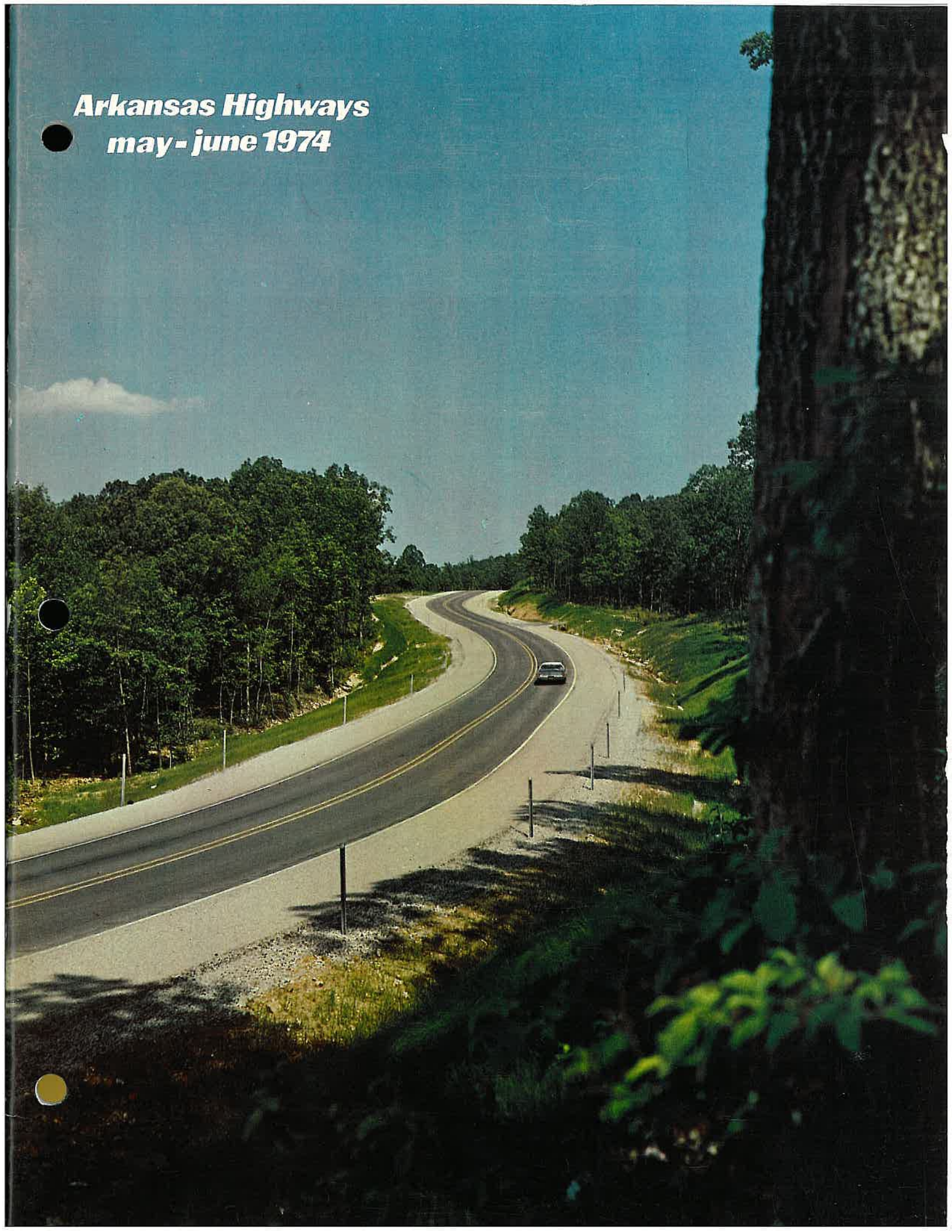


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Director's Desk-

There Is No Surplus!

Contrary to what you may have read in the newspaper, seen on television, or heard "through the grapevine" recently, THERE IS NO SURPLUS of funds in the Highway Department. There is the largest cash balance to our credit in the State Treasury than ever before, BUT THERE IS NO CASH SURPLUS! All of the money in the State Treasury – plus millions of dollars of future revenue – is obligated to highway work already under contract. It is very important that people be advised of, and understand, the difference.

The money in the Highway Fund is necessary because these are monies being held in trust to pay road builders as they complete work they have contracted and bonded themselves to do. This money and incoming revenue is our collateral and from which contractors are paid for work completed.

As of May 1, the Department had 230 active highway construction contracts in progress totaling more than \$209 million. The large balance in the State Treasury will diminish quickly when road contractors are favored with weather conditions that will permit them to move ahead with the jobs they have under contract.

The Arkansas Highway Department is continuing to move forward doing all the things necessary to place needed road improvements under contract, and as we accomplish this, we are obligating not only our cash on hand but our future revenues, both State and Federal, and our balance will be reduced only as contracted work is completed.

The manner in which the Highway Department receives Federal-aid highway funds is often misunderstood. The Department must have adequate funds on hand at all times to pay a contractor's bill



Director Henry Gray

as he completes his work. The Department must then prepare a quantity billing – whether 50/50, 90/10 or other ratios of matching funds are being used – and present it to the Federal Highway Administration with a request for reimbursement for the federal portion. Some single payments from the Highway Department's revolving funds have been as great as \$2½ million!

Millions of dollars in progress payments have not been paid in some cases because excessive rains and wet construction seasons in the past two years have delayed work. Likewise, a cushion of funds must always be held on deposit awaiting the outcome of right-of-way acquisition and court awards in settlement of condemnation proceedings. Such funds, while waiting to be paid out, are put on short-time deposit by the State Finance and Administration Department and at the present time are earning 9.9% interest which benefits the General Revenue funds.

Accelerated Highway Program

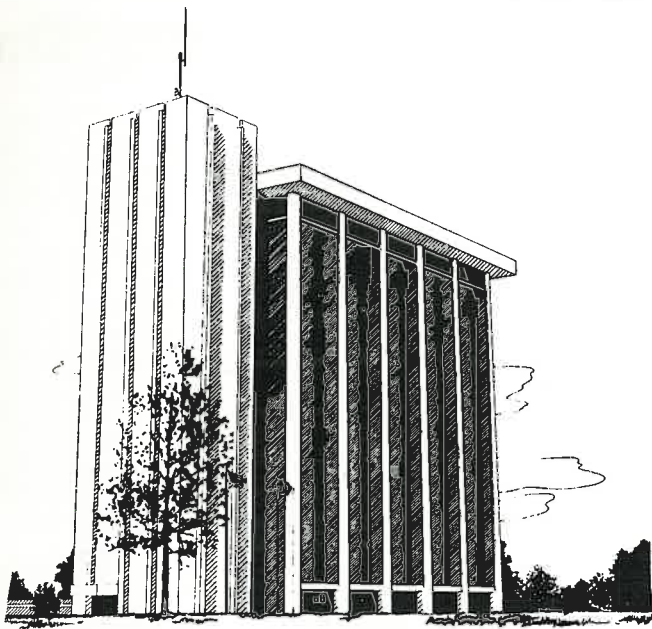
Since the passage of Act 445 by the Legislature last year, the Commission has been awarding contracts for approximately 20 jobs averaging a total of about \$10 million – per month. The number of jobs let to contract each month is based on the amount of revenues which the Department expects to collect in time to pay contractors' partial, or progress, payments as they become due.

To illustrate the accelerated progress of construction by the Department, we awarded contracts amounting to \$82,813,110 the first nine months of this fiscal year (July-March) compared to \$33,564,626 for the same period last year. This amount is for construction alone and does not include right-of-way and/or utility adjustment costs. You can readily see that a larger operating balance will be necessary.

During the fiscal year which ended June 30 – last year, total expenditures for administration, maintenance, right-of-way, roadway and bridge construction was \$119,663,127. This fiscal year it is expected to exceed \$120 million! We predict that with the accelerated summer construction program underway, the Treasury balance of highway operating funds will be substantially reduced by October 1.

Maintenance Expenditures

Over 1,000 miles of roads were added to the State Highway System last year and must be brought up to, and maintained at, higher standards than they were when added to the system. Some of the older freeway mileage is requiring more costly repairs. Although every effort has been made to keep down maintenance expenditures, the budget for maintenance must also be increased.



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Wynne Dedication & Smith Appreciation Day



The improved section of Highway 1 (Falls Boulevard) through Wynne was officially dedicated on April 16. Beginning at the south city limits, the highway was widened to four lanes all the way to Harrell's Corner, a distance of four miles. Curb and gutter were constructed in the downtown area.

Congressman Bill Alexander of Osceola made the principal address at the ribbon-cutting ceremonies held at the Cross County courthouse. Alexander stated that he intended to introduce an amendment to the Rural Development Act of 1972 to increase the allocation of funds for specific rural projects by \$1.5 billion. The Act itself is designed to balance growth between rural and urban areas of the nation. Mayor Robert Ford was the master of ceremonies.

State Senator Clarence Bell and Representative J. L. Shaver, Jr. were also on the program. A red ribbon was cut by Mrs. Maurice Smith, wife of the Highway Commission Chairman.

Work on the project, which cost \$1,651,000, included construction



Congressman Bill Alexander

of a new Missouri Pacific Railroad underpass. Widening the street greatly improved the flow of through-traffic as well as local traffic. Reynolds and Williams Construction Company of Little Rock was the contractor.

Bunting and banners put up for the ceremonies, presentation of colors by a National Guard unit and prededication music by the high school band added a gala air to the occasion.

The day's festivities began with a luncheon at the Country Club, where local legislators and businessmen joined city officials in an expression of appreciation to Chairman Smith for his dedication and contribution to improvement of the state's highway system. He was appointed to the Commission in January, 1965.



Commissioner Smith expresses appreciation, talks of future road plans.



Left to right: Maurice Smith, Mayor Ford and Congressman Alexander.



Joe Martin

Joe Martin, Jonesboro businessman, good-naturedly “roasted” Smith with such puns as “Maurice is so tight with his highway funds, I think he would have married Raquel Welsh just for her money”, and “Maurice is a very smart individual – so smart he beat the depression of 1929 – he went broke in 1927.”

Smith, a life-long resident of nearby Birdeye and a prominent banker and farmer, has also served the Cross County area for many years as chairman of the St. Francis Levee Board in his untiring efforts for more agricultural benefits at the Washington level. Special guests included former commissioners Chas. Adams, Chauncey Denton, Truman Baker, John Harsh and Wayne Hampton;



Former Highway Commissioner Truman Baker

Commissioner Smith’s mother, Mrs. Clarah Smith, his son, Maurice III and daughter Mrs. Murray Smith Bradshaw, 15 senators and legislators from throughout the state, eight visiting county officials, FHWA Div. Engr. Charles McMillen and contractor Jim Williams, who also was the target of some roasting for problems encountered during construction of the project. Mrs. Clarah Smith was presented a plaque, making her an honorary alderman.

Highway officials attending included the other four members of the Commission, Director Henry Gray, Chief Engr. B. K. Cooper, Info. Officer Bill Looney, Dist. 10 Engr. Sam Smith, Dist. 1 Engr. Bill Mulhollen and his secretary, Mrs.



Director Henry Gray

Janet McElduff, Dist. 1 Maint. Supt. Calvin George, Hayden Cockrill, resident engineer during construction of the job; and former Dist. 1 Engr. Charles Matthews.

Other improvements being made on Highway 1, which extends the length of the state from McGehee in Desha County, to the Missouri state line east of Piggott in Clay County, is the relocation and reconstruction of the 9.8-mile section from Harrisburg in Poinsett County, northward to the Craighead County line. Work began in mid-April. The contract, also awarded to Reynolds & Williams, calls for completion in 310 working days. D. C. Stafford is the resident engineer. The project will cost an estimated \$2,766,174, plus preliminary engineering costs.

19th Annual Short Course Held

The 19th Annual Highway Short Course was held April 4-5 at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Dr. C. W. Oxford, acting president of the University, welcomed the group at the Thursday morning session, which was presided over by Professor J. R. Bissett of the College of Civil Engineering.

Director Henry Gray highlighted the Highway Department's activities during the past year. Asst. Chief Engr. Jim Lowder was a member of a panel which discussed the effect of the energy crisis.

Sam Clark, president of Mid-State Construction and current president of the Arkansas Chapter of AGC, presided at the afternoon session. Asst. Chief Engr. Charles Venable explained the National Council of Engineering Examiners' request for compliance with a uniform registration examination. Maint. Supts. Brewster Shalmy of Pine Bluff and Calvin George of Wynne, Dist. Engr. Coy Campbell of Camden and Asst. Maint. Engr. Gerald Sisk formed a panel which discussed the importance of public relations while performing maintenance work. Leland Fletcher of the Missouri Highway Department spoke on cold weather construction.

