

Arkansas Highways

SPRING 1975

NEW COMMISSIONER APPOINTED



Governor David Pryor, looking on as Justice Carleton Harris, center, administers the oath of office to David Solomon.

David Solomon, a Helena lawyer, businessman and farmer, has been appointed by Governor Pryor to a ten-year term on the Highway Commission. He replaces Maurice Smith of Birdeye, whose 10-year term expired.

Mr. Pryor announced the appointment of Mr. Solomon at a noon news conference on Tuesday, January 21. He was confirmed later that day by the State Senate and he was sworn in on Thursday, January 23.

Mr. Solomon is a native and lifelong resident of Helena. He attended Davidson College and graduated in 1936 from Washington University at St. Louis. He received his law degree in 1939 from Harvard University.

He served four years in the Army during World War II and then returned to Helena to practice law.

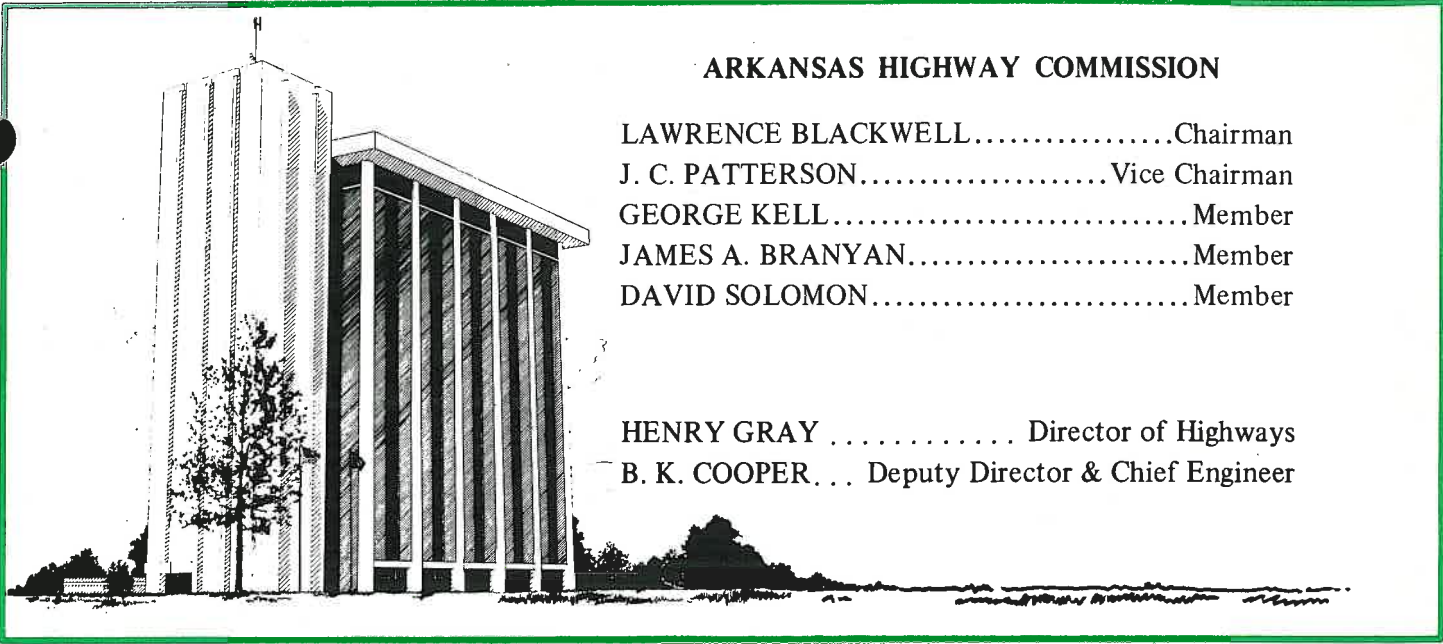
He was city attorney from 1950 to 1960 and is a former member of the Helena School Board.

Mr. Solomon is president of the Helena Cotton Oil Company, trust officer and attorney for the First National Bank of Phillips County, president of the Helena-West Helena Industrial Development Corporation, and executive committee member of the Lower Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association and a board member of the White River Drainage District of Phillips and Desha Counties.

Mr. Solomon is a member of Temple Beth El Congregation of Helena and is a board member of the Arkansas Chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

He and his wife, the former Miriam Rayman, also a native of Helena, have three sons.





ARKANSAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION

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 DAVID SOLOMON.....Member

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Maintenance

DIVISION PROFILE

By Gloria Holliday

Maintenance of state highways is an important activity and it is this service which conserves the original road investment while providing comfort and economy of operation to the road user.

The Maintenance Division of the Arkansas Highway Department is primarily responsible for this activity. This Division coordinates with the ten districts the repair and upkeep of some 15,724 miles of State Highways and State Institutional Roads, and in addition, is responsible for the purchase of all equipment and materials used in the maintenance of Arkansas highways.



Division Engineer Bert Rownd, left, talking with his assistant Gerald Sisk.

The Maintenance Division is administered by Bert Rownd, State Maintenance Engineer, and his assistant, Gerald Sisk, along with two maintenance inspectors, Lawrence Fletcher and Jim Tucker. The Division Secretary is Jimmie Farnam.

Bert Rownd, the Maintenance Engineer, is a member of the Purchasing Committee, which acts on all purchases made by the Procurement Office. He is also a member of the Project Review Team, which reviews construction projects and makes recommendations as to the design of future highways, and he works closely with the Director, Chief Engineer, and the Assistant Chief Engineer in determining policies for the maintenance districts.

The various sections that constitute the Maintenance Division and the respective supervisors in each are:

Communications – Clarence Page

Equipment – Maurice Head

Heavy Bridge Maintenance – John Hall

Maintenance Management – Pat Sullivan

Roadside Development – Jim Francis

The Radio Technicians are responsible for the repair and upkeep of all mobile units and all stations. At the present time these technicians are in the process of replacing obsolete equipment in the system throughout the state. It is hoped that this replacement program will be completed by early spring.



COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

Personnel directly involved in the Radio Section of the Maintenance Division include the chief of the Section, one secretary, two radio operators, a chief radio technician, seven radio technicians, and one equipment maintenance technician.

The radio system is a mobile relay type system with over 500 mobile units, 35 mobile relay stations, 97 control stations located in district and area offices, weigh stations and other miscellaneous facilities, and a control backbone of low density microwave equipment for communication between the central offices and all stations, including mobile units throughout the state.

The radio is in operation from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 7:00 a.m. until 12 noon on Saturday. During the winter months when there is ice and snow on highways, the radio operates 24 hours a day. From the Central Office in the main building the Radio Operator communicates with all districts and mobile units relaying messages, transmitting road information, weather information, etc.

EQUIPMENT SECTION

The Equipment Section of the Maintenance Division is responsible for the vehicular and road machinery operation of the Highway Department in the following respects:

1. Development of specifications for acquisition of equipment, including various capital outlay and shop equipment items.
2. Maintenance of inventory control records for all vehicular road machinery showing costs, location, assignments and movement.
3. Supervision of the annual physical inventory of all major and minor equipment.
4. Operation of the Central Shop and Warehouse.

Other duties and responsibilities assigned to the Equipment Section are to consult with and advise Maintenance Districts in regard to equipment maintenance, parts acquisition, and equipment repair part purchases; to update specifications covering the purchase of bulk fuels and lubricants for Highway Department equipment; to supervise the equipment disposal program of the Highway Department, which includes vehicles, road machinery, tires, batteries, scrap iron, and obsolete parts; to develop agreements

and arrange for equipment rental to other qualified State Agencies, Counties or Townships; to assign credit cards for gasoline purchases to operators of State Vehicles; and to issue Certificates of Approval authorizing the sale and use in this State of Automotive Lighting Equipment, glazing materials and safety equipment based on their compliance to applicable standards.

HEAVY BRIDGE MAINTENANCE SECTION

The Heavy Bridge Maintenance Section is under the direction of a Bridge Maintenance Engineer and is comprised of a Bridge Superintendent and three bridge foremen who are assigned a five-man crew each. These crews work statewide and are subject to call 24 hours a day. They stand ready to make emergency repairs to damaged bridges anywhere in the State as the need arises.

This Section is also responsible for the general maintenance of the State's major bridges, and is

available to assist the districts in their bridge maintenance when necessary. The Bridge Maintenance Engineer acts as a consultant to the districts and coordinates the Bridge Inspection Program in accordance with the National Bridge Standards.

In addition, this Section is responsible for making major repairs to ferries, which includes dry docking for U.S. Coast Guard Inspection and overhauling. Heavy Bridge Maintenance also awards contracts for the painting of major bridges.

On occasion, personnel of this Section will test and make trial installations of new products to determine their possible future use.

MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT SECTION

The Arkansas Maintenance Management Program, which was implemented statewide in July, 1972, is now completing its third full year. The concept of managing maintenance activities involves the capabilities of the men, availability of materials, and the efficiency of the equipment. Along with this Section's efforts to plan "routine maintenance", which in most cases is not so routine, objectives for this Program have been established. First, maintenance activities have been standardized, where possible, to provide motorists with uniform levels of maintenance from county to county. Another objective of the Program, that of organizing the labor forces, has been accomplished, partly through a bi-weekly schedule and partly through the cooperation of those involved in all levels of maintenance – administrative and labor.

Personnel in this Section are now able to predict, within a reasonable margin, the maintenance workload for the entire state. This information, compared with established working standards, is useful in establishing a need for manpower, materials, and equipment.

During the current year, efforts will be directed toward computerizing the reporting system, and combining the reporting of daily maintenance accomplishments with that of time-keeping.

The Maintenance Management Program is constantly being updated to reflect changes in working methods and the use of new and more efficient equipment. The framework of the system allows versatility and, this fact, along with many others, has helped the Maintenance Program achieve the success it has today.





ROADSIDE DEVELOPMENT SECTION

The Roadside Development Section is responsible for the development of plans and specifications used in the construction of certain buildings or facilities such as the resident engineers' offices and area headquarters buildings. In addition, this Section assists the districts in landscaping projects and in the care of the existing plantings at the various building facilities throughout the State.

Personnel in this Section carry out site adaptation, design the mechanical and electrical plans for rest areas to be constructed, and provide field inspections during construction for these facilities.

A full-time agronomist is employed who works with the districts when determining the use of herbicides on highway rights of way. He also assists the districts in erosion control on rights of way by recommending that certain seeds and fertilizers be used.

This Section is mechanically supported by a Vermeer tree moving machine which will transplant trees up to six inches in diameter. These trees are used to beautify existing facilities as well as interchanges on our highways.

Numerous programs are underway at the present time which will preserve and enhance the unique roadside beauty along many of Arkansas' State Highways and provide roadside parks, pull-outs and safety rest areas for the convenience of the road-user.

Our highways in this State should render a maximum of service to the public. To be able to accomplish this goal, each and every mile of construction must be followed immediately with a mile of maintenance. This very important responsibility falls into the capable hands of the employees of the Maintenance Division of the Arkansas Highway Department who have thoroughly and continually demonstrated their worth to the citizens of Arkansas.

Accomplishments

BOND BURNING

The last of the \$136,300,557 in the State Highway Refunding Bonds that had been issued in 1941 went up in smoke at the Highway Commission meeting on January 8.

The burning of the bonds symbolized the fact that Arkansas had paid off all outstanding debts on its highway system. Only seven other states have no bonded indebtedness on their state highways.

Two of the bond certificates were burned during a brief ceremony conducted by the Highway Commission and State Treasurer Nancy Hall. The remainder of the certificates were destroyed in the incinerator behind the Central Office Building.

The 1941 bonds had been issued to keep the state from defaulting on two previous bond issues. The last payments on the bonds were made in 1972, but a number of certificates, which were held by out-of-state financial institutions, were only recently return-



Lawrence Blackwell, holds aloft burning revenue bonds. Looking on are Commission Chairman Maurice Smith, Commissioner George Kell and State Treasurer Nancy Hall.

ed to the State Treasurer.

When the bonds were issued, the State's total highway revenues amounted to only about \$14 million annually. Under the terms of the complex 1941 law that provided for the issuance of the bonds, the first \$7.1 million went toward retirement of the bonds. That meant that during the early years of the bonds, after bond payments, maintenance and city-county turnback were deducted, less than \$2.5 million went to new construction. Last year, the Highway Department awarded more than \$127 million in construction contracts.

Director Henry Gray said the retirement of the bonds "was truly a giant step in highway history; however, the Highway Commission realizes that much remains to be accomplished before the citizens of Arkansas will have a highway system to adequately serve the highway transportation needs of the state."

AGC PRESENTS AWARDS

In an annual meeting of the Arkansas Chapter, Associated General Contractors, Truman Baker and Maurice Smith were among those honored for "outstanding" awards.

The Associated General Contractors SIR Award (Skill - Integrity - Responsibility) was presented to

Truman Baker of Searcy, former Chairman of the Arkansas Highway Commission. Baker served two terms on the Highway Commission.

The Award was for "grateful recognition of his outstanding contribution to the Arkansas construction industry in 1974."

The Associated General Contractor's Distinguished Service Award went to Maurice Smith, retiring Chairman of the Arkansas Highway Commission.



Truman Baker

The Award was presented in "appreciation for dedicated service to the people of Arkansas through the State Highway Commission."



Maurice Smith receiving award from Sam Clark.

