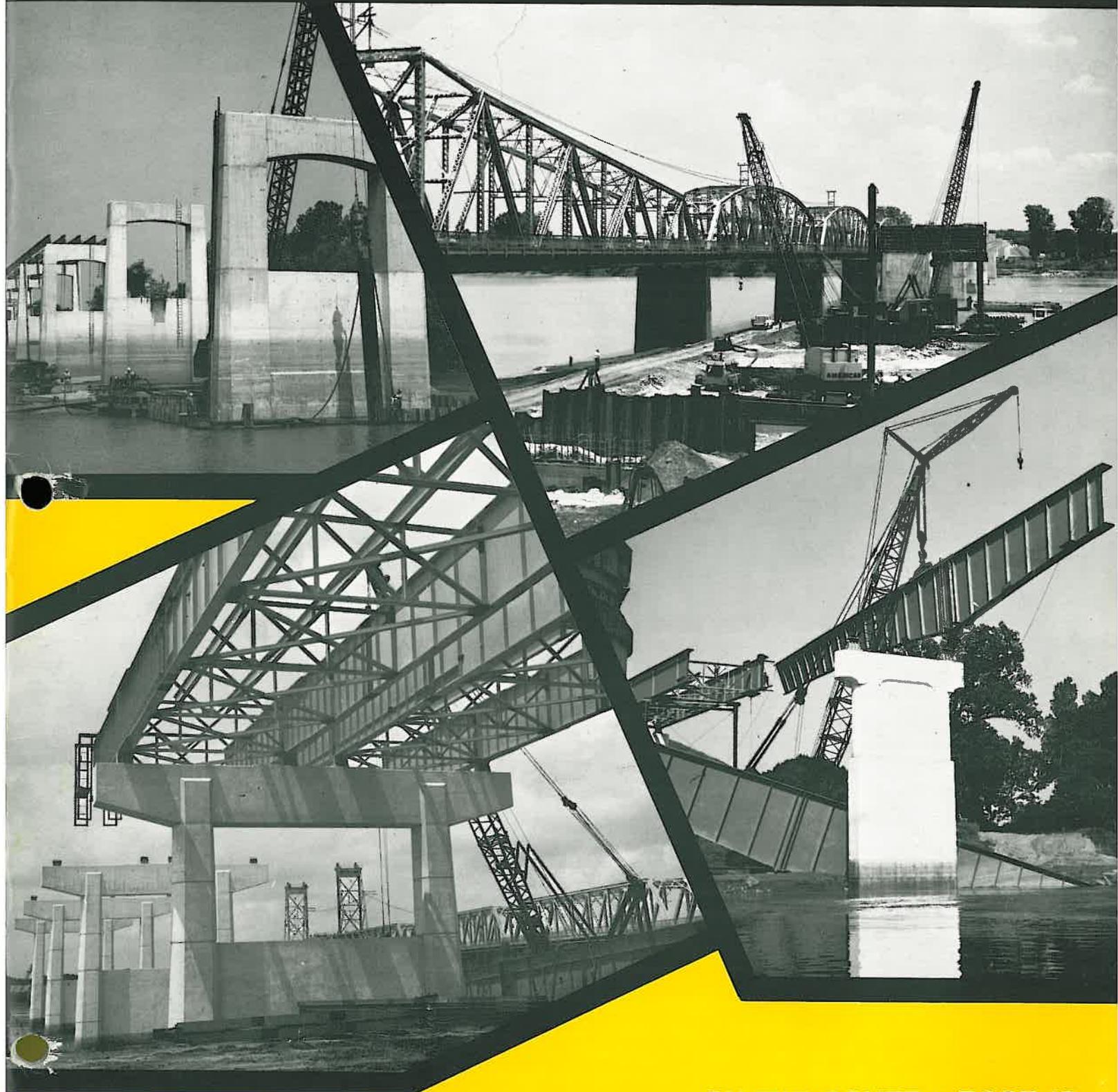


Arkansas Highways

JUNE - JULY - AUGUST

1969



ON THE COVER - PAGE 18

Two Sections Of I - 40 Opened In June

MORE THAN FOURTEEN MILES OF I - 40 between Little Rock and Fort Smith was formally dedicated and opened to traffic in June. On June 2 a 6.85-mile section from Atkins in Pope County eastward to the Blackwell interchange was dedicated.

Freshour Construction Co. of Sweet Home and T. L. James Construction Co. of Ruston, La. were co-contractors in the construction of the job which extends another 1.43 miles eastward but will not be ready for traffic until later in the year. Cost of the entire project will be approximately \$3,404,000. plus \$185,000. in right of way costs. Reuben McConnell was the resident engineer for the Highway Department.

Another 7.55 miles, from the U. S. 65 inter-

change at the north city limits of Conway northward to the Menifee interchange, was dedicated on June 16. W. J. Menefee Construction Co. of Sedalia, Mo. was the contractor for the grading structures and Ben M. Hogan Construction Co. of Little Rock had the surfacing contract. Total cost of the job is approximately \$3,164,000. plus \$112,000. in right of way costs. Lawrence Fletcher was the resident engineer.

