department of Transportation favors computerized scales because of accuracy and speed. So far as Weights officials have been able to ascertain, these are the only computerized truck scales west of the Mississippi River.

Last year someone in the freight business from California apparently made contact with Arkansas' computerized scale for the first time because the cartoon (below) appeared in a west coast publication.

The Lehi station on I-40 west of West Memphis presently handles the largest volume of trucks in the state. Last year it averaged weighing 3,508 vehicles per day. The Marion station, located just north of West Memphis on I-55, was officially opened April 10, so no volume record is available on it as yet. Howard L. Besett is the foreman.



### Drill

...e week before saying that a drill would be  
...e inadvertently alerted on January 31 when  
...went off while being checked out. Everyone  
...then but it took a little longer because of the  
...whether or not the alarm was intentionally

# Maintenance Ladies AHD First



Mrs. Gray, left, and Mrs. Steadman  
Daily Record Photo - Whitehead

Mrs. Rosie Gray and Mrs. Dean Steadman probably never thought they would create so much interest by simply donning a hard hat but ladies in hard hats with "A.H.D." across the front are not seen every day in Arkansas. In fact, they are the first female employees in the Maintenance Division with the exception of office personnel. Consequently, the *Malvern Daily Record* published their picture and news media all across the state made note of it.

Actually the ladies were not employed to paint mailboxes. When the Social Hill rest area is opened for operation very soon Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Steadman will work as attendants. An unforeseen complication arose at the rest area after the ladies were hired so the Maintenance Division is letting them work at painting mail boxes in the area while work is completed at the rest area.



*In session*



## New Auditors



*Paul Plue*

He is married and the father of a nine-year-old daughter and a 14-month-old son. His hobbies are swimming, water-skiing, reading and building model airplanes.

Paul C. Plue comes to the Highway Department from California where he was administrator for Lockheed Missile and Space Company at Vandenberg Air Force Base for 10 years. He is a graduate of Washington University at St. Louis, Mo. with a degree in business administration/

accounting and has been registered with the California State Board of Accounting since 1950. He served with the Air Force from 1942-1946, attaining the rank of major at the time of separation.

Plue and his wife Elizabeth reside in Benton. As hobbies he enjoys playing the organ and piano, reading, socializing with friends and is presently enrolled in the elementary education of how to fish!



# Highway Dames



*In this dinner group are Dames president Donna Bosley, left, her husband Bill, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hall and Sue Rownd.*



*S. H. "Pete" Daggett, left, and F. R. "Red" Oliver.*



*Maint. Engr. Bert Rownd, right, is "telling one" to Mr. and Mrs. Pat Sullivan, left. Bob Mattox gets in on the fun, too. In the background are Rebecca Daggett, Marion Oliver and Donna Bosley.*

The Highway Dames entertained their husbands at dinner at Alamo Plaza Restaurant on February 22. An evening of congenial fellowship was enjoyed by those who attended.

In March the group met for lunch at the Sam Peck and to hear a book review by Mrs. Fred Walker.

They will meet at the Highway Department building for their April meeting on the 19th.

*Left side of table: Adelle Mattox, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Looney.  
Right: Elyeene Gray, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Andrews.*



## Central Headquarters Holds Fire Drill

An unannounced evacuation of the central headquarters buildings was held February 9 to test the evacuation plan which had been developed two years ago. Using a system of floor wardens and alternates, and proceeding along directed evacuation routes, all employees cleared the building in four minutes as the plan was designed to do. A memorandum had

been circulated the week before saying that a drill would be held the next week.

Employees were inadvertently alerted on January 31 when the alarm system went off while being checked out. Everyone left the building then but it took a little longer because of the indecision as to whether or not the alarm was intentionally sounded.

# 30th BIENNIAL HONORS MAINTENANCE MAN

The 30th Biennial Report of the Highway Commission submitted to the General Assembly during the just-completed legislative session highlights the importance of maintenance employees to the Department and to the public as well.

In the centerfold of the report they are likened to the nation's postmen who let "neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor black of night" keep them from performing their duties. The motto fits the maintenance employees equally as well as it

does the U.S. Postal Service. There is no such thing as a road that will not wear out or deteriorate to the point of needing repair, so as the first Highway Engineer, Hugh Carter noted, in the Commission's first report in 1915: "Maintenance of any class of roads requires eternal vigilance.." The situation has not changed except to become more pronounced.

In winter when weather and news forecasters are advising motorists to stay home and off the streets and highways if at all possible, that is the very kind of weather in which many Highway maintenance employees will be working all night, spreading salt or sand and helping motorists in distress.

The colorful report also includes a graphic comparison of the relationship between highway congestion and fatality frequency in the state, a review of accomplishments and activities during the two fiscal years ending June 30, 1972, and a fiscal review and outlook for the future.



## Employee Narrowly Escapes Death

Elbert Evans, 49, of Pettigrew narrowly escaped death on March 29 when the front end loader he was operating toppled into a stream ironically called Dry Creek on Highway 74 about a mile south of Kingston. Evans works with the Madison County crew.

According to Area Foreman Glen Faulkner, Evans had finished putting in fill where recent rains and flood waters had eroded the embankment around the ends of the low-water bridge. He then drove onto the bridge to move a boulder lodged there. When he pushed the rock over the edge of the bridge and applied the brakes, he discovered they were wet and would not hold. Evans shifted into reverse but was unable to stop. The loader

went over the edge, landing bottomsides up in the creek and pinning Evans underneath with only his head and shoulders above water. The accident happened about 3:00 p.m. and the water temperature was estimated to be 35 degrees.

A passing motorist saw the machine in the water and notified Madison County Sheriff Ralph Baker and State Trooper Tom Gray of Berryville. A local physician arrived shortly afterward and plunged into the water to give Evans emergency medical treatment. They and a number of others who assisted, worked for almost two hours before Evans was freed by lifting the loader with a crane. He was rushed immediately to the hospital where attendants were waiting for him. Evans was hospitalized several days but has returned home. He suffered three broken ribs, bruises, shock and exposure.



February 17, 1973

Arkansas Highway Department

Sirs:

Your thought and effort to pave Cantrell Hill, although unfortunate, was splendid and all are to be commended.

Your idea of making this road safer was good and regret it didn't turn out better. Extend my thanks to all concerned and remain,

Respectfully yours,  
H. R. Shannon  
12540 Rivercrest Dr.  
Little Rock

January 13, 1973

Dear Tom:

I want to say a BIG THANKS to the Weights Division of the Arkansas State Police (Black and Williams and the third officer working with them) on the 6th of January, 1973. Our state troopers were covered up with accidents on this date and so was our Fire and Ambulance Department. I would appreciate it if you would see that this letter gets to the ranking officers of the Weights Division.