DIRECTOR ELECTED TO AASHTO COMMITTEE



Henry Gray, Director of Highways, was elected for a two-year term to the Executive Committee of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials at the annual meeting of the organization recently in Detroit, Michigan.

The Executive Committee is responsible for formulating changes in policy, official positions on legislative proposals, and other matters pertaining to the operation or activities of the Association. There are two representatives from each of AASHTO's four regions on the Executive Committee.

Gray will represent the states in Region II of the Association which are Arkansas, Alabama, Louisiana,

Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia, North Carolina, Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

AASHTO is comprised of officials of State Highway Departments and State Transportation Departments of the 50 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia, as well as officials of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The organization's major purpose is to foster development, operation and maintenance of a nationwide transportation system. Goals of the organization include the efficient and effective movement of persons and goods, support of a national movement to study transportation problems, and the counseling of Congress with respect to transportation matters.

AHD Dedications

By Information Services

BACK COVER

I-430

Miss Little Rock, Joyce McCormack, snipped the ribbon on December 16 that signaled the opening of the new I-430 bridge across the Arkansas River in western Little Rock.

Several hundred persons, including state, county and local officials from Little Rock and North Little Rock, turned out in the brisk 40-degree weather to witness the opening of the new bridge, a 5.2-mile stretch of I-430 between I-40 and Rodney Parham Road and a new section of Highway 10 that had been widened to four lanes in the vicinity of its intersection with I-430. The cost of the projects was more than \$40 million.

Among the officials that attended the ceremony, which was held on the south approach to the bridge,

were Commissioners Maurice Smith, James Branyan and George Kell; Director Henry Gray; Deputy Director and Chief Engineer B. K. Cooper; Secretary of State Kelly Bryant; Attorney General Jim Guy Tucker; and a number of state legislators and city and county officials.

Mayor Eddie Powell of North Little Rock delivered the welcoming remarks, calling the new highway and bridge "a link between the two cities that is an example of what cooperation can accomplish."

Mr. Smith, in making the dedicatory address, called attention to the fact that the Highway Commission had spent \$177 million in Pulaski County during the past 10 years. He also said that completion of the rural portion of the state's Interstate System, coupled with the other highway improvements, had brought Central Arkansas merchants business from all parts of the state.

"People in Wynne, Arkansas, used to go to Memphis to shop," Smith said, "but now they're coming to Little Rock." He said this was a direct result of improved highways.

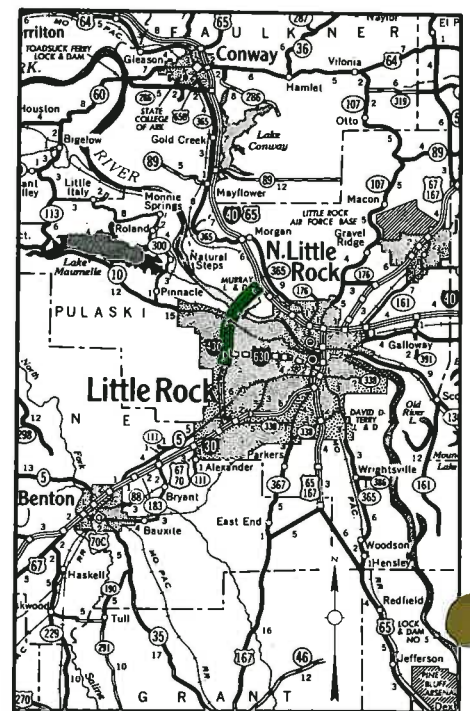
Robert P. Taylor, President of the Little Rock Chamber of Commerce, served as master of ceremonies for the occasion. The 336th Ordnance Battalion of the U.S. Army Reserve provided the color guard and music was provided by the Hall High School Band.

The new interstate highway will provide highway users in Central Arkansas an improved access to the capital city with increased economy, convenience and safety. The new facility is also expected to relieve traffic congestion in the downtown area.

It is estimated that the new urban freeway will carry more than 60,500 vehicles per day in the future.



Left to right: Director Henry Gray; Mayor Eddie Powell, No. Little Rock; Commission Chairman Maurice Smith; Robert Taylor, Pres. of LR Chamber of Commerce; Miss Little Rock; Commissioners James Branyan and George Kell; Attorney General Jim Guy Tucker.



S. H. 173

More than 100 persons turned out in Jonesboro on November 21 to honor Highway Commission Chairman Maurice Smith and to celebrate the completion of the widening of State Highway 173 (Caraway Road) between Highland Drive and Arkansas State University at Jonesboro.

The widening of the facility, which runs through one of Jonesboro's busiest business areas, was done as a betterment project at a cost of approximately \$90,000.

Mr. Smith and the other members of the Commission were praised for their work in remarks by Lt. Governor Bob Riley, Jonesboro Mayor Neil Stallings, Craighead County Judge Bill Clark and Joe N. Martin, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Streets and Highways Committee.

The day began with the cutting of the ribbon that symbolized completion of the project. The group then attended a luncheon honoring Mr. Smith at the Jonesboro Country Club.

In his remarks at the luncheon, Mr. Smith pointed out that the improved section of Highway 173 will serve a rapidly growing shopping and industrial area, as well as Arkansas State University, for years to come. He praised the Jonesboro officials and civic leaders and area legislators for their help and cooperation on highway projects in the area.

Highway Department personnel attending were Gip Robertson, Jr., Assistant to the Director; Sam Smith, District 10 Engineer; Jim McCall of Information Services; and Mike Cameron, Resident Engineer at Jonesboro.



Left to right: Marvin Kieffer, Sec-Tres. Caraway Rd. Assn.; Phil Reginelli, Pres. Caraway Rd. Assn.; Lt. Gov. Bob Riley; Truman Baker; Mrs. Bob Riley; Rep. Kenneth Camp; Commission Chairman Maurice Smith; Gip Robertson, Jr., Asst. to the Director; Mayor Neil Stallings; Senator Jerry Bookout; and County Judge Bill Clark.

MAURICE SMITH FINISHES TERM



Maurice Smith, who has served as chairman of the Highway Commission for the past two years, completed a ten-year term in January. He was appointed to the Commission in 1965 by former Governor Orval E. Faubus.

Mr. Smith had been one of the most hard-working and dedicated highway commissioners ever appointed. He said recently that serving on the Commission had been one of the most enjoyable experiences of his life and that he would continue to work for the improvement of the State Highway System.

Mr. Smith said he felt the greatest accomplishment of the Highway Commission during his tenure was the completion of the rural portion of the State's Interstate System. "It was of more statewide importance than anything that has ever happened to Arkansas as far as road building is concerned," he said.

The Highway Commission, at a meeting on February 4, bestowed the title of "Commissioner Emeritus" upon Mr. Smith. The Commission said of Mr. Smith: "Your personal contributions over the past decade have promoted progress and economic growth in this Great State through sound planning and the application of business principles in the planning, construction and maintenance of our system of Interstate, Primary and Secondary highways."

BLACKWELL
ELECTED
NEW CHAIRMAN
PATTERSON,
VICE CHAIRMAN

Lawrence Blackwell, vice chairman of the State Highway Commission for the past two years, was elected chairman at a called meeting of the Commission on February 4. The Commission elected J. C. Patterson, vice chairman.

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

A 10-year veteran of the State Legislature, he was an author of the Mack-Blackwell Amendment, which bears his name. He was president pro tem of the State Senate in 1955.

Mr. Blackwell is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and Harvard Law School. He has served as City Alderman and Mayor of Pine Bluff. He is a past member of the Board of Directors of the Pine Bluff Chamber of Commerce and is presently a member of the Board of Directors of Arkansas Power & Light Company. Mr. Blackwell is a Shriner and a Scottish Rite Mason, and was elected potentate of Sahara Temple in Pine Bluff in 1951.

Mrs. Blackwell is the former Mai Banks of Dumas. They have two sons, Dr. Banks Blackwell, a Pine Bluff orthopedist; and Allen Blackwell, who is affiliated with a Little Rock real estate firm; and one daughter, Mrs. Ann Sullivan of Louisville, Kentucky.

Mr. Patterson was appointed to a 10-year term on the Commission in 1969 by former Governor Winthrop Rockefeller.

He is a lifelong resident of Lavaca, where he pursues farming interests. He also owns a supermarket at Charleston.



Lawrence Blackwell



J. C. Patterson

Mr. Patterson served as a delegate to the Republican National Convention at Miami in 1968 and is a former chairman of the Sebastian County Election Commission. He also has served on the Lavaca School Board.

He is active in civic affairs and is a member of the Charleston and Fort Smith Chambers of Commerce.

Mr. Patterson and his wife, the former Norma McCutchen of Mansfield, have two sons.

TEXARKANA PUBLIC HEARING



A public hearing was held in the Texarkana City Hall on December 10 to discuss the design plans for the location of an expressway project for State Highway 245 that will be part of the circumferential loop.

The proposed 1.5-mile improvement will begin at the junction of U.S. 67 near the airport and extend south to the junction of U.S. 82 and Cooper Road.

More than 60 persons, including several Highway Department and Federal Highway Administration personnel, attended.

Roadway Design Engineer Brooks Nichols discussed plans for the project, which include construction of a four-lane facility (two 24-foot lanes, separated by a 40-foot median), construction of a bridge across the Missouri Pacific Railroad and widening U.S. 67 to

four lanes from where the existing four-lane ends, about ¼-mile west of the Loop, to near the Airport entrance.

Many Texarkana residents offered statements in support of the project.

Mayor Jack Trigg said that the "extension of Loop 245 from U.S. 67 to U.S. 82 is of significant importance to the entire Texarkana metropolitan area as well as the City of Texarkana." He added that in addition to providing direct access to and from Interstate 30, it will help alleviate crowded conditions on city streets.

Mr. Nichols said that, provided funds are available, the project would be ready to be let to contract in late 1975 or early 1976. (146)

THE ANNUAL RESIDENT ENGINEERS' CONFERENCE

By H. H. Perkins

The Construction Division of the Arkansas Highway Department has many highlights during each year. They are involved in all phases of the Highway Department including Surveys, Right-of-Way, Utilities, Maintenance, Roadway Design, Bridge Design and the Office Engineer. After the Contract is let, they are involved in Pre-Construction Conferences, Stage Inspection, Change Orders, Final Inspections, and Final Estimates. However, the peak of each year is their involvement in the Annual Resident Engineers' Conference, usually held in January or February when the work load of the Resident Engineers and their crew is the lightest.

These Conferences are educational in that they allow the Construction Division to bring the Resident Engineers and their Assistants in to review and discuss past problems and current ideas, and to keep them informed and alert to future thinking of the Highway Department.

C. A. Shumaker was the Construction Engineer in 1963 when the first Conference was held. It began Tuesday morning, February 26 and concluded Friday morning, March 1. Approximately one-half of the District Engineers, Resident Engineers and their Assistants attended the sessions from Tuesday thru Wednesday and the remaining attended similar sessions from Thursday through Friday. The Banquet was held Wednesday evening, both groups attended.

Some of the notable speakers at that first Conference were (1) Bob Crafton, then Resident Engineer on the North Terminal Interchange, later Freeway Engineer, and now successful Consulting Engineer in Northwest Arkansas, (2) Frank Neighbors, then Asst. Construction Engineer, later AHD District Engineer in Camden, and now Vice President of Ben M. Hogan Co., Inc., (3) Sam Smith, then Asst. Construction Engineer and now District Engineer in Paragould, (4) John Tallant, then Asst. Construction Engineer, later Engineer of County Roads, District Engineer in Hope, and now Construction Engineer, (5) L. A. McCain, then Asst. Construction Engineer, since retired and presently is a successful Consulting En-



Director Henry Gray

gineer in the Little Rock area, (6) B. A. VanPatton, the Utility Engineer and is now in private construction business in Texas, and (7) C. A. Shumaker, then Construction Engineer, retired from the Highway Department and worked nine years as Executive Secretary to the State of Arkansas Contractors Licensing Board and presently enjoying full retirement. It is amazing coincidence that the Guest Speaker at the first banquet in 1963 was also the speaker at the 1975 Banquet, Harold "Bro. Hal" Webber for his second appearance.

After 1963, it was decided that a better program with more educational benefits could be derived by having all the District Engineers, Resident Engineers

and their Assistants in for one 2-day conference instead of a split session. This also provided a better exchange of ideas with all Engineers at the same conference. It has been handled this way since then.

Throughout the years the program has been expanded to include most Divisions of the Highway Department including Materials & Tests, Planning & Research, Maintenance, Beautification, Environmental, Computer Center, Safety, Traffic Services, Legal, Secondary Roads, Right-of-Way, Surveys, EEO, Roadway Design. In addition the program has in the past included representatives of the Highway Construction Industry, Federal Highway Administration, Consulting Engineers, Material Suppliers, and the Contractors' Licensing Board. This was done in order to broaden the educational theme of the program to all facets of highway work for the Resident Engineers and their Assistants.

One of the latest innovations introduced by John Tallant that is very informative and produces spirited discussions is the PANEL DISCUSSION. All District Engineers, Resident Engineers and their Assistants are requested to submit questions they would like to have discussed to the Construction Division prior to the Conference. These questions are assigned to appropriate Engineers who sit on the Panel. These questions are then asked, without names being given, and a full explanation and answer is given to the entire group.

As you can see by the list of those Departments and organizations who have participated, a variety of current subjects which have all been educational have been presented at the Conference. With the exception of 1965 and 1969, this has been an annual event.