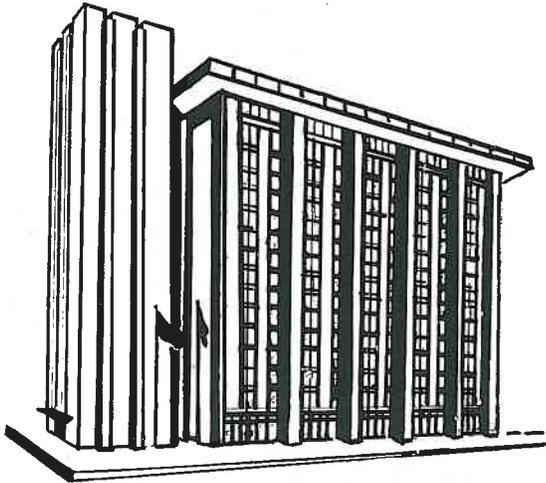
The Highway Department now has a total of 419.03 miles of interstate highways in use by traffic in the state. Less than 100 miles of the 518.77 total miles planned remain to be completed and all of it is in some phase of work.



Present for ribbon-cutting ceremonies opening the Atkins-Blackwell section were left to right: Maint. Supt. Bernard Bice, Russellville; Asst. Dir. Henry Gray; Asst. Const. Engr. David L. Moore; Dist. 8 Engr. John F. Price, Russellville; Commissioners John Harsh and Maurice Smith; Dir. Ward Goodman; Commissioner J. C. Patterson; Res. Engr. R. C. McConnell and Conway County Area Foreman Levi Bryant. Amy Harsh, daughter of Commissioner Harsh, cut the ribbon.



AHD officials on hand for the Conway-Menifee dedication were left to right: Maint. Supt. Bernard Bice, Russellville; Asst. Dir. Henry Gray; Dist. Engr. John F. Price, Russellville; Commissioners Maurice Smith, Truman Baker, John Harsh and J. C. Patterson; Dir. Ward Goodman and Asst. Const. Engr. David L. Moore. Harsh's daughter Amy cut the ribbon.



ARKANSAS HIGHWAYS

Our Fifteenth Year, No. 5 June, July, & August, 1969

Issued monthly by and for the employes of The Arkansas State Highway Dept., P.O. Box 2261, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203 as a medium of departmental news and other information.



Arkansas State Highway Commission

- Truman Baker, Chairman**
- John W. Harsh, Vice Chairman**
- Maurice Smith**
- Lawrence Blackwell**
- J. C. Patterson**

- Ward Goodman, Director of Highways**
- John T. Pendergrass, Chief Engineer**

- Charles W. Frazier, Information Officer**
- Mary Day Herndon, Editor**
- Susan Patterson, Layout, artwork and typesetting**
- Johnnie M. Gray, Photographer**

CONTENTS

Two Sections of I-40 Opened In June	2
Personnel Changes	4
Mitchell Promoted	5
Information Officer Employed	5
The "Dollar Way" A Niche In Arkansas History	6
Roadway Design Host to AASHO Meeting	7
Contracts Awarded For Memphis Bridge Superstructure .	7
Happenings In The Districts	8
Chapman Promoted.....	9
Busy Days For Construction, Maintenance Crews.....	10
Texarkana Chamber Honors AHC.....	12
Nine Receive Service Awards From AHC	14
Here, There and Everywhere	16
Industrial Engineer Hired	17
Letourneau Dies	17
ICET Exams Ready By Fall Of 1969	17
Employees May Purchase Bonds On Payroll Savings Plan .	17
On The Cover	18
Employees Honored For Service	18
Respect Bends A Highway	18
Obituaries	19
Fore !!!	20
Letters	20
Highway Accident Picture Black !!!	22
Nancy Benson Is Miss Pink Tomato	23
Norma Hawk Pageant Runner-Up	23
Resident Engineers Daughter U of A Student Prexy	24
Summertime Is Funtime	25
Around The Department	26
New Magazine Staffer	28
Department News	29
District News	34
Coming Events	41
Him Heap Big Man !!!	42
This'll Kill Ya	43
"Everything's Comin' Up Roses	43
Where Is It?	Back Cover

PERSONNEL CHANGES

ASS'T. CHIEF ENGR. WILLIAM L. MOORE resigned in mid-June to become associated with Ben Hogan Construction Company and **MAINT. ENGR. J. E. LOWDER** was promoted to fill the vacancy. He has been with the Department 18 years, having been first employed as an assistant resident engineer and instrumentman in 1951. Subsequent promotions led to district engineer of the Hope district in 1961, followed by promotion to engineer of the maintenance division in December, 1965.



Lowder is a native of Jessieville in Garland County and a graduate of the University of Arkansas civil engineering school and a registered professional engineer. He is a World War II veteran, having served four years as a pilot with the Air Force. He and Mrs. Lowder (the former Ethel Hicks of Hot Springs) reside at 16 Maryton Park Cove in Little Rock. They have a daughter, Mrs. Sue Hooten of Arkadelphia, and a son Wesley, who is a student at the University of Arkansas.