Commissioner James Branyan of Camden presided at the Friday morning session. Those on the program included Max Hall, State-Aid Division; County Judge Randall Mathis, Little Rock attorney Bill Clark and Roger D. Allan, director of the Highways Division of the AGC office in Washington, D. C. The 1974 highway film was also shown.

The traditional Short Course banquet was held at the Fireside Inn in Springdale on Thursday evening.



Director Henry Gray



Commissioner Branyan



Jim Lowder, Asst. Chief Engineer



Charles Venable, Asst. Chief Engineer



Professor Bissett



Sam Clark



Leland Fletcher



Roger Allan



Brewster Shalmy



Calvin George



Gerald Sisk



Director Henry Gray, right, and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Gray.



Commissioner Branyan, left, and Mr. and Mrs. Miller Ford.



Dean and Mrs. Heiple



Roy Johnson, left; Bert Rownd and Ed Rownd, right.



Mr. and Mrs. John Kizer and Coy Campbell, right.

Arkansas Continues To Rank No. 1 In Interstate Progress

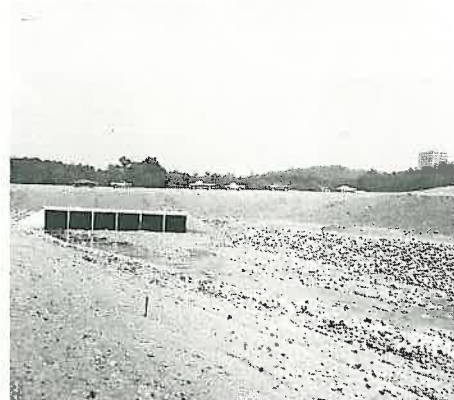
Arkansas continues to rank first among the 50 states in the percentage of total Interstate mileage complete and open to the motoring public, according to Federal Highway statistics.

Latest reports show that 508.5 miles, or 97 percent, of the total 527-mile Interstate system in Arkansas is open to traffic, while nationally only 84 percent of the 42,500-mile national system is open. The FHWA reports that construction is underway on an additional seven percent of the total Interstate System and engineering or right-of-way work is in process on most of the remaining nine percent.

Arkansas has ranked high among the 50 states in construction and completions since the Interstate program was begun in 1956. For the past several years the state has led the nation in the percentage of miles completed. Only 11 other states have completed more than 90 percent of their mileage, with most having finished less than 85 percent. Traffic-choked District of Columbia has less than 50 percent completed.

Farsightedness and wise planning on the part of the Highway Commission and Department personnel made possible a balance between road-user service and

programmed cost, so that construction of the entire system could proceed uninterrupted. From the outset, the Department has followed a general plan of (1) building from Little Rock outward, (2) from state boundaries inward, (3) building sections of interstate as bypasses in municipal areas where traffic congestion was a major problem, and (4) always building to a logical termini, so that sections of completed highway could be immediately used by the public.



The box culvert above is one of two constructed where I-430 crosses Shackelford Road. It looks very ordinary but it is actually the largest of its type in the state. Each of the six barrels is 10 ft. high by 12 ft. wide. The culvert will handle 5400 cu. ft. of water per second, a flow expected to occur not more than once in 50 years.



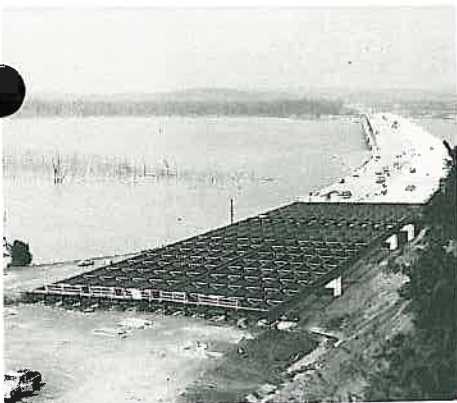
This hill doesn't look very steep, but just try it on a bicycle! Terraced cuts, as deep as 100 feet in some places, through formidable rock bluffs, were necessary to drop the highway 205 feet between Highway 10 and the river, slightly less than a mile away.



The I-30-I-430 interchange about a mile southwest of the Highway Department's central headquarters complex, is nearing completion.

The sweeping curves of the Crystal Hill interchange make it one of the most scenic in the state.





I-430 bridge across the Arkansas is nearing completion.

Arkansas' Remainder

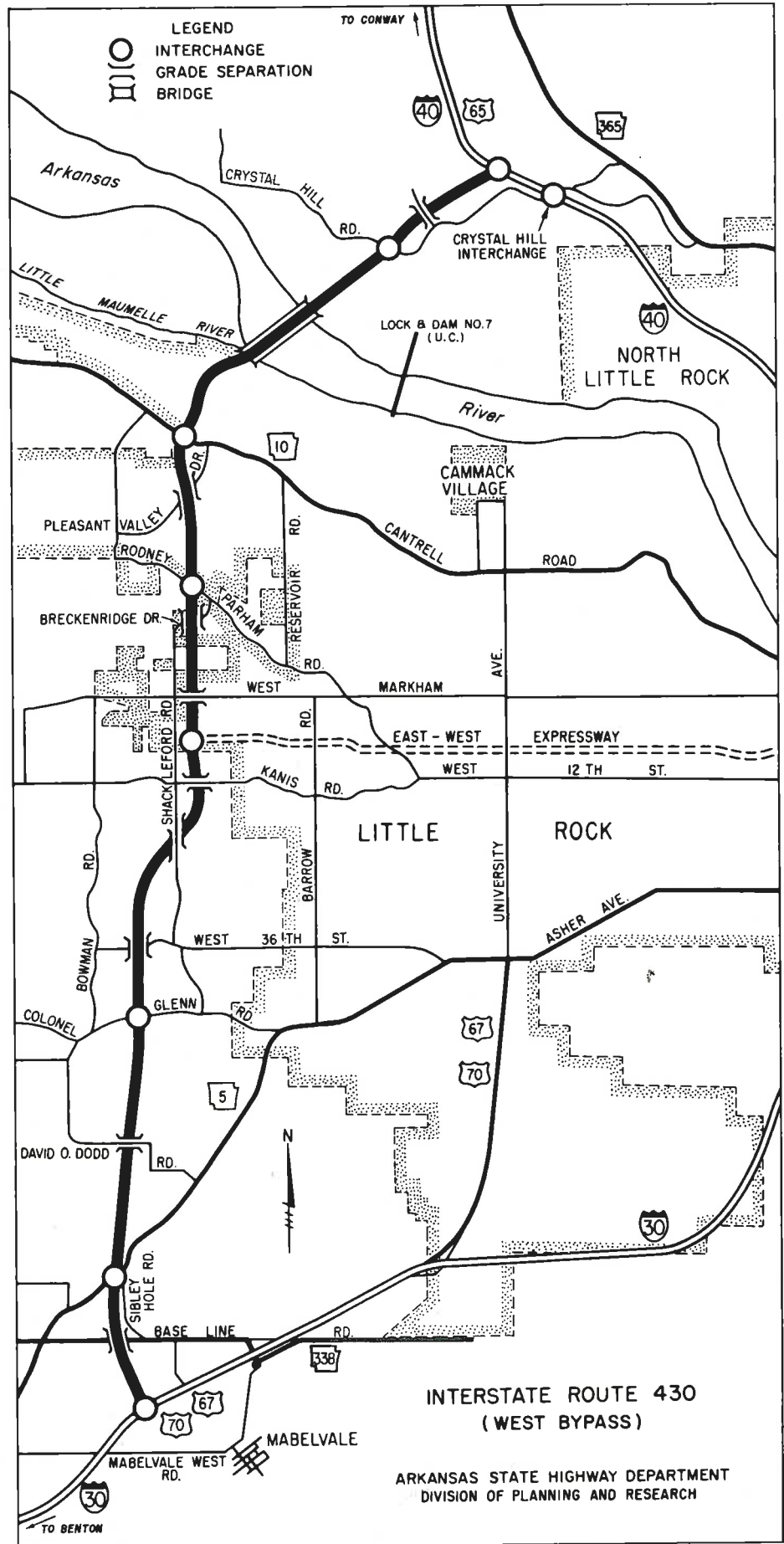
Of the remaining incomplete 17.5 miles, construction is underway on 12 miles and engineering or right-of-way work is in process on the other 5.5. The 12 miles are on I-430, the north-south connecting route of I-30 and I-40 on the western side of Little Rock-North Little Rock.

Work on I-430 is being done in three segments - (1) From I-40 at Crystal Hill in North Little Rock to Markham Street; (2) Markham to Colonel Glenn Road; and (3) Colonel Glenn to I-30. Present plans call for the first section to be opened to traffic by the end of October this year, with access at Highway 10 and Rodney Parham Road.

Surfacing contracts for the other two sections were awarded in mid-1973. A work order (the contractor's authority to begin work) was issued April 15 of this year for work to begin on the second section, with completion anticipated in 1975.

The final section is scheduled for opening in late 1976. No work order has yet been issued for that section. When completed, I-430 will have cost the Highway Department approximately \$63.9 million including right-of-way.

The incomplete section of I-630 accounts for the last 5.5 miles. The Department expects to let a contract for the section between University Avenue and I-430 in early fall of this year. The Pine Street-to-Little Rock Expressway section will hopefully be completed by 1979.



See Arkansas On Your Vacation This Year

COVER STORY

Mountains! Lakes! Fishing! Water sports! Historic attractions! Hills arts and crafts shows! Country music jamborees! Glittering night life! Swank resort hotels! Dude ranches! Caverns! Outdoor theatre! Amusement parks! Even a ski slope for winter fun (which many states don't have) and a diamond mine which NO other state has!



Arkansas has all this and much more – and many miles of good hardsurfaced highways to take you there. Last year more than 400,000 out-of-state tourists came to see Arkansas. See it yourself this year. Even though gasoline prices are high and still in inadequate supply in some instances, more than 80,000 visitors have already come to our state this year.

In this back-to-Nature era, you couldn't choose a more "natural" place to be and see. If you are a spelunker, rock-hound, bird-watcher, artist, backpacker, or enthusiast of other close-to-Nature activities, you need go no further. In the vicinity of Magnet Cove some 100 different minerals have been found. The Kiamichi Mountains near the Arkansas-Oklahoma line hold much interest for the botanist. At an elevation of more than 1,200 feet, 47 varieties of trees, 27 wild fruits, 17 kinds of medicinal plants and over 100 kinds of flowers, mosses and ferns can be found. Stangely, many of the plants are sub-tropical.

A NEW ATTRACTION

But the attraction – another natural one – currently drawing the most visitors is the magnificent and mammoth Blanchard Springs Caverns near Mountain View in Stone County. Said to be larger and more beautiful than Carlsbad, the cave was opened to the public in July of last year. Already more than 100,000 persons have visited it and the number this year is expected to be considerably greater. Thousands of visitors had to be turned away last year because of crowded conditions. Anyone anticipating making a visit to the cave is encouraged to make reservations by calling 757-2211 or by writing the Forest Service, Box 1, Mountain View, Ark. 72560.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAVERNS

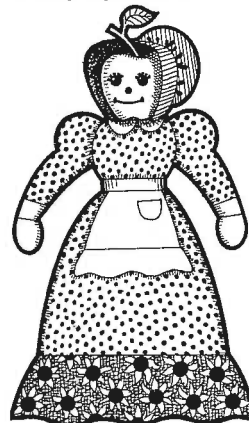
The Caverns have been there thousands of years, no one knows how many. How they happened to remain unexplored for such a long time is anybody's guess. It is assumed that John H. Blanchard, a young Kentucky Civil War veteran who homesteaded 160 acres in Stone County as a place of greater solitude and escape from the aftermath of war, never knew that beneath his land lay six miles of breathtakingly beautiful underground fantasyland. Both the Springs and the Caverns are named after him.

The opening in mid-1973 climaxed ten years of planning and development by the U.S. Forest Service, which now owns the land. Only one section of the Caverns is ready for visitors. When two other paths at lower levels are completed, they will offer a view of more than three miles of the cave.

OZARK FOLK CENTER

The nearby Ozark Folk Center, also completed and opened to the public in the summer of 1973, is a \$3.4 million complex of 59 buildings where visitors can see the many arts and crafts unique to Ozark hill people still practiced and those who wish to learn them may receive instruction. More than 11,000 visitors came to the Folk Center, which is operated under the supervision of the State Parks and Tourism Commission, the first month it was open. It is also the home of the Jimmy Driftwood Folk Festival which draws more than 10,000 visitors when it is held in April of each year.

The Highway Department has constructed or improved 62.4 miles of highways 5, 9 and 14 and replaced an inadequate ferry with a \$2.5 million bridge at Calico Rock to the Caverns and Folk Center. A toll-free ferry is operated at nearby Sylamore.