The Conference was held this year on January 9-10 in the Auditorium of the Highway Building and was attended by 151 Engineers and Contractors. The Construction Division publishes and distributes a brochure containing all the papers given at each Conference. They are looking forward to an even greater, more educational Conference in 1976.



ACTIVITIES OF THE ENGINEERS CONFERENCE

(A) Gip Robertson, Assistant to the Director; Jim Lowder, Asst. Chief Engineer; B. K. Cooper, Deputy Director & Chief Engineer; John Tallant, Construction Engineer. (B) Director Henry Gray. (C) District Nine Engineer, Curtis Pangle. (D) John Tallant. (E) Wilbert Chapman, Asst. Division Head of P&R. (F) Bobby Joe Parker, Asst. Construction Engineer. (G) B. K. Cooper. (H) C. F. Jones, of Office Engineers. (I) John Kizer, Division Head of State-aid. (J) Commission Chairman Maurice Smith. (K) Gene Ashcraft of Construction. (L) "Bro. Hal" Webber, Guest Speaker. (M) Ruben McConnell, Asst. District Eight Engineer. (N) H. H. Perkins, Asst. Construction Engineer. (O) Dan Flowers, Asst. Construction Engineer. (P) Calvin Peevy, District Four Engineer. (Q) C. F. McMillan, Engineer FHWA. (R) Bill Anderson, Bob Apel, J. M. Garrett, Billy Hyde, Jim Johnson. (S) Buddy Orton, Joe Magness, Ronnie Garner, Jim Chaney, Harold Beavers, Bob Mattox, Max Hall, Don Potter.

EMPLOYEES



Districts One & Ten (Commission Chairman Maurice Smith)
Left to right:

James E. Smith, Hwy. Dist. Equip. Supv., District 1 – 25 Yrs.
 Jess Gaynor, Equip. Operator, District 1 – 25 Yrs.
 Charles Hopper, Hwy. Spec. Maint. Supv., District 10 – 25 Yrs.



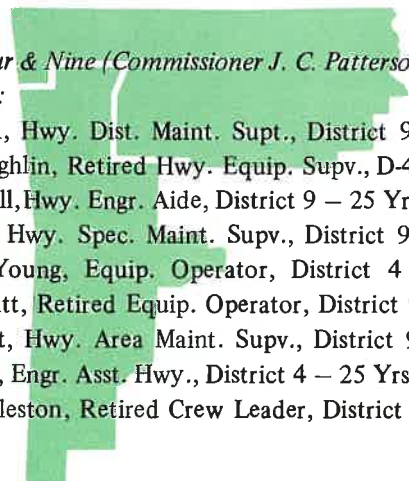
Districts Two & Six (Commissioner Lawrence Blackwell)
Left to right:

Jessie D. Nelson, Equip. Operator, District 2 – 25 Yrs.
 James Williams, Engr. Asst. Hwy., District 6 – 25 Yrs.
 George Ingle, Hwy. Dist. Maint. Supt., District 6 – 25 Yrs.
 Gayle Gunn, Hwy. Civil Engr., District 6 – 35 Yrs.
 Johnnie L. Fox, Equip. Operator, District 2 – 25 Yrs.
 Roth Rabb, Equip. Operator, District 2 – 30 Yrs.
 John M. Hollis, Hwy. Spec. Maint. Supv., District 2 – 30 Yrs.



Districts Four & Nine (Commissioner J. C. Patterson)
Left to right:

Dell Kendall, Hwy. Dist. Maint. Supt., District 9 – 35 Yrs.
 Fred McLaughlin, Retired Hwy. Equip. Supv., D-4 – 32 Yrs.
 Willis Cantrell, Hwy. Engr. Aide, District 9 – 25 Yrs.
 Ray Duffy, Hwy. Spec. Maint. Supv., District 9 – 25 Yrs.
 James D. Young, Equip. Operator, District 4 – 25 Yrs.
 James J. Pratt, Retired Equip. Operator, District 9 – 27 Yrs.
 Paul Bennett, Hwy. Area Maint. Supv., District 9 – 25 Yrs.
 William Bice, Engr. Asst. Hwy., District 4 – 25 Yrs.
 Elbert Huddleston, Retired Crew Leader, District 9 – 26 Yrs.

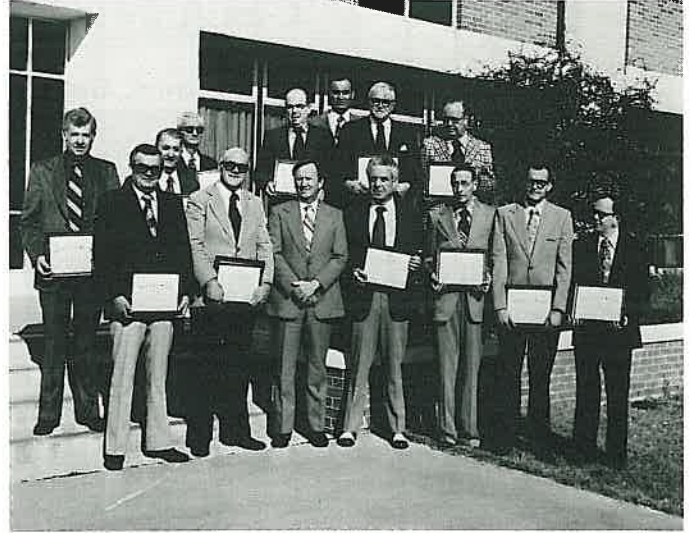


HONORED

Central Headquarters (Director Henry Gray)

Left to right:

James Owens, Hwy. Engr. Aide, Materials & Tests – 25 Yrs.
 Albert H. Cockrell, Hwy. Civil Engr., M&T – 25 Yrs.
 Leroy Beckett, Retired Hwy. Admin. Officer, P&R – 35 Yrs.
 M. W. Skelton, Auto/Diesel Mechanic, Maintenance – 25 Yrs.
 John Tallant, Hwy. Civil Engr., Construction – 25 Yrs.
 Bert Rownd, Hwy. Civil Engr., Maintenance – 25 Yrs.
 Joseph A. Hicks, Retired Civil Engr., Roadway Design - 29 Yrs.
 A. W. Looney, Engr. Asst. Hwy. Office Engineer – 25 Yrs.
 Jack Keilch, Hwy. Admin. Officer, Accounting – 25 Yrs.
 Alton Beard, Chemist, Materials & Tests – 25 Yrs.
 Charles A. Gehriki, Hwy. Area Maint. Supv., Traffic – 25 Yrs.
 Van Campbell, Hwy. Admin. Officer, Traffic – 25 Yrs.
 James Perkins, Retired Hwy. Maint. Inspect., Maint. – 33 Yrs.



Districts Five & Eight (Commissioner George Kell)

Left to right:

Hassell W. Glover, Equip. Operator, District 5 – 25 Yrs.
 J. Cliff Martin, Hwy. Civil Engr., District 5 – 25 Yrs.
 Mary McCown, Clerical Supv., District 5 – 25 Yrs.
 J. Dewey Hamilton, Hwy. Area Maint. Supv., D-8 – 25 Yrs.
 Carl M. Hames, Retired Equip. Operator, District 5 – 25 Yrs.
 Loy M. Hale, Hwy. Area Maint. Supv., District 8 – 25 Yrs.
 Herman Hinesley, Retired Equip. Operator, District 5 – 27 Yrs.



Districts Three & Seven (Commissioner James A. Branyan)

Left to right:

Maxwell Smith, Hwy. Engr. Aide, District 7 – 25 Yrs.
 Ted C. Maryman, Retired Hwy. Dist. Maint. Supt., D-3 – 35 Yrs.
 William A. Herring, Equip. Operator, District 7 – 25 Yrs.
 Rowland F. Greeson, Retired Equip. Opr., District 7 – 33 Yrs.
 Clovis Tittle, Hwy. Dist. Equip. Supv., District 3 – 25 Yrs.
 Kermit Glasgow, Hwy. Area Maint. Supv., District 3 – 25 Yrs.
 Charles Webb, Hwy. Engr. Aide, District 3 – 25 Yrs.
 Oscar Marcum, Retired Equip. Operator, District 3 – 31 Yrs.
 Millard A. Lynn, Retired Engr. Asst. Hwy., District 3 – 29 Yrs.
 Kellis Pilgreen, Retired Hwy. Engr. Aide, District 3 - 27 Yrs.



MULTI-STATE MULTI-MODE TRANSPORTATION

Brunswick, Georgia to Kansas City, Missouri

By Betty Gene Wiggins


The regional and national significance of this proposed six-state interregional transportation corridor project continues to grow through the undaunted leadership of the Multi-State Transportation Route Advisory Board and the dedicated efforts of special committee members. Representation is provided by each State within the transportation corridor.

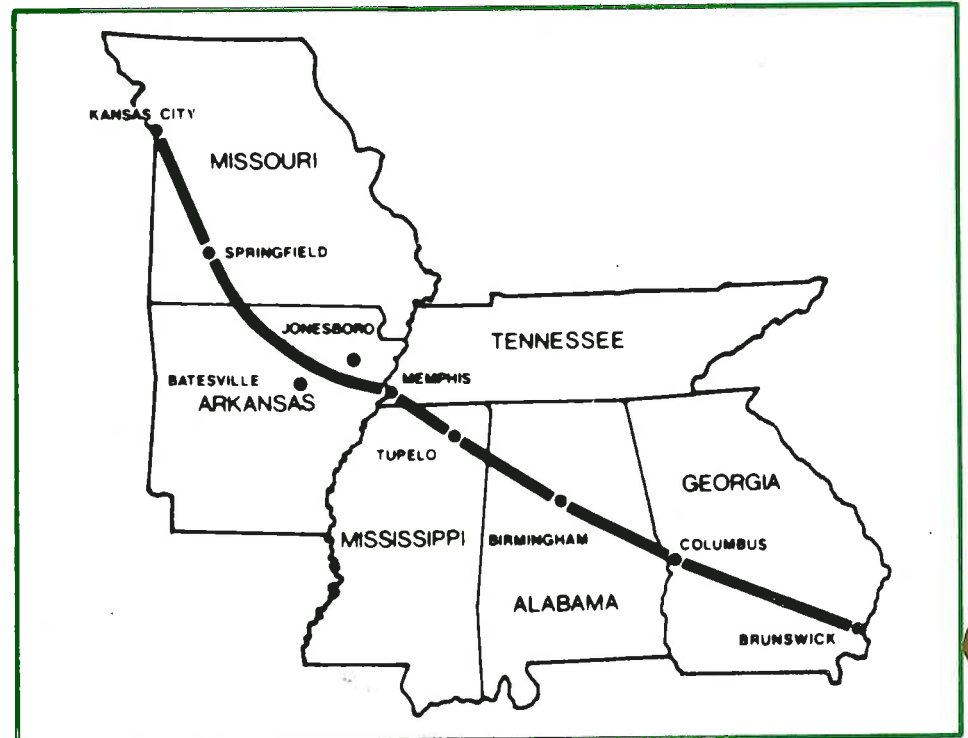
Al Johnson, Engineer, Planning and Research Division of the Arkansas State Highway Department, was recently elected chairman of the Multi-State Joint Development Committee whose responsibility it is to prepare and make recommendations in April of this year for Federal legislation that would establish a functional Federal-State administrative mechanism to plan, finance, construct, operate, and maintain a transportation corridor between Brunswick, Georgia and Kansas City, Missouri.

This transportation corridor contained one of the ten Highway Corridor Study routes prepared in accordance with Section 143 of the 1973 Federal-aid Highway Act and recently submitted to Congress by the U.S. Department of Transportation as not recommended. The route from Kansas City, Missouri to Baton Rouge, Louisiana was also included as one of the ten routes submitted to Congress as not recommended. However, the specific objective of this six-state transportation corridor



is multi-mode and total development of a transportation route connecting the Southeastern with the Midwestern United States. This does not necessarily mean within the same right-of-way. Therefore, the complex task given the Multi-State Transportation Advisory Board remains viable on a continuing basis just as it has since October 1972 when it was officially given to the organization as identified in Section 147 of the 1972 Senate Bill.

Specific reference to the multi-state multi-mode transportation corridor concept becomes more demanding and exciting with each new technological advancement of transport mode: air, water, rail, pipeline, power transmission line, and highway. 



TUTS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING HELD

By Jerry Westerman

On December 5 the Texarkana Urban Transportation Study Steering Committee, consisting of officials of AHD, FHWA, and Ark-Tex Council of Governments, held their organizational meeting. Items of business were the 1975 Unified Work Program, addendum to the May 17, 1973 Agreement between AHD & THD which defines limits of the Texarkana Study and a contract between AHD, THD, & Ark-Tex Council of Governments, which pertains to transportation planning Funds.

The transportation planning Funds are made available to local agencies to help offset their planning expenses. Until the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973 established this source, the local agencies were using 100% local money to pay their share of the transportation planning process. Through the cooperation of all participants, an effective transportation planning process has evolved.

By 1962, when the cooperative, comprehensive and continuing transportation planning process was established, the urban areas were experiencing problems in the movement of people and goods.

The basic underlying philosophy of the continuing, cooperative and comprehensive Texarkana transportation planning process is the efficient expenditure of public and private money in building a future community which will provide a more satisfactory total environment for the people of the area.

To insure that effective transportation facilities were offered, to the people of Texarkana, the AHD, THD and local governments cooperatively entered into an agreement in 1964.