W. E. "BERT" ROWND was promoted to state maintenance engineer. He has formerly worked as a bridge designer, assistant engineer of the surveys division, assistant bridge maintenance engineer, bridge maintenance engineer, engineer of the surveys division. Since July, 1967 he has been the District 6 engineer. He also worked for the Highway Department before serving with the

Coast Guard and the Navy in World War II. After release from the service he attended Arkansas Tech one year, then transferred to the University of Arkansas where he received a degree in civil engineering in 1950. He is a registered professional engineer and a member of the Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers. He is also a Mason.

Rownd is a native of DeWitt and is married to the former Ellen Sue Rogers of Grady. They have a son Ed, a senior at Central High School, and two daughters, Carolyn and Judy. The Rownds reside at No. 3 North Meadowcliff Circle and are members of Winfield Methodist Church.



DAVID L. MOORE, one of the Highway Department's three assistant construction engineers, was promoted to engineer of District 6 with headquarters located on the central Highway complex grounds at Little Rock. District 6 is comprised of Pulaski, Hot Spring, Grant, Saline, Garland, Lonoke and Prairie counties. Moore received a BSCE degree from the University of Arkansas in 1958 and worked as a summer employe with the Highway Department while in college. Immediately after graduation he came to work for the Department full time. A registered engineer, he had worked as an assistant resident engineer and a resident engineer before promotion to his present position as assistant construction engineer. He served four years with the U. S. Navy during the Korean War, most of it sea duty. Both Moore and his wife, the former Bobbie Skidmore, are from Russellville. They and their two sons Logan and Daniel, and daughter Rhonda Gail reside at 19 Hatfield Drive in Little Rock.

The promotions became effective July 1.



GEORGE C. CAVANESS, district engineer at Batesville, resigned in July to become associated with a private business firm and **ASS'T. CONST. ENGR.**

JAMES R. CHANEY became the District 5 engineer effective August 1. He is a graduate of the University of Arkansas and a registered professional engineer. He came to the Department on the engineer orientation program

and except for two years spent with the Corps of Engineers, has been in the Department's construction division since graduation from the University. He is a member of both the Arkansas and National societies of Professional Engineers. He is married to the former Shirley Shale. They have two daughters, Karen 4 and Kathryn 2.

Chaney's position will be filled by **NORMAN D. PUMPHREY**, presently a resident engineer with headquarters in Camden.



Pumphrey, the son of former resident engineer J. W. Pumphrey of Sheridan, is a career Highway employe who worked for the Department before he even finished high school. He studied engineering at the University of Arkansas and through I.C.S. He is a registered professional engineer and a member of the National and Southwest Arkansas Chapter of Arkansas societies of

Professional Engineers.

Pumphrey's first Highway years were spent in construction with survey parties. He was promoted to engineering assistant in January, 1960, and to resident engineer in 1961. He is a certified land surveyor and earlier this year completed an introductory course in computers at the vocational school in Camden. He is a major in the Army Reserve.

Pumphrey is married to the former Bobbye Jean Winbury of Hensley. They have two children.

Mitchell Promoted



CHARLES H. "Chuck" MITCHELL has been named to fill the position of assistant construction engineer vacated by David L. Moore who is now District 6 engineer. Mitchell was a resident engineer at Forrest City and Brinkley, and since December, 1967 has also been responsible for the West Helena residency.

He attended Arkansas Tech at Russellville for two years and graduated from the University of Arkansas with a degree in civil engineering. He is a registered professional engineer and a registered land surveyor. He worked for the Department for four years beginning in 1959, left for three years and was re-employed in 1966.

Mitchell is a three-year veteran of the Air Force. He is married to the former Patsy Smith of Helena and they have three children, Michele, Pamela, and Chuck.

Information Officer Employed



CHARLES W. FRAZIER has been employed to head the Office of Information Services. He will be responsible for dissemination of information and data concerning the Highway Commission and the activities and programs of the Highway Department.

The office will work for the promotion of rapport and goodwill between the people of Arkansas and the Department of Highways through a planned and coordinated communications effort.

The purpose is to inform the people, by presenting all the facts, of the highway story. In "telling the story", contact with all news media relative to their needs and desires for information concerning the Highway Department's activities will be maintained.

Information of departmental nature is of great importance to the highway employe and communications within the Department will be maintained through internal publications from the Office of Information Services.

An informed public is the pulse of a public information program. Therefore, the Office of Information Services will strive to provide information for a more informed public both from within and without the Department.

For the last four years, Frazier has been in public relations work with the Kentucky Department of Highways and Kentucky Department of Education. He maintained liaison between the news media and the Departments, was assistant editor of the Education Department's newsletter, prepared art work, and coordinated various public relations programs. Frazier also appeared on several television programs produced by the Department of Education.

From February 1961-August 1965 Frazier was employed in the Planning and Research Division of Arkansas Highway Department as a technical illustrator. He has a BA degree from the University of Arkansas and has done graduate work at the University of Kentucky's School of Communications. He is married to the former Mignon Besancon of Benton.