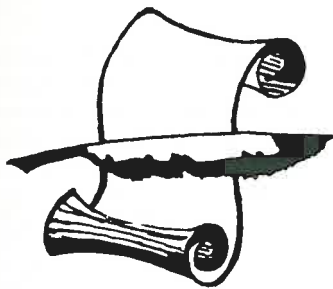
This was during the early busy time on January 6, 1973. (At) 0803 hours (it was) rainy and cloudy (with) rain (changing) into ice on the highways. We recieved a call from the local P.D. for (an) ambulance (to go to the scene of an) accident, PI (persons injured) and road blocked. (parentheses ours. Ed.)

Response from this Department: (Dispatched) 1 ambulance, 1 rescue unit and 1 firetruck. The second ambulance was called later. The fire truck and firefighters were on the scene until the Rogers Gas Company Transport truck was clear of the highway - approximately 10½ hours - and two hours getting back to the fire station. The Weights troopers were on the scene until the highway was cleared.

I want to say thanks again to all the Arkansas State Police.

Sincerely,  
Joe Ford Yeager, Chief  
Siloam Springs Fire  
Department

(Chief Yeager addressed his letter to Major Tom Goodwin of the State Police, however the Weights and Standards Division has been a part of the Highway Department for several years. Black and Williams are John M. Black and Eugene Williams of Roving Unit No. 289 out of Bentonville. The third officer was James D. Blevins, a weight officer at the Springdale weight station.)



Letters

January 17, 1973

Mr. Roy Johnson  
Arkansas Highway Department

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I want you to know of the extreme courtesy and helpfulness shown to me by Mr. Frank McKellar, one of your officers.

One night about 10 days ago as I was returning home from my duties in Little Rock as Legislative Coordinator for the Governor, I had car trouble near the Weight Station in Hempstead County on I-30. Mr. McKellar very kindly helped me with my problems and eventually, when we saw that the car could not be repaired that night, he took me home on his way back to Lockesburg, since his shift was over.

I wanted you to know how grateful I am to Mr. McKellar and your agency for the fine service you are rendering to the public and for the help that he gave me personally. Thank you so much.

Sincerely yours,  
Richard S. Arnold  
Office of the Governor

(Frank McKellar lives at Lockesburg and is half of a roving unit team which patrols in that area.)

March-April, 1973



**I-Goofed Department:** In last issue's story about employees who received service awards at the December 12 Commission meeting, I erroneously stated that Sula Burnham had more years of service at the time of her retirement than any other female employee. Actually Mrs. Inez Royston, who is retired from District 2 headquarters, was employed 35 years before retirement and was the first lady employee to accomplish that seniority. Then, Miss Olive Jackson, retired bookkeeper from the Hope headquarters, retired in December, 1968 with 35 years and 7 months of service. My sincere apologies, Miss Inez, Olive and Sula.

Plaudits to Frank Cagle for his election as president of Maumelle Country Club.

Equip. Supt. Maurice Head presented service awards to two ladies in his office since the last issue. Avalee Padgett received a 15-year certificate on March 30 and Sue Fuller received a 10-year award on April 13. Avalee is the equipment auditor and Sue is a secretary.



Avalee Padgett and Maurice Head.



Sue Fuller

Two Weights and Standards officers have recently received service awards. Samuel Pack,

who has completed 15 years, is half of roving unit No. 296. He and Jan Weinberg work out from North Little Rock.



W&S Chief Roy Johnson, left, presents award to Sam Peck. (Look at the weight Roy has lost!)

Bill Cogburn and W. M. Looney are Roving Unit No. 274 who work out from Mena. Bill has completed five years with the Department and received a certificate in February, presented by Asst. Weights Chief James T. "Peg" Harrell.



Looney, left, Harrell, center, and Cogburn.

Information Officer Bill Looney moved into the office formerly occupied by Director Henry Gray and Ferol Jones is now his secretary. With all the work that swarms the Information Services section and SASHTO looming in the too-near future, he could use about three more. Bill and Charlene's daughter Becky is engaged to Larry Newman of Blytheville. They will be married June 1 in Oak Forest United Methodist Church.

M. M. Brewer, an elderly gentleman who told me he was probably the oldest living retiree from the Highway Department, called March 7 to compliment the magazine. Mr. Brewer, now 82, said he worked in nearly every district of the Highway Department, beginning about the time the Department was established. He resides at 111 Barber in Little Rock.



Helen Hackett and Thomas Keys.

Helen Hackett surprised many of us and decided to take early retirement after being secretary to the chief counsel for 17 years. Legal had a goodbye party for her on April 16, at which time she was presented a gift by Chief Counsel Thomas Keys on behalf of the employees.

Carl Hosack called not long ago for a little chat. He has been retired from Central Shops at Jacksonville since 1962 and is almost 80 years of age, and still playing handball!! He was soon going to Dallas to play in the Master's Handball Tournament for people 50 years of age or more. We should all be so lucky - and fortunate.

An epistle from Babe Williams arrived about press time for last issue. He said he was ice-fishing a couple of times a week and already had his freezer full. He had bought an ice drill and apparently has pretty well mastered the sport of ice fishing.

Charlene McClain, a clerk-typist in the Materials and Tests Division, has completed 15 years' service. The office employees had a potluck luncheon for her "15th birthday." M&T Engr. Joe Magness presented the award.



Charlene McClain

Bud Witter made a quick pass through the building on April 6. It was like opening a door to let in the sunshine. He was looking swarthy and healthy, and effervescent as usual.





Asst. Const. Engr. Bob Parker killed a 22-pound gobbler in Saline County on April 11. Boy, I never saw a guy any more delighted over anything! Retired Bridge Design Engr. L. P. Carlson, with whom I have been doing some choir work at Winfield Methodist Church, tells me he killed two while hunting over on Crowley's Ridge.

Marie Blankenship, secretary of the Safety Section since it was established, was planning to retire the end of April but had to have surgery in March and took retirement then at urging of her doctor. She is getting along well, however. Rachel Simmons has transferred from Reproduction to take Marie's place.

I received a delightful and delightfully-written letter from pretty Maurine Walker who worked for a time next door to the Magazine office with Bertie Carr when Bertie was Commission secretary. Maurine is now employed by the legal firm of Fo'cheh, Hayg'leh, Hahpeh & Reeed (that's Fulcher, Hagler, Harper & Reed in Arkansiana) in Nawth Augusta, S. C., which is just across the Sa-vannn-ahh Rivah from Augusta, Gaw'ja.

Those of you in the main building who did not know Carolyn Halbert personally missed a delightful personality. Carolyn's dry wit didn't show itself all the time but when it did, it was funny. A good example is a memo she wrote to her boss, Arthur Watt, chief of Utilities in Right-of-Way a few days before she resigned as a "sex-re-tary" to be married and become a lady of housewifely leisure as Mrs. Johnnie Ashcraft in Prattsville. The memo reads to wit and verbatim:

"After 13 years things just didn't work out. March 30, 1973, will be my last day here. Actually I quit working January 2, 1973. Please pay me for my vacation and leave my retirement where it is.

There have been some good days and some bad days. The best days were paydays and holidays. This is the only place I know of where a person could work 13 years and not get a promotion.

