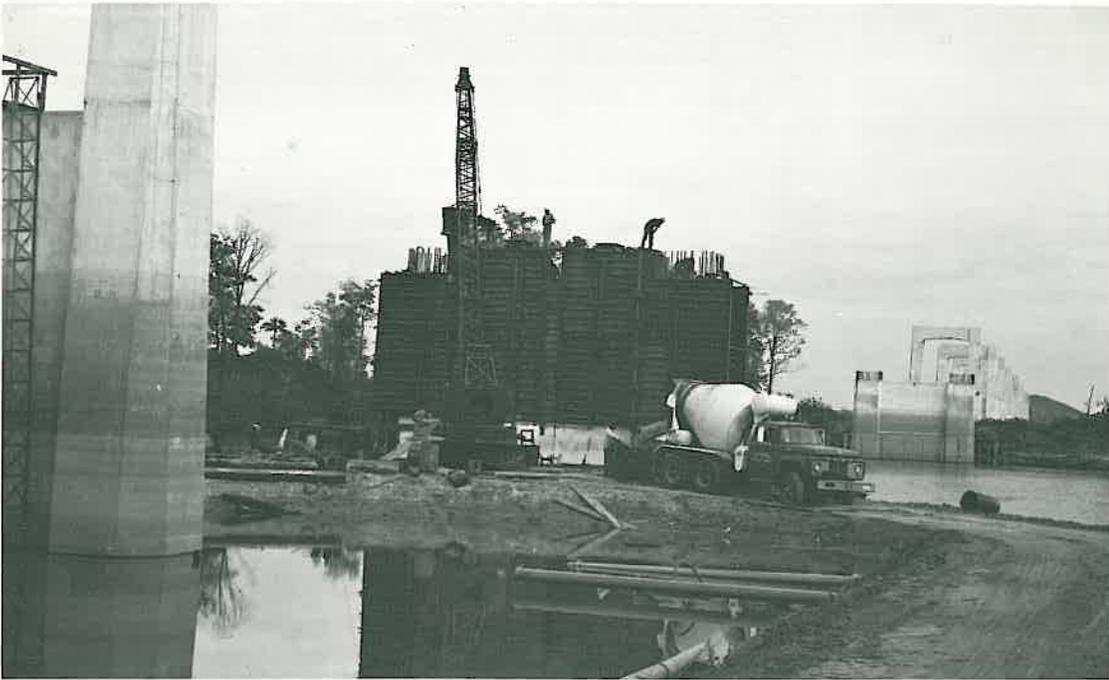


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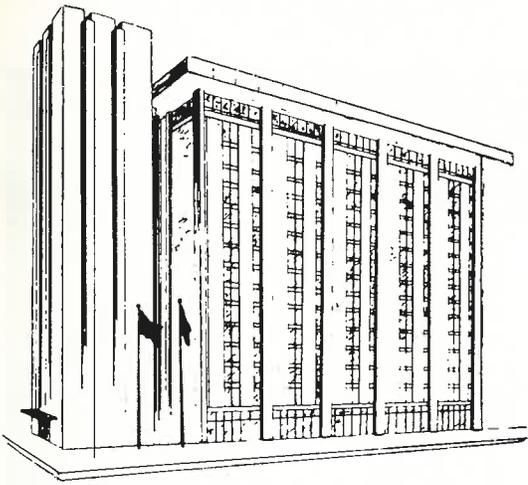
Pier construction  
nears completion  
at Des Arc.

**T**HE FLOATING SENSATION of crossing the Highway 38 suspension bridge at Des Arc, especially on a windy day, has quickened the pulse of many a motorist since the bridge was erected in 1925 but one day in the not too far distant future, this well-known landmark in eastern Arkansas will give way to a new reinforced concrete and steel structure set on concrete piers. The bridge is being built on a new location which will bypass Des Arc to the north.

The west approach is already complete and pier construction, being done by W. L. Sharpe Contracting Co. of Memphis, is nearing completion. The contract for the superstructure has been awarded and U. S. Steel Corporation will commence work when the substructure is finished. The bridge and approaches will cost an estimated \$2.6 million including preliminary engineering costs. J. W. Gee is the resident engineer for the Highway Department.

Looking through the portals  
of the suspension bridge,  
which one motorist likened  
to walking on a trampoline.





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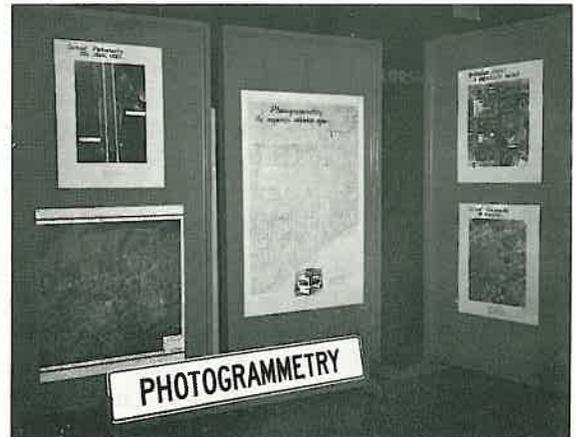
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**ENGINEERS' WEEK - Feb. 17-21**

In observance of Engineers' Week, the Highway Department displayed the exhibits below at the Mall Shopping Center on University Avenue in Little Rock.



# LINDSEY, NOBLE RECEIVE AWARDS

Service certificates were awarded at the January Highway Commission meeting to Emon J. Lindsey and Graham R. Noble for 30 and 25 years' service respectively. The presentations were made by Commissioner John Harsh on behalf of the entire body.



LINDSEY was born, and still lives, in Bearden in Ouachita County. He was first employed by the Department in 1925 as a laborer. He held various other jobs a number of times during the next 20 years but returned to highway work in 1945 and has progressed to his present position of foreman in District 7.

Lindsey's favorite pastime is rooting for the St. Louis Cardinals. In fact, his enthusiasm has earned him the nickname of "Harry Carey of District 7." He is married to the former Mattie Walker of Bearden,

where they are active members of Salem Baptist Church. They have three daughters, all married, and six grandchildren.



NOBLE started work with the Department in 1941 as a mechanic's helper. Since then he has worked as an engineering aide, traffic recorder operator, automatic control electrician and statistician before being promoted to his present position of highway inventory technician with the Planning and Research Division. In that capacity, he is responsible for the installation, maintenance and collection of recorder tapes throughout an assigned area. His job requires many miles of driving and Graham has accumulated over one million miles marred by only one minor accident, an excellent safety record indeed!

Noble was born at Garner in White County and he and Mrs. Noble, the former Eudell Goss of Searcy, now live at Beebe. They are members of the United Methodist Church there and have three married children and five grandchildren. Like so many Highway personnel, his favorite hobbies are hunting and fishing.

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## WEBB JOINS THOSE "OVER 40"

J. C. "Jelly" Webb receives a goodwill ambassador's certificate from Commissioner John Harsh upon the occasion of his retirement. With 42 years of employment, he is the fifth employe to complete 40 or more years' service under the present retirement policy. He was a Civil Engineer I with Norman Pumphrey's residency at Camden when he retired. A story still circulating among Jelly's associates relates how a contractor some years ago thought to play a practical joke on Jelly by greasing a footlog across a stream at a bridge site, expecting that he would slip into the water when he attempted to walk the log. But sure-footed Jelly walked the log like a squirrel. It was his instrument man following who fell into the water!





The TOPICS study will no doubt bring about some needed changes in this haphazard traffic pattern in downtown Searcy.

## SEARCY TOPICS STUDY

**T**HE TRAFFIC OPERATIONS PROGRAM TO INCREASE CAPACITY AND SAFETY, more commonly termed "TOPICS", has made its debut in Arkansas. TOPICS, the acronym for a new Federal program which provides aid to urban areas, is designed to produce maximum utility of existing streets and highways without major construction expenditures.

Essentially, TOPICS permits cities of 5,000 or more population to receive Federal-aid for the primary purpose of increasing the operational efficiency and safety of the major street system through use of traffic engineering techniques.

The City of Searcy, whose population is about 9,000, was selected as a pilot study to initiate the program in Arkansas because it is representative of a majority of Arkansas cities. The venture was a cooperative effort between the City and the Highway Department, with K. J. Bynum of the Traffic Engineering Section of the Planning and Research Division, serving as project director. The purpose of the study was to investigate existing traffic operations on the major street system and develop recommendations to improve the traffic flow. The study is unique in that it is the first of its kind to be completed in the U. S. in an area of less than 25,000 population and only the second TOPICS study initiated west of the Mississippi River.

Findings and recommendations of the recently-completed study were approved by the City of Searcy in January, 1969. The Highway Commission also approved the report at their January meeting and authorized the Director to implement the findings and recommendations pertaining to the State Highway System, subject to approval, of the study by the Bureau of Public Roads and the availability of Federal TOPICS funds.

Improvements recommended for Searcy which are eligible for Federal-aid participation include channelization of intersections, providing additional traffic lanes on approaches to intersections, installa-

## "Red Book" to be Revised

The 1959 Construction Specifications, commonly called the "Red Book", the 1966 Supplemental Specifications and the Standard Special Provisions are soon to be revised and updated.

The revision committee will be composed of Asst. Chief Engr. B. K. Cooper, who will act as chairman; Asst. Chief Engr. William L. Moore; and representatives of Bridge Design, Construction, Office Engineer, Materials and Tests, and Roadway Design divisions. The Legal Division will assist in a consultant capacity.

The actual writing and development of the specifications, a full-time job, will be the responsibility of Charles M. Matthews, who will relinquish the position of District 1 engineer effective February 1 upon reaching retirement age. His work on writing the specifications is permissible under the terms of the Department's retirement policy.



### MATTHEWS QUALIFIED

Charles M. Matthews is well-qualified to re-write the specifications, having accumulated almost 39 years of service with the Highway Department. He is a native of Portland, Ark., a graduate of the University of Arkansas and a registered professional engineer. He began his career with the Highway Department in 1927 and was made district engineer at Wynne in 1958.

tion of traffic signals responsive to traffic and upgrading traffic control signs and pavement markings. Other recommendations included use of one-way streets and elimination of angle parking. The total cost of implementation is estimated at \$61,300, of which \$39,100 will be the responsibility of the State.

It is believed that the TOPICS program will prove to be an important method through which traffic engineering may help solve many urban problems in the state.

Searcy Mayor L. E. Carmichael, chairman of the Study Committee, reviews recommended improvements for the intersection of Race and Main Streets.





The Short Course group.