SEE ARKANSAS!
IT'S THE "NATURAL" PLACE!
YOU'LL JUST NATURALLY HAVE

A GOOD TIME!

200 Attend Hearing on LR-PB Road



A public hearing was held at Redfield on March 26 so that interested citizens might have an opportunity to discuss design plans for improvement and relocation of the major section of U.S. 65 between Little Rock and Pine Bluff. The Department proposes to construct a four-lane route on new location from Highway 104 northward for 13 miles to the Pulaski county line.

The purpose of the hearing was to discuss design, drainage, location of interchanges and related matters. Present plans call for interchanges to be built at State Highway 104, Jefferson Road and at Redfield. The hearing was the first of its type to be conducted by the Department in the interest of a major Federal-aid highway improvement project under the recently approved ACTION plan.

CITIZENS WANT FOURTH INTERCHANGE

Strong recommendations were made repeatedly for a fourth interchange to be built at the intersection of County Road 4, locally known as the Gravel Pit Road, instead of the grade separation now planned at that location. Otherwise, the 250 people who packed the school auditorium were in accord with the Department's plans.

State Representatives Frank Henslee and G. W. "Buddy" Turner of Pine Bluff were among those who requested the Gravel Pit Road interchange, based on use of the road by the Arsenal, the interchange's proximity to the proposed White Bluff power plant, and projected growth of industry between Little Rock and Pine Bluff. Using information gained at the hearing, the Department is now in the process of determining whether future traffic using County Road 4 will warrant the expenditure of some \$350,000 for the addition of diamond-type ramps.

Because of high costs, tentative plans call for work on the 13.5-mile project, now estimated to cost in excess of \$18 million, to be done in three stages. Construction costs rose 35 percent in calendar year 1973. Once construction funds become available for a job, the design approval is the last major obstacle before putting it out for bids. Roadway Design Engr. Brooks Nichols told the group that the Department is hopeful that the first contract can be awarded by the end of the year. The announcement was greeted with vigorous applause. The heavily-traveled two-lane existing highway, which follows a tortuous route of sharp curves and rolling hills, has been a traffic bottleneck.

A 4.34-mile section from Highway 104 south of Blake Street in Pine Bluff is being built four lanes wide on new location. A contract was awarded in July, 1973 and the work order issued in late August. The project will cost more than \$3.6 million.

Bids were taken May 21 on the addition of two lanes to the existing two from the Pulaski County line six miles northward to the Sheridan intersection south of Little Rock. The low bidder at \$4,298,559 was Ben M. Hogan Company of Little Rock.

AASHTO Subcommittee On Data Processing

by Vershal Roy, Chief, Computer Services

Director Henry Gray, presided as national chairman at the annual conference of the AASHTO Subcommittee on Data Processing held at San Antonio, Texas, May 13-15.

Persons concerned with management of data processing functions in each of the 50 states are members of the subcommittee, which meets annually to discuss current computer technology and its effect on highway and transportation management, design and engineering. Some 75 members and associates attended the San Antonio Conference.

Papers concerning fiscal control, cash flow, data bases of payroll and personnel systems, automated photogrammetric systems, carpooling, roadway design system, multimodal transportation planning system and traffic control systems are presented. A panel discussion concerning data processing problems and requirements of a multifunctional State Department of Transportation was well received.

Mr. Gray, in his opening remarks, emphasized the need – at all levels of management – for effective use of Data Processing capabilities. Vershal Roy, Chief of Computer Services, attended the conference as the Arkansas member of the committee.

Next year's conference will be held in Hot Springs.

1974 Highway Film Available

"ROADS! ROADS! ROADS! Over 76,000 miles in the Arkansas public road system – yet even more are being built, many more . . . being improved, and still more . . . being planned." Thus begins the narration of the 1974 Highway Department film entitled *Highways – Arkansas' Economic Lifeline*.

Highway highlights in the film include:

- U.S. 65 bypass at Harrison
- New Main Street Bridge and revamped Broadway Bridge with impressive shots showing demolition of pier that was removed
- Highway 10 west of Little Rock and Highway 341 bridge over White River near Norfolk, scenic award winners
- Improvements underway as part of the 10,000-mile State-aid Program
- U.S. 79 bypass at Camden
- Flood damage to state roads and bridges
- Dedication of the \$56 million Memphis bridge with Governor Bumpers signing a vacation certificate for the owner of the first vehicle to cross the bridge after its formal dedication.

To create viewer interest, many other sequences are included in the 22-minute film, such as –

- The new Baptist Medical Center complex near the junction of I-630 and I-430
- Historical Jacksonport and Old Washington
- Hot Springs and scenes from the SASHTO convention, and many others.

It's a very interesting and colorful 22 minutes. Staff photographer Johnnie M. Gray shot all the footage.

Progress of State-aid Program



State-aid Engr. John Kizer stands beside the completed bridge near Smackover.

The first bridge to be constructed on a county road under the Arkansas State-aid Road Program has been completed. It is located on FAS Route 1697 southeast of Smackover in Union County and is constructed of precast prestressed concrete slab units on treated timber pilings.

The bridge cost \$68,000, which was shared 60/40 between the state and Union County, according to the State-aid cost formula. It replaced an antiquated

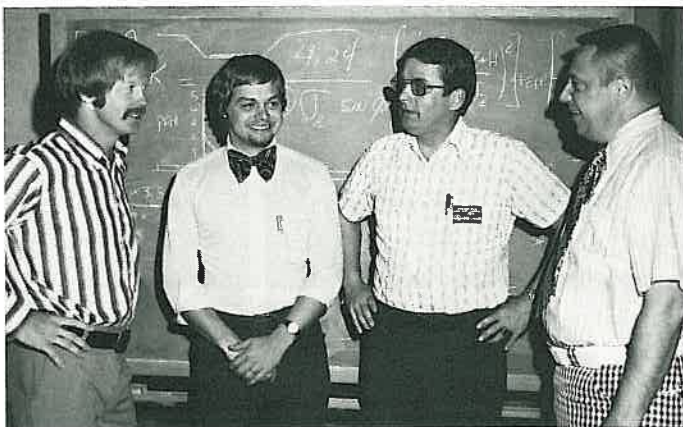
wooden structure damaged irreparably by last year's floods. Sims Construction Company of Monroe, La. was the builder.

A contract for four other bridges to be constructed in Union County under the same program was awarded in April. County Judge Carleton Jerry, who is very enthusiastic about the State-aid improvement program, has also paved four miles of county roads utilizing State-aid funds.

The Arkansas State-aid Program was created by Act 445 of 1973 to aid counties in improvement of county roads which were determined to be eligible for the program at its outset. A road or bridge project may be small or major, so long as the county provides its share of the cost.

During the eight months' period, August, 1973-March, 1974, 33 contracts have been let to contract for a total of 207.8 miles of roads and five bridges. In addition, 7 more contracts were awarded at the April letting for 19 miles of road improvement and two bridges. Plans are complete on six jobs and 23 others are programmed with plans in progress.

Air Pollution Workshop Held



Left to right: Steve Wilson, Environmental Development; Dr. Clem Burdick; Al Miller; and Dr. Karl Schnelle.

The Highway Department hosted its first highway air pollution workshop May 13-17 at Rodeway Inn in Little Rock. Ecologist Steve Wilson of the Environmental Develop-

ment Section coordinated the week-long session which was sponsored by the National Highway Institute and FHWA.

Primary objectives of the meeting were: (1) to teach participants how to make air quality studies based on research performed by the California Division of Highways and (2) to convey technical background information to technicians, engineers and administrators at the state level to assist them in their efforts in the highway air pollution field.

Other instruction included: (1) emission factors for motor vehicles, (2) diffusion meteorology and (2) use of computers to predict the impact of highways on air quality in the future. Reports based on (a) data analyses and evaluation of meteorology, (b) traffic volume and (c) air quality data will be used in computerization for use in highway planning, location, design and operation. Data collected in a study of air quality on a local highway project was used for illustration and problem development. Representatives from Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma and Missouri attended.

"Natural Causes" Expensive to Arkansas Highways

At least \$1.5 million in damage to roads and bridges can be attributed to natural causes such as floods, tornadoes, snow and ice during the past year. Figures on damage resulting from the April 20-21 floods in central and southcentral Arkansas and those from flooding in the Helena area on May 4-5 are not yet complete but the total when added to the \$1.5 million, is expected to raise the total to well over \$2 million.

Highway Director Henry Gray said the clean-up operations after last year's November floods, which were followed closely by winter snow and ice, and a major ice storm in South Arkansas, drastically cut into the Highway Department's maintenance funds for this fiscal year. All maintenance funds come from state revenues and are not matched by Federal aid.

Flooding in April and May of 1973, said to be the worst since 1927, left roads and bridges damaged to the extent that

emergency relief funds were requested, and received, to pay 100 percent of the cost of repairs to both state and county Federal-aid roads. Repairs costs of one landslide alone on Highway 22 in Logan County last year cost more than \$200,000.

Both Highway 7 north of Camden and Highway 367 in Pulaski County were closed as a result of damages inflicted this year in April. Many other roads and highways were closed for short periods of time. A number of bridges, including the Wattensaw Bayou bridge on Highway 31 north of Lonoke, were also heavily damaged by high water.

Flood waters routinely interrupt ferry service. Service on the St. Charles Ferry on Highway 1 between Arkansas and Monroe counties has been suspended since last November because of high water. The Reyno ferry on Current River (Highway 328) in Randolph County was closed April 24.



More Highway Corridor Hearings



Ft. Smith



El Dorado



Little Rock



Camden

Public meetings were conducted by the Highway Department in Camden and Little Rock the last week in March relative to two proposed highway corridors which will originate in Kansas City and pass through Arkansas if either or both become a reality (March-April, 1974 issue). One corridor would serve the Batesville-Jonesboro vicinity; the other the Fayetteville, Fort Smith and Texarkana or Little Rock portions of the state.

Congress has instructed the Secretary of Transportation to make a determination of need and/or desirability for constructing highways within 10 tentative corridors across the nation. A corridor is a

wide general area (perhaps as much as 100 to 150 miles) used for planning purposes. The open meetings are being held to gain public opinion and not to determine the route of a highway. All the reports are to be analyzed and consolidated into a single compilation for Congressional consideration by January 1, 1975.

Reaction of the Arkansas public was overwhelmingly positive, especially in the El Dorado area, where supporters of the route journeyed to several other cities in the state to attend meetings. A highway built within either or both corridors would be highly beneficial to the state.

On Campus Inspection School Held at Camden



Insp. Bill Pierce, Gunn's residency, Malvern
 D.E. * Coy Campbell, Camden
 Insp. Frank Novak, Blackwell's residency, Monticello
 A.R.E. Marion Downs, Godfrey's residency, Harrison
 A.R.E. Bill Hyde, Garrett's residency, Osceola
 Insp. Don Turner, McMillian's residency, Fort Smith
 A.R.E. Joe Barnett, Flowers' residency, Rogers
 E.A. C. L. Duncan, Final Estimates
 D. E. Sam Smith, Paragoúld
 R. E. * Mickey Reese, El Dorado
 A.R.E. Ronnie Garner, Belknap's residency, Hope
 R. E. Bob Myers, Camden
 A.R.E. Ed Slaughterbeck, Means' residency, Waldron

D.E. - District Engineer
 R.E. - Resident Engineer
 A.R.E. - Asst. Res. Engr.
 Insp. - Inspector
 E.A. - Engrng. Aide

The 1974 Annual Construction Inspection School, held February 25-March 1, was an outstanding success, according to Construction Engineer John Tallant. The week-long training course included a number of "firsts".

To begin with, the school was moved from Central Headquarters at Little Rock to the campus of Southwest Technical Institute at East Camden. Instead of holding separate training courses for (1) asphalt, (2) earthwork and (3) concrete paving, the three groups were combined.

Instructors were senior inspectors and other highly qualified Department personnel. It was the first year that senior inspectors have been assigned as instructors. The 82 inspectors and engineering aides lived on campus and attended sessions held in classrooms. The classroom atmosphere was apparently an advantage, since every person passed the comprehensive test given at the close of the session. The instructors, all of whom did a commendable job, were:

A.R.E. * Sam Kyzer, Myers' residency, Camden
 Insp. * Leroy Ray, Mauk's residency, Texarkana
 E.A. * Frank Williams, Jones' residency, Little Rock
 A.R.E. George Moss, Stafford's residency, Paragoúld
 E. A. Floyd Lancaster, Swink's residency, Searcy
 E. A. Bob Glover, Cameron's residency, Jonesboro

The Construction Division, which sponsors the school, was able to conduct it at the Institute for approximately one-third of the usual cost and those attending had no out-of-pocket expense. When the school is held in Little Rock, those attending pay for their motel rooms and meals and then are reimbursed after filing an expense account. At the Institute, they signed a ticket for dorm rooms and meals, which were taken in the school cafeteria.