I'm sure that everyone will miss me more than I will miss you because of my pleasing personality and good looks.

In closing, I would like to say this to all my friends. **BYE.**

You just never can tell what a day's work in this office is going to encompass. The first thing when I got here Monday morning, someone called and said, "Come down to the front of the building and make Gus' picture." I said, "Do you mean Longhorn Gus of bread wrapper fame?" Jane said, that was THE Gus. I said, "What road does he want improved or added to the system?"

Seems that Angela Vick's father, none other than Cactus Vick himself, was making a tour of schools with a representative of the Wonder Baking Company, getting a little publicity for Gus and Mr. Vick wanted Angela to see him, too. Gus is nine years old with a horn span of five feet. Angela works in Reproduction.



Angela temps Gus with an apple.

We have new neighbors on the tenth floor. Gip Robertson and Kay Jones have moved up from the seventh floor after Gip's promotion to assistant to the director. Gip's wife Patsy was one of the lucky \$200 daily winners during Pfeifer-Blass promotion of the McCain Mall opening.



Cafeteria operator Ginger Hart shucks shoes and joins the broom brigade.

A week-long deluge of rain finally backed up in the drainage system and flooded the basement of the main building the night of April 22. When those who work in the basement, the radio room, photo lab, cafeteria and mail room, they found water two inches or more deep even after pumps has been working all night to get it cleared.



## MEMORIES OF MY DAD AND THE HIGHWAY

by Sally Carlson Lindsey  
Minnesota Highways

*My world was made of special groups  
about the age of four  
Relatives came at Christmas  
and neighbors lived next door.  
Churchfolks we saw on Sunday  
In the house that had the steeple  
But the most mysterious group of all  
Were the ones called Highway people*

*My Mom had read the poem to me  
about the Highway man  
Riding through the moonlight  
With his musket in his hand  
Stopping a stage or horseman  
To steal a jewel or gem  
Imagine my surprise to learn  
that Dad was one of them.*

*When Dad was County Engineer  
They'd call on him to say  
If the school buses could get through  
If ther'd be school next day  
We kids would plead and beg him  
"There should be no school because"  
But it did no good, and everytime  
He'd tell it like it was.*

*As I got a little older  
and my romantic interests grew  
I asked Dad about the eligible men  
on the Highway crew  
But if there was even one  
I never learned his name  
Dad said for me to find my own  
So he wouldn't be to blame.*

*In looking back, I've done alright  
With the advantages I've had  
But I couldn't have done a half of it  
Without the help from Dad  
And when his work of many years  
With the Highway will be through  
I know you all will miss him  
like I do.*

## DEPARTMENT NEWS

### COMPUTER SERVICES

by the staff

In February we were pleased to have Brenda Haley and Mary Green, former key punch operators, in for a visit. They brought their little ones to show off.

Our best wishes go with Evelyn Handley, key punch operator, who resigned the last of February to await the arrival of a new member of her family. Coffee and cookies were served at "break time" and she was presented a farewell gift by Chief Pat Huddleston. We had a baby shower for her and she received a lot of lovely and useful gifts.

A little birdie recently told us that two more in Key Punch - Bobbie Bell and Eloise Ricks - will be visited by the stork late this summer.

On March 1-2, Vershall Roy attended a workshop on "Computerized Bridge Rating System," held in Fort Worth, Texas. It was presented by R. L. Sharp, chief, Region 8 Bridge Division of the Federal Highway Administration.

The last of February, programmer Bobby Hughes spent three days in Lynchburg, Va., attending a bus conference as a representative of Thomas Road Baptist Church.

### PERMIT SECTION

by sammye martinez

The Permit Section has three new employees, including this reporter. Mrs. Charline Higgs, permit clerk, is from Malvern. She is married and has one little daughter, 2. Mrs. Pauline (Pat) Allen, also a permit clerk, is from Mabelvale. She has three girls and one son. I am Sammye

Martinez, secretary to Mr. Dumas. My husband and I live in Benton. We have two children, one girl and one boy. (Welcome to all three of you, and especially you, Sammye, as our new reporter. Ed.)



*Charline Higgs, left, Sammye Martinez, seated, and Pat Allen.*

Buddy and Mrs. Dumas recently made a trip to Fayetteville, N. C. to make the acquaintance of their new grandchild, Carrie Rhea Staats, born February 21.



*Carrie Rhea Staats*

### PLANNING & RESEARCH

kathy king

Margaret Hudson has been in the hospital for surgery. However, I am happy to report that she is now back at work and doing fine.

Sharon Schlesier, daughter of Ursula Schlesier, in the Mapping Section, was chosen homecoming queen at UALR. She is a sophomore and a member of Chi Omega. Congratulations!



*Sharon Schlesier*

On February 24 Polly Cloud played basketball with the mothers of the Bryant senior girls, in a game against the girls, played to raise money for basketball uniforms for the girls' team. The girls edged out their mothers, 21-20.

Katie Brasel recently visited friends in El Paso, Texas.

Phil and Linda Keaton's life was brightened considerably last year by the birth of their first child, Glen Philip, II. They have since discovered that little Glen is going to have a little brother or sister. If he's really lucky, it might be twins!!

One of our employees boasted of monetary advancement since coming to work for the Division. He was driving a Volkswagon when he started, but now the proud owner of a Cadillac. How is that 1960 Cadillac running, D. D.?

It appears that some of our planners are really just that. House plans have been drawn, redrawn, revised, muddled over, discarded and started over for a year now. Won't some of you please get a shovel and get started! Several, however, have passed the planning stage, though. Judi and Bernis Hathcock recently moved into their new home in Malvern. Alleen Taylor and husband, Don moved into a new house in Little Rock. Carl McChesney built a beautiful home in Bryant. Joe and Janet



Foster have also moved into their new home. Betty Wiggins added a room onto her house for her mother, who is now living with her. Last but not least, it looks like Steve Teague's house will soon be underway. Steve has finally made up his mind as to how his wife wants their home built. (How do I get transferred to P&R, so that I can get a new house,too? Ed.)

Florence Routh, a member of Diamond Chapter of ABWA, will be one of the models in their annual "Spring Fling" tea.

Jim Gilbert finally decided that his little car was responsible for his stiff neck and walking bent over. However, a nurse prescribed a sure-fire cure — a new car. Jim is now driving a new Chevrolet Impala and the pain shifted from neck to his wallet!

Is it Sitting Bull and Pocahontas? No, it's only Polly and Robert Cloud on their way to a costume party at the Bauxite Community House. Is it true that the "fire-water is pretty potent, Pocahontas?



*Chief Robert and Squaw Polly Cloud.*

Our Division has had a lot of sickness lately . . . maybe it's "horse-racing fever." That particular "disease" seems to strike about this time every year.

On February 9 three employees of the Current Planning crew were honored with refreshments for their years of service, Graham Noble retired and received a certificate for 29 years of service. Dowl Eubanks and E. O. Woodward each received certificates for completion of five years.

*March-April, 1973*



Jim Head presents Noble a gift on behalf of the employees while Mrs. Noble looks on.