## Urban Transportation Planning Short Course Held at Hot Springs

### 4 STATES REPRESENTED

A four-state short course in urban transportation planning was held at Hot Springs February 18-21 under the sponsorship of the Arkansas Highway Department. The primary purposes of the meeting was to

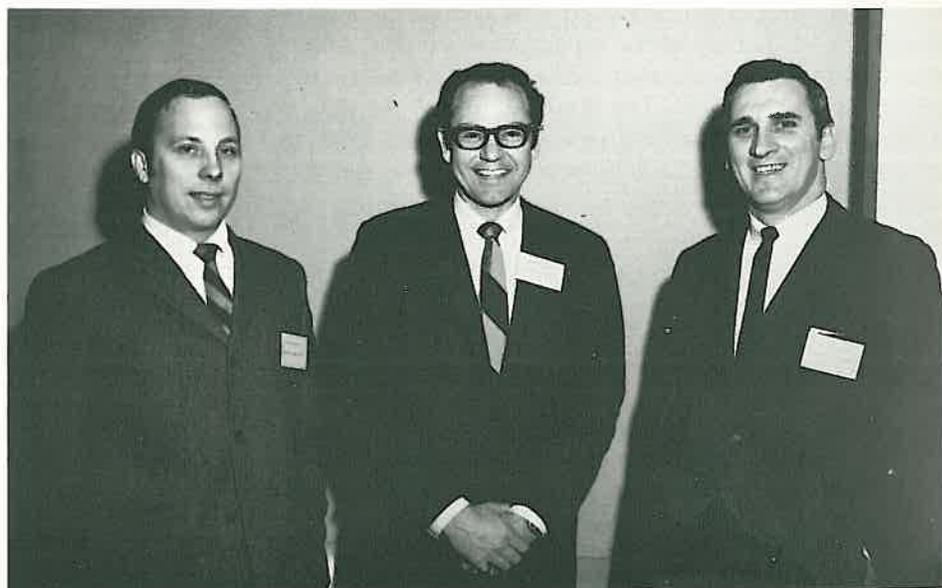
inform Federal personnel in this area, Highway Department people and local administrators, planners and engineers of the latest methods and technology of urban planning and to coordinate planning activities among the various groups responsible for foreseeing the future needs

of cities whose population is 50,000 and over. Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas representatives attended the meeting.

Instructors during the week were A. F. Sevin, D. S. Gendell and M. A. Marks, all of the Washington office of the Bureau of Public Roads.



P & R Engineer L. R. Jester makes introductory remarks at opening session.



Instructors Gendell, Sevin and Marks.



## FORT SMITH — VAN BUREN BRIDGE

The pier to the right nears completion while another rises from the east bank as part of construction on the new U. S. 64 bridge across Arkansas River between Fort Smith and Van Buren. H. E. Cummins & Sons Construction Co. of Enid, Okla. is the contractor. Calvin Peevy is the resident engineer for the Highway Department. The existing bridge in the background will be removed when the new bridge, estimated to cost \$6.3 million, is complete.

A contract was awarded January 29 for the construction of a second new U. S. 64 bridge at Fort Smith. Known as the Garrison Avenue bridge, it will replace an existing structure across the Arkansas River to Oklahoma. The contract was awarded to Stanley Barber Construction Co. of Fort Smith for \$5,358,519.28. Both bridges are being replaced because the Arkansas River Navigational Program requires greater clearance.



◀ Asst. Chief Engr. B. K. Cooper, chairman of a panel which discussed implementation of urban transportation plans.



▶ Hot Springs City Planning Engr. Ray Schneller, left, Roger Almond, P & R planning study director, and P & R Urban Planner Betty Wiggins engage in a moment of levity during a coffee break.



Left to right, Blackwell, Sloan and Foster.

## SLOAN COMPLETES ORIENTATION PROGRAM

Steven R. Sloan, 8815 Herrick Lane in Little Rock, entered the Highway Department Engineer Orientation Program in September, 1968 and completed it in January. He has chosen construction as a permanent field and is presently employed by Res. Engr. Jim Gee with offices at 800 Johnson Street in Little Rock.

The Engineer Orientation Program is a 16-week familiarization period which allows newly-employed graduate engineers to move through several working areas of the Department. After completion of the orientation period, the employe is given a permanent assignment, based upon his preference and current needs of the Department. In some instances where an employe decides early in the program where he wants to work and an opening is available, he may elect to forego the remainder of the orientation.

The program is jointly sponsored by the Highway Department and the University of Arkansas.

Sloan is a graduate of the University of Arkansas with a degree in civil engineering. He is a native of Isla Mirada, Fla. (a name which he says means "Island of pretty flowers") and graduated from high school there. A few years ago his family passed through Arkansas purposely "just to see what it was like"

on the way home from a Texas vacation. He says his father "fell in love" with Arkansas and very soon they moved to Glenwood, where his father raises cattle. Steven is single and likes to water ski.

## 2 OTHERS BEGIN ORIENTATION

Two other engineers, Joseph L. Foster and Ralph Blackwell, have recently begun the Orientation Program. Foster began in January and Blackwell in February.

Joe Foster is a graduate of Hoxie High School and attended Arkansas State College (now Arkansas State University) in Jonesboro for two years before entering the University of Arkansas where he graduated from the engineering school. He was employed by Armco as a sales engineer before coming to the Highway Department.

Ralph Blackwell, also a graduate engineer of the University, is from Memphis, and later, West Memphis, where he graduated from high school. He also attended Memphis State one summer. Ralph and his wife, the former Bonnie Wade of West Memphis, reside at Geyer Springs Apartments. When queried about leisure time interests, he replied, "After so many years at school, sleep!"

## "WE ARE NOT FOOLING — 30 MPH"

The American Automobile Association reports the existence of many amusing traffic signs scattered here and there about the U. S., such as one erected by the Nebraska Highway Department at the approach to a dangerous curve, which reads, "We Are Not Fooling — 30 MPH." They reported it was successful so a similar sign was posted at another dangerous curve. And near a Long Island, N. Y. church a sign reads: "Thou Shalt Not Speed — Church Zone."

Other signs to induce motorists to drive carefully include one at a grade crossing in Illinois which informs the driver, "Average train passes this crossing in 14 seconds — whether your car is on it or not." A Virginia highway sign reads, "Drive Carefully — Careless Children." Diamond-shaped signs usually are an indication to motorists that a hazard lies ahead but one in Dayton, Ohio "warns" drivers that there is "No Signal Ahead."

Many motorists would no doubt appreciate the placement of signs in numerous locations where wrong turns are easily made. The California Highway Department, realizing that such places exist, posted a sign at King's Canyon National Park which states: "This is NOT the Road to Fresno." Another sign just beyond a "Y" intersection in Delaware informs motorists: "This is NOT U. S. 40."

## Courtesy, Please

Stop signs sometimes pose a problem; at other times they provoke levity. Traffic officials in the Canadian province of Alberta couldn't find a Cree Indian word for "Stop", so they used the nearest Cree word, which means "Whoa" in English. And in Watrace, Tenn., the center of Tennessee walking horse farms, the stop signs also read "Whoa." Much more in the nature of up-East dignity are the standard red octagonal stop signs of New Haven, Conn. whose white letters say, "Hesitate."

A vague forewarning is posted on U. S. 301 in North Carolina. It merely tells motorists: "Somewhere Ahead — Radar."

## Signs Swiped for Souvenirs

The Maine Highway Commission keeps on having to replace a cluster of directional signs which read: "Norway, 14 mi.; Paris, 15 mi.; Denmark, 23 mi.; Naples, 23 mi.; Sweden, 25 mi.; Poland, 27 mi.; Mexico, 37 mi.; Peru, 46 mi.; and China, 94 mi."

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**ROBERT H. KIRKLAND**

**Robert H. Kirkland**, 61, of Portland, Ark., died February 8. He was a motor patrol operator with the Ashley County crew and had worked for the Highway Department 28 years and seven months. He was a life-long resident of Ashley County, having been born at Mist community and attended school at Snyder.

He had been a deacon of Portland Baptist Church for 13 years and Sunday school superintendent for 15 years.

Funeral services were conducted by Jones Funeral Home of Hamburg. Interment was in Portland cemetery.

Survivors include his widow; one daughter, Mrs. Robbye Bell, Macomb, Ill.; one brother, Roy W. Kirkland, also of Portland; and two grandchildren.

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**FRED JEWELL DANIELS, SR.**

**Fred J. Daniels, Sr.**, 63, of Hampton, died December 7. He was a job superintendent in the Camden district and had worked for the Highway Department 10 years. He was a native of Clark County and received his education at Dalark.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Kathryn Stringfellow Daniels; one son, Fred J. Daniels, Jr. of Carson City, Nev.; two daughters, Mrs. Juanita Gordon of Phoenix, Ariz. and Mrs. Imogene Mann of Garden Grove, Calif.; three brothers, J. C. Daniels, Morringsport, La.; Rayford Daniels, Sparkman, Ark. and R. P. Daniels, Malvern, Ark.; one sister, Mrs. Eva D. Garner, North Little Rock, Ark.; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held December 9 by Benton Funeral Home of Fordyce. Burial was in Macedonia cemetery at Dalark.

**FORMER EDITOR DIES**

**Mrs. Martha Lee Hancock Adams**, 305 Goshen Street, North Little Rock, died February 11 after a long illness. She was editor of Arkansas Highways Magazine for 10 years and a former society editor of the Arkansas Democrat.

Survivors include her husband, Harry J. Adams; one son, Jim Adams with the Navy aboard the aircraft carrier Essex; one brother, Merle Hancock of Jonesboro; and seven sisters, Mrs. Thelma Williams and Mrs. W. C. Reed of Little Rock, Mrs. Loudean Sanders of St. Louis, Mrs. John Stanford of North Little Rock, Mrs. Nettie Mahfouz of Stuttgart, Mrs. Frances Goldberg of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Paul Eckert of Doniphan, Mo.

Funeral services were held by North Little Rock Funeral Home in their chapel on February 13. Burial was in Pine Crest Memorial Park.



**C. E. DAVIS SUCCUMBS**

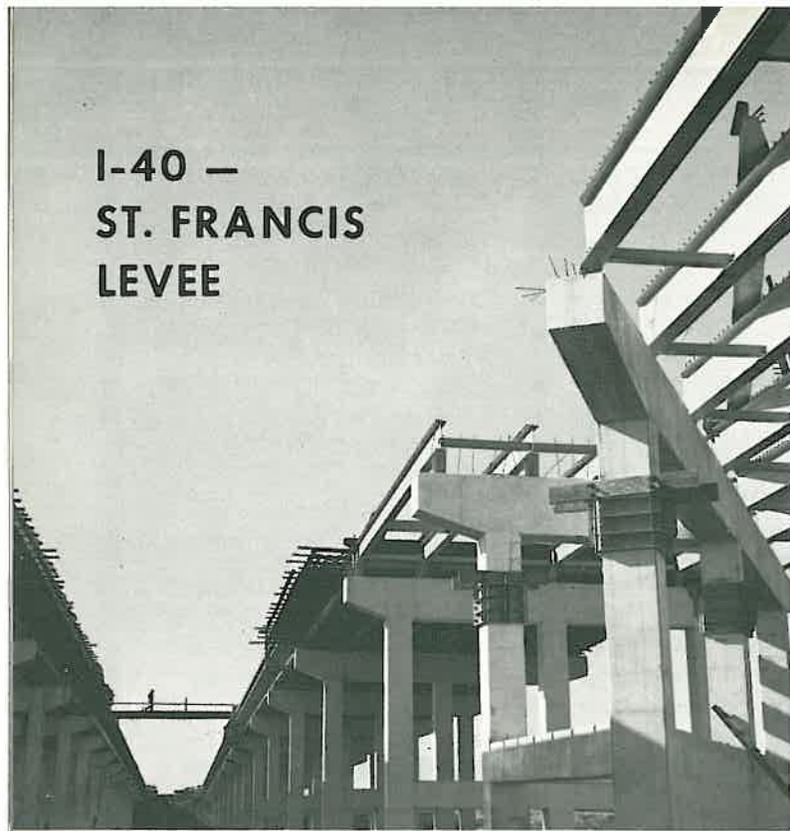
**C. E. Davis**, assistant maintenance superintendent of District 1, died February 21 at Cross County Hospital in Wynne. Davis, widely known by friends and associates as "Skinny", was 65. He was born at Gregory in Woodruff County where his father managed a large plantation.