The Construction Division was greatly aided in arrangements for the school by Southwest's director, Charles O. Ross; Hoyle Mann, director of Instruction; and Bob Dempsey, the director of Finance.

WHAT SOUTHWEST TECH IS

The Southwest Technical Institute is a one-of-its kind educational facility in Arkansas. Located on the grounds of the old Shumaker Naval Ammunition Depot, the 6-year-old co-ed institution operated under the supervision of the State Department of Education, qualified to grant associate of applied science degrees.

Curricula includes theoretical training for technicians in several fields, how to make application of those theories and general education courses designed to fit each technology. Present enrollment is about 250.

Perkins Honored by Toastmasters

Asst. Const. Engr. Hurley Perkins was elected educational lieutenant governor of District 43, Toastmasters, International at a meeting held in Vicksburg, Miss. on May 3-4. A member must have held two elective offices in a club to be eligible for nomination for a district office. Perkins, a member of the Hi-Noon Club, has served as education vice president and club president. District 43 is comprised of Arkansas, western Tennessee and northern Mississippi. He will represent his club and district at a regional meeting to be held in Louisville, Ky. June 14-15.

Perkins has completed the basic training manual in the organization's Communication and Leadership Program and has been awarded a Certificate of Progress. He is about half-way through the advanced manual.

Toastmasters programs provide opportunities to develop skills in speaking, thinking and listening, and in leadership by participation in a series of oral communication projects with constructive evaluation, leadership experiences and community programs.

Safety Awards Given in District 7



Field supervisors in District 7 whose crews earned safety certificates for the year 1973 (see Mar.-Apr. issue) were presented the certificate at a meeting of area foremen, maintenance superintendents and job superintendents. Those present at the meeting as shown above are: Front row, left to right: W. B. Bradshaw, Ray Rogers, Don Brandon, J. M. Renfro, Claude Parton and M. J. Reese. Second row, left to right: Homer Wilson, Thomas Lindsey, Abby Hardy, John Livingston, Larry Hollis, Jim Buck Gates and O. A. Redding. Back row, left to right: Bob Myers, Kenneth Dunn, Harry Castleberry, Jodie Waddle, John Harvey, George Griffis and L. D. Hopper.

AASHTO Seal Winners Announced



New AASHTO Seal

After the American Association of State Highway Officials broadened its name and function to include all modes of transportation, it became necessary to come up with a new official seal. Member highway departments, departments of transportation and interested firms were invited to submit designs for consideration.

One hundred nineteen entries were received from 30 AASHTO member states and one company. The Rhode Island Department of Transportation's entry was selected for the new seal.

Arkansas' entry, shown below, was designed by Charles Frazier of the Mapping Section. He also designed the new official seal of SASHTO.



Retirement Board Trustee

District 10 Engineer M. S. Smith of Paragould and Resident Engineer Ralph Jones of Little Rock are in the run-off for a two-year term on the Board of Trustees for the State Highway Employees Retirement System. M. S. Smith's first term as a trustee is expiring. A run-off election will be held the last week in May. Other Board members are Richard Heath, director of the Department of Finance and Administration; State Treasurer Nancy Hall, Chief Engr. B. K. Cooper and Asst. Engr. J. E. Lowder, who is serving as chairman.

Blood Quota Exceeded

Employees of the Central Office and District Six are to be commended for exceeding the 1973 year's quota in the Red Cross Blood Program by seven units. By meeting the quota, any Central Headquarters or District Six employee and his (her) immediate family are eligible to receive as much blood as needed by paying the typing cost.

The quota for the 1974 donor year, which began April 1, is 130 units (pints). Blood may be donated at drawings held from time to time at Central Headquarters or at the American Red Cross Center at 401 South Monroe in Little Rock. Employees who cannot give blood can support the program by asking a friend or relative to make a donation in the employee's name and requesting that the Highway Department's Blood Program receive credit.

Hours at the Red Cross Centers are 10:00 – 6:00 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; 10:00 – 8:00 p.m. Tuesday; and 10:00 – 4:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Listed below are the donors of two or more units of blood during the past year. More than 60 others donated a single unit.

Dorothy Carr, P&R Mapping – 4; George Green, M&T – 4; Maurice Head, Equipment – 4; Frank Caple, Procurement – 3; Pat Koonce, Accounting – 3; Ken Brock, Legal – 3; Don Martin, R.O.W. – 3; James McCarthy, Accounting – 3; and Bonnie Wesson, Bridge – 3.

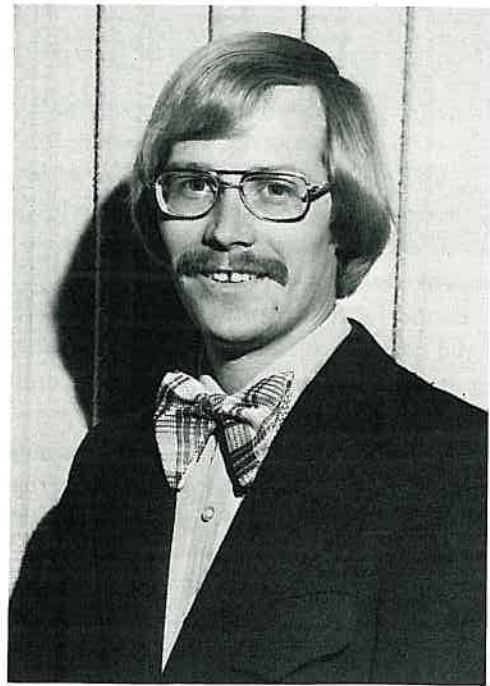
The following people gave two units; Earl McDaniel, D-6; Danny Mitchell, D-6; Avalee Padgett, Equipment; Cal Porterfield, Radio; Roy Shelby, Computer Services; John Stiefel, M&T; Douglas Sutton, Roadway; Virginia Tackett, Legal; Frank Vozel, Traffic; Don Cahoon, D-6; James Carvell, Traffic; Donald Donaldson, Surveys; Bob Fulton, Roadside Dev.; W. E. Kirkpatrick, Roadway; Madge Livingston, Radio; James Lowder, Asst. Chief Engr.; J. D. Magness, M&T; and Ronnie Lewis, Repro.

Additional Holiday Granted

The Highway Commission has approved V-J Day, August 14, as a legal holiday for employees, bringing to 10 the number of regularly scheduled holidays each year in addition to annual leave and sick leave.

The other holidays are: New Year's Day, Robert E. Lee's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Neilsen Wins NHI Fellowship



Doug Neilsen

Doug Neilsen, a research project coordinator in the Research Section of P&R, is one of 22 persons who have been chosen to receive fellowships worth \$5,000 each for full-time graduate study and research in highway transportation during the 1974-75 academic year. The fellowships are granted by the Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration. A total of 30 candidates applied.

The objective of the program is to assist state and local highway agencies in the development of expert manpower to perform in areas where a deficiency of skills exists. It is intended to complement rather than duplicate existing research capabilities of FHWA, and is administered by FHWA's National Highway Institute. Applicants must have a bachelor's or equivalent level degree and must take support courses in transportation-related fields.

Neilsen graduated from SCA in 1971 with a degree in business administration. He will also do the graduate work in business administration at SCA.

Arkansas became the 25th state of the union on June 15, 1836. The official state seal was adopted in 1864. Each part of the seal is symbolic. An explanation of the symbols will be given in the next issue.

Springtime Is Picnic Time

Station attendant C. L. Kight serves a guest.



Left to right: Foreman Johnnie Cheek, equipment operator Gilbert Lavine, Director Gray, crew leader Dempsey Burrow and Commissioner Blackwell chat before lunch.



The chow line is formed.

DISTRICT 6

Daffodils and crocuses have long been the heralds of spring but in the American way of celebrating every occasion with food, groups of people eating outside everywhere — on patios, in parks, at picnic and rest areas, and at highway headquarters — is another sure sign that spring is here.

Lonoke County Area Foreman Johnny Cheek's crew and their families enjoyed a fish fry picnic at the area headquarters at Lonoke on Saturday afternoon, April 27. Danny and Sammy Adams cooked the fish and hushpuppies. Wives of the crew members brought side dishes to complete the menu.

Special guests included Director and Mrs. Henry Gray, AGC Exec. Sec. Knox Nelson, Commissioner Lawrence Blackwell of Pine Bluff, D. E. and Mrs. Don Cahoone and daughter Sally Ann, Maint. Engr. and Mrs. Bert Rownd, and Representatives Bobby Glover of Carlisle and Bill Foster of England.

DISTRICT 4

Some 300 District 4 employees, their families and several special guests enjoyed a barbecue picnic on Saturday, May 4, at Ben Geren Park. Everyone had lots of fun and good food.

Asst. D. E. Carl Sanders did an excellent job of putting it all together. Credit for the barbecue goes to Sanders, Bill Skeets, Bob Mainer, Aubrey Matthews and Wayne Goodson, who worked all day cooking the ribs from 22 razorback pigs and 48 Arkansas chickens. D. E. Calvin Peavy was in charge of the weather (no rain!). A special note of thanks is due to ladies who brought delicious food from home to go with the barbecue. To all who worked and helped, the others of us say thanks.

Special guests included Commissioner Branyan from Camden, Director and Mrs. Gray and daughter Ann, Mr. and Mrs. Gip Robertson and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Gray.



District 4 employees and their families.



Neat trick if you can do it, Skeets!



Commissioner Branyan



Commissioner Patterson

Obituaries

BILLY EUGENE PEASE



Billy Eugene Pease, 42, an attorney in the Legal Division, died April 10. He was found dead at home and apparently died of natural causes. He had worked for the Department since 1967.

Pease was a native of Missouri and had served a four-year tour of duty in the Air Force. He was a graduate of Arkansas State University and the University of Arkansas Law School.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Velma Ormsbee of Popular Bluff, Mo. and an uncle, Judge Lyle Brown of Little Rock. Funeral services were held April 15 in Popular Bluff with interment in City Cemetery there.

ELLIS LEVI BRYANT



Ellis Levi Bryant, 64, of Morrilton, died April 13. He was area foreman for Conway County and worked for the Department almost 30 years. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Elsie Holmes Bryant; one son, Bobby Ray Bryant of Center Ridge; two daughters, Misses Dean and Sharon Kay Bryant, both of Morrilton; and one sister, Mrs. Annis Waters of Morrilton, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held April 15 at Harris Funeral Chapel with burial in Middleton Cemetery.

WILLIAM EARL HEADRICK



William Earl Headrick, 54, 6100 Longwood Road, Little Rock, died March 30 of a fatal heart attack. Bill, as he was known to all his co-workers, was a designer in the Traffic Services Division and worked for the Department for more than 25 years. He was a native of Batesville, the son of Mrs. Della Maude Linebaugh Headrick and the late John Alexander Headrick. He was a member of First Baptist Church, Kennett, Mo., the American Society of Photogrammetry, the American Congress of Surveying and Mapping and the Arkansas Association of Street and Highway Safety.

A highly decorated veteran of World War II, he held the Silver Star, the Purple Heart and the Oak Leaf Cluster and was a former commander of Little Rock Chapter 7 of Disabled American Veterans. Headrick was the civil defense director and a fire commissioner for Cammack Village.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Katherine N. Headrick; one son, John W. N. Headrick of Little Rock; two brothers, Rev. Elmer A. Headrick of St. Louis and James Carl Headrick of Kennett, Mo.; and three sisters, Mrs. Minnie Furlough, Kennett, Mrs. J. A. Rowland, Ypsilanti, Mich. and Mrs. Mae Cooper, St. Louis.

Funeral services were held in April at Ruebel Funeral Home with interment in National Cemetery. Pallbearers were Traffic Services Employees.

JACK E. BROCKMAN



Jack E. Brockman, 57, of Rosston, died April 5. He had been employed by the Department five years and worked for the Planning and Research Division as a traffic counter. He was a Baptist and a member of Lions, International.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Ruth Lambert Brockman; two sons, Jimmie Brockman of Hannah, S.C., Larry Brockman, Nocona, Tex.; one brother, Milton L. Brockman, Stamps; two sisters, Mrs. Maxine Brown and Mrs. Mary Jo Goodwin, both of Bodcaw, Ark.; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bascom Brockman of Bodcaw; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted April 7 by Smith Funeral Home of Stamps with burial in Jones Cemetery at Amity, Ark.

McGrath is New Auditor



John McGrath

John McGrath has been employed as an auditor in the Internal Audit Section, effective May 13. McGrath is a graduate of Boys' Town High School, Boys Town, Nebr. and Christian Brothers College of Memphis with a degree in accounting. He has been formerly employed as assistant controller for Ouachita Marine and as an auditor with the Legislative Audit.