*E. O. Woodward*



*Dowl Eubanks*

**HAPPY EASTER**



B. C. Lewis of the Economics Section received a 15-year service certificate in March. Fernie Speights baked one of her special cakes in recognition of the occasion and the entire Section helped B. C. enjoy it.



*Engineer of P&R Al Johnson, right, presents award to B. C. Lewis.*

## PROCUREMENT

ann johnson

It appears that I made a short-lived literary impact. Last report was long — lots of news. This report will be much shorter. However, we have these items of interest.

Ellen Gentry is a new employee who hails originally from Nebraska. She is married to Alvin Gentry, and they make their home in Benton. Ellen's hobbies include sewing and camping, and she is learning to play the guitar.

Billie Boyd is now the MT/ST operator, as Patricia Ellis resigned recently.

Last, but certainly not least, the Frank Caples enjoyed an exciting weekend recently in Acapulco. Needless to say they both loved it, and it was really a nice way to break the winter weather.

## REPRODUCTION

by sue walls

The Microfilm Section has two new employees, Debra Allan and Bill Black. Welcome!

Debra, a native of Bryant has just returned to Arkansas from Newport, Rhode Island, where her husband, Danny, was stationed with the U.S. Navy. She likes motorcycling, horseback riding and water skiing. Judging from her hobbies Debra seems to be a very active person.

Bill is married to the former JoNell Landers of Benton. His hobbies include golf, fishing and (wouldn't you know it) motorcycle riding.

We are happy to have both of these employees with us.

Rachel Simmons has transferred to the Safety Section. She will be missed by everyone in this section but she will be a great asset to Safety.

Al Dunn's wife Bettie, and her daughter, Pattie, both spent several days in the hospital recently. Al had just gotten his wife home when Pattie had to be admitted for an appendectomy. Both are doing fine now, and Al has about recovered from his loss of sleep while they were in the hospital.

Patsy Latson's daughter, Vaneesa, was elected vice president of the Spanish Club at her school. She also had an all A report card! Pat is very proud of her daughter.

Bonnie Hodge is a new employee in the Microfilm Section. She is the mother of three children, Suzanne, David and Bryan. Bonnie enjoys swimming, horseback riding and cooking in her spare time. We are happy to have her in our section.



*Debra Allan, Bill Black and Bonnie Hodge.*

## RIGHT OF WAY

by the staff

### RELOCATION SECTION *mary dry*

Welcome to Relocation, Danny Arendt. He replaces Rusty Kauffman. Danny graduated from SCA and is engaged to Miss Connie Bossier. They're planning a June wedding.



*Danny Arendt*

Henry Droughter celebrated a birthday March 12. We helped him celebrate. Henry is in charge of taking pictures, that's why we had a little trouble getting one to suit him.



*Henry Droughter*

We are now busily planning vacations, saving our money (what little there is) and searching for maps of good places to go. If the weather stays as nice as it has been, we could just go anytime.

### APPRAISAL SECTION *jean barrett*

Name correction: Our new employee is Del L. Jones. It was mistakenly re-

ported last month as Del Lewis - Sorry about that, Del.

Henry Williams' daughter Natalie was in the hospital a couple of days in February. We are happy to report she has recuperated and feeling fine now.

Ted Porter will give up his "eligible bachelor" title June 7. His fiancée is Marsha McKinney, a pretty perky red head, who is an art major at UALR.

Charlie and Allena Scott drove to Wichita last week to visit their daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Ted Bemis, and the three little Bemises. Charlie bought Allena a new Ford Camper special for Valentine's - Are you sure it's for Allena, Charlie?



*Herbert Hooten and Walker Watson*

Herbert Hooten presented Walker Watson his 15 year pin March 19. Congratulations, Walker. We wish you many, many more years with AHD. We had a party, with coffee and a pretty decorated cake. It was fun preparing for his party and the look of surprise when he saw everyone gathered around was really great!

### ENGINEERING SECTION

*shirley childress*

On behalf of the employees in the Right of Way Division I congratulate Dorothy Hupp on her promotion to the secretarial position in the Utilities Section, where she will replace Carolyn Halbert. Replacing Carolyn will not be easy, but knowing Dorothy's determination, I am sure she will succeed.





*Dorothy Hupp*

Steve Williams, 13-year-old son of Fred Williams, served as page for Senator Olen Hendrix of Prescott, January 22-26. He really enjoyed the week and was very much impressed by Legislative procedures and the people he met, including Governor Bumpers.

Congratulations to Neil Gibbs for 10 years' service to the Highway Department. His certificate and pin were presented by Glendol Jackson, chief of the section. Neil, Nola and their three children left March 9 for a visit with his family in Michigan.



*Neil Gibbs, right, and Glendol Jackson.*

Several men in our section have come down recently with a malady called fishing fever. Ron Johnson had it so badly he had to take off work one pretty sunshiny afternoon to go fishing on Lake Conway. He reported the next day that he was feeling better because he caught the limit of bass.

**UTILITIES SECTION**    dorothy hupp

Carolyn Halbert and John Ashcraft were married April 7 at Harmony Baptist

Church, Prattsville. They plan to build a home there. John is an employee of International Paper Company. We wish Carolyn and John a long and happy life. She has been an employee in Right of Way 13 years. We will miss her smile and humor, and want her to know she has a standing invitation to drop by for a visit anytime she is in the neighborhood.

A shower was given for Carolyn, March 1 at the home of Jennifer Fox. Co-hostesses were Shirley Campbell and Nancy Sipe.



The Jims (Moody and Bartlett) are driving new cars. They have formed a "Mutual Admiration Society" and go out at noon to compare wheels.

Buddy Cazer is adding a room to his home. It is always nice to have a den to relax in, and maybe he can in about twelve years when Mark David (age 6) grows up.

Carl Petz and Judy Scott were married January 19. We wish them much happiness and our warmest congratulations.

After a long winter we want to order everything in the seed catalog. The jonquils, forsythia and japonica are so pretty and colorful, and violets are as refreshing as spring itself. It is good to look forward to a new season.

**ROADWAY DESIGN**

benny robbins &  
wayne sutton

There's been a lot of going and coming in this Division. First, those going. Ron Cofer went back to Final Estimates. Boy, do we miss him! Ron is one of those few

people who goes around pleasant all the time.

We lost George Major to Pet Kingdom. That is to say, he has gone to the dogs. (Sort of a little pun there, as we all love George and miss him.) Rick Henriksen has gone into the construction field. Rick, if you read this, Good Luck!

And, then, one of our engineers, Bob Walters of Frank Hutchison's squad, left us today to enter Officers Candidate School with the Army. Well, not even we can win them all.

Three new employees have been acquired, Dennald Stroud, Ken Cobb and Wayne Nolin. A big WELCOME to the three of you.