The "Dollar Way" A Niche In Arkansas History



May's "Where Is It?" was a section of the old Dollar Way not followed by U. S. 65 between Little Rock and Pine Bluff.

Last Month's Where Is It?

TWENTY-FOUR MILES OF HIGHWAY, constructed nine feet wide of 5-inch concrete by the Jefferson County Road Improvement District No. 4 in 1913-14 provided a weekend recreational area for pre-World War I motorists, a basis for gripes and oaths from later travelers snaking around its tortuous turns and hairpin curves in larger, more high-powered, and more abundant vehicles, and overall carved for itself a singular place in the history of Arkansas. The road, which eventually came to be known as the "Dollar Way" because the construction costs approximated one dollar per square yard or per lineal foot of the nine-foot wide pavement, was noted as:

- The longest continuous stretch of concrete pavement in the nation.
- The first rural concrete highway built west of the Mississippi River.
- The first use in the south of a bituminous sealcoat on portland cement concrete pavement.
- The first use in Arkansas of reinforced concrete in road and bridge construction.
- The first of many improvement district roads to be built in Arkansas prior to the establishment of the state highway system in 1923-24.

Isaac Prather Shelby, an engineer for the Highway Department from 1905 until his retirement in 1949, designed and constructed the road. The design called for nine feet of surface

ing but the edges of the concrete were constructed on a 45 degree slope, so actually there was only 8½ feet of top width. Eighteen inches of gravel and three feet of graded dirt were added on each side, making a total roadbed 18 feet wide. The only pieces of machinery used on the job were two stationary concrete mixers, each of one-half yard capacity. A very thin bituminous seal coat was applied to the concrete surface. Shelby was so distressed by the poor horizontal alignment of the road in many places that he urged the District commissioners to permit him to correct the worst situations – right angle turns – at his own expense! He was prohibited from doing so, however, because Act 164 of 1913 specified that the new pavement be laid “. . . on the road as now laid out. . .” It connected with the Pulaski County section of the old Pine Bluff-Little Rock wagon road. Three years later the Pulaski County section was improved with a macadam surface.

When this road was dedicated in 1914, there were only 5,643 motor vehicles, mostly automobiles, licensed in Arkansas. Fifty years later, motor vehicle registrations had increased 14,432% to 876,000! while people had increased only 16%! But the sporting motorists of 1914 found the unique uninterrupted length of smooth pavement highly attractive. In the years prior to World War I, many motorists drove long distances over primitive dirt and gravel roads or shipped their automobiles on flatcars to Pine Bluff for the thrill of spending a day or two “motoring” back and forth over 24 miles of bump-free, rut-free, pothole-free “super road.”

During the first months of the Dollar Way's use, outraged farmers complained about the harmful effects induced upon their livestock by the roaring, backfiring automobiles speeding along the highway sometimes as fast as 45 miles per hour!

The Dollar Way was replaced, after 18 years of service, by the construction of U.S. 65 between Little Rock and Pine Bluff, which utilized over 65% of the old Dollar Way, primarily by eliminating the faults in the horizontal alignment. Most of it still serves, beneath the later and wider surface of U.S. 65 across Jefferson County today.

In the early 1960's U.S. 65 was relocated and made four lanes from Little Rock southward toward Pine Bluff for a little more than ten miles, and two lanes for slightly more than six miles toward Pine Bluff, thus eliminating many of the hazardous curves and shortening the distance by two miles.

A roadside park, named after the Dollar Way, has been built near the point where U.S. 65 forsakes the Dollar Way route. A plaque has been mounted at the park which gives a resume of the road's history.

Those who identified the May issue's "Where Is It?" were Ouida Grimes and Dist. Engr. John S. Harris, Dist. 2 headquarters; B. C. Lewis of P & R; Jackie Black of H. C. Martin's residency at Paragould; Jim Briley of M & T; and John Dunn of Roadway Design.



Dollar Way rest area just south of Redfield community was a riot of color when the crimson clover was in bloom in the spring.



A plaque mounted at the rest area tells of the origination of the Dollar Way. Truck in the background is sitting on an original part of the old highway.

Roadway Design Host To AASHO Meeting

The Roadway Design Division of the Highway Department was host to the Region 2 Design Committee meeting of AASHO at Hot Springs June 4-6. The purpose of the meeting was to report on research projects and to discuss new design concepts. The states which comprise Region 2 are Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky, Florida, West Virginia, Virginia, Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi and Louisiana.

J. E. Meyer, chief of the Bureau of Engineering, Michigan Highway Department, was chairman of the meeting. Asst. Roadway Design Engr. Bill Hurt was in charge of arrangements. Arkansas Highway personnel on the program included Director Ward Goodman, Secondary Roads Engr. John Kizer and Asst. Chief Engr. B. K. Cooper. The 1969 Arkansas Highway film was also shown during one of the sessions.



Roadway Design Engr. Brooks Nichols, second from left, chats with Chet Jenkins, left, Ken Bodecker, Jr. and Rothe Davis, BPR office in Little Rock during refreshment time on the second floor patio of Downtowner Motor Inn where the meeting was held.

CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR MEMPHIS BRIDGE SUPERSTRUCTURE

BIDS WERE taken and contracts awarded by the Tennessee Highway Department on June 27 for the main channel superstructure and west approach structure for the I-40 bridge across the Mississippi River at Memphis. A contract was also awarded for construction of overflow structures between the west end of the bridge and the St. Francis levee on the Arkansas side of the river. Costs of all three contracts will be shared by the Tennessee and Arkansas Highway Departments.

The main channel superstructure contract was awarded to Bethlehem Steel Co. of Bethlehem, Penna. for \$14,745,075. S & W Construction Co. of Memphis was the lowest of ten bidders for the west approach structure. Their bid was \$2,376,577.33. Con-Plex, Inc. of Jackson, Miss., a division of U. S. Industries, outbid eleven other companies on the overflow structure job. Their bid was \$2,670,760.

The total of the three contracts awarded were almost \$2¼ million less than the estimated cost. The overflow structure and west approach structure contracts carry stipulations of completion on or before September 1, 1971, while the main channel superstructure is expected to be completed by July 1, 1972.

HAPPENINGS

IN THE

DISTRICTS



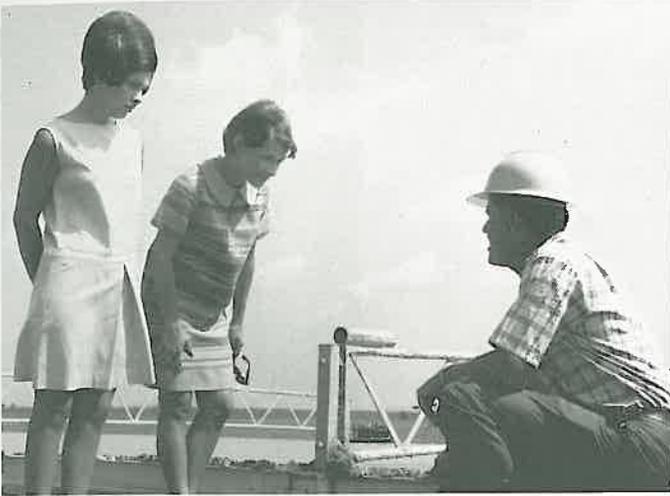
Res. Engr. C. M. Benz and his staff are proud of their new headquarters at Searcy.



District 3 Engineer John Tallant, right, received a 20-year service award in July. Asst. Chief Engr. J. E. Lowder, former District 3 engineer, made the presentation at Hope.

A "Welcome" cake was prepared for James R. Chaney by the Batesville headquarters personnel when a meeting was called to introduce him to the employees. Chaney, left, succeeds George Cavanaugh, second from right, who resigned to accept a position with House and House Construction Co. Commission Chairman Truman Baker of Searcy, second from left, and Highway Dir. Ward Goodman, right, were also among those present.





Betty Gilkey, left, and Jenny Atchison, field clerks in the resident engineers' office at Russellville, recently made a trip out on a job to see how the work is really done. James Woodson of Dardanelle tells them.



John Tallant's secretary, Sharon Bailey, at Hope shows off some of the lovely roses which she and Maint. Supt. Ted Maryman grow each year.

Chapman Promoted



J. W. CHAPMAN has been promoted to assistant division head of the Planning and Research Division by P & R Engineer A. E. Johnson. He is a registered civil engineer with a degree in civil engineering from the University of Arkansas. He came to the Department on the engineer orientation program and after completion of it, was assigned to Materials and Tests where he worked as an engineering assistant until transferring to P & R as research engineer in 1967.

Chapman is a native of Houston, Ark. and graduated from Bigelow High School. He is married to the former Bobbie Jackson and they have two children, Rhonda 3½, and an infant son, Shawn.



BOB G. KESSINGER has advanced to research coordinator in Chapman's place. He is a graduate of State College of Arkansas with a degree in mathematics. He is a native of Conway and has worked in P & R as a computer, analyst, research technician and engineering technician before being promoted to his present position. He is certified as an engineering technician by ICET.

Kessinger is a native of Conway. He and his wife Becky have one son Jeff, 8.



Maintenance crews seal shoulders of U.S. 67 north of Hope.



Right of way clearing for the north end of I-430 in North Little Rock has begun. This area, once a lake bed, is being excavated to be refilled with more stable material.



Work has been completed on surf from the Bois D'Arc Game Management Spring Hill in Hempstead County.