The initial transportation study produced a program of financially feasible



L. L. Jester, Jr., THD; Charles Venable and Charles Mitchell, AHD.

transportation facilities to serve the projected population and land use of the Urban area. Traffic forecast models, methodologies, standards, and travel-related socio-economic land use and environmental analyses and considerations were products of the study. Finally, the many products of the base study will continue being maintained, under the


guidance and direction of the Texarkana Policy Advisory and Steering Committees to insure the usefulness of the continuing transportation planning process.

Representing AHD were Charles E. Venable, Assistant Chief Engineer of Planning; Charles Mitchell, District Three Engineer; Carl McChesney, State Planning Engineer, P&R Division. 

WIDENING OF 338 TO THE AIRPORT

The Highway Department completed the 2.3-mile project for widening and resurfacing of East Roosevelt Road (S.H. 338) between Confederate Boulevard and the Little Rock Airport.

The construction of the critically needed urban route into a modern three-lane facility was completed in less than four months.

A special study had revealed severe operational and safety problems which were partially created by the relocation of the airport terminal. Traffic counts show the street has been carrying more than 18,000 vehicles per day since it was added to the State Highway System in June of 1973. A large percentage of the traffic is comprised of heavy trucks and other commercial vehicles. 

Letters

November 13, 1974

Commissioners, Director, and Personnel of the
Arkansas State Highway Department:

I, the Rattrap Racing Club of Arkansas and the bicyclist of Arkansas would like to express our delight with the appearance of the State Bike Tours Map. Some had thought the map would never become a reality but they are now convinced the Highway Department is earnest in its efforts to promote bicycling.

At our last meeting in October there was much talk about the excellent professionalism of the map. Some members have sent their comments and suggestions for improvements to the Bikeways Commission.

There was one suggestion made that comes under your jurisdiction. It was suggested that excerpts from the Driver's License Manual should be included on the State Highway Maps also. The thinking behind this is that motorist needs to be more aware of the bicyclist rights.

It is hoped that through the further cooperation of your department that many more good things will happen for bicyclist.

Sincerely,
Tom Ferguson
Rattrap Racing Club of Arkansas

January 31, 1975

Dear Florence Routh,

I enjoyed your talk, it was interesting. I like the map, and will keep it. Do you know Roger Almond, he is my neighbor? I learned alot. Mother will use the map.

Sincerely,
Lynli Johnson
4th grade class, Bryant Elementary School

January 31, 1975

Dear Mrs. Routh,

I liked your speech very much. You gave us a lot of information we had not learned yet. Thank you for our maps. I will try not to lose mine. I don't see how you could have answered all of our questions. But you did.

Yours truly,
Dana Adams
4th grade class, Bryant Elementary School

(Editor's note: Florence Routh of Planning and Research spoke to a 4th grade class at Bryant Elementary School where they were concluding a one week discussion of highways. Mrs. Mary Jane LaBeff is their teacher.)

December 3, 1974

Dear Arkansas Highway Commission:

Thank you for having men such as Ted Mitchell working for you. I had picked up my grand-daughter from Little Rock and close to Malvern, I had a blow-out.

Mr. Mitchell going back to Little Rock stopped and fixed my tire. Since I knew nothing about fixing flats - he looked at least 20 feet tall to me when he came across the medium to see if he could help.

I did get his name, but not his address, and if you will please convey my heartfelt appreciation to him, I will sincerely appreciate it.

As I said, "Thank you for having men such as Mr. Mitchell working for the state."

Sincerely,
Marilyn Flanagin

November 20, 1974

Dear Sir:

I am from Pasadena, California and I am visiting relatives in Little Rock. Today, I found myself in quite a situation. My daughter was in labor about to give birth when I had a flat tire on Interstate 30.

I was so shook up I was at a loss as what to do. Then this Trooper pulled up, I explained the situation to him. He quickly changed our tire, then to top things off, the overpass ahead was blocked by an accident. He put on his blue light and siren and got us thru. The baby was born 15 minutes after we arrived at the hospital. If all your troopers are as great as this one, such a gentleman, Arkansas is in good hands.

The troopers name plate read McCorey and his badge 352. Please thank him for me and my family and God Bless the Arkansas Troopers.

(I am 67 years old.)

Mrs. Alice Alma
Pasadena, California

January 7, 1975

Arkansas Highway Commission
Little Rock, Arkansas

Gentlemen:

In behalf of the League of American Wheelmen, I wish to express our appreciation for the efforts by the Highway Department staff toward publication of the "State Bike Tours Map." This map is unique in the United States, and everyone I've talked with is high in their praise of this initial effort.

Hopefully, the "State Bike Tours Map" will reap benefits far in excess of its cost. Some of these benefits include:

1. The encouragement for cross-country bicycle riding as a new form of family recreation;
2. A supplement to the tourist attractions of our State;
3. Encouragement for a multiple-use of existing highways;
4. Informing the public of tours having unusual scenic or historic qualities in Arkansas;
5. Promotion of an energy-efficient and healthful form of recreation.

The LAW looks forward to the continued and essential cooperation from the Arkansas Highway Commission.

Sincerely yours,
James B. Conner

Director, League of American Wheelman, Inc.

October 31, 1974

The Baxter Bulletin,
Mountain Home, Arkansas 72653

To the Editor:

I'd like to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation and thanks to all concerned for the beautiful job that was done in re-paving, grading, shouldering, and traffic painting and marking of Highway 62 southwest.

Several weeks ago, the Mountain Home maintenance division of the Arkansas Highway Department came through and installed black-top connecting aprons at all intersections, residential and business driveways, and did a commendable job. But specifically, "Dean's Crew" of this division, deserve special plaudits and gold star credits, for they did the apron work to our two driveways in front of our business establishment. This crew was very cooperative, so polite, hard-working helpful, careful, and so dedicated in doing their job extremely well. A big pat on the back fellas, you're a credit to the beautiful State of Arkansas, and particularly to our proud Mountain Home area.

Frank J. Bielawski
Mother's Cupboard
Gassville, Arkansas

December 1, 1974

District Engineer, District Five
Arkansas Highway Department

Dear Sir:

My friend and I were traveling from Huff on Route 167 to Batesville, when we had a flat tire. A very kind gentleman driving a Arkansas Highway Department truck, stopped and changed the tire for us. The date was October 30 between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. He was also kind enough to follow us to Batesville and advise us about the Goodyear dealer located there who would replace the tire.

I want to commend him and you for the southern courtliness shown us in this incident.

Sincerely,
Florence Burnett
Glen Cochran, Ill.

December 9, 1974

Dear Sir:

I just had to take time to thank you and your crew for your promptness (assuming my letter to you promoted you to repair the drop off at Morris St. and 62 east) and also for the wonderful job your crew did.

Too bad more people don't take the time to thank you. This is cooperation plus!

Respectfully,
Paul Wallace
Mountain Home, Arkansas

January 3, 1975

Little Rock District Engineer
Arkansas Highway Department

Dear Sir:

The Sylvan Hills Chapter, Order of DeMolay, wishes to take this means of expressing our gratitude and appreciation for allowing us the use of the new rest area on I-40 near Crystal Hill to serve coffee to interstate travelers.

We would like, also, to thank those employees who look after the rest area for their hospitality and help. They are fine people.

You may be interested in knowing that we served approximately 1500 travelers during the 96 hours we were open. These 1500 represented 43 states, the District of Columbia, India, Peru and Canada. Many expressed their pleasure at such a pretty and clean rest area.

Sincerely,
W. M. Russell
Chapter Dad
Sylvan Hills Chapter
Order of DeMolay

November 12, 1974

Paul Bennett's Crew
State Highway Department
Garfield, Arkansas

We want to thank you for your excellent service on repairing our road (gravel) adjacent to Highway 72 west. I'm sure everyone who uses it, appreciates it too.

The man who took my call was very courteous and encouraging, since numerous calls to Judge Bolain, evidently were not relayed to your office, as promised.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Alice M. Beseke

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE HELD

The Safety Office, headed by Roland P. Humble, is conducting a Defensive Driving Course for all employees of the Arkansas State Highway Department who drives a State Vehicle.

Classes will be held in the Central Office and Districts from February 3 thru February 14. The Arkansas State Police are furnishing the instructors.

Defensive driving is anticipating what the other driver might do and attempting to perceive what potential hazards are likely to develop. As an operator you must drive for others as well as yourself.



Bill Mullenax, State Police instructor for the Central Headquarters.


It is not enough to observe all traffic regulations. Top notch drivers also practice the principle of "Defensive Driving" — driving so that they can defend themselves against the situations that cause accidents.

The Defensive Driver expects and makes allowances for reckless and careless actions of others. He keeps constantly on the alert and thinks far enough ahead to be able to take the necessary preventive action before dangerous situations produce accidents. He adjusts his driving to meet all hazards of weather, roads,

traffic and other existing conditions.

The safe condition of the entire vehicle is the Driver's responsibility, accidents caused by projecting loads, overfilling, loose tail gate chains, doors flying open or dropped trailer accidents involving driver-negligence shall be considered preventable.

Amateur Drivers may not know how to prevent accidents involving gross negligence, poor driving and violations on the part of others.

However, preventing such accidents is all a part of a days work for the true Defensive Driver. 

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW HIGHWAY SAFETY FACTS?

As with the weather, sometimes it seems that a lot of people talk about highway safety but no one appears to be doing anything about it. This may be particularly true when it comes to a discussion of facts necessary to make decisions.

The Highway Users Federation for Safety and Mobility has developed the following quiz a jog a few memories.

TRUE OR FALSE?

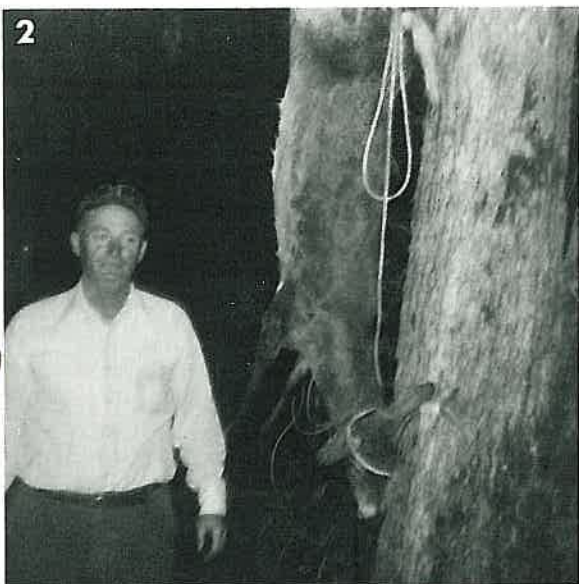
1. Next to illness and disease, highway accidents are the leading cause of death for Americans under age 25.
2. If everybody used safety belts, the traffic death toll would be cut by 6,000 to 8,000 a year.
3. One out of every four drivers of motor vehicles in the U.S. will have a traffic accident this year.
4. There are about a million alcoholics who drive in the U.S.
5. Most traffic accidents are caused by defective vehicles.
6. An average of 30 pedestrians a day are struck and killed by motor vehicles.
7. Most states have traffic safety education programs extending from kindergarten through grade 12.
8. About one out of every six highway bridges in the country is unsafe.
9. Because speeds are higher on interstate highways they are more dangerous than conventional roads and streets.
10. Bicycle riders must follow the same rules of the road as car drivers.

Answers on page 40.

DEER HUNTERS



1. Nathan Garrett, Right-of-Way
2. Jack Lindley, District One
3. Bobby Calhoon, District Three
4. Timothy George, (son of Calvin George), District One
5. Charles Frazier, Planning & Research



DISTRICT ONE



CHRISTMAS
IN THE
DISTRICTS



DISTRICT FOUR



DISTRICT SIX



DISTRICT SEVEN



DISTRICT EIGHT



DISTRICT NINE



DISTRICT TEN



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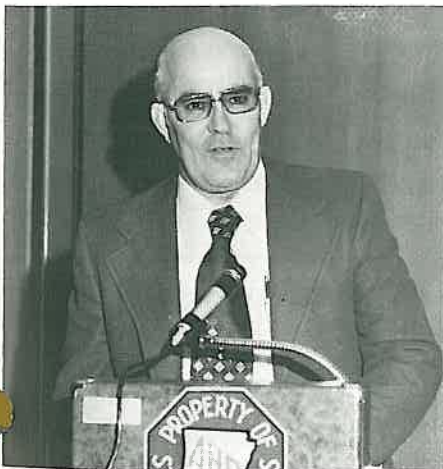


B. K. Cooper

B. K. Cooper, Deputy Director & Chief Engineer and Curtis Pangle, District Nine Engineer were listed in the new 14th edition of "Who's Who in The South and Southwest."

"Who's Who in The South and Southwest" is a comprehensive biographical listing of prominent men and women of the southern and southwestern regions of the U.S. The 14th edition contains approximately 18,500 listings.

"Who's Who in The South and Southwest" is one of the four Marquis Regional Library directories.