*Dennald Stroud, left, Ken Cobb, center and Wayne Nolin.*



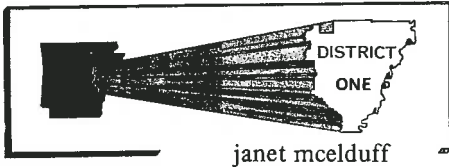
*Earl Kirkpatrick, left, receives award from Brooks Nichols.*

Congratulations to Earl Kirkpatrick upon completion of 10 years' service with the Department. Engineer of Roadway Brooks Nichols presented his certificate. Earl became a registered professional engineer in 1971 and we feel he deserves congratulations since he earned it the hard way, working awhile, then going to school,





## DISTRICT NEWS



janet mcelduff

Miss Donna Minton became the bride of Michael Ethridge on January 19 in the chapel of Wynne Baptist Church. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. G. E. Minton, Sr. of Wynne and the late Reverend G. E. Minton, Sr., and Michael is the son of Mrs. Dick Ethridge, fuel clerk in District One, and Gailey Ethridge of El Dorado. After a short wedding trip to Hot Springs the young couple returned to Jonesboro where Michael is a junior at ASU and Donna is employed as field clerk in the residency of Claude Parton in Jonesboro.



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ethridge.

HELENA BRIDGE      george cloud

The game of cat-and-mouse has come to an end, with the cats howling gleefully and the mice not uttering a squeak. It's been an interesting game, lasting some six or eight years and coming to a fitting ending.

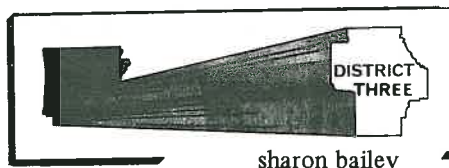
This writer's almost-twelve-years with AHD have been good ones. We've made a lot of good friends in and out of the Department. The names are too many to mention but they know who they are. If

anyone would ask for a better boss than Archie Jones, he'd be a hard man to please. Archie has been an enduring soul with the patience of Job, treating all equally and fairly.

In the Accounting Division, Linda Cloud has kept her calm while auditing the hundreds of reports sent in from this office. When a report needed correcting, she never told us bluntly. She would say, should not your report read this and that instead of that and this? We have always referred to Pat Koonce as our "guardian angel". She has been a willing and never-ending source of help. Archie has always said, when we needed information, why look in the Accounting manual when it's so easy to call Pat.

To each and all of you we say a heartfelt thanks and a fond adieu.

(The General Assembly voted to remove the toll charge from the Helena bridge as of July 1, thereby terminating the need for toll collectors. The employees will assume other duties with the Department afterward. George, you didn't contribute all that regularly but it was always interesting and fun to read when you did. You have enjoyable wit but more than that, you've a natural flair for putting it on paper. I'm sorry this is your swan song. Ed.)



sharon bailey

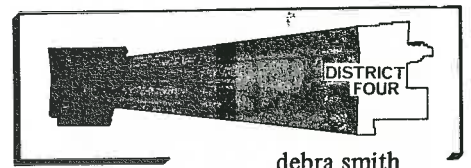
Congratulations to Frederick G. Honea for 20 years' service with the Department; Curtis H. Crow, Tully E. Hair, Imon E. Hamric, Leroy Ray, and Pierre Malardier for 15 years service; Leroy Zachry, Clifton H. Almond for 10 years and Charles H. Garner for 5 years.

We'd like you to meet OUR newest arrival. She really belongs to George and Vinie Mae Holt but since babies are scarce around here and she is so sweet, we claim her as ours. Mary Catherine was born October 10 and has four brothers, Gerry, James, Terry and Wayman. Vinie is our fuel clerk.



Mary Catherine Holt

Dr. Charles R. Tittle, son of Clovis Tittle, our shop foreman, has authored a book, "Society of Subordinates: Inmate Organization in a Narcotic Hospital", which was published in February by the Indiana University Press. The book is a systematic study of the inmate behavior patterns within a federal narcotic hospital which houses volunteer and imprisoned addicts of both sexes. Dr. Tittle, a 1961 summa cum laude graduate of Ouachita Baptist University, holds M.A. and Ph. D. degrees from the University of Texas. He and his family make their home in Florida, where he is presently an associate professor of sociology at Florida Atlantic University. He previously taught at Indiana University.



debra smith



Jack Dunn



E. E. Carden

Jack Dunn and E. E. Carden received their certificate of service and pin for 20 years of service. Congratulations to you both!

My parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Smith, and I announce my engagement to David Ross Moore, son of Mrs. Cynthia Moore, of Tulsa, Okla. and Harold Moore of Anderson, Ind. The prospective bridegroom is a senior at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, majoring in public administration. He is a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. We have planned a June 1 wedding at Van Buren First Baptist Church. I am clerk typist in Carl Sanders' Residency.



Debra Smith

**D. C. SPENCER'S RESIDENCY:**

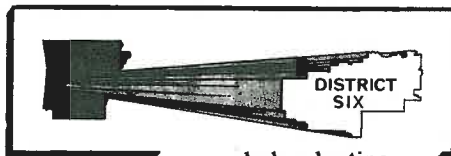
J. O. "Jack" Beale came back to work February 13, after being on military leave since October. We are glad to have him back.

We understand that there will be an addition to the L. W. Lyda family in June. Also, an August arrival is anticipated by Bobby and Paula Aynes. Paula is clerk typist in Spencer's Residency.

L. A. McDaniel is still under the care of a doctor for a back condition. We hope for a speedy recovery.

D. C. Spencer advises that the Truman Baker Lake built in conjunction with the Waldron Public Use Area on the Waldron bypass is now full and stocked with 12,000 fish. But he also says to bring small hooks, as 10,000 of the fish were in one wash tub when they were stocked three weeks ago.

Roy Gortemiller, of Harrison Heath's crew, mashed his finger and had to have it partially amputated. We're sorry about your accident, Roy.



Congratulations to Monte Deakins, Butch Garner and Jim Rives. Deak is the new maintenance coordinator. Butch stepped up to replace Monte as permit clerk, and Jim, a transplant from Construction, moved in as area foreman for South Pulaski County. Good luck to all.

The district office has four new employees to be introduced. Bill Chwalinski, D. F. Brown and J. R. Casey are mechanics in the shop. Beverly Rideout, a part-time student employee, is typing requisitions, filing and other important jobs for the stock room. Welcome, all.

W. T. Brannon received a 20-year award in March. Five-year pins went to J. B. Key, Eileen Taylor, R. H. Dunigan, M. G. Hinshaw and W. R. McAllester.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Brians are proud to announce the forthcoming marriage of daughter Deborah to David Short, both of Little Rock. Vows will be exchanged June 8 at Immanuel Baptist Church. Equally important will be Debbie's gradua-

tion on June 1 from Hendrix College, where she majored in Spanish. Debbie's mother, Lou, is the district payroll clerk.

Lou's husband, Ern, is going strong now after going under the "knife." He had to do his thinking standing up for awhile and couldn't be accused of sitting down on the job in any sense of the word!