Busy For Construction,

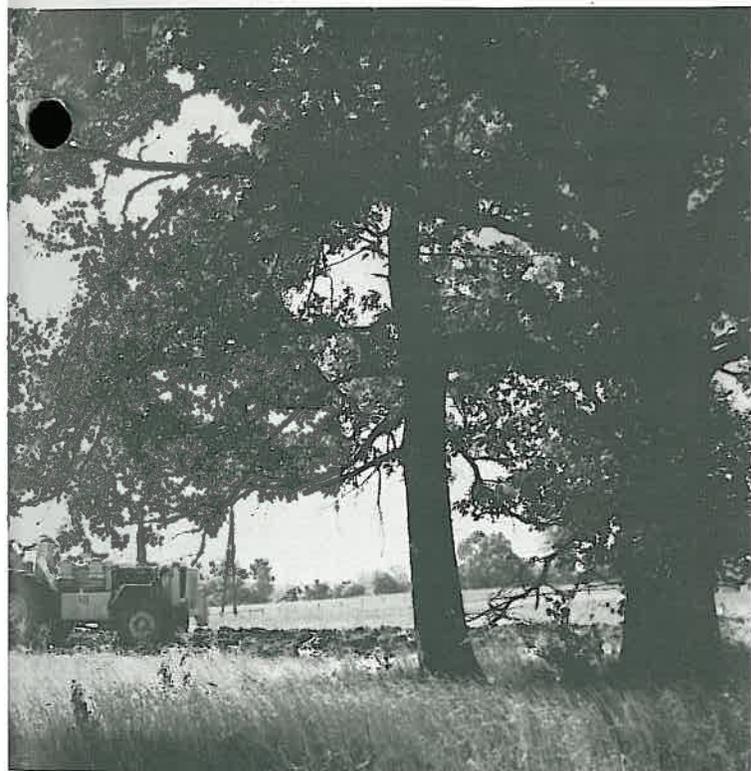


The beginning of an interchange. This earthmover begins. The trees will be left in the interchange circle.



Facing 3.6 miles of Highway 355
 ment Area (shown above) to near
 John Shaw was resident engineer.

Days Maintenance Crews



work on the Highway 19 interchange northeast of Prescott.



Paving on the Guernsey-Hope section of I-30.



Sinking a caisson at the U.S. 79 bridge site at Pine Bluff. Exca-
 vating from the center of the pier helps it to sink itself.

TEXARKANA CHAM



A part of the dedication crowd.



(L. to R.) Barbecue host Seldon McMillin, Texarkana; Dir. Goodman, chef Jim Clem and Commissioner Harsh.



Baker receives a buss from Terry Sue Mann of North Little Rock, Miss Rodeo Queen of Arkansas.

THE TEXARKANA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE was host to the Arkansas Highway Commission, other top Department officials and State Parks Dir. Bob Evans at an appreciation dinner on Tuesday evening, May 20. They used the occasion to thank the Commission for past help and for future plans by the Commission to spend several million dollars on various projects in and around Texarkana. Preceding the dinner Commission members and others in the group were taken on a tour of construction projects on State Line Avenue and the circumferential loop project. Overnight accommodations were provided by the Chamber.

Highway Dir. Ward Goodman, a former resident of Texarkana, spoke to the group, using the Hickory Street overpass as an illustration of how many changes have evolved in highway construction and costs in the last quarter century. Goodman pointed out that when the Hickory Street contract, totaling \$500,000 was let in 1939 or 1940, it was the biggest contract ever awarded up to that time. "Now those sort of contracts are commonplace," he said.

The dinner coincided with the official dedication of five information centers strategically located over the state built by the Highway Department and staffed by the State Parks, Recreation and Travel Commission. While addressing the group, Parks Dir. Evans remarked that the dedication of the information center was the second great event in Texarkana's history.



Texarkana's co-mayors J. N. Shor... ribbon while Bob Evans (l.), Truman Harsh (extreme right) look on.

BER HONORS AHC

"The first one was my birth," he quipped.

Formal dedication of the Texarkana center was on Wednesday morning, May 21. Rep. Hayes McClerkin of Texarkana, speaker of the state House of Representatives, gave the dedicatory address. Chamber Pres. John F. Stroud made the welcome address and Highway Commission Chairman Truman Baker of Searcy and Bob Evans gave the response. The ribbon was cut by Mayors J. N. Shoptaw of Texarkana, Ark. and A. J. Womack of Texarkana, Tex. Dedication of the other four information centers was being made simultaneously.

Special guests at the dinner on Tuesday night and the dedication on Wednesday in addition to Baker, Goodman, Evans and McClerkin included Highway Commissioners Maurice Smith, J. C. Patterson and John Harsh, Senators Bob Douglas of Texarkana and Olen Hendrix of Prescott, Representatives Ben Burton of DeQueen, Gladys Oglesby of Stamps and Talbot Feild, Jr. of Hope, and former state representative Marion Crank of Foreman. Department officials from Little Rock, were Asst. Dir. Henry Gray, Asst. Chief Engr. William L. Moore, Maint. Engr. J. E. Lowder and Landscape Architect Bryan Davis. Dist. 3 Engr. John Tallant and Dist. 3 Maint. Supt. Ted Maryman, both of Hope, were also present.

Following the dedication, Seldon McMillin of Texarkana treated the group to a barbecue at his farm between Ashdown and Foreman.



Dir. Ward Goodman, Chamber Hwy. Com. Chairman John Blundell and Chamber President John Stroud.



Chairman Baker always manages to be where the girls are. Above with Dist. Engr. John Tallant, Mrs. Paula Witt and Mrs. Barbara Garrison.