Curtis Pangle

AWARDS

DECEMBER, JANUARY – FEBRUARY

20 YEARS

T. D. Casey, District 8
Dick Ethridge, District 1
John L. Adams, Surveys
James H. Day, Traffic
Wilburn W. James, District 5
Olan L. Clark, District 2
Edgar V. Ellis, District 6
Leslie B. Gregory, District 9
Virginia O. Tackett, Legal
Jodie E. Waddle, District 7

15 YEARS

Alfred J. Crumley, District 1
Billy D. Mulhollen, District 1
Lonnie J. Parson, Office Engineer
Charles W. Walther, Office Engineer
Norman L. Salmon, District 9
Maxie D. Bagwell, District 2
Seth B. Clark, District 8
Charles V. Freeman, Office Engineer
Arlie M. Gibbins, District 2
Jimmy L. Rainwater, District 8
Raymond W. Reynolds, District 5

10 YEARS

Roy B. Barnett, District 6
Leon Crouch, District 2
Samuel C. Davis, District 5
Leslie C. Freeman, District 2
Edward Mulloy, Jr., District 2
William H. Phillips, District 9
Earl H. Rackley, District 4
Charles E. Wells, District 10
Wilburn O. Wiggins, District 1
Hara D. Dillard, District 6
Charles W. Frazier, Planning & Research
Imon A. Harris, District 3
Donald R. Newberry, District 9
James W. Seay, District 4
Chester D. Tilley, District 9
Howard E. Harper, District 9
Clyde Abernathy, District 2
Arl Allen, District 9
James C. Bailey, District 6
Billy T. Black, District 2
Arlis P. Faught, District 9
Earl W. Haighwood, District 1
Zenna H. Higgs, Jr., District 8
Roland P. Humble, Safety
Rayma S. King, District 4
David R. McFadden, District 1
John D. Sample, Weights & Standards

5 YEARS

Millard L. Carver, District 2
Dale R. Gossien, Planning & Research
William J. Gumm, District 4
Elmer L. Harris, District 9
Garland V. Land, Jr., Bridge Design
Joe J. Price, District 5
Orin S. Rose, District 9
Joe B. Wallace, District 9
Deb Yocham, District 9
Richard H. Brown, Jr., District 6
Roy E. Burrows, District 6
Thomas J. Huie, District 5

Charles H. Jackson, District 2
Doyle B. Rowland, Right of Way
Hugh P. Murray, Internal Audit
John L. Reynolds, District 7
Millard R. Singleton, District 2

RETIREMENTS

DECEMBER – JANUARY

Joseph E. Carley, District 10
R. C. Stell, District 3
W. Doyle Looper, District 6
William R. Friday, District 3
Everett W. Looper, District 9
Allie R. Bennett, District 1

RETIREES DECEASED IN 1974

Planning & Research:

L. D. Huchingson

Weights & Standards:

Sidney Fricks
James W. Reed

Equipment:

Carl I. Hosack

District One:

Albert M. Lessenberry
Max H. Oldham

District Two:

William H. Cook
James R. Minchew
Jim S. Whitten

District Three:

Joe M. Barry

District Four:

Henry L. Cook
Elston E. Pierce
C. D. Medford
Harvey J. Young
Mack E. Ellison
Ralph R. Davison
Joe K. McConnell
Alva C. Lloyd

District Five:

William H. Wilburn
FairFax Warren
Allison L. McClure
Chelsea K. Logan
George H. Kirkdoffer
John C. Thompson
Ralph K. Rollins

District Six:

Robert E. Wimberly

District Seven:

William A. Cubage
Jewell W. Prince
John Harcrow

District Eight:

Gordon Ethridge
Henry V. Eggleston
Charles E. Gibbons

District Nine:

William R. Montgomery
Chester C. Hickman

Around the Department

ACCOUNTING

By Olga M. Estell

After the hustle and bustle of Christmas, here we are starting and enjoying a brand new year. With all our holidays and days off for various reasons, every one is in the best of spirits.

Congratulations are in order to Bobbie White, our little file clerk, who left our department in December on maternity leave. On January 2, she presented proud papa Houston, and baby brother Brain, with that baby sister she promised them. Valarie Trisha, made her debut, weighing 6 lbs. and 8 ozs., and telling it like she saw it! Houston brought us a picture and she is quite a little lady.

Bonnie and Bob Hill, and little Glen made a trip to visit Bob's mother in Des Moines, Iowa. They had a grand time and I'm sure Little Glenn was the apple of proud Grandmother's eye. This is Glenn's second trip to Iowa. Glenn is now 6½ months old and is getting around good and not missing too much, according to Bonnie.

Jane Brown is one of our new fellow workers, we are glad to have Jane, and have enjoyed one of her many talents; making cards and drawing cartoons. She is quite good at that. She is from St. Louis and made a trip back for the Christmas holidays. Jane and her husband Steve had a very happy time visiting friends and folks. Good to have you, Jane.

We also have a new posting Clerk, her name is Jayne Hoffman. She is a local girl, single and has been attending Arkansas State University in Jonesboro. She is doing a great job on the posting machine, and learning all about what goes on in there. We are also glad to have her join in our daily Hearts Card games that we enjoy so much. Stay in there, Jayne, make them work to win.

Mildred Is Back! Mildred is Back!
Mildred is Back! Mildred Who? Mildred

Harness! We are so happy to have her back after a long sick leave. Mildred broke her ankle and foot and was out of commission for quite a spell. You can almost spot "Hop A Long" (or is it Chester) coming down the hall. Her foot has been quite painful, hasn't kept her down, only slowed her down some. She has so many friends all over the building that asked about her while she was out. Welcome back, Harness!

Amanda Henderson was honored with a bridal shower, January 14, at the home of Barbara Bell. She received many nice and useful gifts and a great time was had by all. The wedding will be an event in early February. Good luck, Amanda.

Roxanna McHughes, our little mother-to-be, will be leaving us soon. She will be missed in our office and especially in the lounge, where she is teaching so many of us to knit, sew, embroidery, crochet. She is one of those who can do most anything with material and yarns. She has made so many pretty and useful things, for the "Little One." Her mother visited her for a while and Roxanna enjoyed going home to mom and to mom's good cooking and was saddened when she returned home. Maybe she will return for the great event, Roxanna.

Kennie New transferred to Accounting from District 6, she is our new file clerk, replacing Bobby White. Kennie has a little son, named Chris, 15 months old and a hubby named Rickey, whom we met at our Christmas Party. She has been kept pretty busy with all the filing that can cross that desk.

David Marsh finally got his "have to's" and "important work" out of the way so he could take a day off to spend at the Golf Course and wouldn't you know it, it rained as never before or ever again. He spent the day all ready, . . . golf clubs, sun glasses, that funny hat, everything set on go, and rain, rain. He prayed for sunshine and about dusk he gave up and went to bed. Better luck next day off.



Lisa and Lorrie Estell, daughters of Olga and Lee Roy Estell, spent the weekend of December 6th at Happy Valley with the Girl Scouts, Troop 19. It was a good weekend with good weather and many good activities keeping the girls busy. They prepared all their meals out in the open and over "home made fires" (as one little girl put it). Evenings were typical, wrapped in blankets around camp fires, telling scary stories, and dreading to move to get ready for bed. By Sunday afternoon, Troop 19 was glad to head toward Benton and home.

Little Scott Clingan visited his mother, Rose Clingan in our office, January 10. We enjoyed him so much. He is quite a young man, all of four years old, and all little boy! He has Rose's cheerful personality and was so good while in the office. We hope he comes back real soon.

Rex Gower, son of Ken & Juanita Gower, has returned from a tour of duty in the Pacific Ocean. He is with the Navy, and of his year in, has spent 8 months over seas. His home port while there was Subic Bay in the Phillipine Islands. He visited Taiwan, Singapore, and Hong Kong. He is now stationed in Oakland, California. We should all rest better now.

Willene Dorris received a big surprise the other day. She received a phone call, which is not out of the ordinary, but what was out of the ordinary was the fact that the call was from London. Her son, Roger Carrol, who is with the Air Force is stationed in London, and we were

all so happy for Willie. Phone connections were so good, you could hear him as clear as if he was down the highway, (I answered the phone); was really surprised.

It looks so much like rain, any one for Golf!

EEO

By The Staff



Frank Newsham, left, Lee Castells and Henry Droughter.

Lee Castells, secretary of the EEO Section, has many admirable qualities, the most outstanding of which is her intuition. In preparing for her "Surprise" farewell party, Lee bought a pant suit and visited the beauty salon.

Lee will depart for Caracas, Venezuela in early January, where her husband has taken a position with Reynolds Aluminum. She will visit her parents in Puerto Rico before going to Caracas.

Lee started her tenure with the Department as a secretary in Office Engineer in September, 1973. She transferred to the EEO Section in March, 1974. During this time, she made many friends, who dropped in to wish her well. Among the gifts she received was a piece of lead crystal and an add-a-pearl necklace. The EEO Section extends a hearty thanks to Millie and Karen of Office Engineer, who were instrumental in providing the "Surprise" and to everyone who assisted them. We wish Lee and her family the very best on their new venture.

INTERNAL AUDIT

By The Staff

Hugh P. Murray, auditor in the Internal Audit Section, was presented his 5 year pin by E. N. Orsini - Chief, Internal Audit.

Mr. Murray came to the Highway Department from Varco Pruden Company of Pine Bluff where he was assistant to the president of the company, and prior to that he was Sales Manager of Arkansas Power and Light Company at Harrison.

The son of an auditor, Hugh was born in Yonkers, New York, and graduated from The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina with a degree in business administration.

He is a Shriner with membership in Sahara Temple in Pine Bluff.

Mr. Murray resides in Pine Bluff with his wife and family.

LEGAL

By The Staff



George Green, Attorney in the Legal Division received his 15 year service award and certificate from Tom Keys, Division Head.

MAINTENANCE

By Brenda Woodyard

Now that the hunting season has pretty well come to close, we are seeing a little more of our fearless hunters, who braved

the cold and wet to try their hand at a deer, or a few birds. Several were fairly lucky, or skillful I should say, and the others just had some pretty far fetched tales to tell us.

Mr. Rownd has made frequent visits to the duck woods with his son, Ed, and told us about one particular trip that was a lot colder and wetter than the others.

Jim Tucker came back boasting that he, without a doubt, killed the biggest eight point anywhere in south Arkansas. I know better than to question any hunter's honesty, so I suppose that's the truth. He has recently gained a daughter and lost a son, for a while that is. Penny, his daughter-in-law, will be living with the Tucker family while Chris, his son, serves a 13 month tour of duty in Korea.

Pat Sullivan has been hunting a lot this year, too. It seems that he is in Seventh Heaven right now, because of his "1 in 10,000" bird dog. At six months, Dabbs is such a hunter that Pat only gets five to six birds of his limit, since his "Star Pointer" gets the other two or three herself.

Larry Watson has done a lot of bird hunting this year too, and has had some pretty good luck.

Mr. Sisk and his wife spent a week at Christmas in Alexander, Virginia, with his son, daughter-in-law, and the two grandchildren.

Mr. Page got some really enjoyable duty during the holidays. He entertained his grandchildren from Mobile, Alabama. I'm not sure who enjoyed it more though, Grandpa or the kids.

Jimmie Farnam's two boys, Tony and Troy, were delighted at Christmas to find a new stereo system along with a stack of records under the tree.

John Hall's wife, Flo, spent a few days in the hospital. She recovered nicely from her surgery, but while she was still in the hospital, she developed pneumonia and ended up staying a couple of extra days. She's lots better now, and John says that his son, Chuck, finally turned the kitchen back over to her. Chuck was the Chief Cook while Flo was under the weather.

Herman Belk has also been in the hospital. He had cataracts removed from his eyes. Reports are that he is doing well, but will be off a while, although we hope to see him before too long.

Sandra Denise Morris is the new face occupying the desk in Roadside Development that was recently vacated by Melba Shepard who transferred to the EEO office. Sandra transferred from Personnel.

OFFICE ENGINEER

By The Staff

Parties and presentations of pins and certificates have been a part of the routine for Office Engineer Division since November.

On November 27, A. W. "Dube" Looney was honored for his 25 years of service with the Department, of which 22 years were spent in Construction over various sections of the state. Mr. Looney has been with our Division the past three years.



Mary Morrow and A. W. "Dube" Looney

Also, on this occasion Mary Marrow, Division Secretary, was honored for her 5 years of service, and a fond farewell was made, for she was leaving to prepare for the "blessed event", and sure enough Shelly Renee arrived just in time for Christmas. Now wasn't that a beautiful Christmas.

On January 28, a party was held in honor of C. W. Freeman, Charles Walther and Lonnie Parsons for 15 years of service.

The awards were made by Division Head Hubert R. Holland.



Left to right: Charles Walther, Lonnie Parsons, and C. W. Freeman with Hubert Holland, Division Head.

Congratulations to all for your long and faithful service.

PHOTOGRAMMETRY

By Sue Walls

The Photogrammetry Section is still increasing. Our latest addition is Robert E. Barnett. Bob is a lab technician, working with Lynn Bridges processing aerial film and developing aerial photographs. Bob is married to the former Lee Chance and they have three children, Pam, Keith, and Victoria. We would like to extend a welcome to him.

Bill Taylor, Roger's 13-year-old son, killed his first deer this season. I'm sure it was hard to bring him down to earth for weeks afterward.



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hillman

Lorie Harris, Margaret Hudson's daughter, was ninth grade homecoming maid of East Side Jr. High School in Benton and was elected to the National Junior Honor Society. Congratulations, Lorie! We are all proud of you.

Margaret's stepdaughter, Jenny, was married on October 12 at sunrise on top of White Rock Mountain to Richard Hillman of North Little Rock. Jenny, a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville School of Nursing, will be a RN at the Memorial Hospital in Rogers, Arkansas.

David Hunter has a new boat. It is called the SS Toyota. It doesn't look much like a boat; it looks more like a four-wheel drive land cruiser.