Prairie County Area Foreman Vernon Ellis' hobby is making vases, lamps and various other objects d'art from old beverage bottles. He presented the ladies of the district office some samples, and he is quite good at it.

Recent victims of London flu included Butch Garner, Roger Bonds, Mrs. B. E. Woodyard, wife of Equip. Supt. Buster Woodyard, and this reporter.

We are very proud to have our good friend Glenn Appleby back with us. Glenn, the district-wide sealing superintendent, had knee surgery and was inactive for a good while but is now ready for anything short of a foot race.

Georgia Russenberger is very glad to have her mother, Mrs. Alice Lock, back at home after surgery. Georgia, Dist. Engr. Don Cahoon's secretary, reports that things are going fine.

George Ingle is sporting a new Mercury Monterey. Maybe I should say George's wife, Juanita is the proud operator of a new Mercury. It probably fits either way.

Yours truly is proud of his daughter Vikki, whose team captured first place honors in the Bantam age group of the recent City A.J.B.C. bowling tournament. This is Vikki's first year to bowl. To add salt to the wound, the girls even beat the boys by some 47 pins! The two Valentine sons, Jim and Gordy, also entered but we won't mention their scores.

It probably sounds as though this reporter is hogging the news but we are understandably happy about the new lease on life granted my brother-in-law after the famous Dr. Denton Cooley replaced a damaged aortic valve in Houston. Al was able to go back to his job as an engineer after only 3½ weeks! Believe me, that was a miracle of surgical technique.

All of our District was saddened by the recent death of Erbie Capps, a member of



I. H. Nute's North Pulaski County crew. Erbie will always be remembered as Nute's able assistant cook at their famous fish-fries. We're equally saddened at the death of Mrs. W. T. Brannon. He, too, is a member of Nute's crew.

Paul Griffith's stepfather, who lived in Kentucky, recently passed away. Paul is the Grant County area foreman. We extend our deepest sympathies to the Capps Brannon and Griffith families in their time of loss.

Time for -30-

**M. C. YOUNG'S RESIDENCY** pat main

Seems spring fever has hit District 6 pretty hard this year, and we're losing some of our help. Billie Jones is leaving the end of May, and Bob Valentine put in his last work day March 16. This reporter is also leaving. No, I'm not quitting work, just quitting getting paid for it. I'm going to do some gardening and sewing. Seems my young'uns ran through baby-sitters last summer faster than tennis shoes . . . and that's saying a lot. We've used up all the sitters in Pulaski and Lonoke counties, so looks like I'm it.

Spring has sprung and once again it is time to say **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to all our Martians! Gary Hawkins, Jackie Smith, Maurice Brown, Bud McMillian, Bill Blackwell, Leo Parker and Frank Williams. (Must also sneak in here a big **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Asst. Cons. Engr. Ruben McConnell on March 4!)

That makes one-third of our forces! How about that? Are March birthdays just our hang-up or do they run that way in other residencies?



*"This is much more dignified than a high-chair!!"*

Michael Shane Broadway, 6 months old son of Job Supt. and Mrs. Charles Broadway, pretty well has command of things around his house.

Hello, and welcome to AHD to our newest employees. Ron House and Francis Avery will work with Red Merriman on one surveys party, and Ron Blasingame will work on another party with Frank Williams. All three are married and real nice guys.

Francis and wife Delois would also like to announce the arrival of their first child . . . they really would, but unfortunately, he isn't cooperating (anything that stubborn must be masculine). However, Delois says, "Any day now, any day now, any day now. Maybe by the time this gets into print the waiting will be over."

The weather has really been wet, but I don't think there is anything to the rumor that they are going to issue swim fins to the survey parties, do you, Henry?

Speaking of happy events — Don Dunn has announced his engagement to Miss Victoria Witt. They plan to tie the knot April 21. We wish them the best of everything.

Happy Elmer's day to Leo Parker — and congratulations on completing 30 years' service in March . . . how does a fellow who just admits 29 years of age pile up a service record like that?

We extend our deepest sympathy to Maurice Brown, whose mother, Mrs. Queen E. Brown, passed away February 3. Maurice, our youngest employee, also works with Red Merriman.

No News from other Residencies — Guess we're the only ones working.

(Gosh, your quitting is going to mean a dretful loss of wit. Do ya have to go? Ed.)



althea campbell

Dist. Engr. Coy Campbell and office personnel honored outgoing Commissioner John Harsh and welcomed his successor,

James Branyan with a party on January 29. Dist. Engr. Charles Mitchell, Maint. Supt. Ted Maryman and Asst. Maint. Supt. William Tyler from the Hope district were among those who attended. Gift certificates were presented to Mr. Harsh by Mr. Campbell and Mr. Mitchell on behalf of employees in the two districts. Mr. Campbell presented a copy of the Highway Specifications book to Mr. Branyan.



*John Harsh, left, and James Branyan, who gets off to a good start by wearing his hard hat.*

Congratulations to two service award recipients: Jesse C. Harrison, equipment operator, 15 years; and Benjamin F. Loe, 5 years.

Our three resident engineers, A. W. Hardy, R. E. Myers and J. B. Williamson, are instructing a Basic Materials School for their employees at the District office this month.

Buddy Beard and Eddie Beasley are hospitalized at this writing. Buddy is in the Camden Hospital after suffering a heart attack and Eddie is undergoing treatment in a Fayetteville hospital. We hope both are able to be back with us soon. Eddie's daughter Becky was married to Gary Teague of Camden on February 24 at Maul Road Church of Christ.

On a recent day Bob Myers, (who almost didn't get into the picture himself) got his gang together for a photograph. Two other employees, James Rowland and Kermit Wendell, were not available when the photo was made.



Seated, left to right, Charles Rampley, Guy Speers, Jerry Bethea, Mary Nell Carlson, George Lindsey, and Donald Beard. Standing, left to right, Charles Binns, Jr., Paul Blankenship, John Watkins, Leon Johnson, James Robertson, Ronald Hall, Kinch Womack, Eddie Beasley, Sam Kizer, Raymond Purifoy, James Wilson, John Beasley, Chuck Vance, Percy Walker and Bob Myers.

V. L. Rhodes, patrol operator for O. A. Reddin in Bradley County, retired the last of February after having worked with the Department since May, 1966. We will miss you, Virgil. Now that you are enjoying retirement, stop by for a chat now and then.

Another retiree, Hugh Anderson, and Mrs. Anderson also visited us recently. Now that they have moved from Chidester to Camden, we will expect more visits. So good to see you both. Hugh is a retired equipment supervisor.



Barbara Jean Cummings

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Cummings of McGehee announce the engagement of their daughter Barbara Jean to Russell D. Peacock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Peacock, also of McGehee. They plan a June

wedding. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Lida Purtle, custodian for the District 7 offices.

Thanks to Jewell and Kathryn Prince for the delicious chocolates they brought the office personnel for Valentine's Day. Jewell is a retired assistant maintenance superintendent.

Receptionist Dianne Tuberville and husband Perry Don made a flying trip to Houston last weekend to visit her family and friends.