Davis was first employed by the Highway Department in 1925, working in the Augusta area as a patrol operator. In 1939 he gave in to a seemingly inborn love of farming and left the Department to devote full time to operation of his farm near England. He returned to the Highway Department in 1941 and had been assistant maintenance superintendent since 1955. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Mamie Davis; one brother, Minor Davis of Little Rock; two sisters, Mrs. Ila Ward, Little Rock and Mrs. Jewell Miller of Augusta; one son, Edmon Davis of Earle, and two granddaughters.

Services were held Sunday, February 23 at Kernodle Funeral Home in Wynne, with burial in Cogbill cemetery.

## I-40 — ST. FRANCIS LEVEE



Skewed piers appear to indicate a curve in this railroad overpass near West Memphis but actually the steel will be in a straight line even though the piers are angled. The structure is one of two railroad overpasses which are being constructed as part of a two-mile section of I-40 beginning at the junction of I-55 at the east city limits of West Memphis and extending eastward to the St. Francis levee. The job also includes three road overpasses. J. A. Hadley Construction Co. of Humboldt, Tenn. is the contractor. V. H. Shassere is the resident engineer for the Highway Department. Estimated cost of the job, which leads toward the I-40 bridge now under construction across the Mississippi River, is \$4,330,200.

### **Merritt to Head Acquisition Section**



**J. C. MERRITT**, former assistant chief appraiser in the Appraisal Section of the Right of Way Division, has been promoted to chief of the Acquisition Section. He succeeds W. D. Luton who retired January 31.

Merritt, a native of Greenbrier, has been with the Department ten years. He holds a BS degree in agriculture and an MS in agriculture vocational education. He is a former teacher in Fayetteville and in Judsonia.

He and his wife Avanelle have just moved into a new home at 901 Cherry Hill Drive in North Little Rock. They have three children, Mrs. Janelle Hille, also of North Little Rock; Rodney, a student at S.C.A., and Keith, a senior at North Little Rock High School.

**BILLY BLOODROP  
SAYS . . . . .**

**77 Pints Given!**



Three blood drawings from Highway employes made February 3 and 4 resulted in the contribution of 77 pints. The Harrison district employes gave 40 pints, with five

other volunteers being deferred. Employees of District 8 (Russellville area) contributed 23 pints on February 4, with six volunteers being deferred. At a drawing held at Central Headquarters on the 3rd, 14 pints were donated, with one person being deferred. Total contributions for the year, which began May 1, 1968, now stands at 285 pints, 365 short of the 850-pint goal for the year.

**DONORS**

**District 9**

- Arlie Keeter
- Voyt Jackson
- James Robert Godfrey
- Ellis Stewart
- J. T. Richardson
- Don Cox
- Roy Gerald Brasel
- Charles Thomas Howard
- James Wade Whitney
- John Wess Parker
- J. Forrest Williams
- Lloyd Burgess, Jr.
- Fred Lee Graves
- Omel L. Fields
- Nelson R. McCutcheon
- Marion W. Downs
- Frank Rose
- Huel D. Pack
- Herbert R. Robinson
- E. C. Widner
- Oscar Shelton
- Dan Terpening
- Arnold Billings
- Lowell D. Hurst
- Oral Young
- Ulis Lexie Cline
- Homer Berl Jones

- N. L. Salmon
- Ruben Kelley
- Kenneth Oxford
- Jackie Dodson
- J. W. Smith
- Mary Delle Cline
- Vernie Berry
- Margie P. Duffy
- F. M. Parker
- P. D. Blankenship
- Curtis G. Pangle
- Shirley Mae Foster
- Ronald Jones

- Johnny J. Earwood
- Thomas F. Kinslow
- Clyde Bridges
- Earl Page
- Jerry Branch
- Garrett B. Dorrough
- Noah Moody
- Lowell W. Reece
- Bobby Gene Boyd
- Ewin T. Caudle
- Elmer W. Smith

**District 8**

- Calvin Gipson
- Billy Henry
- Loyd Cochran
- James L. Rackley
- Wallace F. Hubbard
- Delbert H. Pellham
- William A. Terry
- John Robert Roy
- Bill E. Martin
- Thomas Miller
- Sherman W. Moore
- John Paul Tucker

**Central Headquarters**

- James E. McCarthy
- W. M. Watson
- Roy L. Johnson
- Patsy Roling
- E. L. Modlin
- H. H. Perkins
- James G. Pay, Jr.
- Miss Mary Barthel
- James Bartlett
- Don Finkbeiner
- George D. Green
- Maurice Tillery
- Sibyl I. Maddox
- Madge Livingston

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Mary Barthel in Computer Services deserves to be recognized for, shall we say, "extratorious" effort. When she volunteered as a donor, it developed that the sleeve of her dress was too tight to allow the necessary preparation for blood drawing. She then went back to her office, only to reappear a few minutes later wearing a dress borrowed from one of the other girls in Computer Services. Mary received quite a few comments and startled looks — *it was a maternity dress!*

**Age Extended  
For Blood Donors**

A recent liberalization of the Red Cross Blood Program now allows self-supporting 18-to-21-year-olds, living away from home, to donate blood without parental permission. Sixty-year-old donors may now continue to donate until their 61st birthday.

**SIGNS — Continued from Page 8**

The Fresno County (Calif.) Sportsmen's Club erected this warning: "Slow — Pheasant Crossing — Drive Carefully — Thank you." Horse-racing fans have been given special consideration in Chicago where a sign at 33rd and Cicero Avenue reads: "Caution — Drive With Care — Horse Players' Path." A bridge project over Cerritos Channel, a spot frequented by water skiers, says: "Construction Zone — SKI Carefully."

And, of course, there is the much-publicized headstone-type marker outside Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio, Tex. which lays the warning on the line: "Drive Carefully — Hell Ain't Half Full"!!

**South Pole — 10,316 Miles**

As the saying goes, "You just can't hardly get there from here", at least not by highway but if travelers in Fairbanks, Alaska want to know how far it is to the South Pole, the famed Milepost at Cushman and First Streets, can tell them right away.





## TRAFFIC ACCIDENT REPORTING

by L. A. Gibbons, Planning & Research Division

The use of traffic accident data has long been an important tool to the Highway Engineer in the identification of locations on our streets and highways which are hazardous and in need of improvement. In the past, their use has been somewhat restricted due to inadequate and non-uniform accident reporting.

In 1967 the General Assembly passed Act 246, which in essence, is a compulsory motor vehicle accident reporting law. It requires all state, county and city officers who investigate motor vehicle accidents to file a report of the investigation with the Arkansas State Police Record Bureau within five days. A copy of this report is forwarded to the Accident Records unit of the Traffic Engineering Section of the Planning and Research Division. Since the passage of Act 246 the number of reports has more than doubled, and many agencies are still not reporting.

This cooperative effort is aimed at providing a better basis for accident reduction in the state and to satisfy the National Highway Safety Bureau requirements for having a program for the "Identification and Surveillance of Accident Locations" on our streets and highways. The program will produce an inventory of: high accident locations; locations where accidents are increasing sharply; and design and operating features with which high accident frequencies or severities are associated.

Following are some interesting, and perhaps beneficial, findings as far as the Department is concerned. This summary points out some of the outstanding statistics related to the motor vehicle accidents which occurred on Arkansas streets and highways during a six-month period beginning in October, 1967.

4. Running off the road accounted for 12% of the accidents.
5. A parked vehicle was involved in 10% of the accidents.
6. Fatal accidents — 251. Total fatalities — 301.
7. Non-fatal accidents — 3,991. Injuries — 6,945.
8. Of the 14,099 reported accidents, 18.1% occurred on Saturday with 20.3% of the fatalities, 16.6% occurred on Friday with 19.5% of the fatalities, and 12.2% occurred on Sunday with 17.1% of the fatalities.
9. Pedestrians involved — 208. 58% were under 14 or over 65 years of age.
10. Drivers 15–34 were involved in 52% of the accidents reported.
11. Contributing circumstances indicated that 5% of all drivers involved in accidents were driving while intoxicated and 11% of all fatal accidents involved intoxicated drivers.
12. Vehicles from 6–10 years old accounted for 22% of the 26,202 vehicles involved in accidents.
13. The statistics indicated that persons wearing seat belts have a 8:1 better chance of surviving an accident than persons who do not wear seat belts.
14. **Poor eyesight contributed to 80% of the 1,013 accidents in which a driver defect was noted.**
15. Of the 3,837 intersection accidents, 3,439 or 90% occurred at a "Y" intersection. Of the fatal accidents reported at intersections, 90% occurred at "Y" intersections.
16. Utility poles, sign posts, and trees accounted for 42% of the fixed objects struck by vehicles.

Expanded accident information for Arkansas' streets and highways may be obtained from the Planning and Research Division.

1. Total number of accidents investigated and/or reported to the State Police — 14,099. Vehicles involved — 26,202.
2. Accidents reported: urban areas — 8,829; rural areas — 5,270.
3. Of the total number, the motor vehicle was in moving traffic when 70% of the accidents occurred.





## TEXARKANA REST AREA NOW COMPLETE

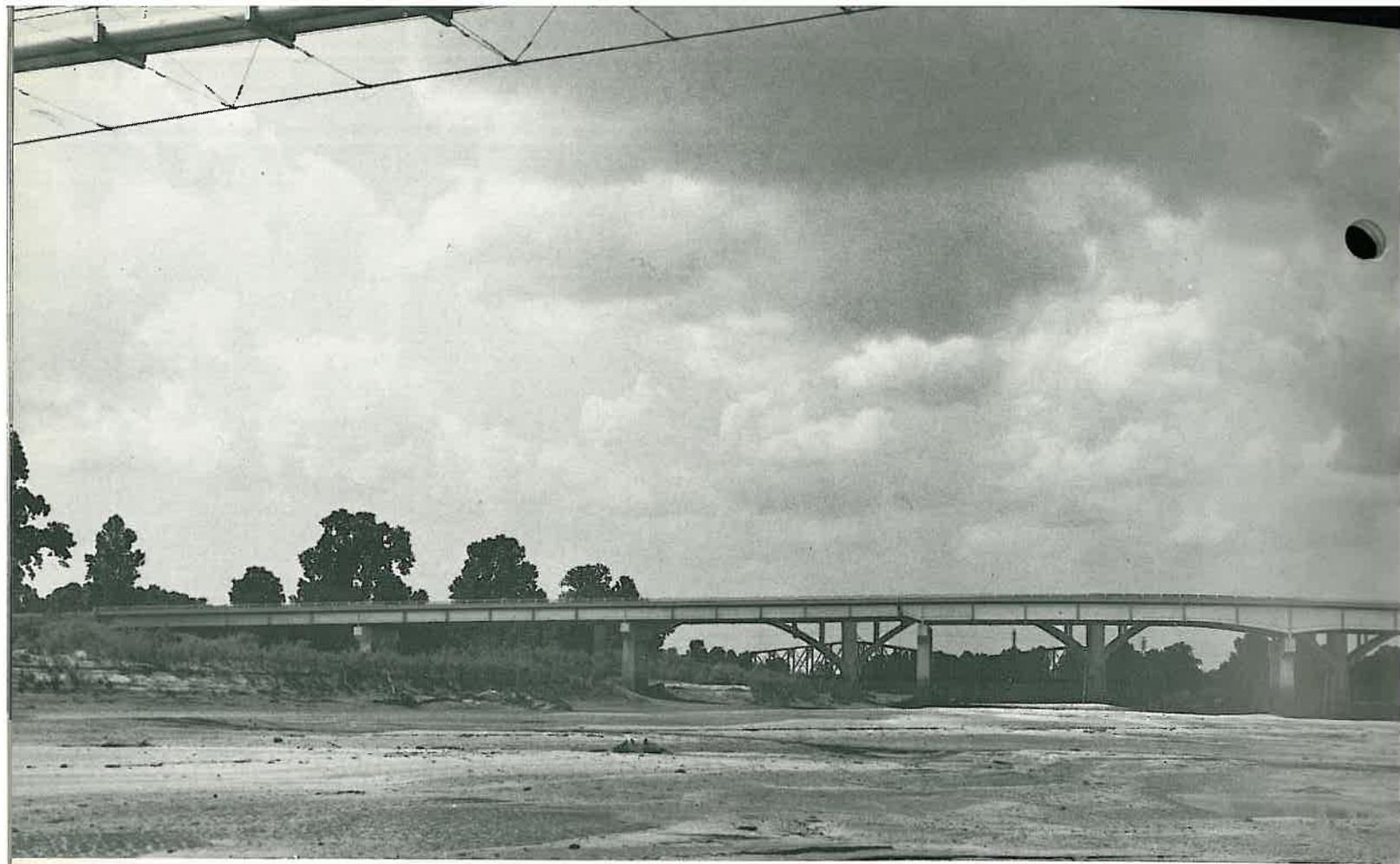
The rest area and information center on I-30 near Texarkana is now complete, staffed and open to tourists. Mrs. Barbara Garrison and Mrs. Portia Davis are the tourist information aides.