As a matter of fact, it doesn't even float like a boat. It floats out to the middle of the lake and then sinks.

I think David would have better luck if he would use it for a land vehicle instead of a boat. I believe he has come to this same conclusion.

Well, as the Toyota slowly sinks into the lake, I will close this episode of the exciting events in the lives of the employees of the Photogrammetry Section.

PLANNING & RESEARCH

By The Staff

We have a new employee in Current Planning Section, Janice Dawson. She has worked with us in the past, one of our summer people. Happy to have you all the time, Janice.

We were all sorry to hear, Jackie Maxwell's house trailer burned. She was unable to save anything. The Highway Department employees have responded real well in helping Jackie out, and she certainly thanks everyone for what they have done.

We have a brand new and very proud grandmother in our section, Polly Cloud. Her daughter, Suzanne Lloyd gave birth to a 9 lb. boy on October 13. The new edition is Robert Glenn Lloyd.



Robert Glenn Lloyd

Polly also has a new son-in-law. Her daughter Connie became Mrs. Leroy McLain. The wedding was solemnized December 27, at the Salem United Methodist Church. The bride's sister served as Matron of honor. Robert Cooper served as the groom's best man. After a short trip the couple are at home in the Salem Community.



Mr. and Mrs. Leroy McLain

Welcome to another new employee, Tom Davis. He graduated with honors from Vanderbilt University in May 1974.

Went to work in Bridge Design but accepted a temporary job in Copenhagen, Denmark from September to January. Currently working in Transit Planning.

Tom enjoys caving, tennis, and water sports. Also an artist with works in some local and out-of-state galleries.

RIGHT OF WAY

By Shirley Childress

Just in case there are a few of you who still do not know, Glendol Jackson

is now a grandfather. His grandson, Clayton Wayne, was born December 26 and December 27 grandad had pictures for us. Clayton weighed in at 6 lbs. and 14 ozs. His parents are Carl and Karen Breitweiser of Benton.

Max Harmon has recently transferred from District 6 Construction into the Utilities Section of Right of Way. Max will be working as a Utility Technician. He attended State College of Arkansas and got his BS Degree in Geography in 1972. Max is 27 years old and single. OK girls! Form a single line down the left side of the hall to Room 707.

We are proud to announce the birth of granddaughter of Jimmy Giles. Her name is Christie and her parents are Jane and John Murphy. Christie was born on December 19 and weighed 5 lbs. and 4 ozs.



Bryan Arendt, 3 month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Arendt.

ROADWAY DESIGN

By The Staff



Kim Thompson

Kim Thompson, a student at Parkview Senior High, daughter of Pat and Lois Thompson, is a member of the precision drill team, "The Parkview Liberty Belles."

The squad consists of 46 young ladies who perform various routines during half-time ceremonies at football and basketball games.

As most of you know the Parkview Patriots won the State AAAA championship in football, as well as being ranked No. 1 in the state of Arkansas.

"The Parkview Liberty Belles" were also big winners this past season when they received a first place trophy for precision marching at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

The occasion, was the American National Drill Team School, conducted, in part, by those nationally famous "Kilgore Rangerettes" from Kilgore, Texas.

Best of luck to the Patriots in the future, and to Kim, in her upcoming senior year at Parkview High.

STATE AID

By Shirley Wesson

The State Aid Division undertook a worthwhile project this year and collected money from each employee of which we purchased toys for the boys and girls at the Children's Hospital. Barbara Oldham took the responsibility of shopping for all the toys and the other employees helped in gift wrapping the toys. LeRoy McLain and Phil Richardson delivered the gifts to them with our very best wishes for a joyous Christmas season. We all enjoyed this project and plan to continue doing it.

Wedding bells rung this Christmas season for LeRoy "Tiger" McLain and Connie Cloud on December 27, at Salem in the Salem Methodist Church. From the pictures I've seen it was a very lovely occasion. Congratulations! Wishing that you'll have many happy years together.

During the deer season, Mike Bellomy, age 15 and the son of Mr. & Mrs. Lindsey



Mike Bellomy

Bellomy, killed two buck deers opening day of the first deer season. One was a spike and the other a beautiful 8-point. He was a proud young man. His dad says Mike still likes to brag quite often "who wouldn't." I'm sure Lindsey is proud of his son's accomplishments, also.

TRAFFIC

By The Staff

Two of our employees, pictured above, received their 25-year Service Award and pin. We had a real nice party for Van Campbell, Chief of Traffic Services, and Charles Gehriki, Highway Area Maintenance Supervisor. Congratulations to you both and we hope you are here 25 more years.



Van Campbell, with Jim Barnett and Charles Gehriki.

Frank Vozel went deer hunting the first of the season and killed a buck. Good shooting, Frank.

Linda Barnes was transferred to this Division from P&R. We are happy to have her with us.

We have a proud new grandfather in our Division. Lee Gibbon's daughter, Cindy, had an 8 lb. bouncing baby boy, whose name is Joshua Michael, on January 5. The parents names are Cindy and Mike Grafton who reside in Little Rock.



Joshua Michael Grafton

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of R. W. Maxon who died of natural causes on January 2. Mr. Maxon had worked as a night watchman at the NLR Sign Shop since August 1969. He was also a retired Army sergeant, a veteran of World War II and the Korean War.

He was a member of the Meadowcliff Baptist Church and the Disabled American Veterans. Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Blanche Wood Maxon; two sons, Robert Joseph Maxon of Oliverhurst, Cal., and Jimmy Maxon of LR; four daughters, Mrs. Virginia Mills of NLR, Miss Jacque Arthur of Pardale, Ore., and Miss Janette Maxon and Jennielynn Maxon of LR.

Funeral was at Meadowcliff Baptist Church by Rev. Arlis Downs. Burial with military honors at National Cemetery.

SAFETY

By The Staff



R. P. Humble, left, with B. K. Cooper

WEIGHTS & STANDARDS

By The Staff



William Atkins with Roy Johnson - 20 Yrs.



Geter Williams and Roy Johnson - 15 Yrs.

ASSISTANT CHIEF ENGINEER



B. K. Cooper, left, with Charles Venable

Charles Venable, Asst. Chief Engineer of Planning received his 15 year service award by B. K. Cooper at a coffee in his office December 6.

DISTRICT ONE

By Janet McElduff

Noon, December 13, found District 1 EOC room full of food, fun and fellowship with employees who were working within the area coming in for a fine dinner. The ladies in the office outdid themselves in preparing and serving ham, slaw, potato



Bill Mulhollen, left, presenting award to Jess Gaynor for 25 Years of Service.

salad, baked beans, also with the prettiest and most delicious assortment of desserts we've ever had. Quite a few of the wives sent desserts and the biggest thing going was whether you had tried this one or that one. The boys from the service station confiscated a fresh coconut cake for their table and it disappeared before anyone knew what was happening.



Dan Morris - 25 Years of Service.

Break time that afternoon started the eating all over again, and by quitting time that day the feast had disappeared and a lot of full folk went home happy.



Ollie Bennett, retiring after 17 Years of Service with Cross County Crew in D-1.

We especially enjoyed having the following retirees come by that day: Jeff Lindley, Leroy Thomas, Griffin English, Andy English, Tex Lewis, Dee Miller,



Janet McElduff



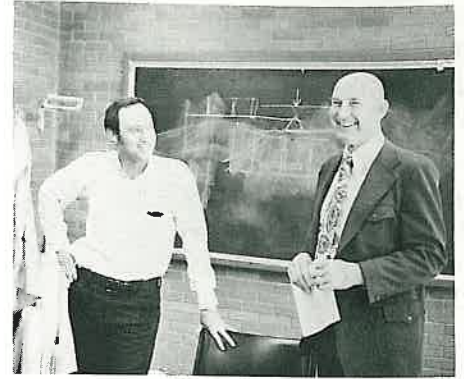
Left to right: Herman Potter, 20 years; Frank France, 15 years; Dick Ethridge, 20 years; Bill Mulhollen, 15 years; Alfred Crumley, 15 years; Frank Nicholson, 20.



Brigett Leiglann Latham, age 8 months. Granddaughter of Leonard Roberts, Area Foreman.

Garland Spencer, Oscar Sutherland, Lelena Harris, Tom Ellis, Bill Midgett, Charlie Matthews, Roy Chambers and J. W. Weddington.

J. E. Lowder came over Tuesday, January 21, and presented a 15 year certificate of service and pin to District Engineer B. D. Mulhollen. The District office had included Mr. Mulhollen in the December party honoring District One employees with 15 years service, but enjoyed coffee and do-nuts with Mr. Lowder and Mr. Mulhollen, as well as his wife, Yvonne, who came out for the presentation.



Bill Mulhollen, left, receiving award from Jim Lowder, Asst. Chief Engineer.

DISTRICT TWO

By Leslie Johnson

Approximately 80 employees, families, and friends in District 2 office and shop gathered at the District 2 Headquarters on the evening of December 23 for our annual Christmas get together. Everyone had a wonderful time and enjoyed all the delicious food.

Pine Bluff Residency enjoyed a gala Christmas party at their headquarters with approximately 22 employees in attendance. Messrs. Bratton, Orton, Granderson, Williams and Hart with the able assistance of their wives put on the spread. Special guests were Johnny Harris and Ken Tyler.



Bronwyn and Kelly Shalmy

Bronwyn and Kelly Shalmy in their Christmas attire, are the daughters of Mike and Becky Shalmy. They reside at Scotia, New York, where their father is

associated with Schenectady Chemical Company. Their father, Mike, is the eldest of the three Brewster Shalmy sons.

W. A. and Mary Ellen Lloyd are proud parents of a new daughter, Paula Renee, 6 lbs. 11 ozs., born October 16, at Jefferson Hospital on her granddaddy's birthday. Her brother Rex Allen is five. Lloyd is in our sign crew.



Rex and Paula Lloyd

This reporter has tried in every conceivable way to get pictures and stories from the many deer camps that our men set up during the two season event. There was one rumor about a new and different make of deer horn and other rumors about our expert marksmen not being in on the kill. The picture is one taken at our camp out from Sulphur Springs. The men have just completed skinning an 8-pointer. Clyde, my husband, with his back to the camera, keeps his fox and deer hounds out here and calls it the



Big Oak Kennels. There were several deer and doe killed during the season and some real fine barbecue.

A five-day basic materials inspection course was conducted by Ken Tyler with the assistance of Buddy Orton at the Pine Bluff Residency. There were (8) employees taking the course. Jackie Camden and Steve Hollinger from Monticello Residency, Thomas Simmons, and James Roberts from Pine Bluff Residency, Stanley Burris, George Cingaloni, George Dunn and Benny Henly from McGehee Residency.

Recipients of certificates and pins: Maxie D. Bagwell, Resident Engineer, McGehee, and Arlie M. Gibbons, Night Watchman, 15 years.

Edward Mulloy, Jr., Equip. Opr., Leon Couch, Equip. Opr., and Leslie Freeman, Crew Leader, 10 years.

Millard Carver, Boat Operator, and Charles H. Jackson, Mechanic, 5 years.

DISTRICT THREE

By Sharon Bailey

Mike Hartsfield, a senior at Hope High School, was recently notified that he is to be featured in the eighth annual edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1973-1974, the largest student award publication in the nation.

Mike is the son of Linda and Ed Hartsfield; Linda is our field clerk in the Hope Residency. He is a member of Beta Club, Quill and Scroll, president of the National Honor Society and associate editor of the school newspaper, Hi-Lights. In addition to having his biography published in the book, he will also compete for one of ten scholarships of \$500 to \$1000 funded by the publishers and will be invited to participate in the firm's annual "Survey of High Achievers".

Mike plans to attend Texas Lutheran College upon graduation in May.

Congratulations to Nancy Grimes, daughter of Harlan Grimes who works in our Little River County crew, on becoming the bride of Andy Burns, Sun-

day afternoon, November 3, at the Richmond United Methodist Church. After a brief wedding trip, the couple is at home in Richmond where Nancy works at the Little River Memorial Hospital and Andy is self-employed.



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schmitt

Congratulations to Debra Gail Brown and Charles Richard Schmitt who were married the evening of November 29, at the Fifth and Grady Church of Christ in Hope. Charles works in our District Sign Crew and Debbie is attending Hope High School.

The District Office Personnel along with their husbands and wives celebrated the holiday season by going to Texarkana, December 14, and eating at the Red Barn. After dinner we returned to Hope where our Assistant District Engineer, Dale Spencer, and his wife had us all over to their house for an evening of fun and refreshments.

The following Thursday the girls in the office fixed a luncheon for the Office Personnel. Afterwards we exchanged gifts around a beautiful Christmas tree with Helen Kidd playing Santa Claus.

DISTRICT FOUR

By Helen Butler

Two hundred twenty seven (227) employees, families and friends in District 4 gathered at the Community Building at

Creekmore Park in Fort Smith the evening of December 14, for our annual Christmas Party.

Everyone had a great time and the ladies favorite foods were so good that they will not be forgotten. Several fine door prizes were won by those who attended.

Special guests who attended were: Commissioner J. C. and Norma Patterson, John and Lucille Tallant, Construction Engineer from Little Rock; Bert and Sue Rownd, Maintenance Engineer from Little Rock; Norman and Bobbie Pumphrey, Ass't. Construction Engineer from Little Rock and Johnnie and Elyeene Gray, Staff Photographer.

District Four Employees, families, and friends enjoyed the party and we hope that you will all make plans to attend the Christmas party in 1975. Happy New Year To All!!