Asst. Stock Clerk Ralph Toward and all of us who work with him are happy that his wife Mamie is improving after a stay in Union Memorial Hospital at El Dorado.

Fuel Clerk Mildred Russ' husband John injured his back at work several weeks ago and at this time is hospitalized at St. Vincent's Infirmary in Little Rock. We are pulling for you to get well, John.

Tommy Wilson, 11-year-old-son of Dale and Pat Wilson, was selected to represent the Camden Boys Club as a member of the all-star basketball team. Dale is an auto/diesel mechanic.

The families of the two charming little misses below are proud of them, as you might imagine. Belinda is the 2-year-old daughter of Bill and Francis Gilbert. He is an equipment operator with Donald Brandon in Hampton. Stephanie is the 3-year-old daughter of Stephen and Martha Capps. Stephen is the District service station operator.



Belinda Gilbert

When Mary Nell Carlson and this reporter get together these days, we are busy comparing grandbabies. Mary Nell and Joe's first — Jeffrey Wayne — was born February 26 to their daughter and son-in-law, Robin and Wayne Curtis of Texarkana. Elwood's and my second granddaughter, Melissa Lynn, arrived Christmas Day to join the family of Barbara and Herbert Bennett and 3-year-old Pamela Ann.

#### A.W. HARDY'S RESIDENCY

jeanne johnson

Want to hear some good old-fashioned, foot-stomping country music? That's exactly what's in store if you go to the Mount Holly Country Music Jamboree held the third Saturday night of each month in the American Legion building at Mount Holly.

Johnny Sprayberry and Troy Wyrick, assisted by many friends and relatives, organized the jamboree in March, 1971. Later that year Johnny joined A.H.D. as an engineering aide with Hardy's residency. Their band, called the Country Cousins, has 10 members, one of whom is Kay Jacks, daughter of Doyle Jacks, equipment operator with Magnolia A.H.D. maintenance.

Troy's wife, Ann made attractive black and white vests for each member. They plan to release a recording soon.

The jamboree has not only provided much wholesome fun and entertainment but it has also been beneficial to the American Legion post at Mount Holly.



Stephanie Capps



When the Jamboree first began the building was in bad need of repair. With money from a collection taken at each performance and a lot of hard work, the building has been greatly improved. Two other local groups perform regularly, as well as guests at each show. Persons or groups interested in performing on the show may contact any member of the Cousins to arrange for an appearance.

Johnny and his family, wife Betty, and children Darrell Ray and Rita Lynn live in the Lamartine community.

Conrad Sanders, also an engineering aide with our residency, plays guitar with a newly-organized country-western, rock-n-roll, gospel singing group called Andy and the Wheels. They perform every Saturday evening from 8:00-12:00 at the Magnolia V.F.W. building located on the El Dorado highway east of Magnolia. Conrad has been with the Department since August, 1964. He and his family (wife Martha and daughters Sharon and Connie) are active members of the Baptist Church in Village community where they reside. When Conrad is not busy with his guitar he enjoys hunting and officiating at basketball games. Martha substitute teaches in the Village and McNeil schools, sews, participates in activities of their churches and follows the interests of their two active daughters.

#### WILLIAMSON'S RESIDENCY

by elaine mckinnon

Stanley Smith, engineering aide, recently became engaged to Mary Watkins. They have set June 2 as the date.

Res. Eng. J. R. Williamson and Asst. Res. Earl Raines attended the Resident Engineers' Conference in Little Rock February 14-15.

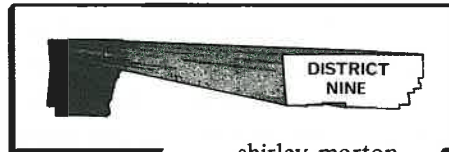
Harris Hearnberger, engineering aide, sold his famous "bobcat" dog for \$600. This is no exaggeration, guys and gals, so get to training those dogs of yours to hunt "bobcats." Ha!

Larry Beard, engineering aide, spent February 10-24 on active duty with the Naval Reserve at Norfolk, Va., where he worked with the precommissioning of the USS Nimitz. Larry was recently promoted

to the rank of lieutenant and is presently assigned to the Naval Air Station at Millington, Tenn. where his duties include responsibilities of a Division officer and assistant scheduling officer.

This reporter is looking forward to a Mardi Gras vacation in New Orleans March 1-9 and to her birthday which comes up again on March 23.

Dallas Smith, engineering aide, will celebrate his birthday March 21.



shirley morton

#### Springdale Office



Left to right: Larry L. Hodnett, C. C. Berry, Jeff Davis, Curtis Pangle.

Jeff Davis and C. C. "Corbie" Berry were honored by a large gathering of friends and co-workers March 2 with a retirement party. Curtis G. Pangle, district engineer, presented them gifts and words of commendation for their many years of loyal and dedicated service with AHD. Jeff Davis began his career with the Department at Lead Hill in 1927 and has been permanently employed since 1937 for a total of 37½ years. He was assistant maintenance superintendent at the district headquarters at the time of his retirement.

"Corbie" also began his career with the Department 37½ years ago, but in Newton County. He moved to Harrison several years ago, and for the past three years has been the Boone County area foreman.

Pertinent statements given by former governor Orval E. Faubus, Maint. Engr. Bert Rownd, Dist. Maint. Supt. Larry L. Hodnett, and the honorees were enjoyed by the group.

Approximately two hundred attended the festivities and were served coffee, punch and cake from the refreshment table. Special guests in addition to Mr. Faubus and Mr. Rownd, included: Mrs. Faubus; Mrs. Davis; Mrs. Berry; Jim Davis and son Shannon of Oklahoma City; Howell Holt, Lead Hill; Carl H. Brown, Sr. and Raymond Coffman of Harrison; R. B. Winfrey, and J. C. Perkins, Jr., Little Rock; several Springdale and Fayetteville employees and approximately twenty-five retired employees for the Harrison and Springdale areas.

Miss Mary Lou Studdard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester C. Studdard of West Road, Mountain Home, became the bride of Leonard McDaniel, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Milton McDaniel of Route 3, Paragould, on Sunday evening, January 21. The vows were exchanged at First United Methodist Church of Mountain Home. Both the bride and groom are on the staff of Arkansas State University at Jonesboro. Mr. McDaniel is the assistant registrar and Mrs. McDaniel is the counselor for women in the dean of students' office.

The bride's father is a former Baxter County area foreman. He retired in 1964 with 25 years of service.



isabelle psalmonds

Ivie Justus, engineering aide, retired in February after 20 years' and 5 months' service with the Highway Department. He worked with Clif Martin's crew and they came together and had cake and coffee for Ivie and presented him a rod and reel. We hope Ivie will catch lots of fish and will enjoy many years of retirement.

Seems that so many of the men in District 10 have retired in the past few months, Virgil Stuart, equipment super-

visor, retired on February 14, after 10 years and 3 months. We had cake and coffee and presented Virgil a watch. J. F. Norton, night watchman and local rock hound, gave him a beautiful desk set on which was mounted a rock which Norton had polished and cut. Virgil assured us he will stay busy on his farm at Bradford. Best of everything, Virgil, and a long happy retirement.