## *Highway Dames to Stage Style Show*

The Highway Dames met at Bamboo Gardens for luncheon on January 23. Laura Gence from the Nancy Taylor School of Charm was the guest speaker. President Yvonne Mulhollen presided at the business session. Hostesses were Shirley Chaney and Bobbie Moore.

The February meeting will feature a style show to be held at Holiday Inn in North Little Rock on February 27. Fashions will be through courtesy of J. C. Penney Company. Models pictured are left to right, Bobbie Moore, Bonnie Magness, Wilma Laha and Marla Holmes. Other models will be Mada Vandenberg, Lucille Witter, Rachel Shoemaker and Ernestine Martin.

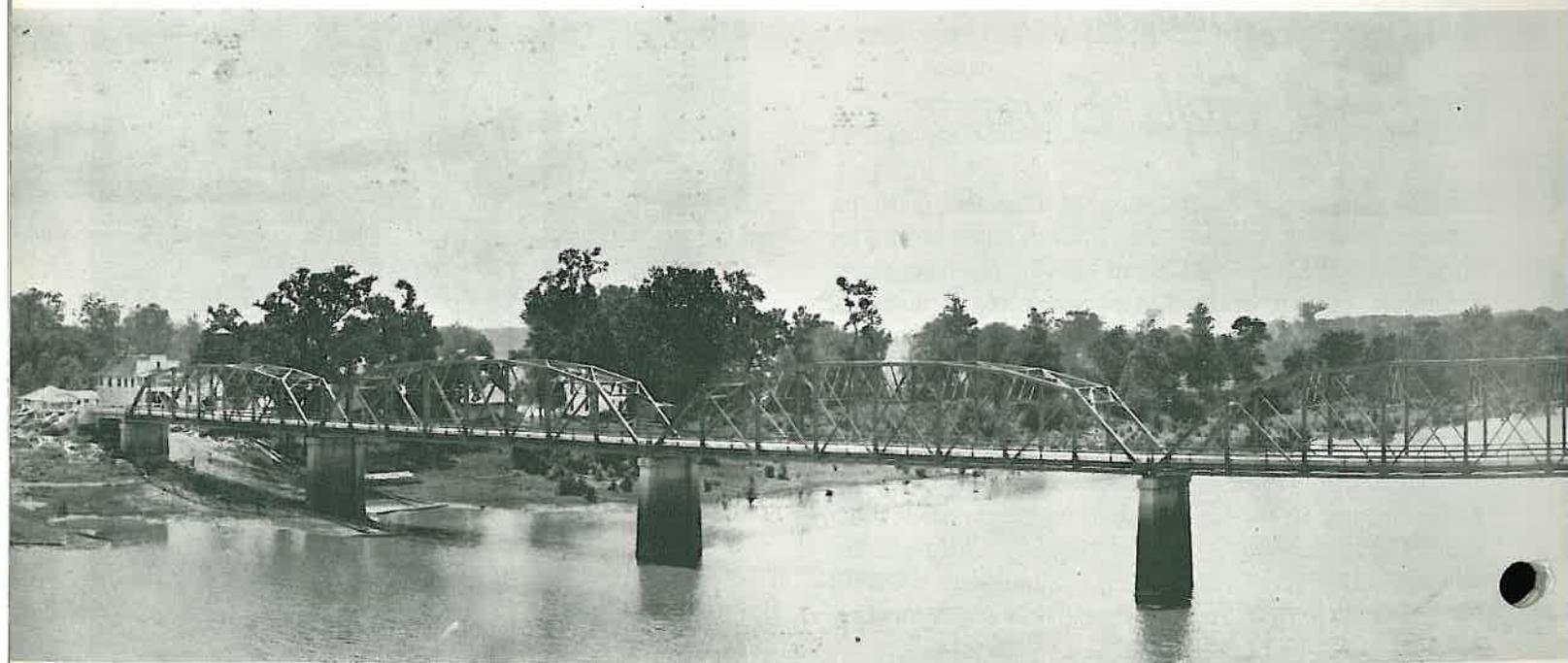


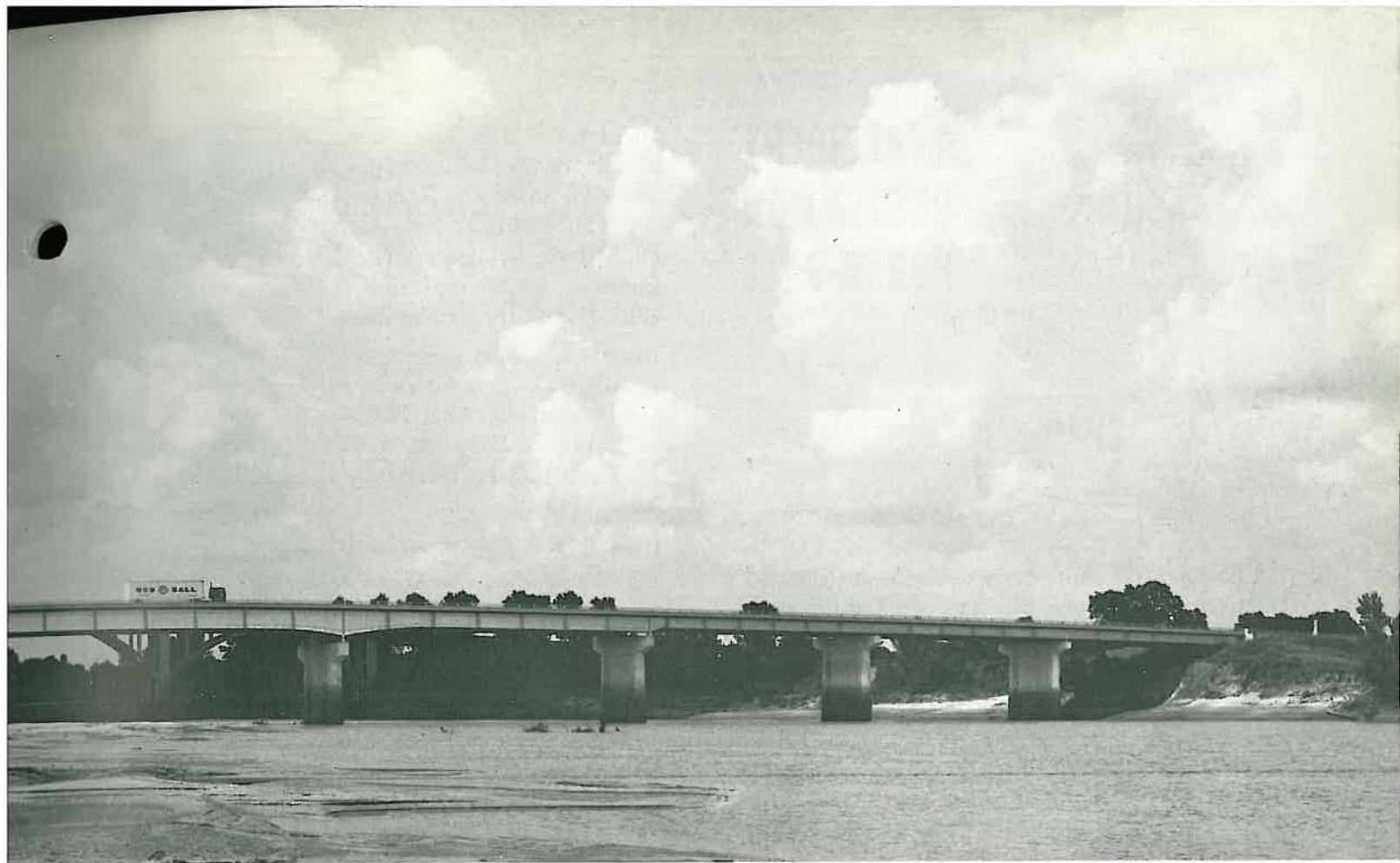


**A**T FIRST GLANCE, the I-30 bridge across Red River at Fulton (*above*) appears to be supported by two sets of piers, but it really isn't. An optical illusion was created when the U. S. 67 bridge adjacent to the I-30 structure, was perfectly obscured except

for its piers when the photograph was made.

(*Below*) This aged lift span structure spans St. Francis River on U. S. 79, near the community of Cody, approximately 10 miles northeast of Marianna. The lift





span is powered by a 35 h.p. gasoline motor. Because river traffic on the St. Francis is practically nil, for many years the lift span has only been raised at intervals to ascertain that it is in working condition. Listed as Job No. 100 of the State Highway Depart-

ment, on then-Highway B-19, it was built by Vincennes Bridge Co. of Vincennes, Ind. at a total cost of \$238,640. Work was begun in 1927 and must have been nearing completion when this photograph was taken on July 25, 1929.





## ACCIDENT PREVENTION HONOR ROLL

**S**EVENTY-TWO supervisors earned certificates of safety for their crews who have worked the 1968 calendar year without a lost-time personal injury or a chargeable accident to a motor vehicle or equipment. The number of certificates increased by three over 1967.

Twenty-three crews have completed two consecutive years and 15 crews have completed three years. They are to be commended for emphasis upon safety and practice of safe working methods and the use of safety appliances. The number of accident-free years are indicated by figures in parentheses.