Mrs. Cleo Sterne, in charge of staffing the centers, points out a bit of clever decoration on a cake prepared for the dedication.



(Ark.) and A. J. Womack (Tex.) cut the ribbon. Above with Truman Baker (second from right) and John

NINE RECEIVE SERVICE AWARDS FROM AHC



SMITH



GUNN



BARNER



HELDEBRAND



SISK



ORTON



WILSON



McCORKLE



GRANT

THE HIGHWAY COMMISSION recognized five employees on May 23 for lengthy service and four others on June 23.

JAMES M. "SMITTY" SMITH, heavy bridge maintenance superintendent, has completed thirty-five years. He began his career with the Department as a fireman in 1929, back when much stamina and perseverance was demanded of a bridge crewman and the remuneration was an overwhelming 40 cents an hour. His service has been continuous except during World War II when he worked for the Bureau of Ships and Docks in the reconstruction of Pearl Harbor. Smitty, a bachelor all these years, was born in Savannah, Tenn. but at an early

age his family moved to Lake Village where he grew up and graduated from high school. He attends Graceland Baptist Church of Little Rock and likes to spend his spare time hunting and fishing.

GAYLE E. GUNN, resident engineer in District 7, has completed thirty years of dedicated service. He has worked as a rodman, chainman, instrumentman, inspector, and craftsman before promotion to resident engineer, first in District 10. He was transferred to District 7 in 1963. Gunn is a native Arkansan, having been born and reared in Sheridan. He is a certified senior engineering technician, a member of Arkansas En-

gineer's Club and a Mason. He served in the Seabees during World War II. Gayle likes all sports, but football most of all. He is married to the former Francis Lorine Key of Sheridan. They reside at 205 Main Street in Sheridan.

ERNEST J. BARNER was employed as a truck driver in June 1944 and his service has been constant since that time. Over the years he has operated many types of equipment and has the capability to operate any piece of equipment used by the Highway Department. He is now a crane operator in the Camden district. He lives out from Bearden where he can enjoy his favorite pastime, horseback riding. He is a member of the Church of Christ in Locust Bayou.

BUN L. HELDEBRAND, a native of Bluff City in Nevada County, was first employed as a motor patrol operator in March, 1933 making 35 cents an hour. During the war years he worked for several construction companies building government projects. He was re-employed by the Department in 1953 and promoted to area foreman in 1960. Presently he is a highway foreman in the Camden district. Heldebrand and his wife, the former Minnie Mae Harvey also of Bluff City, now reside near Chidester where Bun enjoys working around his home and garden. They have four children and three grandchildren. Bun is a member of the Church of Christ in Camden.

GERALD R. SISK, a native east Arkansan from Newark in Independence County, is the assistant maintenance engineer. He started with the Department as a designer in what was then the Plans & Surveys Division. He is a registered professional engineer and has been associated with all aspects of construction and maintenance during his twenty-five years of service. Sisk graduated from Wilson High School and studied engineering at Mississippi State and the University of Arkansas. He also attended the University's Graduate Center in Little Rock. He and his wife Maurine live on Skyline Drive in North Little Rock. They have two sons; Gerald who lives in Alexandria, Va., and Tommy presently serving in Vietnam. They also have one very new grandchild. Gerald is a member of First United Methodist Church of North Little Rock, a past president of the Park Hill Lion's Club and an avid Razorback rooster. He also enjoys putting around a home workshop.

Those who received awards in June included:

TRAVIS G. ORTON, SR. who seemingly has been designing roads all his life. He went to work with the Highway Department as a draftsman in August, 1928. Soon afterward he was promoted to designer, then senior design engineer and was made squad boss in 1936. During World War II he was employed by the Federal government assisting in the design and construction of both Camp Robinson and Camp Chaffee. Having completed thirty-five years with the Department, he is a most versatile employe, capable of planning, scheduling and supervising the complex duties of a highway design engineer.

He is responsible for the design of many sections of interstate routes in western and southwestern Arkansas. Travis is a registered professional engineer, a member of the National and Arkansas Societies of Professional Engineers, and a Master Mason in Western Star Lodge no. 2 in Little Rock. Both he and his wife, the former Wilma Lane, are natives of Fort Smith. They have three sons and one daughter. One son, Travis, Jr., a former resident engineer with the Highway Department, is now the city engineer for Russellville. Travis, Sr. and Mrs. Orton reside at 3220 Lamar in Little Rock. His pastime is spent fishing and playing golf.

WOODROW K. "WOODY" WILSON, assistant maintenance superintendent for the Pine Bluff district, has completed thirty years, beginning as a laborer in June, 1939. He has performed numerous duties since that time. He was born and still lives at Monticello. After graduation from high school there, he furthered his education at College of the Ozarks and Monticello Business College. Woody and Mrs. Wilson, the former Pauline Davis of Monticello, have two sons and one daughter. He is an avid sportsman who enjoys hunting and fishing. He especially likes to bow-hunt for deer.