*Ivie Justus*



*Virgil Stuart*



*Dist. Engr. Sam Smith, right, presents Alvin with his certificate of service.*

Alvin Ward has completed 20 years' service with the Highway Department. He is an Engineering Aide III and works in Clif Martin's Residency.

Hamp Fletcher was promoted to equipment supervisor and Jerry Black was promoted to auto/diesel mechanic superintendent.

Phil H. Camp has replaced Junior Wycoff as office supervisor. Phil is married and a graduate of ASU. Welcome, Phil.

A lot of our folks have been sick and away from work for sometime this winter, but we hope with Spring on the way they will all be well and back in their places.



## 1973 HIGHWAY FILM AVAILABLE

The 1973 Highway Department public information film moves along at a brisk clip. Entitled "Highway For a Better Arkansas", it takes the viewer back and forth across the state on an armchair tour of numerous construction projects, reminding him of the vast and expansive operation of the Highway Department.

There are sequences on completed road and bridge projects, formal dedications with ribbons being cut by pretty girls, manufacturing operations at several locations, a big fish catch, and some breathtakingly beautiful nature scenes of sunsets, quick lakes, rippling streams and flowers.

Introduction of the Highway Commissioners and explanation of Highway funds are accomplished with eye-catching photography, artwork and technical effects. The film is dedicated to the late Highway director, Ward Goodman.

Persons or groups interested in scheduling the movie for a showing should contact the Public Information Office, Arkansas Highway Department, P. O. Box 2261, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203.



## Seen Bald Eagles Lately?

The Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife is attempting to survey eagle nesting in Arkansas. Thurman W. Booth, Jr., state supervisor for the Division of Wildlife Services, requests that anyone who has seen an eagle nest or has heard about someone else who has seen one, please contact him at the Division of Wildlife Services, Room 315 Post Office Building, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201, telephone 501-378-5382.

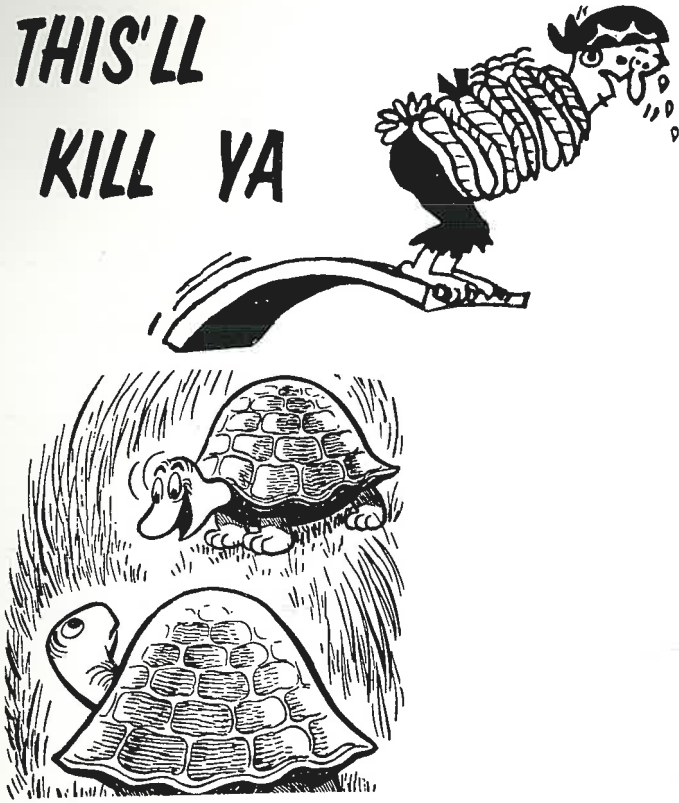
"We know that eagle populations are in trouble," stated Booth, "especially the Southern bald eagle which has been our national symbol since 1782. It is presently classified as ENDANGERED WITH EXTINCTION by the Secretary of the Interior.

Booth says that every report will be checked out. He advises persons to not get too close in observing an eagle nest. Neither should the person attempt to climb the nest tree. Remember, too, that it is illegal to molest the nest, eggs, or young of any eagle.

The Division of Wildlife Services expects to summarize information they receive during August of this year. If eagle nests are located within the state, Federal officials will be provided with valuable information about eagle populations. Steps will also be taken to protect eagle nest trees, since they nest at the same site year after year.



# THIS'LL KILL YA



"Are you a girl?"

## S. L. SWINK'S RESIDENCY

by Dwayne Harrison

On March 14 this office entertained R. T. Gabe with a surprise retirement party, rounding out his 21 years with the Highway Department. I've only known him a relatively short time but, along with everyone else in this office, I've thoroughly enjoyed working with him. Congratulations, Gabe, and the best of everything to you and Mildred in the coming years.



Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Gabe

In spite of all the rain, this residency has completed the Highway 64 overlay job at Beebe and between showers, Reynolds & Williams has begun some concrete work on the Searcy bypass.

We have a self-acclaimed drum-fishing expert in our office. I don't like to mention names, but his initials are B.A.W. Rumor has it that this same gentleman has been known to catch drum on, what?! a bare hook?! About two weeks ago this same individual attempted to entertain Res. Engr. Leroy Swink and yours truly with his expertise. In other words, the three of us went fishing. Well, we didn't even get a nibble! If that wasn't enough, it rained and you guessed it, we got WET! Now I didn't mind so much, but Mr. Wood, it is not nice to get the R.E. wet. (I have a feeling that it's going to be a long, long summer for you, Mr. Wood.) Rain or not, I enjoyed the trip.

We should feel fortunate that our rivers and lakes are still clean enough to enjoy such sports. Until next time . . .

Having just escaped from his fifth bunker of the day, a golfer complained to his partner, "The traps on this course are sure annoying, aren't they?"

"Yeah," muttered the partner, muffing his putt. "Would you mind shutting yours?"

Seeing his first American football game, the Englishman watched one of the teams go into a huddle. "It's not a bad sport," he observed, "but they have too many committee meetings."

Teacher: "If you had seven pieces of candy and I asked for four of them, how many would you have left?"

First-grader, matter of factly: "Seven."

The man who likes to loaf around home in the evenings always seems to be married to a woman who likes to be on the go.

"Dad, did you go to school when you were a little boy?"

"I sure did - never missed a day."

"There, ma, don't you see? It won't do me any good either!"

Pastor - "Do you know where bad little girls go?"

Lucy - "Of course I do! They go down to the train station to see the traveling salesmen come in!"

If the golf tournaments are migrating northward, can spring be far behind?

## Who Is It?





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## *Where Is It?*

Last issue's *Where Is It?* was a tower erected by Warren Petroleum Co. on a site four miles north of Batesville of U. S. 167. It was correctly identified by Dayton Sloan of the Traffic Division and by equipment operator Douglas Sipes of District 5.