**District 1** — Dee Miller, master finisher, Wynne (1); and Res. Engr. V. H. Shassere of West Memphis (1).

**District 2** — Job Supts. John M. Hollis, Rison (3), Virgil Green, Pine Bluff (3), and Joe C. Hays, Pine Bluff (2); Asphalt Plant Supt. E. J. Rabb, Monticello (3); Foreman Guy E. Thomasson, Rison (1); Drew Co. Area Foreman Floyd Fullbright, Monticello (1); St. Charles Ferry Foreman W. H. Poston, Jr., St. Charles (2); and Res. Engrs. L. K. Howell, DeWitt (2), George E. Karnes, Monticello (2), and Kenneth F. Tyler, McGehee (1).

**District 3** — Job Supt. Otis K. Walden, Hope (1); Bridge Foreman Mike Floyd, Nashville (1); Sign Foreman John W. Barham, Hope (2); Spring Bank Ferry Foreman Hermit Vestal, Doddridge (1); and Res. Engrs. John Shaw, Hope (2), Charles F. Mauk, Texarkana (2), James B. Karnowski, DeQueen (1), and Wm. McDonnell, DeQueen (3).

**District 4** — Sign Foreman C. L. Oliver, Waldron (1); Logan Co. Area Foreman J. C. Wingfield, Magazine (1); Polk Co. Area Foreman Harrison Heath, Mena (1); Sebastian Co. Area Foreman Columbus Dalmut, Hartford (1); Crew Leader B. G. Sanders, Ft. Smith (1); and Res. Engrs. Mike O'Shea, Ft. Smith (1), Jack Coleman, Alma (2), and M. C. Peevy, Van Buren (2).

**District 5** — Job Supt. Harold Taylor, Locust Grove (1); Sharp Co. Area Foreman Wm. T. Newman, Williford (1); Stone Co. Area Foreman Hale Hayden, Allison (1); Robt. L. Johnson, Batesville, foreman of Oil Trough, Sylamore and Point ferries (2); and Res. Engrs. C. M. Benz, Searcy (1), Ralph Wyatt, Batesville (1), and John E. Smith, Jr., Batesville (3).

**District 6** — Sign Foreman G. D. Bratcher, Cabot (2); Lonoke Co. Area Foreman W. A. Hardin, Humnoke (1); Prairie Co. Area Foreman Vernon Ellis, Hazen (1); and Res. Engrs. W. A. Dodds, North Little Rock (1), Ralph Jones, Malvern (1), and Jim Gee, Little Rock (1).

**District 7** — Sign Foreman Kenneth Dunn of Hampton (1); Bradley Co. Area Foreman D. L. Erwin, Warren (2); Moro Bay Ferry Foreman Jimmy B. Gates, Hermitage (1); and Res. Engrs. Norman D. Pumphrey, Camden (3), James B. Williamson, El Dorado (1), Gayle Gunn, Arkadelphia (2), and A. W. Hardy, Jr., Magnolia (1).

**District 8** — Job Supt. Ewin T. Caudle, Russellville (2); Equip. Supvr. Joseph W. Applegate, Dover (1); Sign Foreman Joe Duvall (2); and Res. Engrs. Sherman James, Morrilton (1), Elmer W. Smith, Clarksville (3), Lawrence Fletcher, Conway (3), R. C. McConnell, Conway (1), and T. D. Casey, Russellville (3).

**District 9** — Equip. Supvrs. Jack Holtby, Harrison (3), and Otis W. Vaughn, Springdale (3); Baxter Co. Area Foreman Hugh E. Hackler, Mt. Home (3); Marion Co. Area Foreman J. M. Tate, Yellville (3); Washington Co. Area Foreman Jodie Allen, Lincoln; and Res. Engr. Gary L. Godfrey, Harrison (3).

**District 10** — Sign Foreman Dairl Hyde of Paragould (2); Lawrence Co. Area Foreman Melvin Brown, Walnut Ridge (2); and Res. Engr. J. M. Garrett, Osceola (2).

**Central Shops, Jacksonville** — Shop Supt. C. B. Brooks, Jr. (1).

**Survey Division Party Chiefs** — John L. Adams (2) and Bobby M. Brown of Plumerville (2); Bryan C. Clark, Hope (2); Gerald T. Kirksey, Amity (2), Tom E. Wacaster, Harrison (2); and Bill F. Prince, Mt. Ida (1).

### A LOOK AT PERSONAL INJURIES

A total of 369 personal injuries sustained by employes in 1968 were reported. Of that number 157 involved lost time.

Equipment and motor vehicle accidents totalled 494, of which 296 were deemed to be chargeable.



*Here,  
There  
and Everywhere*

**CONSTRUCTION OF A TUNNEL** in the English Channel connecting England and France may begin this year. Total length is expected to be 32 miles, of which 23 miles will be under the sea. The idea has been under consideration for more than two centuries. In fact, companies for the construction of a cross-channel tunnel were formed in both countries and in 1878 and they started digging toward each other. Five years later the British government, fearing a French invasion, halted work on the project, but not before much useful information had been accumulated. Present plans call for the tunnel to be in operation by 1975. It will cost an estimated half a billion dollars.

**WASHINGTON** — Federal Highway Administrator Lowell K. Bridwell has announced that steps are being taken to combat the safety hazard of “one-eyed” vehicles. Two systems are under consideration: (1) To wire the vehicle so that the parking lights remain on whenever the headlight switch is on, a feature already being incorporated into many late model cars; and (2) To place within sealed-beam headlamps a “back-up” filament of much lower light output than the primary filament. The back-up filament would provide enough light to identify the automobile’s width and lateral position and at the same time allow the driver to recognize that his headlight needed replacement. The proposed effective date for this added safety feature is September 1, 1969.

**IOWA** — The Iowa Highway Department has designed all its interstate safety rest areas to include facilities which aid the physically handicapped.

**IMPLIED CONSENT** laws have been recently enacted in Washington, Louisiana and Pennsylvania, bringing the total number of states with such legislation to 32.

**OREGON** — From the Oregon Highway Department comes a humorous account of personnel problems during World War II. When the Kaiser Steel Corporation at Fontana, Calif. was just getting under way in those days, only a few skilled people from the eastern steel mills could be transferred to the western operation. For the most part, thousands of employes had to be trained from the ground up. Nevertheless, when a man would come to their personnel office, often saying simply, “I want a job”, the personnel man would ask first, “Do you know anything about the steel business?”

“Nope.”

“Do you know anything about electricity?”

“Nope.”

“Machinery?”

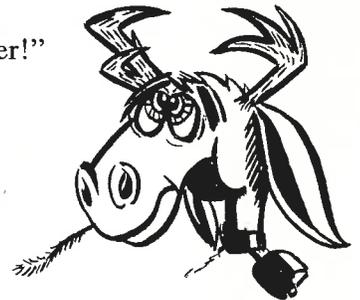
“Nope.”

“Good Heavens, man - what do you know how to do?”

“W-e-l-l, I’m one of the fastest orange pickers in San Bernardino County.”

As the employe situation became more and more desperate, Kaiser ran out of good orange pickers to train and the personnel office had to reach out further. One day an immigrant from Lapland came in looking for work. When the interviewer got to the inevitable question, “Well, what can you do?” - the poor fellow wrinkled his brow, trying to be helpful. Finally his face brightened, and he said enthusiastically,

“I know how  
to milk reindeer!”



**WASHINGTON** — Even children’s auto seats may come under Federal safety regulation. A proposal has been made for greater protection of small children in automobile crashes. Two amendments to existing safety standards would require improvements in vehicle fuel tanks, filler pipes and connections to reduce the likelihood of fire in rear-end crashes.

**WASHINGTON** — In order to receive the best protection from possible “whiplashes”, head restraints should be adjusted to set no lower than the top of the ears, according to the National Highway Safety Bureau.



Johnnie Beavers remains seriously ill at Veterans Hospital in Little Rock and his many friends at the Department sincerely wish for him a quick recovery. He would appreciate receiving cards.

Internal Audit Chief Ronald Keene's first grandson arrived in January, a husky youngster who weighed 9 pounds and 2 ounces! He is the son of Bob and Theresa Keene. Ronald's sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Arnold Garley of St. Paul, Minn., were his guests for several days as part of their "down South" vacation. They and Ronald enjoyed spending the time at his cottage on Lake Hamilton.



Al Pearson, left, and Calvin Collins

Calvin Collins transferred from District 6 Construction to the Mailroom to fill the vacancy created by Mike Cox, who was drafted. Calvin and his wife Linda Kay and their 4-month-old son Robert Dale live at Friendship, a community south of Malvern. He commutes to work because he is a horse-lover and raises cattle on his farm there.

We will be giving up Al Pearson from the Mailroom to Uncle Sam on February

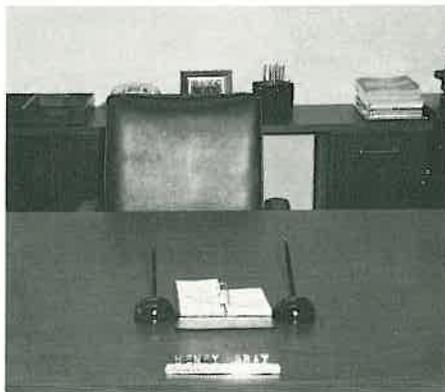
26. Seems like Helen McCook just about runs a screening service for the draft board. Al is a graduate of Central High School, is married and the father of a 5-month-old son, Alben Pearson IV.

A. G. "Bo" Cruce resigned from the Audit Section February 14. He will be associated with a CPA firm in Warren after March 1. Bo is a great guy, liked by many people who will miss him around the Department.

Gayle Fisher, former secretary in the Director's office, was a visitor at the building February 20.

Other February visitors to the Department were three prospective employee engineers from Louisiana Polytechnic Institute at Ruston, La.

Margaret Weathers in Construction returned to work too soon after a siege of influenza and had to return to the hospital.



His . . .

Asst. Dir. Henry Gray, after a couple of days away from the office, cleared his desk one Saturday morning of a small mountain of paperwork which had accumulated in his absence. The small mountain progressed to secretary Nancy Sipe's desk and on the top of it all was his hand-written greeting for Monday - "Good morning!"

She has recuperated and is now back at work.

Pilot Ed Ray underwent abdominal surgery on February 6 and is now recuperating at home.

Jim Matthews of Bridge Design brought his lovely daughter, Mary Matthews Johnson, up to visit the Magazine office on February 21. She is a journalism major at Ouachita Baptist University.

Alice Joe Dong, a former Bridge Design engineer, now working on an assistantship at Memphis State, visited Lucille Huffstutlar the weekend of February 8.

I saw Jimmy Clements, former Reproduction employe, visiting in the building one day in mid-February. He is now a student at Henderson.

W. G. Roark, retired assistant division head of Materials and Tests, was a visitor to several offices at central headquarters Thursday, February 6.

We extend sympathy to Geraldine Kissire whose father passed away at Morilton on January 16.

A nice note was received in the Magazine office a few days ago from Harrell "Bill" Smith saying how much he enjoys the magazine now that he is a Texan. Says he will always be an Arky and likes to keep up with his Arky friends.



The albino pigeon in the photo above is one of a three member family who apparently live on the roof of the main building. They have been paying fleeting



Hers!

visits to the window ledges of tenth floor offices, including ours. They appear to be spying on us when they light on one end of the ledge and quickly march single file past the window, pausing only once or twice to take a quick look inside. Efforts to encourage friendship with these lovely feathered friends, including hand-outs of crackers and peanuts, have done little or nothing at all to diminish their skittishness.