McGrath is married and he and his wife Judy are expecting their first child in June. She teaches business at Mount St. Mary's Academy. They reside on Lennel Drive in North Little Rock. His favorite spare-time activities are bass fishing, golf and basketball.

OBITUARIES Continued from page 20.

ROY J. JESSON

Roy J. Jesson, aged 56, of Mountain View, died May 2. Death was attributed to a heart attack. He was employed with the Stone County crew and had worked for the Department 16 years. He was a member of Flatwoods Baptist Church.

Survivors included his widow, Mrs. Emmie Price Jesson; two daughters, Mrs. Fay Seaton, Mountain View, and Mrs. Barbara Clark of Wolf Bayou; his stepmother, Mrs. Linda Jesson of Mountain View; six brothers, Oris, Frank and Monroe Jesson, all of California; John and J. C. Jesson Rogers, and Virgil Jesson of Mountain View; three sisters and five grandchildren. Funeral services were held May 4 by Crouch Funeral Service.

Area Headquarters Inspection Ratings

Inspections have been completed and the figures compiled on the annual house-keeping ratings of the 80 AHD area headquarters facilities. Out of a possible 100 points, no headquarters rated 100, only one rated 99; five, 98; 12, 97; and 14, 96. The remaining ones received ratings ranging down to 70.

Ratings are made on the following percentages: shop, 20%; material storage, 15%; building, 10%; stock, 10%; rest rooms, 10%; landscaping, 10%; drainage & yard, 10%; office, 5%; general upkeep & appearance, 5%; fence, 3%; and parking area, 2%.

The 99 rating was made by the Lewisville headquarters in Lafayette County, Jodie Waddle, foreman. The 98 ratings were earned by: West Fork in Washington County; Hiland in Sharp County; Magnolia in Columbia County; Walnut Ridge in Lawrence County; and Blytheville in Mississippi County.

Inspections for 1973 were made by maintenance superintendents in each district instead of by the Maintenance Division at Central Headquarters. A quick comparison with the 1972 ratings showed that they graded much more conservatively than Central Maintenance personnel, and the dirty bums, they made the inspections with no advance notice. Be on your toes, A.F.'s — don't get caught napping next time.

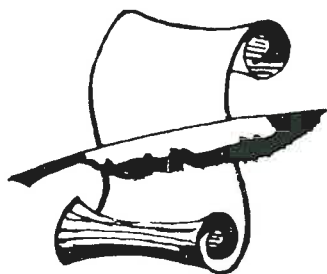
ROBERT HENRY ANDERSON

Robert Henry Anderson, 55, of Mountain View, died May 13 in a Little Rock hospital after a brief illness. Anderson was area foreman for Stone County and had been employed by the Highway Department 21 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lola Thomas Anderson of the home; two sons Ronnie and Dennis Anderson, both of Fifty Six; a daughter, Mrs. Glenda Faye Smith of Mountain View; his father Charley Anderson of Mountain View; a sister, Mrs. Ruby Mitchell of Mountain View; a half sister, Mrs. Hazel Trotter of Calif.; and three granddaughters.

Funeral services were held May 15 in Fifty Six Baptist Church, where he was a member. Burial was in the church cemetery by Crouch Funeral Home.

April 6, 1974



Letters

April 23, 1974

Mr. Henry Gray, Director
Arkansas Highway Department

Dear Mr. Gray:

A few months ago, Mr. E. Russell Baxter, Commissioner for Rehabilitation Services in Arkansas, contacted you regarding some work that needed to be done on the street system of the Hot Springs Rehabilitation Center.

A few days later, representatives from your department came to the Center and we discussed our needs. As a result of the visit several things have been accomplished. They immediately did an overlay at our front entrance which was in bad state of repair and they sealed the various cracks and crevices which were permitting water to damage some of our streets and retaining walls. Also, they have resurfaced several areas of our street system with a hot mix. This has improved the surface of several areas which make it much easier for our students in wheelchairs and others who have ambulatory problems to get around.

Therefore, I want to take this opportunity to say how much we appreciate your cooperation and the fine job your staff did in taking care of some of our needs.

Sincerely,
Ervin H. Hodges, Administrator
Department of Social and
Rehabilitative Services
Hot Springs, Arkansas

May 13, 1974

Mr. J. C. Patterson, Commissioner
Arkansas Highway Department

Dear Sir:

Just to say thank you and your Dept. and all that have helped in this project on Highway 62.

You are doing a real good job and we appreciate seeing where our tax dollars are going and what it is doing for us.

It is a very good feeling to drive without having to fight the wheel.

Thanks again,
H. C. Richey
Richey Lumber Co.
Lincoln, Ark.

Freshour Construction Inc.
Sweet Home, Arkansas 72164

Dear Sir:

Permit me to congratulate you on a beautiful job of construction!!

Twice a day, I drive over seven miles of your road project now nearing completion, in Van Buren County between Bee Branch and Clinton, Arkansas.

In the beginning, I thought the Freshour Co. must be a bunch of bananas, in the way the construction was started. One day the crew would work in one location, and the next day be several miles away engaged in some other phase of construction. Now that I've seen how it all goes together, I realize this was progressive preparation for an outstanding job.

Your foreman, Mr. Wallace Cooper certainly is alert, and on top of his job at all times. He appears to be very safety conscious, and makes a real effort to reduce accidents. His courtesy is an attitude that helps make the road safer for us all. I have observed his giving assistance to motorists having difficulty, and his kindness and consideration for the public, is indeed commendable. In fact, the equipment operators and the truck drivers are all pretty darn nice too!

May I say again, its a beautiful piece of road work and a real joy to drive upon.

Sincerely,
M. Ann Binns
Officer-in-Charge
U.S. Post Office
Bee Branch, Arkansas

(Editor's Note: The section of highway to which Ms. Binns refers is Job 8566, a 7.1-mile section of reconstruction on U.S. 65, some of it on new location, beginning one and a half miles northwest of Bee Branch and extending northward to one mile south of Clinton. Our thanks to contractor Jack Freshour for passing on her comments.)

May 9, 1974

Arkansas Highways
Little Rock, Arkansas

Gentlemen:

The front cover of a recent Arkansas Highways showing U.S. 71 north of Bella Vista brought back a lot of memories.

I was a rodman in the party that had to cross-section those bluffs. My father was the resident engineer, Ernie Mashburn, Jr. was instrument man. D. B. Hill did the grading and Ben Hogan the base and surfacing.

Would you believe 1940?

Sincerely yours,
Sam Whitthorne
Asst. Div. Engr., FHWA
Baton Rouge, La.

Letters

April 12, 1974

State Highway Department
Harrison, Arkansas 72601

Gentlemen,

You have certainly done a fine job of making a parking lot for the canoers at the Ponca bridge on Highway 74. The parking area is smooth and well marked and should certainly be adequate for the needs for some time to come.

Traffic has been flowing smoothly this spring and it looks like we have solved most of the problems of too many cars and no place to park.

Thanks for your cooperation in getting this parking lot prepared just ahead of the busy season at the bridge. I have heard a lot of favorable comments on this project and wanted to pass the good word on to the ones who did the work.

Thanks for the signs, too. They couldn't be any plainer - if any cars get caught in the floods now it is because they cannot read!

You have done an excellent job on this and we thank you very much for all your work and your cooperation.

*Yours very truly,
Harold C. Hedges
Ponca, Ark.*

May 2, 1974

Mr. Henry Gray
Arkansas State Highway Commission
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Gray:

We appreciated very much your letter of April 16 expressing the sympathy which I knew the Highway Department members and employees were feeling for us when we lost Bill so suddenly. So many came to us with great kindness and help to make our sorrow bearable. The gratitude that I feel is more than can be expressed.

The 25 years that Bill was with the Highway Department coincided with the 25 years of our marriage (and some of you may remember when "that baby", our son John, was born in 1955).

Bill was happy with the AHD and we both took pride in the marvellous growth of the fine Arkansas highway system. May his fun and smiles be remembered as we all continue on the highway of life. God bless each of you.

*Sincerely,
Katherine Headrick*

Impressions of a Visit to District Headquarters

Mrs. G. H. Tilghman and Mrs. C. N. Harrison, leaders of Brownie Troop 66 at Pine Bluff, took the 9-year-old girls on a field trip through the District Headquarters facilities there not long ago. Afterward, the ladies wrote the following letter to D. E. John S. Harris.

"Dear Mr. Harris:

Brownie Troop 66 would like to thank you for taking time and interest in our troop. We thoroughly enjoyed our trip through your new building. We would also like to thank your staff — Mrs. Long, Mrs. Carter and Mr. Clark — for their time.

I thought you might enjoy knowing some of the comments made concerning our tour.

'This is the house for all those big machines.'

'Those are the things that fix our roads?'

'Why do they have to have a room for talking?'

And this one is a dilly — 'I'm going to tell my mother and daddy about this, Mrs. Tilghman. They said they didn't know what happened to their tax money.'

'I thought those orange machines belonged to some construction company.'

'Are all these tractors and things ours because we pay taxes?'

'Bet it takes some strong people to run this place.'

What they learned from this trip will remain with them a lot longer than if I had just told them about the benefits the Highway Department provide for us as taxpayers."

AHD Tournament Being Played



At press time 15 teams were competing in the AHD 4-Ball Golf Tournament being played at War Memorial course during the month of June. Each team must play to be official.

One member of each team must be an AHD employee or retiree. Winners will be announced in the next issue.

20 Years Ago

May - June, 1954

THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION convened for its regular meeting May 20, at which time 15 new construction projects were added to the 1954-55 program. Also included in the new program are 11 graveling jobs totaling over 88 miles, and 9 dustproofing projects which total over 83 miles. Contracts were awarded on 13 road and bridge projects, totaling a little over \$3 million.

\$25.00 CASH AWARD for the best design of a Service Lapel Pin to be given to all employees who have been with the Department five years or more. **\$15.00 Cash Award** for the best design of a certificate of Merit to express the Department's appreciation for efficient and loyal service. No contest entries accepted after July 15, 1954. Don't be a "last-minuter" and take a chance on missing the deadline. Your design may win!

CONGRATULATIONS are in order for Ady L. Holloway, nightwatchman, and his wife, who were the lucky winners of a new 1953 Ford which the Stanley Products Company gave away recently in a drawing.

MARGIE TURNER, Statistics and Analyses Division, wrote an inspiring article which was published in the magazine section of the *Arkansas Democrat* April 18 entitled, "The Sniper's Bullet Didn't Stop Johnnie Beavers."

THE PERSONNEL at Headquarters are eagerly awaiting the completion of the air conditioning system, which is being installed in the building.

FEROL JONES is a member of the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church Choir which, together with the Hendrix Chapel Choir, presented Haydn's Oratorio, "The Creation" May 5 for the first time in Little Rock. She also sang a solo selection from the Oratorio "Elijah" May 12 at the T. J. and Inez Raney Lectureship.



Pat Koonce and Jack Keilch of the Accounting Division received service awards on April 12. Pat for 15 years and Jack for 25.

Highway Model Exhibited on Quapaw Tour

The scale model of the downtown, or eastern, section of Interstate 630 was exhibited in the lobby of the Albert Pike Hotel during the Quapaw Quarter Tour, May 4-5. The Model shows the planned six-lane route in proximity to the Quapaw Quarter on Little Rock's east side where some of the city's oldest and most historically significant homes, the Museum of Natural History and other buildings are located.

When I-630 is completed, a ultra-modern cage-type four-level interchange will connect it with I-30 in the vicinity of 14th Street, approximately five blocks from the 146-year-old Arsenal Headquarters building, blending the new with the old.

The building, which now houses the Museum of Natural History, was one of a seven-building arsenal complex built in 1838 by the federal government to protect settlers from hostile Indians still living in the area. It was in this building, on January 26, 1880 that the late General Douglas MacArthur was born while his father was stationed as commandant of the arsenal.

The planned interchange, to be the first of its kind, was designed to accommodate a small area and because the suspended cage type can be constructed without having to close busy I-30. It is illustrative of the momentum which living has gained and the premium to which land values have risen since the days when the arsenal sprawled over 36 acres near what was then and still is, the heart of downtown Little Rock.

Who Is It?



Last issue's Who Is It was Adele Feidler, secretary to Asst. Chief Engr. Charles Venable. Wasn't she a doll? Her identity was correctly guessed only by Margaret Weathers of Construction and Pat Koonce of Accounting.