Wayne Goodson, Engineering Aide V in McMillan Residency, has completed 20 years' service with the Department. Wayne has worked at various jobs at several locations in District 4. He was presented his Service Certificate and pin at a party honoring him. Congratulations, Wayne, and we expect to see you around for at least 20 more!



Wayne Goodson, left and Carl Sanders.

Helen Butler, Clerk in the District 4 Storeroom, has completed 20 years of service with the Department. She was presented her Service Certificate and pin honoring her at a coffee. Congratulations, Helen!

New in the Storeroom is Bill Morton who is very energetic. In summer he coaches grade-school boys in baseball, and



Helen Bulter, left receiving award from Calvin Peevy.

basketball in winter. The morning after a game we can tell a win by the grin! But even the losses he takes with pride because his boys did their best.

Bill Hartman (our new Warehouseman) his wife, Betty, and 2½ year old Linda Rene, have recently returned from a 29 months' tour of duty in Kaiserlauter, Germany, with the 508th Service Co. A very energetic young man also, he attends Westark College 3 times a week, taking a business course. And one weekend a month he attends the National Guard Reserves.

J. A. Vanarsdale is the new custodial worker at the District Headquarters. He is retired from the U.S. Armed Forces and attends Westark College part-time. We welcome him and his wife, Marie.



J. A. Vanarsdale

Speaking of college, Jim Adams, Store-room Supervisor, is starting a course at the American College of Commerce in February; and his wife is in her second year at Westark, studying to be a registered nurse.

We are also proud of James Seay, Shop Foreman, working hard on an Adult Education course. He says it's a long

time since his school days! On January 27, he received his 10-year Service Pin, presented by Equipment Supervisor, Emerson Hammell at a coffee. Congratulation, on 2 counts, James!



Left to right: Bud Hodnet, James Seay & Emerson Hammell.



Carl Sanders presenting award to P. A. Trotter, right.

P. A. Trotter, District Watchman, was presented his 10-year service certificate and pin by Assistant District Engineer Carl Sanders in December. Mr. Trotter always greets everyone with a smile. He is especially proud of his 8-month old granddaughter, Kimberly Joy Trotter.



Kimberly Joy Trotter

The deer hunters in District 4 were quite successful this past season: Ed Slaughterbeck of Waldron reports 2 big bucks, but we haven't seen any venison yet!

Jerry Clemence, Storeroom Clerk at Springdale, caught a 16 lb. striped bass on Beaver Lake in December. You sure can tell a true fisherman! He will sometimes be on the lake when everything freezes over - right, Jerry? Some of our fishermen could take lessons from him!

Roy Clotfelter's boys, Bill and Jim, report kills - 2 bucks; however, Roy reports: None! Since Christmas the boys have been the proud owners of 2 motorcycles which they enjoy riding through the fields and backroads. But Roy is not reporting his experience on his first ride! Wonder why?

Thanks to those who answered the extra call by the Fort Smith Blood Services for Donors. "We needed that!"

Last but not least, Bill Michael, Heavy Truck Driver, and wife Norma are Ohhh so proud grandparents! One of Bill's twin daughters, Raye and husband James Henson are equally proud parents of Amanda Kaye, born January 14, weighing 7 lbs. 3 ozs., Congratulations!

Charles Means Residency

By Betty Millard

Lyndy D. Holland attended the Bridge Inspection Seminar which was held on November 6 & 7. We are sure that Lyndy is now a "top notch" Bridge Inspector.

During the first deer season in November two of our employees each killed a deer. Lyndell Lyda killed a 5-pointer on the 13th and Hershel Henry killed a spike buck on the 14th.

The deer season from November 9-14 was also successful for one of our employees. Ed Slaughterbeck bagged an 8-point buck on Monday morning, December 9 and a 9-pointer on Saturday the 14th. Congratulations, fellows, on your hunting ability!

Everyone who attended the District 4 Christmas party on December 14th said

they really had an enjoyable evening. There was "lots" of Turkey & Dressing, plenty of coffee and tea, and - as always good fun. The Waldron office was represented by five families, and of these families six door prizes were won. We all hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and hope that all will enjoy a safe and Happy New Year.

H. G. "Pete" Page is the new and proud grandfather of a baby girl. Kathryn was born on December 16. Pete is an Engineer Aide in this office.

Wedding bells rang for Randall Barnett and Miss Elizabeth Joan Lee on January 17. Randall is employed in our office. The couple are making their home near Waldron. Congratulations to both of you, and may you have many years of happiness!

After many years in this office Hershel Henry and Lewis Martin have been transferred to the Maintenance Division in Polk County. We will miss Hershel and Lewis but wish them both the best of everything. Cake and coffee were served Friday afternoon, January 24, for them because this was their last day with us.

That new flu bug has really been making the rounds in this office! At least 7 of our employees have been off work for several days because of this bug. At this writing it was reported that Lyndell Lyda was put in the Polk County Hospital with pneumonia. His entire family is also sick with the flu. We wish everyone a speedy and complete recovery!



Back Row: Milton Patton, and Tex Brown.

Front Row: Chester Walker, George Williams, Cliff Gilbert, Jack Sherkle, James Seay, (shop foreman).

Second Row: John Mizell, Bob Ferrari, B. G. Lee, Tom Trotter, Bill Michael, Emerson Hammell, (equip. supervisor).

Since our last issue, birthdays have come up for: Charlie Lance, October 26, Lewis Martin, November 9, Jerry Hunsucker, December 9, Charles Means, January 27. Hope you all have a very Happy Day!

DISTRICT FIVE

By Marilyn Coffman

In January we said farewell to one of our dedicated employees, Oscar Syfert, stockroom clerk, who retired with twenty years service. Office and shop personnel honored the Syferts with cake and coffee and presented them with a gift for their new camper trailer. Syfert will certainly be missed around here, but we wish him the best of luck in the future.



Oscar Syfert , C. L. Bradberry

We welcome Edgar Sisk, our new stockroom clerk. He and his wife, Billie, have two children, Rickey, age twelve, and Melissa, age three.

District Five has three new sets of parents; Jimmy Tom Sexton, Ferry Supv., is the proud papa of a future Admiral, named Jeffery Gill Sexton, born January 12, weighing 7 lbs. 12 ozs. (I understand the 4-7 AM shift is still open for volunteers for the watch duty). Lee Campbell Watson, IZARD County Area Foreman, has a pretty good size crew at home with his new addition of number four on February 7. Born Brandi Dawn Watson, she weighed 9 lbs. and 3 ozs.

Johnny and Maxine King's daughter, Crystal Gail, arrived February 11, weighing 10 lbs. 6½ ozs. Congratulations to the Sextons, Watsons, and Kings! Proud papas, send us progress pictures.

Norma McKinney, clerk for Resident Engineers Wyatt and Smith, has joined the ranks of new homeowners.

We are mighty proud of Archie McBride, Harold Taylor, and Alfred Courtney, three of our faithful blood donors. Archie and Harold have donated two gallons and Alfred three. Several other employees were donors on the last visit of the bloodmobile.

Congratulations to Orville Schales, Job Supt., on receiving his certification for Senior Engineering Technician.

We are saddened by the death of Urbin E. Tomlinson, who passed away on February 4. He was an Equipment Operator before he retired on March 31, 1971, after ten years with the department. We extend sympathy to his family.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Lynn Carr family in the death of his father, Romey Carr.

DISTRICT SIX

By Carolyn Bowden

District Six employees, family and friends gathered at the District 6 office at Little Rock on December 20, for our annual Christmas Party and Retirement Party of Mr. W. T. Jeter, District 6 Maintenance Superintendent.



Don Cahoone, left and W. T. Jeter

Presents were exchanged before the Christmas dinner and everyone enjoyed

Mr. I. H. Nute's "Radioman of the Year" Award. Other such gifts were baby dolls, fur lined pots, do-nothing machines, T-shirts and hot-air combs.

After the Christmas Party punch and cake was served for Mr. Jeter's Retirement Party. District 6 Engineer, Don Cahoone, presented Mr. Jeter with a SX70 Polaroid Land Camera as a gift of appreciation from all the District Six employees. Mr. Jeter retired with thirty-three years of service to the Highway Department.



Left to right: Earl Harkins, W. D. Looper, and James Welcher.



Left to right: Don Cahoone, Dist. Engr., W. D. Looper and Jesse Adarson.



The retirement party for W. D. Looper on December 6.

DISTRICT SEVEN

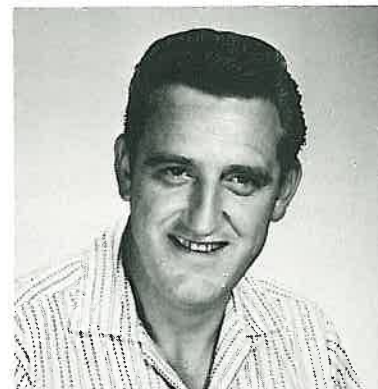
By Althea Campbell

Larry Hollis, assistant district maintenance superintendent held a Maintenance

Basic Materials Course the week of January 27 through the 30, at the District Headquarters. Maintenance employees from the eight counties in District 7 attended.

District 7 Construction held a Basic Materials Course for construction employees not previously having taken this course at Camden Headquarters. This course was taught by our three resident engineers — R. E. Myers, Camden; M. J. Reese, El Dorado; and A. W. Hardy, Magnolia each alternating during the week of January 27 through the 31.

We have a new office employee Colin Bridges, permit clerk. Colin started work January 27 - welcome! Colin and wife Marilyn have three children, Rhonda, Erwin and DeAnza and live in the Camden Fairview area.



Colin Bridges

Helen Turner, payroll clerk, is planning to attend the wedding of her brother, Randall Turner to Kathy Cosby at the Woodbury Baptist Church on Feb. 7.



George Lindsey (recently promoted to Assistant Stock Clerk) and wife Jackie.

Danny Launius, clerk in stock room, son of Mr. & Mrs. J. G. Launius and Janice Turner, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Turner were married January 11, at the Fairview Methodist Church in Camden. Janice is employed at Howard's Department Store and they are making their home in Camden.



Mr. and Mrs. Danny Launius

Twin Horses, Dusty and Smokey were raised by William A. Herring and brother Earl, on goat milk. They are very rare in that they both lived, only known pair living in Arkansas.



William Herring with Dusty & Smokey

M. J. Reese Residency

By Elaine McKinnon

Some of the gang at Elaine's house for our Christmas Party on December 13, Friday. It was a bad day (being the 13th) but we all had a good time.

M. J. Reese, Resident Engineer, presenting J. R. McVay, Highway Engineer Aide III, with his 10-year pin and certificate.



M. J. Reese presenting J. R. McVay his 10 year certificate and pin.

Those attending the Basic Materials Course in Camden were: Gary Lloyd, Charles Fite, Danny Pittman, George Cano and Jerry Murphy.

Those attending the Construction Inspection Course to be held in February are: J. R. McVay, J. W. Millican, and Tony Quimby.

M. J. Reese attended the Resident Engineer's Conference in Little Rock on January 9 & 10.

Birthdays will be celebrated by several of our gang in January & February. They are as follows: January 6, Bob Harrell, January 29, Earl Shrewsbury, February 16, Stan Smith, February 18, J. R. McVay, and Red Hatridge, February 23.



The gang at Elaine's house

DISTRICT EIGHT

By Nancy Kennedy

The 1974 District 8 Christmas party was held on the evening of December 20. We were pleased with the large attendance (375 persons) of Highway Department employees, families, retired employees and friends.

A fine meal was prepared by a local catering service.

We were glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Gray, who were the only guests from the Highway Department office in Little Rock. We are sorry that the many others who received written invitations were unable to come.

Of course, our very special guest, Santa Claus, came and cheered the children and adults alike.

DISTRICT NINE

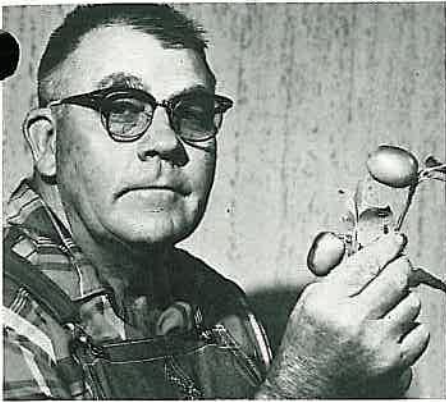
By Shirley Morton

The District Nine annual Christmas Party was held at the headquarters on Friday evening, December 20. Approximately 650 (six hundred fifty) employees, retirees and their families enjoyed the covered dish buffet and the program that followed. A chorus composed of employee's children sang "God of our Fathers" and "Desiderata" accompanied by Mrs. Sally Jo Gibson and Jeff Coursey. Dinner music was also provided by Jeff Coursey. The Glenn Faulkner Group (Glenn is our Madison County Area Foreman) sang several songs and introduced Santa Claus who was immediately mobbed by the youngsters. Santa gave each a toy and sack of candy. The invocation was said by Rev. Dean Smith (Carroll County employee) and the closing prayer by Rev. Curtis Downs (father of Asst. Res. Engr. Marion Downs).

The shop area was decorated with pine and cedar boughs, mistletoe and a 15 foot decorated cedar Christmas tree. The party was just tremendous and we hope to have one even bigger and better next Christmas. It is always especially good to have our retired friends with us and there were several of them here on this nice occasion. Our thanks to everyone who helped make this the best Christmas party we have ever had!!