Three Magnolia Girl Scouts planted a magnolia tree on the courthouse lawn in early February to replace one uprooted in December by high winds. The girls, left to right, Roxanna Harsh, daughter of Commissioner John Harsh, Barbara Hedden and Gini Meyer, are all members of Girl Scout Troop 93. They have taken an active citizenship motto as one of their service projects this year.



Mike Trusty

A new employe in Microfilming is Mike Trusty, who came to work February

3. He is a graduate of North Little Rock High School, where he was a member of the band. He attended State College of Arkansas two years and has just entered the 106 National Guard. Incidentally, the Guard unit has a band and Mike has joined it. He is married to the former Paulette Sites of Sheridan. She is employed at Blue Cross-Blue Shield Insurance Company.

Sympathy is also extended to Harry and Jim Adams in the untimely loss of Martha.



Gary Ashley

Gary is from Violet Hill in Izard County. He has attended Central Baptist College, Arkansas Tech. and graduated from the University's Engineering School. He likes outdoor sports, particularly hunting and fishing.

Betty Claude recently made a weekend trip to Atlanta, Ga. with her son Gary and his wife Lynne. Gary will be employed there as an underwriter for Allstate Insurance Company. Betty also visited her sister Peg, who lives in Atlanta. I am sure she is looking forward to future trips there.

Dallas Vire's 12-year-old twins, Craig and Clay, are members of the "Sunset Singers", a group from Sunset Lane Baptist Church. They sing, as well as play the guitar, banjo and piano. They sang for a youth banquet at the church around Valentine's Day. Dennis, the Vires' nine-year-old, also gets in on the act quite often. Rather a musical family, wouldn't you say?

We occasionally hear from Alice Joe, who is attending Memphis State University. She sends regards to all her friends in the Department. She is quite a busy person, according to her letters.



## BRIDGE DESIGN

WILLIE WHITMIRE

Dale Loe has a secret — every night that he plays bridge, he takes the booby prize home. What's the secret, Dale?

Hey, you'all heard the latest?! John Sage is going to be a father again! September is the target date. Last time he waited, his wife had twins. Will lightning strike twice in the same house???

We welcome two new employes, John P. Sumner and Gary Ashley. John has a degree in engineering drafting technology from Arkansas A & M College at Monticello. In a way he isn't really a new employe, because he has worked for the



John P. Sumner

Department each summer while attending college. J. P. is from Dermott. He and his wife Frankie now reside at Indian Springs Mobile Park on Interstate 30. He is the treasurer of a newly-organized chapter of Jaycees, called the Bryant-Indian Springs Chapter. Frankie, also a graduate of A & M, teaches at Jacksonville Elementary School. Engineering drafting technology is a new area in which a degree is being offered at A & M.



Willie Whitmire

(Willie Whitmire is the new reporter for Bridge Design. So, Bridge Design personnel, lock up your secrets. But it won't make much difference, Willie will find them out anyhow. Ed.)



## CONSTRUCTION Final Estimates

JOHN C. HELGEN

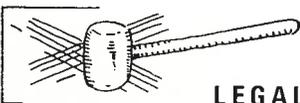
Thursday morning, January 2 found us with a full crew once more. Welcome back to Cheryl Pool and Ronnie Clayton. Ronnie has been on active duty status with the Air Force since January 26, 1968, and Cheryl has been on maternity leave.

Larry Pumphrey resigned January 23 to return to college. He is enrolled at L.R.U., majoring in business administration. Best of luck to you, Larry!

Friday morning, January 31, we had as a visitor in our office boss Raymond Jones' son Keith, now a freshman at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. It was nice seeing him again and we wish him good luck in his studies.

One Friday noon Bonnie Clayton and I from our office and Ann McLain from Bill Cooper's office were special guests at a potluck dinner the gals from Final Estimate and the Construction offices arranged. To say the least we had lots of goodies and everyone ate too much. Those hot peppers aren't too full of calories but sure were good, Neoma. Like you said, they will really warm you up!

Our sympathies go to Doris High, clerk typist, whose cousin was killed in Viet Nam.



## LEGAL DIVISION

JOYCE PORTER



Cathy Cloud

Cathy Cloud is a new employe in our section. Her husband, Cris, is an employe

of Ark-La Gas Co. They have one son, John David, who is six. Cathy likes to sew, draw, paint, water ski and bowl. The Clouds reside at No. 2 Southmont Circle in Meadowcliff. Welcome, Cathy!!

Happy March birthday to Hubert Graves on the 12th.

All of Legal is very glad to welcome back Helen Hackett and George Green, both of whom have had a very bad bout with the flu for several weeks.

Virginia Tackett is a proud new grandmother — Miles Tackett was born January 12 in Hollywood, Calif. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tackett. Hopefully we'll have a picture for next month's issue.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gills on the birth of their new daughter, Tracy Michelle, born January 18. Mrs. Gills (Jackie) worked in the Title Section of Legal for several years. The Gillses also have two sons, Mike and Steve.



## MAINTENANCE

SHIRLEY DUNEGAN

Everything has been pretty quiet around this Division, with very few newsy items taking place.

A familiar face was seen recently around the Department during a bid opening. There, among the many gentlemen attending, was Ben Hogan, past Roadside Development engineer. We are always happy to see Ben and hope that he will drop by again soon.

In our last publication word was mentioned regarding Pfc. Tommy Sisk being wounded in action. Our latest information furnished by "Pop" Gerald Sisk of Maintenance is that Tommy was on crutches for three weeks and then shipped off to Saigon with his outfit on January 15. Tommy said he was very much surprised to find a huge modern city in the middle of the jungle. We are so glad that his injury was not major.

We of the Maintenance Division offer our deepest sympathy to Lonnie Parsons of Roadside Development on the death of his mother, February 5.

A surprise wedding shower was given recently for Billie Carlton of Roadside Development. There were many offices represented and gifts galore presented to her. Cookies, punch, mints and nuts were served to the guests. Billie says "Thanks" to all those attending. She will be married the 21st of February.

Ray Taylor in the Radio Shop will also be taking the big step later in February. His bride-to-be is Eileen Hoyt, a former employe at District Six headquarters. Your "society editor" will report more on these two upcoming events in the next issue.



Mrs. Clyde Holmes, clerk-typist in the Equipment Section, received her 15-year service certificate. Section Supvr. Maurice Head presented the award to her.

On Arbor Day 64 Girl Scouts and Brownies of Troop 100 from the Pines neighborhood in the Mabelvale area planted five flowering crabapple trees as their community and highway beautification project. One of the plantings was made in a loop of the Mabelvale interchange in front of the Highway Department's central headquarters complex. The Arbor Day project is an important one in the life of a Girl Scout and applies to her badge award. To those involved in obtaining permission and getting the spots staked out, we thank you.



A part of the Girl Scouts who planted a tree near the Highway Building on Arbor Day. Reporter Shirley Dunegan's daughter wields the shovel.

At an annual Girl Scout Awards program held recently at Mabelvale Junior High School, Asst. Const. Engr. Don

Cahoone and this reporter were among those honored. Don willfully and constructively built the latrine at the campgrounds and thus was listed as one of the charter members of the Dads Club. His name and that of my husband are among those placed on a plaque which will hang in the pavillion, built by the fathers, at the campgrounds. This reporter received a five year pin for work in Scouting. If you have never tried to corral some 30 giggling, squealing, screaming and wiggling little girls, take my advice — try it. It's nerve-wracking — but very rewarding.



## PERSONNEL

### JANICE MEEKS

Frank Newsham received a new set of golf clubs for Christmas. As yet he hasn't found a sunny day to use them but there will no doubt be many in the months ahead. So — patience, Frank. On January 17 Frank bowled the high game of the year for Hilltop Lanes at Jacksonville, a 279. That game was mentioned in the January issue but modesty precluded his telling us about it being the highest score bowled at the lanes for the season. It earned him the ABC Century award and qualifies him for the prized belt buckle.

We had a potluck dinner for Sibble Cox's birthday on February 6 and several girls from other divisions joined us for lunch. Sibble received several lovely gifts, including a pair of apricot pajamas, which



she is holding in the picture. Note Sibble's orange tree to the right of the picture. It's her pride and joy.

**New car group:** Frank Newsham has a new Dodge Monaco and Denise McCool, a GTO.



Roger Maris of 1994???

This little slugger should win the healthy baby of the year award. He's Ray Hartley, Marie and Tommy Hartley's first. He is now five months old.

The new girl in Personnel (that's me!) is not really as new as you think. I transferred from Planning and Research on January 16.

Shirley Bain's daughter Angela danced in a talent show at Franklin Elementary School on February 7. She has been taking dancing five years and really loves it.



"Ask the Boss' son about that, Ed. He's 18 so he knows everything."



## PLANNING AND RESEARCH

### P & R STAFF

Carrol McChesney has been promoted this month to supervisor of the Advance Planning Section. Congratulations, Carrol, and the best of luck with your new responsibilities.

Jo Nell Threet quit work to become the bride of Sonny Kelley. They were married December 28 and are now living in Illinois. Best wishes to you both.

Janice Meeks recently transferred from Planning & Research to Personnel. Since then, she has become engaged to Paul Hartman. Their wedding date is set for April. Congratulations, Janice, and good luck on your new job.

We are glad to have Pete Powell and several others back at work after being off due to illness.



We have three pretty new employees. Fonda Courtney, left, is a stenographer in the front office. She is married and lives near the central headquarters. She can boast in a way that not everyone can — she has a twin brother. Penny Bullock, center, is a clerk in the Traffic Engineering Section. She is single, boys, and lives in Benton. Polly Cloud is working in the Current Planning Section. She is married and has three girls.



Carl Bratcher, right, retired the first of January from the Field Data Collection

Section and Stuart Pattillo, retired later in the month from the Finance, Economics and Programming Section. Both had been with the Department 15 years. P & R Engr. L. R. Jester is shown with them. Mr. Pattillo plans to begin work in the State Treasurer's office. A retirement party was given January 24 for them, with everyone enjoying cake and punch. We certainly will miss these two fellow employes with whom we have worked so long. Lots of luck and best wishes to both of you.

Libby and Doyne Brockinton visited his father in New Orleans. Apparently they had a very nice time and enjoyed the trip.

Sue Walls bought a color TV the 18th of January. Now she even enjoys watching the commercials.

Carrol McChesney is now the vice-president of Little Rock Toastmaster's Club No. 1140 and Bob Faulkner is the new secretary-treasurer.

John Vandenberg says he is just behaving himself (for a change).

G. R. Noble received his 25-year service award certificate and a party was given for him that afternoon. Congratulations.

Fernie Speights has another birthday coming around the corner. Here's wishing you a happy one, Fernie.

Janet Billingsley has just bought a new Volkswagen.

Everyone is wondering why Larry Johnson calls Joann Niehaus "Slick". You know, Joann is even wondering.

What was this thing June Brown was modeling the other night at a party?

Wilbert Chapman went to the Highway Research Board Meeting in Washington, D.C. Jan 13-17. He wanted to stay for the inauguration but had to give up his room at 3:00 p.m.



"See me about the raise next month . . . if you're still here."



## RIGHT OF WAY

### THE STAFF

#### ACQUISITION SECTION

We extend a hardy welcome to Robert Thornton, a new employe in our Section. Bob comes to us from Master Builders Division of Martin-Marietta Corporation where he was a concrete and grout technical specialist.