NEWS AFTER THE DEADLINE

PHOTOGRAMMETRY

SUE WALLS

Since this is the first time this section has had news in the magazine, I would like to tell a little about it. Photogrammetry is a section of the Surveys Division. Roger Taylor is the supervisor. Last year the Photogrammetry building (it's the little one which sits by itself near District 6 headquarters) was expanded and several more employees added, bringing the total to 11.

The employees, in addition to Mr. Taylor and this reporter, are Farrell Adams, Lynn Bridges, Fred Greenwood, Kevin Harris, Margaret Hudson, David Hunter, Ferrel Magby, Charles Rankin, Jr. and Roy Walden.

Several of us will celebrate wedding anniversaries in May and June. Our two newlywed couples – the Harrises and the Bridges – will celebrate their second year of marriage, Kevin and Martha on May 26, and Lynn and Sandra on June 9.

David Hunter and this reporter are old married folks. David and Linda's fifth anniversary will be May 30. Buddy and I will have our ninth on June 11. I might add that they have been nine of the happiest years of my life and I look forward to many more.

Kevin, David and Ferrel Magby all piled into David's Haflinger and set out to capture a swarm of honey bees for Kevin's beehive. They attempted to cross a river in the Haflinger and found out it wouldn't float in four feet of water, so they all got out and took a nice cool dip. Kevin is still

limping around and is still looking for honey bees. If anyone sees a swarm of bees that need a home, give them Kevin's address.

Margaret can be justifiably proud of her girls. Kim, a tenth-grader at Benton High School, is on the Kiwanis Club Honor Roll. The Club honored the students with a banquet in May. Lorie, an eighth-grader at Benton's East Side Junior High, was elected "Most Beautiful Girl" of her class.



Kim Hudson



Lorie Harris

Farrell Adams has moved to Plummerville, his old home town, and now commutes via car pool. How does it feel to get up at daybreak every morning to come to work, Farrell?

David, who is an outdoorsman (as you can tell by the beard), has made several float trips this year. On one trip on the Saline River, he caught a 14½ inch brown bass. He didn't get a picture of the fish, but was showing everyone the paddle which he used to measure it! Does this sound like a fish story to you?

RIGHT OF WAY

SHIRLEY CHILDRESS

ADMINISTRATIVE

Johnny Jackson, Glendol's son, is making quite a name for himself in tennis. He and his partner won the regional championship tournament at Texarkana in April and had high hopes of becoming state champions of the AAA schools. Unfortunately Johnny twisted an ankle just after he and his partner had won their first set in the state tournament played at the Burns Park court in North Little Rock on May 10. Johnny is a senior, so we hope the ankle heals in time for him to walk down the aisle to receive his diploma. We also wish him lots of luck in tennis playing this summer.

This reporter's son, Brian, who is 14, won three trophies in the Annual Wess Grant Community Park Horse Show held at Salem community May 5. He won third place in horsemanship, second place in speed racing, and fifth place in junior barrel racing. It was only the third show in which he had competed.

Brian is a member of Maumelle Riding Club and rode in the club's for-members-only show on May 11. He won first place ribbons in junior speed, junior flag, and junior barrels. Riding in an open horse show at the Maumelle Club on April 27, he won a fourth place trophy in junior barrels.

ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT

Staff sociologist Gwen Sheffield was married April 6 to Charles Smith. She will be leaving at the end of May to join him in Chicago.

Marion Butler is transferring from P&R to replace Gwen. A sincere welcome is extended to him.

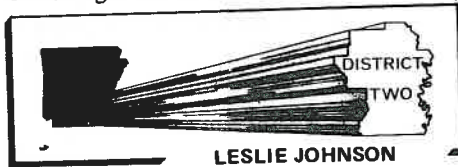
Mike Hunter, landscape architect, and geologist Bob Grubbs have resigned for other employment – Mike with Comprehensive Professional Services, and Bob with Danco Construction. We are going to miss all of them but wish them the best in their new endeavors.

The canoeists of our section have been keeping the rivers busy and aside from rain, poison ivy and getting dumped in the water a few times, the trips have been most enjoyable.

Clell Bond has been sailing Lake Mau-melle quite a bit this year. (Experience tells us that a cold windy February day just isn't a good time to turn over!)



The young man above is Josh Wilson, whose photo arrived too late to be included in the March-April issue. He is the son of ecologist Steve Wilson.



Asst. D. E. Ken Tyler has moved up into the 15-year bracket. Congratulations! Fuel clerk Sam Chavis recently received a 20-year pin and certificate.

Selma and Van Dyke, her sister Pat Bloom and their mother have just returned from a Shrine Hawaiian trip. They had a wonderful trip, Selma said, even though there was quite a delay in California on the return flight. Something happened to the plane . . . glad it was on the ground! One of the highlights of the tour was a luau. Selma brought home a genuine lei and some beautiful handmade shell jewelry.

Russell Gaddy, "No. 1 accountant", retired in April of last year but it has taken a year for us to become aware of how much we really miss him! But after all, he was here 27 years and that is a long time! Russell no longer participates in square dancing and calling which he enjoyed so much for so many years. His favorite hobbies are working with his

citizens' band radio, gardening, visiting and spoiling his "grandchildren." They actually are the offspring of his nieces Beth and Ann. Russell paid us a visit just recently to let us see that he had recuperated from a freak accident - his car ran over him! We sincerely hope he will keep us on his calling list, as we always enjoy his visits.



Russell Gaddy, right, & D.E. John Harris

Now that the Stockroom personnel are known as "Retired Army", they give us a hard way to go. Ed "Sarge" Nissblatt, assisted by Joe Leopard and Benny Roberts, operate like a general and his command.

Receptionist Betty Carter was seen recently wining and dining at Olde West Dinner Theater with her favorite escort.

Brewster and Sunny Shalmy have a one-year old VIP in their family. John Thomas Shalmy, Jr. was born in Pensacola, Fla. but he and his folks, John Sr. and Dolores Shalmy, are now residing in Pine Bluff. John Sr. is employed with Pine Bluff Sand & Gravel and does a little moonlighting with his drums.



John Thomas Shalmy, Jr.

John C. Ashcraft, station attendant at the Rison area headquarters, is proud of his two grandsons whom he enjoys immensely. Wilton, 10 and Wade, 5 are

the sons of the Willie John Johnstons of Pine Bluff. The boys enjoy fishing, hunting and vacations.



Wilton Johnston



Wade Johnston

This reporter's little neighbor-friends sent me such a lovely corsage for Mother's Day. Donald Wayne and Lisa Lain, ages 6 and 4, are just as mischievous as they look. They have nicknamed me Mama Ross. "Duke" and "Sissy" love picnics, fishing, hunting, swimming, bicycling and their several dogs.



Duke and Lisa Lain

Jane and Mel Doughty are in the throes of redecorating their home, with Jane overseeing the interior painting. Don't know if she will make it through to the exterior.

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DEPARTMENT NEWS

BRIDGE DESIGN

BONNIE WESSON

Just received notice from the editor to get my news together. (My stomach has just stopped grinding from the last deadline). It's such mental stress for me to put three words together on paper. My brain is so small, its depressing.

Gary Ashley has provided the most news recently. He gave up the carefree bachelor life and married Brenda Allen. We gave him all firsthand facts and pointers, including "Guide on what to do in case of . . ." (back-to-the-wall type info.)

All of the seemingly bizarre stories became a reality as he shopped for another car the first week. On Gary's first day back to work, Brenda collided with a cab and the car was sent to the pits. Fortunately, Brenda wasn't hurt and being the good sport that he is, Gary kept an even personality. We hope Gary and Brenda will be happy and stay where the fun is.

Ken Glover's son Kenneth III won first place in the first grade art competition at Ida Burns Elementary School at Conway. His entry also won first place in state competition. The picture was on display at the Art Center and around the state. Congratulations, Kenny.

Frank Harrison's older daughter Jenny has every reason to be excited and proud these days. She graduated this spring from Parkview High, where she won numerous awards and scholarships. The most exciting is a \$1000 National Merit Award; and scholarships for achievement, \$400, and journalism, \$100. She also was awarded the Little Rock Jaycees Annual Salute to Education Award as the Outstanding

Student in Academics for Parkview High. Jenny plans to attend UALR this fall.

And a sad note. Frank's mother passed away April 26 at Ft. Smith. In addition to Frank, she is survived by her husband, and a daughter who lives in Japan.

Carl Lindstrom and Jim Darnell entered the Easter Seal golf tournament at Lake Maumelle March 29-30. They said the competition was really stiff. Maybe they needed the moral support of old pros Wayne Major and Dale Loe.

Jim Matthews has decided to accept the challenge of Weight Watchers. "What's for lunch" is pretty grim news. I heard that yogurt and watercress on whole wheat was good. Whatever the plan-to-trim is, Jim is looking great.

Wayne Major is adding a spacious den to his home in Twin Lakes. He drew the plans and contracted the building. Kay gets to do her thing at the furniture store and an added feature of another room to clean. (Less yard to mow - we got that).

We are really sorry about the death of Wayne's father, photographer Pete Major. Our sympathy is also extended to Mrs. Major.

Ross Wylie is a new engineer in Jim Kuykendall's squad. He is from Murfreesboro and a recent graduate of the U of A. Ross enjoys hunting and playing golf, which is the criteria for working in this division. So, welcome.

It seems that J. P. Sumner is still too reckless on his trail bike. His wife is having him put it up for awhile. J. P., why can't you ride a 10-speed like other guys?

Want to hear about my girls? Suzanne (13) and Sonya (12) entered the County 4-H Club Dress Revue in March. Suzanne won a blue ribbon for sewing and Sonya won one for modeling. Tara (10) didn't enter but she must have caught every

word as the narrator described each outfit. Now, occasionally, when she is ready for school, she walks into the room and starts saying, "Tara has chosen a lovely three piece ensemble. She is wearing a wine sport coat and matching hiphuggers accented by a wine swede belt with brass hardware. Notice her very attractive wine knit top exposing a bare midriff. Tara has completely coordinated her outfit right down to her matching - blue swede clogs", or "Tara's faded blue jeans bring out the blue in her socks showing through the hole in her tennis shoe." She can describe anything she has on, emphasizing something that is worn or that she doesn't like to wear.

Chuck Sherwood and Bill Wall (M&T) who are roommates in an apartment in Jamestown, are having a hassle decorating. Bill bought a red and black Spanish picture. Now, neither of them can find anything to complement it. They might be pleased with the furniture arrangement if it weren't for an outspoken neighbor. But I say, they definitely need some help. Chuck made a nightstand out of a barrel, and painted it bright yellow. Have you ever tripped over a nightstand? That won't happen here.

FINAL ESTIMATES

RON COFER

Ann Harrell (our resident cowgirl) has purchased two more horses, bringing her total of bonafide horseflesh to five head. At this time of the year, Ann is riding in Point Shows to build up points to qualify for the State Finals in September.

Ann and her husband, Freddy, have been riding in rocket runs on their motorcycle. The last time they rode, they came in second.

Two people in our section have gotten new cars lately. Victor Moody has a new Ford Falcon, which is saving him some gas mileage on his drive to and from work.

Neda Yoder has a new Mercury Comet. She particularly needs a gas saver since she and her husband have purchased a new home in Greenbrier.

Dub Rogers, our "treasurer", says that July 30, 1974 will absolutely be the last day to send in your dollar to the Final Estimate Section.

John and Susan Wilson have bought two brand new 10-speed bicycles. John is using his for transportation to work, as well as for recreation. He and Susan are planning on several weekend bike trips this summer.

Raymond Jones and family took a weekend camping trip to Greers Ferry Lake about two weeks ago and believe it or not, not one drop of rain fell! They had a very enjoyable trip. Normally, the rest of us do not go camping when Mr. Jones goes because there is usually 10 inches of rain and 40 tornados when he is on any lake in Arkansas.

Joe and Carolyn Lewis celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary on May 9. Their son, Mark, celebrated his first birthday on May 10. It sure is hard to believe that he is already one year old. (Joe says that Mark is "doing fine on his paper route" and is "buying his own cigars now.")

Charlene Foster and her family visited relatives in Louisiana on Easter Sunday. Her oldest daughter, Robbin is playing softball this summer in the Bryant girls softball league.

Laura Malone gave her daughter, Heather, a birthday party on April 30. Heather is three years old.

Six mistakes of man

- 1—The delusion that individual advancement is made by crushing others.
- 2—The tendency to worry about things that cannot be changed or corrected.
- 3—Insisting a thing is impossible because we ourselves cannot accomplish it.
- 4—Refusing to set aside trivial preferences.
- 5—Neglecting development and refinement of mind, and not acquiring habits of reading and studying.
- 6—Attempting to compel other people to believe and live as we do.

— Cicero, 43 B. C.

PERMIT SECTION

SAMMYE MARTINEZ

We are happy to welcome Becky Elrod as a new permit clerk. She is married to Stan Elrod, who is employed at Allstate. They live at 8619 Mablevale Pike.