Wright Horton, retired, who lives in Marshall, Arkansas is pictured with a small branch from his apple tree. The tree bloomed four times last year and yielded two crops of apples. Mr. Horton

said it is a June apple and is a twenty five year old seedling tree.



Wright Horton

Congratulations to newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. GERAL James. GERAL and Cheryl were married in the Capps Presbyterian Church on Friday evening, December 20. We wish them many happy years together.

Sheri Lynn Campbell, thirteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Campbell (Howard is employed at the Harrison Residency), was elected 1974 Homecoming Queen at Lead Hill for the 1974-75 school term. Sheri Lynn is an eighth grade student, is President of the Junior High Student Council, Secretary of her FHA Chapter and also is a guard on the Junior Girls Basketball Team.



Sheri Lynn Campbell

January 6, 1975

*All Highway Dist. 9 Employees and Retirees
Employee Christmas Program and New Years Message*

The purpose of this memo is to express my deep appreciation to all those people who helped to make your program a complete success. Any attempt to list all those responsible would have to include all in attendance (approximately 650 persons). Obviously there would have been no program had you not been willing to take the time and make the effort to attend. Those of you traveling considerable distances are particularly appreciated.

We plan to make this an annual family affair and are hopeful that future programs will be as successful as our first. The theme of these programs will be basically the same as the program for December 20, which is attached along with the words to the two presentations made by the chorus (employee's children). The verse and words of both these presentations are appropriate and meaningful during these unsettled and trying times.

It is evident at this time that our projected highway revenues will fall far short of anticipated levels based on our present funding system (motor fuel taxes). This is a direct result of declining fuel consumption both statewide and nationwide. This loss of revenue coupled with an extreme increase in construction and materials cost (due to the present inflationary spiral and energy crisis) must undoubtedly curtail our construction and maintenance programs. This, of course, will mean a reduction in available materials, equipment and possibly labor during the upcoming year and most probably for a much longer period. It is therefore our duty and responsibility to give the public (our employer) a full hours work for an hours pay and to utilize our materials and equipment wisely and efficiently. Let us be proud of our jobs and take pride in our work. We can offset our handicaps and take up the slack by increased effort, interest, initiative, cooperation, and

a willingness to do what is necessary to accomplish the job. Working together, pulling together – lets put it all together. During a time when unemployment is widespread and increasing steadily throughout our state and nation, we all have jobs of which to be proud. It is of utmost importance that we prove to the public that we are equal to the task.

Hopefully, the spirit of fellowship which was evident at your Christmas program and the theme expressed through the New Year and set the tone for all of our day-to-day relationships. I can think of no better way to strengthen the bonds and insure unity within our "Highway Family". This is particularly relevant in this day and time considering the state of our nation and our economy. In my opinion, we are in the beginning of very hard times and must return to many of our "tried and true" basic values and must always be compassionate and extend a helping hand to all persons, particularly our fellow worker. I firmly believe that we as a nation will overcome our difficulties. However, it is also my belief that, to do this, we must come back to the teachings of Christ and the Ten Commandments and these principles must be applied to every level of Government, Industry, Business and to our daily living, and that the greed and deviousness which are so prevalent in our society today must be eliminated if we are to survive as a democracy – One Nation under God. Let us all promote this within your Church, our Family, our Work, our Community, our State and our Nation. We must not lose sight of the intent of our founding fathers.

Had I prepared a talk for your program, the foregoing is the message I would have attempted to relay to you.

We look forward to our next years Christmas Program and wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,
Curtis G. Pangle
District 9 Engineer

DISTRICT TEN

By Isabelle Psalmonds

Between 400 and 450 District Ten employees and their families enjoyed a Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 21, in the shop of the District Headquarters. The shop was festive with a Christmas tree and decorations. A number of retired employees came to the party and visited with us and we were glad to see them. They were our honored guests.

The group began gathering about 10:30 a.m. and visited until barbecue and all the trimmings were served about 11:30. The ladies brought desserts and just thinking about the wonderful array of cakes, pies and other goodies makes my mouth water.

All during the festivities we were entertained by Charles King and the Kingsmen, a musical group who played and sang. Two District Ten employees, Cecil Short and B. L. Wallace, were members of the group.

We feel that this was so successful we hope to make it an annual affair. We want to express special thanks to Darrell Holder, Maintenance Superintendent, Charles Hesselbein, Assistant Maint. Supt., and Rex Hall, Maintenance Coordinator, who ram-rodged the affair and to all the others who helped in any way to make it such a success.



James Titch, left, Gerald Sisk, right.

J. C. "Babe" Pillow, Area Foreman, Greene County, and James Titch, Job Supt., both received 20 year Service Awards in November and were honored to have Mr. Sisk here to present them with the awards.



J. C. "Babe" Pillow with Gerald Sisk.

Lyle Smith, Mechanic, resigned and moved back to Utah. This move was necessary because of his wife's health. We wish them the best of everything as they move. We had cake and coffee and presented Lyle with a cigarette lighter as a going away gift. Lyle is shown here in the picture with Hamp Fletcher, Equipment Supt. Hamp is the one wearing glasses.



Hamp Fletcher, left, with Lyle Smith

In December Sam Smith, District Engineer, went to Florida for a few days of fishing. He brought back this picture as proof that he not only fished — he caught something.



Sam Smith with proof that he caught something.

Hamp Fletcher, Equipment Supt., retired in January after thirty years plus of service. Hamp had surgery in December and had been on sick leave for awhile. Also his son in California has had surgery and is seriously ill. We had cake and coffee at the District Headquarters on Wednesday, January 22. His wife came out to fellowship with us too. The cake was decorated with a pickup truck and camper which reminded us of Hamp's truck and camper which he and his wife plan to use a lot as they see some of the country. Employees presented Hamp with a wrist watch as a token of appreciation. Best Wishes, Hamp, and many years of happy retirement.



Hamp Fletcher

The stork has been a busy bird in District 10. Todd Williams, 1st. son and 2nd child of Mr. and Mrs. Carl U. Williams, made his appearance on November 8, weighing 7 lbs. 11 ozs. Carl is Construction Inspr. II at Jonesboro. He was telling us this week that Todd has certainly grown and has been well through the winter.



Todd Williams

Patrick Ray Baine, 1st child of Mr. and Mrs. Connie Baine, signed in on Nov. 18, and weighed 9 lbs. 7 ozs. He is a bright eyed boy. Connie is Engr. Aide II at Paragould.



Patrick Ray Baine

Congratulations to the Williams and the Baines. They are proud parents – but we also have some proud grandparents. (Could it be that they are worse than parents?) These are especially proud because it's a first for all of them. Ruby Herren, payroll clerk, has a beautiful granddaughter, Carol Ann McMillon, who was born on November 5. Leroy Swindle, maintenance repairman, and Carl Frazier, crew leader, both have had some grandsons. Ruby assures us that her Carol Ann is the prettiest and the sweetest of all. Congratulations to Grandma and the Grandpas.

Jim Garrett, Res. Engr. at Osceola, is teaching a Basic Materials Course at Paragould. There are eleven taking the course. The week after this course ends, we will be having a Defensive Driving Safety Course. So we are making use of the winter months.

MAGAZINE STAFF

In January the Magazine Staff along with the Mapping Section in Planning & Research gave Charles Frazier (editor and section head) a party for 10 years' service.

Al Johnson, Division Head of P&R presented the pin and certificate.



Left to right: John Bodiak, Don Finkbeiner, Joe Lovell, Katie Brasel, Robert Williams, John Milliken, Charles Frazier (editor and section head), Paul Edwards (magazine staff), Ursula Schlesier, Marlin Powell, Mary Jack Wilson (magazine staff), Larry Newman (magazine staff), and Division Head Al Johnson.

TOASTMASTERS ELECT PRESIDENT

Wilbert Chapman, Assistant Division Engineer for Planning and Research was elected President of the Hi-Noon Toastmasters Club. The organization, an affiliate of Toastmasters International, is concerned with promoting better communication and speaking skills and helping its members become effective masters of ceremonies.

The Hi-Noon Toastmasters Club was formed in 1960 by a group of highway men. It affords the opportunity for men to develop their leadership abilities and serve effectively as elected officers or appointed chairmen of any organization.

A typical club meeting includes training in conducting a short business meeting; an opportunity to speak spontaneously; presenting a prepared talk, and a constructive evaluation of the speaking



Wilbert Chapman

ability displayed during the prepared talk. The meeting provides training in listening, thinking, speaking, leadership, and management; as well as the fellowship and luncheon.


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ANSWERS

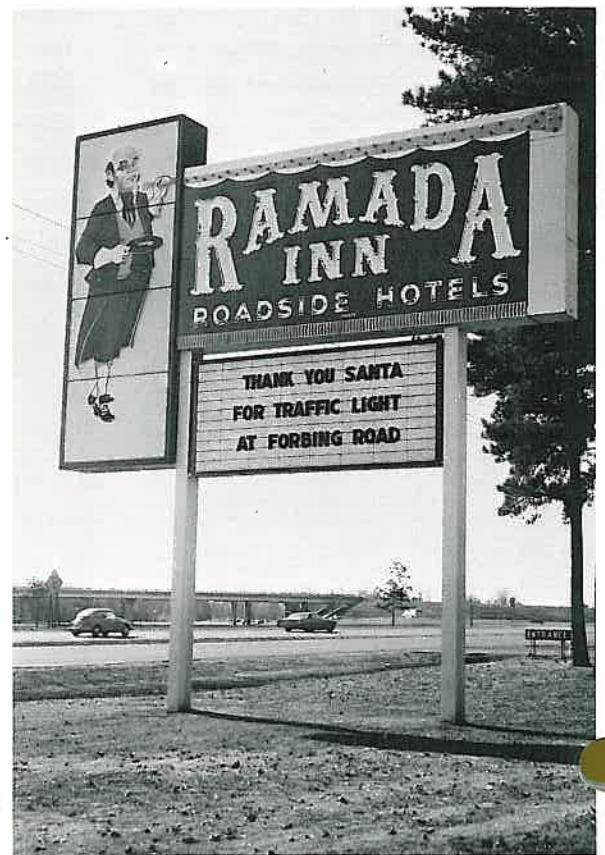
1. *False.* Highway accidents are the leading cause of death for Americans under the age 25 — period.
2. *False.* Experts estimate that between 10,000 to 15,000 lives a year would be saved if everybody used safety belts. Predictions are that 6,000 to 8,000 lives a year would be saved simply by passing laws in every state requiring the use of safety belts.
3. *True.*
4. *False.* There are EIGHT million alcoholic drivers in the U.S., and about 17 million high volume social drinkers.
5. *False.* Vehicle defects are the principal cause of only seven percent of the nation's highway crashes. Almost all accidents have multiple causes. Driver error, including the failure to perceive danger signs in time to do something about them, is the most frequent contributory cause of traffic mishaps.
6. *True.* The total is more than 10,000 pedestrian deaths a year.
7. *False.* Most states have some kind of program for those of driving age, but few states have comprehensive safety programs for all age groups.
8. *True.* Out of 563,500 highway bridges in the country, more than 88,000 have been officially classified as "critically deficient."
9. *False.* The Interstate Highway System was purposely designed as a high-speed system and it is twice as safe as conventional roads and streets.
10. *True.* But it is possible, even advisable in dangerous situations, for a cyclist to change to pedestrian rules by dismounting and walking his bike.

Score yourself on this test. If you got 8 or more right, pat yourself on the back. But don't forget that the real scoring takes place on the road, with death and injury going to the losers.

The Highway Users Federation reminds you that Webster defines accidents several ways, including the popular definition of "an event occurring by chance or arising from unknown causes." But traffic accidents more properly follow the definition of "an event resulting from carelessness, unawareness, ignorance or a combination of causes."

The better the driver, the better the safety score — where it really counts, on the road. 

FORBING ROAD GETS TRAFFIC LIGHT



DIRECTOR'S DESK



Director Henry Gray

ADDITIONAL FUNDS. A MUST!

The Highway Commission recently published its annual report to the Governor which described the many accomplishments and the progress of improvements during 1974.

We can all be proud of our work during 1974. However, the future holds many problems, mostly money problems.

State Highway revenues will decline approximately 11% during fiscal year 1976 as compared to 1974 receipts. This decrease, coupled with spiraling construction and materials costs, has shortcut the Highway Construction Program causing us to seriously reduce our normal state program in order to match all federal-aid funds.

President Ford has now released an additional \$2.0 billion of impounded highway funds that are available to the fifty states on a first come - first serve basis, unrestricted except by the availability of apportioned funds and the ability of the States to match them. Before July 1, 1975 we hope to have projects obligating at least \$50 million. The \$50 million will require approximately \$13 million in state matching funds. These matching funds must be provided by additional revenues or from future state

funded programs, mostly rural projects with 100% state funding.

Next fiscal year it is forecast that state funds will be available to match only the normal federal-aid program. This does not take into account the release of all impounded funds which will require the utilization of approximately \$18 million in additional state funds.

It is essential that the State take advantage of the release of all impounded highway trust funds in order to continue our construction improvement program; improve existing facilities to make them more efficient, which will save energy; and to reduce unemployment by providing approximately 15,000 jobs for each \$100 million of construction.

The Highway Commission has proposed a legislative package that will mean an additional \$28.7 million for the Highway Department fund.

We have asked the Legislature to look closely at our financial problems and our revenue proposals. Hopefully, the General Assembly will provide sufficient funds to match additional federal funds that might become available as well as allow us to continue our state-funded program.





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