Robert Thornton

He is a typical man, as his hobbies include hunting, fishing, golf, and water sports. He is a native of North Little Rock, and his wife Nancy is from Corning, Ark. They have two children, Don who is five, and one-year-old Gayle. The Thorntons reside at 5116 Arlington, North Little Rock.

John and Bonnie Culpepper and family are already looking forward to a summer of fun on the lake. They recently purchased a 17-foot inboard-outboard Ranger, and can hardly wait to try it out.

On Tuesday, January 28, Dennison Yates' wife Virginia was involved in a two-car accident on Geyer Springs Road near the Southwest City Mall. Mrs. Yates was shaken up and received a broken nose. We wish her a speedy recovery.

We welcome J. C. Merritt as chief of our Section and look forward to many years' association with him.

W. D. Luton retired as chief of Acquisition on January 31 after ten years' service with the Department. A farewell party in his honor was given by the entire Right of Way Division. Mrs. Luton (Alice) was present with him to receive many good wishes and gifts presented by co-workers and associates.



Asst. Right of Way Chief Don Martin presents 10-year service award and good ambassador's certificate to W. D. Luton at party honoring his retirement. Mrs. Luton is shown with them. The cake decorations reflect the rustic setting of their new home.



"Now, Wilbur, what was that you said about me?" L. M. Elledge isn't really after Wilbur with the fire tongs. They were part of a fireplace set presented to the Lutons as a going-away gift.

The Lutons have sold their home in Little Rock and are now settled in a recently completed home on Mr. Luton's homestead near Ripley, Tenn. They left an open invitation for all their friends to visit them at their new home. Not only from the employes who worked under his supervision but throughout the Department Mr. Luton was highly-regarded and had earned an appreciation which will be long remembered. He will be truly missed. We all wish them many happy days of retirement and hope to hear from them often.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

Gip Robertson and Nathan Garrett did some hunting recently but failed to

bring back any news (tall or otherwise) of their success. All they reported was a few sore muscles from their long walk, so for a few days there were some painful movements.

Our deepest sympathy to Jimmy Giles on the death of his mother, Mrs. Irene Giles. The funeral was held February 5, here in Little Rock.

#### APPRAISAL SECTION

Sue Boyett, who had worked in Appraisal 10 years, resigned January 15 to become a full-time housewife and mother. The Section surprised her with a party January 13, complete with a decorated



This confectionary art depicts Sue leaving the Highway building grounds (complete with flag poles and trees), and going along the road to "Home, Sweet Home."

cake and punch. Appraisal Chief Herbert Hooten, on behalf of the employes, presented Sue a piece of cookware and a plaque engraved with each employe's initials.

The Right-of-Way girls treated Sue to lunch in the cafeteria on her last day and presented her several personal gifts. We know how happy Sue's husband Jimmy and three-year-old Keith are to have her home, but we have thoroughly enjoyed working with Sue and will surely miss her.

Congratulations are in order for Marilyn and Ron Padgett on the arrival of a new baby on January 17. Stephen Lang, a husky youngster, weighed 10 pounds and



This group met at lunch to say goodbye to Sue Boyett. They are, standing, left to right: Kathy Phelps, Pam Lewis, Carolyn West, Kay Jones, Linda Randolph, Donna

13 ounces. Marilyn is a former employe, having worked in both the Appraisal and Acquisition sections. We are happy for the Padgetts and very anxious to see the new baby.



Jim Johnson

We welcome three new employes to our Section. Jim Johnson is a new appraiser who began the New Year with us on January 2. He and his wife Mary Virginia have four children; Dwain 14, Ginny 12, David 9 and Tommy 2. The Johnsons moved to Little Rock from Fulton, Ky. and we are very happy to have Jim in our office.

Pam Lewis came to work January 6, replacing Ina Dunn. She and her little 5-month-old daughter Tracey Lyn live in Benton. Her husband is in the Air Force, stationed at Utapao, Thailand.

Kathy Phelps came to work two days later on January 8 to replace Sue. She is married and has two children, Cheryl Lynne 7, and Joe Lawrence 17 months. Kathy and her family live in Malvern.

#### ENGINEERING SECTION

Shirley Childress, who used to work in Engineering and Evalena Squires, former employe in Appraisal, paid us a visit recently. We were glad to see them and visit for awhile. Both really looked like

they were enjoying their retirement as housewives. I really don't think they stay home anymore now, though, than when they were working. Hope they come back and see us real soon.

I asked the fellows in our section about news for the magazine but all I got was a couple of hard luck stories; burned-out valves from Doug Huett and motorcycle accidents from Charles Edwards, who said instead of riding on top of the cycle, he was under it most of the time.

We express our sympathy to Ted Mitchell and his family on the recent death of his father-in-law, Jess Hendrix of Flippin, Ark.



DISTRICT



JANET McELDUFF

It ain't easy to get back with it when your face is as full of mud as mine is, but with apologies to each and every one who has brought in even one little tid-bit of news within the last few weeks, and especially with apology personified to Linda Austin, field clerk at the Marianna residency, I offer up the latest, latest in NEWS FROM DISTRICT ONE!

We have a whole string of awards and I hope I haven't missed a one. For five years with the Department we have A. L. Hall, E. L. Ennis, L. A. Daniels, and C. W. Anderson; for 10 years, H. G. Ranfro, and for serving 15 years, we have E. B. Waldrep, N. E. Williams, and M. O. Lewis. D. A. Morris holds the prize this time with 20 years' service, and we offer our congratulations to all.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Marvin Dorsett and his family on the death of his wife January 18, after a sudden illness.

Verlon Drennon has had a flare-up of ear trouble, caused by sun exposure to the skin. We do wish him success with the treatments he will be taking. Will you don a safari hat this summer, Verlon?

We recently noticed a glow of fatherly pride in Glynn Jones when his pretty little Karen, now three months old, stopped by the office for our inspection. Of course, big brother, Terry was along to protect her. Bobby James Wooten was seeing spots in double time recently when his twin girls caught the measles! These two nine-month-old look-a-likes are real dolls.

Babies fill the news this time, with Charles Lawrence heading the list. His son, Timothy Charles, was born January 9. Timothy Charles weighed in at seven pounds plus, and his daddy says he has waited 41 years for this! Shelby Hudson followed suit with a boy, and while this little fellow got off to a rough start, his proud daddy says that now, at two weeks, he is eating them out of house and home. There is nothing like a father who is proud of his son, and we don't blame them a bit.



Johnny Crawford

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Crawford on their New Year's Day arrival, a boy, Johnny, Jr. Little Johnny started out in an incubator, but progressed well and was able to go home January 20. Best wishes also to Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Wayne Everhart on the birth of a son, Corey, January 13.

We've noticed your step being a little lighter, Ed Gregory, since your purchase of that new red Super B. Would a special girl be able to affect you that much?

As you are all aware by now we have our new district engineer, B. D. Mulhollen with us, and it's like having one of the family come home. Only this time we got Yvonne, Randy, Pam and Kelley, too, four very definite assets to the Mulhollen establishment. I think I can speak for all District One employes when I say we welcome Mr. Mulhollen as our new boss, and hope that we can make him proud of his District personnel.

When we welcomed the new we didn't have to say goodbye to the old, however, and we are so happy to have Mr. Charlie Matthews with us a little longer. Mr. Matthews is staying on for a while to lend his knowledge and experience to the re-writing of the Standard Specifications, for which he is surely qualified. As a boss he was one of the best, but you know, it's kinda fun having him one of us, and believe you me, we keep him jacked up about taking too long for a coke break and getting advance permission to take leave for the races, etc. It's nice having him here.

I hope this gets published before the June issue — it has taken me so long to get this much in that I'm not sure what issue it will make.

Well, better effort next time and yawl come see us!



## DISTRICT



### LESLIE LONG

A Basic Materials Course for Inspectors was held at the District 2 headquarters the week of January 27. It concluded with examinations given by Asst. Const. Engr. Don Cahoon on February 4. Those attending included Larry Tucker and Henry Hayden from George Karnes' residency at Monticello; Gary Williams and Donald Ault from Ken Tyler's residency at McGehee; and Maxie Bagwell, Cleo Jackson, Ted Carr and James Davidson from L. K. Howell's residency at Pine Bluff. Instructors for the course were Tyler and Asst. Res. Engr. Leroy Swink. Swink filled in for Tyler, who had flu trouble. The course consisted of classroom instruction and field tests on materials.



James Pierce

James D. Pierce, our "chief accountant", has been a Highway employe for some 12 years. He and his family reside in the Clement Acres Addition of Hardin community, where he recently completed a new home. Adjacent to the home he built a beauty shop, which is operated by his wife, Laura. They have three daughters, two at home and one married and living in Pine Bluff. The Pierces are active members of Centennial Baptist Church. Their favorite pastime is camping and fishing. James is an avid sports fan. He is also very well versed in religion,

politics and world events. At this writing he is undergoing tests and therapy treatments at Jefferson Hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope he will be back with us before too long.



Susan Dixon

Miss Susan Dixon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Leopard of Rison, is now employed as a LPN at Jefferson Hospital. She enrolled in Pines Vocational Technical School's practical nursing program in August of 1967 after graduation from Woodlawn High School. After completion of 18 weeks of classroom training, she received eight months of clinical training at Jefferson Hospital. Joe is our stock clerk.

Job Supt. John M. Hollis of Rison entered the Veteran's Hospital in Little Rock for tests, followed by surgery. After leaving the hospital for recuperation at home, he had to re-enter the hospital due to an allergy caused by the nylon stitches. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope he will soon be back on the job.

We celebrated three January birthdays with cake and coffee for Maint. Supt. Brewster Shalmy, Joe Leopard and "Sarge" Nissblatt, storekeeper. The only confession they would make about their ages was that they were just one year older.

Congratulations to the following employes as recipients of service awards and pins: Thomas Cotton, station attendant at Stuttgart; and Lloyd West and Romer R. Vernon, both deckhands on St. Charles ferry, 5 yrs. each; Res. Engr. Kenneth F. Tyler of McGehee and Paul E. Moore, a truck driver with the Arkansas County crew, 10 yrs. each; and to George Cooley,

patrol operator in Desha County, whom we overlooked in the January news as having received a 25-year pin presented by the Commission in Little Rock. Roth L. Rabb, a patrol operator with the heavy maintenance crew, will receive his 25-year pin at the February Commission meeting in Little Rock.

The Thomas Cottons are proud parents again—another baby girl, Raylene Rachel. Cotton was hoping for a son this time but says he'll love the little girl just as much. Mother and baby are doing fine and he will soon have them back home.

We extend sincere sympathy to the family of Robert H. Kirkland of Portland who died Saturday, February 8. He was a 20-year employe with the Chicot County crew, and a deacon of Portland Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife, a daughter, a brother and two grandchildren.



## DISTRICT



### THE INFORMERS

It's been a long time since we have had time to remove our noses from the grindstone and apply them to hunting out news. We are not likely to catch up but will try to make a fresh start.

Along with our newly- and finally-completed Stockroom and new mechanized system, we have new Stockroom personnel. They have done such a commendable job we have devoted most of our news space to them.

J. W. "Jim" Adams, stock clerk, has been with us since August of last year. He is 29 years old and comes from San Jose, Calif., where he met his wife, the former Jo Ann McGraw of Fort Smith. They have two lively, attractive children, Steven, 4, and Julie, 2. Jim's greatest interests, besides his family, are fishing and the pruning and care of his "orchard" (two apple trees).