Ginger Wylie had a baby girl April 7. Sorry I don't have a picture but take my word, she is a beautiful baby. Her name is Heather LeighAnn.

Mr. Dumas is in California enjoying a nice vacation with his family. They traveled by Amtrak. We will have more details for the next issue.

PLANNING & RESEARCH

KATHY KING



P&R Reporter Kathy King holds the "15-year" cake prepared for Bob Kessinger. Shown with them, left to right, are: Doug Neilsen, Otto Potter, Larry Nichols and Jerry Rogers.

Bob Kessinger, head of the Research Section, received a 15-year service pin on April 12. Cake and coffee were served in his honor.



Lewis Ball, left, and Mayo White.

Lewis Ball received a 5-year certificate in March. He services and maintains permanently installed traffic recorders for the northern half of the state. Mayo White of Current Planning presented the award.

Economics will be sorry to lose Marion Butler who is being promoted and transferred to Environmental Development. He has been with the Economics Section for two years. The entire Division will certainly miss him.



Debbie Standard

Debbie Standard and Otto Potter are new employees in our Division. Debbie is working in Current Planning. She is married and has a three-month-old daughter. The Standards live in the Mabelvale area nearby.



Otto Potter, left, and John Milliken.

Otto Potter is a graduate of the University of Arkansas and is employed in the Research Section. He and his wife, Shirley, live in Little Rock.

John Milliken, who previously worked with the road inventory crew of Current Planning, transferred to the Mapping Section in March.

Jon Robertson of the Economics Section is now driving a brand new bronze Pinto station wagon. Jon and his family are already planning on making good use of it when they go on a camping trip to Colorado at the end of May.

Lynn Sebastian is getting married September 21. Her fiance is Sgt. Robert C. Feeling of Willcox, Arizona. He is with the Public Affairs Office of the Marine Corps and is currently stationed at Camp H. M. Smith, Hawaii. Congratulations and good luck!

Softball season is here at last! Jim Head says he will be glad when it's over and it hasn't even gotten off to a good start yet! Both his son, Douglas and daughter, Dana are playing this year.



Mr. and Mrs. Melvin G. Lloyd

Suzanne Cloud and Melvin G. Lloyd exchanged wedding vows on April 5 in Salem Methodist Church. Polly and Robert Cloud are Suzanne's parents. Connie Cloud, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Ken Moore served as best man. The newlyweds are residing in the Salem community. Congratulations to both!

The word stadium originally stood for a Greek unit of distance equal to 600 feet — the Greek equivalent of the 200-yard dash. Later, the word came to designate the sports pavilion in which the race was run!



Connie and Heather.

Connie and her horse, Heather won a fifth place trophy in Ladies Western Pleasure at a horse show held May 5 at the Wess Grant "G" Ranch.

PROCUREMENT

ANN JOHNSON

Spring is in the air and it's terribly hard to stay indoors to do work that must be done.

We have a new face in the office, but it's a lovely face that is familiar to a lot of us in the building. Alleen Taylor recently transferred from P&R to be secretary to Frank Caple. She manages to keep busy after office hours with her three young boys.

Since I was formerly his secretary — and I am still here, that means I have a new job. I have been promoted to a buyer — and let me tell you, it is fascinating work!

The racing season is over so we will see a bit more of Al Sacco in the office until June 1 when racing begins in Omaha. (I understand that a friend of Al's there has made arrangements for Al to lead the horses onto the track for the first race of the season.)

Fishing season has begun in earnest, so Henry Plunk will be sporting a bright red face, at least for a few Monday mornings, until he gets used to being out in the sun.

Juanita Knox is planning a few days off soon to do a bit of traveling and sight-seeing.

When I asked Patsy Downing if they had done anything exciting recently, she said she would have to think about it!

Christine Robinson's daughter took a tumble out of bed not long ago and ended up in the hospital to have a cast applied to her right elbow. Christine learned something all mothers learn. Doctor tells mother to "keep your child quiet and still for a few days." Then mother goes batty trying to follow doctor's orders. Both mother and daughter are recovering nicely, though.

Bernie Cox and his family are enjoying living closer to Bernie's work. Since the youngest daughter, Vickie, and her family recently moved to Oklahoma, I think Bernie misses the young grandchild more than he does Vickie.

Mr. Caple hasn't much free time to pursue one of his favorite hobbies — golf — but I understand he plans to remedy that soon. We still have not seen that coveted trophy from the Bullfrog Open. When I asked if he would bring it up for us to admire, he said he would if he could be assured that he wouldn't drop it or have an accident while driving to work, or that it would not hop off his desk while it was here. He said he really enjoyed working for the Department and would hate to see his life pass before his eyes if the trophy was damaged in any way!!

Last but certainly not least in the office is Lewis Wade, who keeps telling us how busy he is. However we haven't decided if he means at work or at home. He did stop long enough one day to fix some popcorn for those of us in the office. Just ask him for his recipe and the procedure he follows. Not only is it interesting, it is unbelievable!

In the 1920's, Guy Kelcey, a pioneer traffic engineer, developed the idea of channelling the flow of vehicles by using traffic islands.

REPRODUCTION

JERRY DIXON

I can just hear everyone now . . . "I've got 5 days coming . . . What should we do with it?" Several have taken a day here and a day there to really see if the bass were running. If you go to one lake, someone tells you the fish were really biting at another lake across town.

Those who don't care for fishing may be planning a trip like Frank and Janean Knowles. They're going to Silver Dollar City for a weekend. Before Frank leaves for his trip, he has a Central H.S. class reunion at the Sheraton Hotel. His class will also have a picnic in Boyle Park. (Since I missed my own class reunion, maybe I can go with Frank.) Don't eat too much, Frank!

Chris Parker has an early vacation this year. From May 11-24 Chris will play soldier at Ft. Chaffee, where he will continue training in nuclear electronics. Isn't he lucky to be a part of the new Army instead of the one I was in for two years?

Bonnie Hodge had a birthday April 15. That's a good reason for a potluck lunch in our section. So, we still owe Bonnie a free lunch. Everybody, think of all those goodies to bring! From what Bonnie says, her children made it a Happy Birthday.

On May 31, two year old Lisa Daniel, daughter of Tommy and Barbara Daniel, will have her tonsils removed. That calls for at least a half gallon of ice cream. What flavor does she like, Tommy? Ice cream and Mommy's kisses cure everything.

Alma Stephens' daughter Carol won a weekend trip to California for "cooking up" the winning menus in a nutrition course at Metropolitan H.S. On June 24 she will be on her way to Disneyland. Alma and I tried to spell the name of the yeast manufacturer that sponsored the contest, but couldn't come close. (Spelling its name must have been part of the

contest.) We hope you enjoy your trip, Carol. And we also would like to sample some of those menus. Alma has promised to handle the arrangements for delivery — real soon.

The Dixon family held a family reunion on May 5 at Burns Park. We had relatives coming out of the woodwork. How come you get so much food and fill up so fast? After the food, we had a real foot-stomping jam session. My brother and his wife came from Nashville, Tenn. He plays guitar for a living and we talked him into showing the rest of us how it's done. We had a good time talking, singing, dancing and eating.

Vacation time means a lot of traveling for some of us. Others may take a ride across town. Regardless of where you go, you're going to see children that just got out of school. Be extra cautious when driving anywhere.

Larry Foreman said he's ready for squirrel season. I've heard several others say that there are too many snakes out for squirrel hunting. It's dangerous enough around a loaded gun, but how about stepping on snakes? The squirrels are up high in the trees and that's where the hunter looks. Watch where you step, and watch where you point that gun!

RIGHT OF WAY

RELOCATION MARY DRY

Chuck Hicks has left our Section to take employment elsewhere. We'll miss him very much — he was a pleasure to work with.

Henry Droughter has gone to E.E.O. We'll miss him, too, and all his a la mode styles.

Mike Bearden hasn't had much time for leisure activities lately, he has been studying for law finals again. He was

recently elected treasurer of the legal fraternity to which he belongs.

Sunburns are a very common sight around our office on Monday mornings. Denny Webster has the record for the most as of this date.

Mike Sessions is our "concert man". He and his wife Sarah have been going regularly to all of Little Rock's latest concerts.

Danny Arendt is preparing for summer camp. He is really looking forward to it! I hope he doesn't have any more accidents or he'll not have any skin left on his hands and feet.

ROADWAY DESIGN

BENNY ROBBINS &
WAYNE SUTTON

David Van Pelt came to our Division in January as a draftsman. He is 20, a Little Rock native and a graduate of Parkview High. He is also a new bridegroom, having wed Olivia Edds on April 26. Perhaps we can get a photo of the bride and groom for the next issue.

Chester Siesicki, Roadway's international playboy, is back from just about everywhere. He and Mrs. Siesicki left March 1 on a two-week trip which included stops in Russia, Poland, Hungary, Greece and Atlanta, Ga. You should see some of the pictures he took! They are really something to see! Chester acted as interpreter for their tour group.



Paul DeBusk, Jr.; Richard Butler and Hugh Treece

Paul DeBusk, Jr., Richard Butler and Hugh Treece have received service pins since the last issue. Paul and Hugh have completed 15 years, and Richard, 10. Congratulations to all of these men, they deserve it.

Clifton Thomas, one of our draftsmen, decided to beat the fuel crisis by getting rid of his vehicle, so someone helped him out — they stole it from the AHD parking lot. Cliff has the car back now, and it seems to be in one piece.

Now that Joe Hicks is officially retired, he is helping around the house and doing all the things he wanted to. We miss you, Joe, but are glad that you can take it easy. If you get bored, come by to see us.

I guess everyone knows by now of Mrs. John Hicks' death. As you know, John is retired from our Division. We are so sorry it had to happen. We extend our sympathy to you.

Glenn Trammel is back to work, recuperated from eye surgery. Glenn, so many people throughout the building missed you. We are glad you are back.

TRAFFIC DIVISION

by the staff

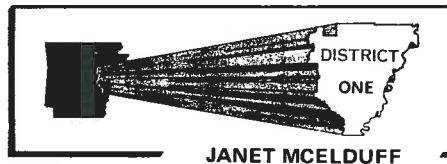
Frank Vozel, one of our civil engineers, and Sandra Tittle were married on February 14. That's what you call a permanent Valentine. The honeymoon was in New Orleans. Our congratulations to the bride and groom.

Jim Carvell, Sr. is now at home after spending more than two months in the hospital. As reported in the March-April issue, Jim was hit by a car while standing on the shoulder of Highway 9 at Morrilton.

Jim Carvell, Jr. and his two little boys came to visit us during the latter part of April. It was good to see them again.

We were shocked at Bill Headrick's sudden death from a heart attack on March 30. (More about Bill on the Obituary page.)

DISTRICT NEWS



JANET MCEL DUFF



Left to right: Dist. Engr. B. D. Mulhollen, A. H. Mason, Nolen Williams, Fred Tacker, Lewis Carter, Maint. Supt. Calvin George, and Earnie Waldrep.

Twenty year service awards were presented recently in District One to the following employees: E. B. "Earnie" Waldrep, A. H. "Booger" Mason, Nolen E. Williams, Fred W. Tacker, and J. L. Carter. Late in the afternoon as the crews came in, cake and punch was served. B. D. Mulhollen and C. W. George made the presentations.

Also honored at that time was W. O. Andrews, who has had to retire because of ill health. Mr. Andrews worked on J. R. Wilkins' Cross County crew for seven years and was liked and respected by all of his co-workers.



Howard Stoebener, who heads up the Sign Shop, has purchased a new camper trailer with all the trimmings.

Vernon Pearce, who worked out of the Sign Shop, retired the last day of March, rounding out 22 years with AHD.

Bob Faulkner has bought a new house in Benton. He seems very proud of it and has been busy planting fruit trees around it.



Mrs. W. O. Andrews looks on as Mr. Andrews receives a retirement gift.

The crew presented him a fishing rod, a pair of overalls, and a card containing cash for some worms. Mrs. Andrews accompanied her husband and helped serve the cake.

Virgal Parr, mechanic in District One, holds a 2 lb., 1 oz. crappie, 16 3/4 inches long, which won him \$10.00 recently in a contest sponsored by Walmart in Wynne.



Virgal Parr and a \$10 crappie.



SHARON BAILEY



Left to right: Res. Engr. Charles Mauk, Millard Lynn and Bryan Duncan.

Millard Lynn, an engineering assistant with Charles Mauk's residency, retired at the end of March after almost 30 years of service. The crew gave a going-away party for him and presented him a gift certificate and a Masonic ring. We wish the best for Millard and hope that he really enjoys his retirement.