Asst. Stock Clerk Cornelius "Pete" Peters also came to work for the Department in August of 1968, working first on the sign crew, then transferring to the Stockroom in October. He is 24 and comes from Bon Special community near Fort Smith. Most of Pete's spare time is taken up with continual improvement of the new home which he and his father built. He is married to the former Louise Brownlee and they have a dear little blond-haired daughter, Karen, almost four years old.

Chester "Chet" Smith, stock boy, is formerly from Pendleton, Ore. He has been with us since July of last year. Chet is also pastor of Kenner Chapel Free Will Baptist Church at Rudy, Ark., which doubtless fills his weekends and evenings. He and his wife, the former Shirley Garner of Fort Smith, are very proud of their little baby girl, Lisa Lorraine, born December 5.

Of course, Helen Butler is still in the Stockroom to hold things together! Keep up the good work!



Esther Heath

We had lots of deer stories but not much proof, except from Polk County. Area Foreman Harrison Heath sent us pictures of two kills from his county, one by his wife Esther, and the other by truck



James Golden

driver James Golden. All we can say to the rest of the crew is, better luck next time!

*The bank robber shoved a note across to the teller which read: "Put the money in a bag, sucker, and don't make a move." The teller pushed back another note: "Straighten your tie, stupid, they're taking your picture."*



## DISTRICT



### BURNHAM and CAMPBELL

District 7 was well represented at the award presentations part of the January Highway Commission meeting in Little Rock. Job Supt. Emon J. Lindsey of Camden received a 30-year award and pin. Civ. Engr. J. C. Webb, who retired February 1 after 43 years' service with the Department, was presented a retirement certificate.



Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Webb at an open house given in their honor during the Christmas holidays. "Jelly" is retiring after 43 years. Cake and punch were served to more than 50 guests. The decorations were created by Mary Nell Carlson, clerk-typist in Res. Engr. Norman Pumphrey's office.

Other awards presented in January include: William F. Duncan, truck driver from Magnolia, 20 yrs.; John G. Launius, watchman at Camden, 15 yrs.; Lowell E. Hardaway, Const. Insp. II of Arkadelphia, 15 yrs.; Earl P. Foster, truck driver from Magnolia, 10 yrs.; Johnie E. Mosley, patrol operator of Camden, 10 yrs.; Jesse M. Roberts, mower operator, Arkadelphia, 10 yrs.; Homer L. Wilson, area foreman of Clark County from Arkadelphia, 10 yrs.; and Albert R. Rowe, patrol operator of Arkadelphia, 10 yrs. **Congratulations!**

Fuel Clerk Mildred Russ underwent surgery Friday, January 31. She is improving and we miss her. Hurry back, Mildred! E. J. Lindsey, who had surgery February 3, is doing well at this time and we hope to have him with us soon.

Res. Engr. J. B. Williamson of El Dorado reports that two of his employes have been certified by the Institute of Certified Engineering Technicians. Bryant G. Hatridge, Engr. Aide III, was certified as a senior engineering technician; and Harris G. Hearnberger, Engr. Aide IIB, as a junior technician.

Tollie H. Cooper with the State Department of Education conducted a Civil

Defense school on personal and family survival in the event of a nuclear attack, at the Camden headquarters on Feb. 6.

We extend our sympathies to Columbia Co. Area Foreman Ray Rogers of Magnolia on the death of his three-year-old grandson, Chad Lawlis, of Haynesville, La. Chad was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Lawlis.



Todd (left), 4, and Trent, 7, sons of Gerald Sneed, proudly display a nice bass caught by their mother, Alice. Gerald is with Materials and Tests in District 7.



Res. Engr. Norman Pumphrey and Stock Clerk Arlene Davis shared a mutual birthday but neither of them would claim the figure "40" which is a routine part of the decoration on anyone's birthday cake at the Camden headquarters.



"When you get caught up, I'll take you to lunch . . . I understand there's a new place opening up across the street next month."



## DISTRICT



### SHIRLEY MORTON

Congratulations to James Presley McConnell, who was recently certified as a senior engineering technician and to Bennie B. Edwards and Wallace C. Brt, who were certified engineering technicians by ICET. All three are employees at the Huntsville residency.

Roy Thomas Richmond, Henderson Ferry employe, received his 10-year service award in January.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Duffy of Yellville announce the arrival on December 29 of a baby boy, Kevin. The Duffys also have a daughter, Shelly, who is two years old. Ray and Margie Duffy are the proud grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Brt are the proud parents of a baby girl born December 20. Her name is Bettina Diane.

Ronnie Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oral Young, and Miss Helen Vancuren were united in marriage at 3:00 P.M. on December 28 in St. Paul's Methodist Church at Harrison. A reception in the fellowship hall followed the double ring ceremony. After their wedding trip, Mrs. Young returned to the University of Arkansas where she will graduate in June and Ronnie returned to his base to complete his military training. Our congratulations to the happy couple.

We were very pleased to see retiree Ira Dodson when he stopped by the office recently to visit with his AHD friends.

W. H. Porter, another of our retirees, has returned home after being a patient in the Boone County Hospital.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile was here on February 3 and we are very proud of the 42 donors.

A party was held at the Springdale office on February 6 in honor of Asst. Maint. Supt. Alton Farley, who retired after 30 years with the Department. Cake, coffee and punch was served to him and Mrs. Farley and many of their friends. We wish Alton good luck, good health, and much happiness during his retirement years.

The marriage of Miss Karen Berry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Corby C. Berry, and Norman Flynn was solemnized at 7:30 P.M., January 25 in the Woodland Heights Baptist Church in Harrison. Rev. Glen Oldham performed the double-ring ceremony, after which a reception was held in the church parlors. After a wedding trip, the couple will be at home in

Fayetteville where the groom is in school at the University of Arkansas. We wish Karen and Norman much happiness.

The Huntsville "Road Runners" record to February 1 is eleven wins and five losses. The "Road Runners" are sporting new blue and silver uniforms.



## DISTRICT



### ISABELLE PSALMONDS

Service awards this month went to Chesley Hershel Massey, patrol operator in Randolph County, 15 years; and George A. Keller and Luther Hays, mower operators in Clay County, both 10 years. Congratulations!

Occasionally an event happens which changes an otherwise routine workday into an eventful one. Patrol operator Huey A. Brashers was working on I-55 in Mississippi County when someone from a speeding car threw a package into the drainage ditch. Huey was curious and investigated. It turned out to be some money bags containing about \$3,000 in checks, which was part of the loot stolen from Stewart's Drug Store in Blytheville during a burglary. The police picked up the checks and money bags and returned them to the drug store. So far as we know, thieves got away with the cash, but the drug store was doubtless glad to recover the checks.



Night watchman Granger McDaniel (right) and Charles Diggs, son of former employe Jack Diggs, made a successful deer hunt in Ashley County, as you can see from the picture.

## GLEANINGS FROM THE FILES

And from Osceola comes the story of two big game hunters who recently completed a gigantic (and expensive) safari. How was the hunting in Tennessee, Bill and Charles?

The flu bug caught up with many of our folks and we have had a lot out at some time or other because of it. Hope it is about over and we can all get well and stay that way.

Res. Engr. Jim Garrett from Osceola is teaching a course on basic materials inspection at the District headquarters this month.

We express our sympathy to truck driver Rex Phillips from Clay County and his family due to the death of his father, Otis Phillips, on January 6, and to Alfred and Isabelle Pсалmonds in the death of his mother, Ionia Pсалmonds at Memphis on January 9.

Straightening and cleaning out files is a dull chore but on occasion something may turn up which is interesting or amusing. Marie Wano, secretary to Bob Mattox found the following exchange from one of our employes (name excluded to avoid embarrassment) and someone in Ormond Beach, Florida.

Letter from A.H.D. to Ormond Beach:

*"Dear Sir:*

*I have a letter from you in which you ask, 'Have you forgotten to return the Key to Smolie's'? I have no idea as to what you are referring. To my knowledge, I have never even been through Ormond Beach.*

*Yours sincerely,"*

Reply from Ormond Beach:

*"Dear Sir:*

*Perhaps this letter will refresh your memory. On August 26 last, I mailed to your attention one (1) copy of 'Key to Smolie's', an engineering handbook. Possibly, it is in use by someone in your office.*

*Sincerely,"*

And further back in the same file was this announcement from the Florida Highway Department:

**"TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

*On January 5, 1965 a new Road Board took office in Florida. The Chairman, five Board members and the General Counsel are attached for your information.*

*Sincerely yours,"*



A complacent golfer teed his ball, looked away to the next green, and declared confidently, "That's good for one long drive and a putt." He swung the driver, tore up the sod, and managed to move the ball a few feet off the tee. Stepping forward, the caddy handed him the putter and suggested, "Now for a hell of a putt."

Bill: "Why did you spend money to learn speed-reading?"

Tom: "My boy, when you drive the expressways, you read fast or you never get off."

The police of a big city were hot on the trail of an escaped convict. When they learned that the fugitive was heading for a small mountain town, they called the local constable there.

"You send me a picture of that guy and I'll get him," the constable promised.

Immediately, the city police mailed the constable not one, but a dozen pictures of the escapee - in various poses and wearing disguises he often used.

Within 24 hours the constable called the police. "We got eleven of them crooks," he boasted, excitedly, "and I guarantee to jug the last one before morning."

The little boy exclaimed: "Look, Daddy, I pulled this cornstalk up all by myself!" "My, but you are strong," said his father. "I guess I am, Daddy. The whole world had hold of the other end of it."

A policeman stopped a driver to check her license. "It says here you are supposed to drive with glasses, he said. "How come you are not?"

"I have contacts,"

"I don't care who you know. You're supposed to drive with glasses."

An angry subscriber, having trouble with the telephone, bellowed at an operator, "Am I crazy, or are you?"

"I'm sorry, sir," she replied in her sweetest institutional voice, "but we do not have that information."

Reader: "Do you make up these jokes yourself?"

Editor: "Yep, out of my head."

Reader: "You must be."

A new husband phoned his bride to ask what she was going to have for dinner.

"Heaven knows," she replied. "When the phone rang I lost my place in the cookbook."

A harassed businessman was undergoing intensive grilling by an Internal Revenue Service man when he suddenly blurted out: "It's times like this that I wish the Indians had fought harder."

The new boss was tough and made it clear that idleness wouldn't be tolerated.

On his first trip through the plant he came on a young fellow leaning against a packing case and whistling.

"How much are you getting a week?" he demanded.

"Forty dollars."

"Here's a week's pay. Now clear out. You're through!"

As the boy pocketed the money, shrugged and strolled out, the new boss turned to the shipping clerk. "How long has that kid been with us?"

"Him?" said the clerk. "Oh, he just delivered a package of nuts and bolts."

The Postmaster listened attentively to the man complaining about threatening letters received in the mail.

"That is a federal offense," the postman said, "do you know who is sending them?"

"Certainly," the man snapped, "it's these pesky income tax people."



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*Where is it?*

In the race to identify last month's Where Is It?, Bob Faulkner of Planning and Research won, and Max Hall of Secondary Roads placed. It is Jacksonport, Ark. Max, we know how badly you wanted to be first. Sorry, though, Bob beat you to the draw.