Congratulations to Noel D. Jester and J. C. Owens for completion of 20 years' service with the Department; Clifford Hulan, George Reed and Clovis Horn for 10 years; and Clarence Saffel, Jack Galloway and Wendell Murry for five years.

Jack Galloway's son Joey has been awarded the Charles T. Myers Foundation Scholarship worth \$3200 to the college of his choice. Joey plans to attend SCA and major in accounting or secondary administration and education. Jack works with the district construction crew.

William Tyler is to be congratulated for passing the engineering exam. He will become a registered professional engineer in February.



ETHEL CROCKETT



Front row: Mr. and Mrs. Elston E. Pierce and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Embry. Back row: Area Foreman Harrison Heath, Asst. Maint. Supt. Carl Winn and Equip. Supvr. Fred McLaughlin.

A surprise retirement party was given Friday, April 19, for district operator Elston E. Pierce and Mena headquarters

yard-man Clyde Embry. The Mena crew gave them rods and reels so they could keep busy during their anticipated spare time.

Curtis Lee Oliver of Waldron retired April 12 after 16 years and two months' employment with AHD. He went to work for Dennie Payne and worked as houseman for two years, area foreman for eight years and sign foreman for six and a half.

Curtis says he will have plenty gardening to do, now that he is retiring. He especially likes to grow grapes, raspberries, blueberries, tomatoes, and huge sunflowers. Everyone in Waldron wishes him the best of luck in his retirement.

Roy Clotfelter returned to work on March 25 after being off since February with an on-the-job injury. We missed seeing him around the District office and welcome him back to work.

Helen Butler, clerk-typist in the store-room, enjoyed the recent visit of her daughter, Candy Chapman, who lives in California. Candy was here for two weeks.

Dick and Thelma King announce the birth of a baby girl, Carrie Lynn, on March 29. They had ordered a big boy, but settled for this beautiful little girl.



Carrie Lynn King at five weeks.

MCMILLIAN'S RESIDENCY

D. E. Calvin Peevy presented Bob Mainer a certificate for 15 years' loyal service with the Department. Bob is an engineering assistant with Bud McMillian's residency.



Peevy, left, presents certificate to Mainer.

MEAN'S RESIDENCY

Hello from Waldron!! We are pleased to report that Spring has finally sprung! Most everyone has, by this time, planted their gardens and are looking forward to harvesting time.

We are happy to welcome Ron Brixey, who was transferred from Jack Coleman's residency on April 29. He is a 1973 BSCE graduate from the University and a former Razorback. Ron and his wife reside in Greenwood. We are pleased to have him working with us.

H. L. Henry had surgery on April 12. He had a little trouble at first but is now doing fine. We were all wondering if Hershel would shave off his beard during his "visit" to the hospital or continue to let it grow. At last report, he had shaved off the beard but left the moustache and sideburns. He said, however, that he was going to let the beard grow again. Hershel is now back on the job and doing very well.

Leon McDaniel has retired after nearly 20 years with the Department. He started as a construction inspector under C. H. Paris, resident engineer in District 8 at that time. Since then he has held the title of levelman, engineering technician, instrumentman, Construction Inspector II and Engineering Aide V.

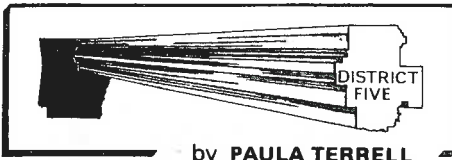
Leon was transferred to Dale Spencer's residency at Mena in June, 1964. He is greatly missed by everyone in this office.

Three of our employees attended this year's Construction Inspection School held at Camden. We are pleased to say that all scored very well on the examination.

Those who attended were E. L. Slaughterbeck, L. D. Holland, and W. L. Martin.

Since the last magazine birthdays have come up for Lyndy Holland (March 16), Betty Millard (May 4) and El Slaughterbeck (May 9).

Successful turkey hunters during the spring season included E. L. Slaughterbeck, G. M. Rose, L. W. Lyda, J. N. Barker, J. L. Hunsucker, C. W. Lance, and L. R. Barnett. Fellas, did you leave any? Sorry, we don't have any pictures.



C. K. Logan



George W. McElmurry

Four long-time employees have retired from our District. Cleburne County Area Foreman C. K. Logan of Tumbling Shoals and Asst. Maint. Supt. George W. McElmurry retired in January. T. O. Murphree of the Cleburne County crew and Herman Hinesley of the Stone County crew retired in April.

Logan had worked 24 years for the Department, McElmurry, 19 years; Murphree, 18 years; and Hinesley, 27 years.

Logan was honored with cake and coffee on January 11. All the other area foremen and job superintendents in the district came in to wish him luck, as they did for Mr. McElmurry on January 25. Other guests for his retirement party were Maint. Engr. Bert Rownd and Asst. Maint. Engr. Gerald Sisk from Little Rock. McElmurry's co-workers presented him an engraved watch as a retirement gift.

Harold Headley of the Jackson County crew received a 15-year service award in February. We are proud of that achievement. Congratulations!

Everyone here extends a warm welcome to our assistant district engineer, Cliff Martin. He came from Paragould, where he was a resident engineer. He is originally from Sharp County, so we hope he will feel pretty much at home with us. Mr. Martin has four children and two grandchildren.

We would like to extend our greatest sympathy to the family of R. J. Jesson, who passed away Thursday, May 2. He had 16 years of service with the Stone County crew. This is truly a great loss to all.

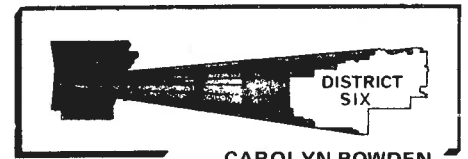
Condolences are extended to the family of Henry Anderson who passed away in Little Rock May 13 after a brief illness. Henry became ill and was hospitalized at Batesville. When his condition worsened a few days later, he was moved to the University Medical Center at Little Rock.

Freese Kimmer's son, Irvin, just graduated from the University of Arkansas School of Pharmacy in Little Rock. He and his wife will now move to Helena, where he will be employed as a pharmacist at Economy and Gibson Drug Store.

Debbie Apple, daughter of C. C. Apple of the shop, was elected Miss Congeniality in the 1974 Miss Batesville contest. This is a great honor and we are proud of her.



Debbie Apple, Miss Congeniality



CAROLYN BOWDEN

Johnny Check, area foreman for Lonoke County, sponsored a fish fry on April 27. There was plenty of fried fish and good fellowship for a beautiful Saturday afternoon.

District 6 is losing Res. Engr. Chip Young to District 8. Chip will be the resident for Clarksville. James House will replace him as the resident in North Little Rock for District 6.

New to the District 6 headquarters are Rita Rogers and Jim West. Rita is working as a typist and attending UALR. She will work full-time during the summer and return to school in the fall. Jim is working as a stock clerk in the Stockroom.

We would like to wish Maint. Supt. W. T. Jeter a Happy 65th Birthday coming up on June 18!

CORNISH'S RESIDENCY

Randy McNulty of Bituminous, Inc. gave a fish fry for our residency in honor of Joe Floyd who is retiring May 7. Joe is now on annual leave and if anyone was ever missed, it's you, Joe. You can never be replaced, for there could never be another like you. Good luck! Reel in plenty

of big ones with the new ballbearing reel we gave you.

We had a large crowd at Kanis Park and the food was good, thanks to chef Larry Rollins from Lonoke, who did a real good job with very little help (Max). (We missed you, Norman).

We have three new employees. Frank Shepherd is an agricultural engineer who graduated from ASU in 1973. He is married and has a very nice wife, Sandy. They are living on Gum Springs Road. We were glad they could join us for the fish fry.

Robert Parsley is married to Betty and they have one son, Randy Dewayne, 14. The Parsleys are from El Paso, Ark. Everyone is familiar with Robert's brother Harold who works with Ralph Jones' residency. Glad to have you, Robert.

Glen Harrison recently started to work in our office. He has a BS degree from SCA and has done graduate work at the University. He is single and lives in North Little Rock. Hope you will like it here, Glen.

We were sorry to lose Steve Anselmi to District 5 but we do hope that he and Debbie will be very happy there. Come to see us.

Gary Burden, an FHWA Trainee, will be with us for several months. He and his wife Francis are natives of North Carolina. They are living at Briarwood Apartments.

When Tommy Williams went to Austin, Texas to visit his daughter for the weekend, he was iced in at Waco and was delayed a little in getting back to Little Rock.

Bill Marak had a birthday on St. Patrick's Day and it slipped my mind. We hope he had a happy one, even though he was on the way to Norfolk, Va. for summer camp.

Retiree Wallis Cook visits us quite often and it is always good to see him. Everyone misses him, Wallis had a birthday April 27. Larry Rollins had one April 4. We hope they were nice days for both.

We have two birthdays coming up —

Joe Floyd's is May 6, one day before he retires. John Bland's is June 16. John is kicking high around the office and it's so good to have him back and feeling better. We hope each of you will enjoy many more birthdays.

Retiree Tom Parish was by to visit several weeks ago. It was good to see you, Tom. You must come back more often.

Deepest sympathy is extended to Woody Crabtree in the loss of his brother-in-law, former County Judge Arch Campbell and to Kenneth Perry in the loss of an uncle and cousin.



SHIRLEY MORTON



Margarett Pangle

Margarett Pangle, daughter of District Engineer and Mrs. Curtis Pangle, was first place winner in the Fifth Annual Children's Religious Art Festival sponsored by the Christian Education Committee of the First Presbyterian Church in Harrison. Margarett, a sixth grade student at Skyline Heights Elementary School, won a purchase prize award of \$30.00.

The winning art becomes the property of the church and will be used in future displays. The theme of the exhibit was

"Let's Celebrate our Faith." It drew 73 entries from fourth, fifth and sixth graders in the four Harrison elementary schools.



The winning entry — an impressionistic painting of the crucifixion.

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BLACKWELL'S RESIDENCY

by Allena Mosley

Res. Engr. and Mrs. Ralph Blackwell have a new home and since the weather has been so nice, he spends his leisure time landscaping. He says, just ask him — he has planted everything! Ralph received his five-year pin in February. Just thirty more, Ralph, and then you can look forward to retirement. (And lots of time to landscape and plant everything! Ed.)

George Karnes has completed 30 years. We congratulate you, George, on all those years of faithful service.

Frank Novak, Larry Tucker and Joe Akin represented our residency at the Construction Inspectors' Course in Camden. Frank, now known as Professor, was an instructor and we understand that he did an excellent job. Larry and Joe attended the lectures and reported that they had a good time, but did some serious studying, too.

Larry and Joe are very active in the Monticello Riding Club and greatly enjoy being weekend-cowboys. Larry serves on the board and Joe has just been elected vice president of the club.

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THIS'LL KILL YA



"Mr. Manning is awfully fussy about his coffee—not too hot, not too cold."

"Pardon me, sir" said the stranger, "but does this train stop at 15th avenue? I want to get off there."

Answered the commuter: "Yes, it does. Watch me and get off one stop before I do."

A scientist crossed a carrier pigeon with a woodpecker. The bird not only carries messages but he knocks on the door.

A person who can smile when things go wrong has probably just thought of someone he can blame.

"You can't fool all of the people all the time," observed a veteran politician. "Besides, once every year is enough."

Friend: So your daughter now drives the car? How long did it take her to learn?

Suffering father: Oh, about two and a half cars.

A little boy went to the ballet for the first time with his father and watched the girls dance around on their toes. Finally, he asked, "Why don't they just get taller girls?"

A little girl sitting in church watching a wedding suddenly exclaimed: "Mummy, has the lady changed her mind?"

"What do you mean?" the mother asked.

"Why," replied the child, "she went up the aisle with one man and came back with another."

A nursery school is where they teach children who hit, not to hit; and children who don't hit, to hit back.

Barber: Haven't I shaved you before, sir?

Sailor: No, I got that scar in World War II.

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When Joe and his family moved into their new home last fall, they invited all our bunch out for a housewarming and fish fry. Frank Novak, who presided at the fish fry, is to be highly recommended for his cooking ability. Nobody is really sure what was in those hush-puppies but they were delicious! It was a real fun evening.

Richard Reynolds and Calvin Trotter, the two youngest of our crew, have musical talents. Both play stringed instruments and both prefer religious music.

Our neighbors in the Maintenance Department report that one of their members, Melvin Phillips, has just welcomed a little tax exemption. Melvin and Brenda Joyce's first child, a daughter, was born March 5. She has been named Sofonda Chrisanne. (It's good to hear from Blackwell's residency and Allena. Editor)



Last issue's Where Is It was the wing walls of an old bridge on a re-located section of Highway 1 near Caldwell School between Wynne and Forrest City. Billy Morgan of Hughes, a motor patrol operator, and Maint. Supt. C. W. George identified the picture.



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