PIERCE W. MCCORKLE of Hope lives in the same county where he was born and works in the same bridge crew with which he began as a laborer in May, 1949. He later worked as a carpenter, and heavy truck driver before being promoted to his present position as bridge carpenter. McCorkle is married to the former Lily Etoy Moody of Mount Holly. They have a son and a daughter. He is a member of Calvary Baptist Church. He likes to fish but the pleasure which brings him the most satisfaction is the time spent with his nine grandchildren.

DANIEL L. GRANT is one of the Department's most dedicated ferry employes. It would be difficult to estimate how many crossings he has made on Norfolk Lake as a deckhand on Henderson Ferry during the last twenty-five years. He was first employed as a carpenter in 1944 and later became a deckhand. He is married to the former Ruby Simmons of Norfolk. They have four daughters and one son. Grant is a member of the Church of Christ and his favorite pastime is gardening.

LESTER B. BAKER of Sheridan, a highway foreman, completed thirty-five years' employment in June but was unable to be present for the presentation of his service award. He started as a bridge crewman in 1934, then worked for several contractors as an equipment operator before returning to the Highway Department. Since then he has held the positions of bridge foreman and assistant bridge superintendent before being promoted to his present job. Known to his friends as "Les", he is married to the former Estelle Hamilton of Sheridan. They have two sons and three daughters which include twins. He participates in the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations in Sheridan and is an outdoorsman who likes hunting and fishing. He is also an expert rose grower.



There and Everywhere

WASHINGTON — "I'm glad we don't have to drive to work!" was President Nixon's comment after being taken on a 47-minute tour of Washington morning rush hour traffic by Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe. The presidential tour was made by helicopter which took off from, and landed on, the White House lawn.

FLORIDA — The five-man Florida State Road Board, in existence since 1915, was abolished by the Governmental Reorganization Act of 1969 and all their functions lodged in the secretary of a massive Department of Transportation. The Board held its final meeting in June. Board chairman Michael O. O'Neil is reportedly favored as Gov. Claude Kirk's choice for the secretaryship - provided he will give up his position as executive head of General Tire Co.

WASHINGTON — A bill to pave the Alaska Highway will be presented to Congress this summer and Congressman John Kluczynski of Chicago, chairman of the House of Representatives Committee on Roads, has said he will personally usher the bill through committee to the floor of the House. The estimate for paving the 1,300 mile-gravel stretch between Fort St. John, B. C. and Fairbanks, Alaska has been set at \$230 million. Congressmen interested in the bill hope that Canada will help share the cost. A similar bill failed last year. Some Congressmen felt it would be a waste of money to pave a highway that "... is iced over six months of the year."

CALIFORNIA — If you think asphalt is only used for road-building, you are wrong. San Joaquin Reservoir, located in arid Orange County, is lined with a 3-inch layer of asphalt concrete. Water is so precious in that part of the country, that water conservation officials of the two water districts and the city of Huntington Beach which the reservoir supplies, felt the area could not afford the loss of any water by seepage.

WASHINGTON — Highway maintenance in the United States is big business, after the initial cost of construction. Cost estimates for maintaining the interstate system when it is completed total \$261 million per year, or about \$6,400 per centerlane.

JAPAN — The Japanese have produced a traffic signal for the benefit of blind pedestrians. The device, a steel cylinder 37" high and 7½" in diameter, is linked to the conventional traffic signal system and vibrates when the light is green.

CALIFORNIA — A University of California professor got 300 replies from 1,000 questionnaires which he mailed out in an effort to measure community reaction to noise, including the roar from a freeway past his home. He was disconcerted to learn that residents of the area, some as near as three blocks to the freeway, did not object as much to the freeway with its roar registering a constant level of 90 — 100 decibels (almost as much as noise as that of a plane passing overhead) as they did to barking dogs, light aircraft and the motorcycle belonging to the youth down the street, all of

which register under 60 decibels. Now the professor, a specialist in environmental pollution, plans to call in sociologists and psychologists to help analyze the results of his noise survey. "We just didn't realize," he said, "how complex people are."

LOUISIANA — Opposition forces to the construction of the highly controversial Riverfront Expressway through New Orleans' famed French Quarter have apparently won out. Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe, who is also a member of the President's Advisory Council on Historic preservation, has refused approval for the projected route, saying he was convinced that the benefits from the freeway would not warrant damaging the treasured French Quarter. The DOT has suggested that the Louisiana Highway Department, who proposed to include the section as part of I-310, and the City of New Orleans develop an alternative route.

NEW YORK — A second level on the Verrazano-Narrows bridge between Staten Island and Brooklyn was opened to traffic in late June, eleven years ahead of plan. The second level was anticipated when the bridge was built but planners thought it would not be needed for fifteen years. The structure is the world's longest suspension bridge. The second level will increase its capacity from nearly 28 million to 48 million cars a year.

KENTUCKY — Kentucky State Police minced no words in their report on 1968 traffic fatalities in that state, which were up 3% from last year. The three main causes they say were speed, drinking and stupidity - in that order.

TEXAS — A tragically ironic accident took the life of Dr. Thomas G. Edwards, 33, a research engineer with Texas A & M University who is credited with saving numerous lives in automobile accidents and highway mishaps. He was killed in June when a pickup truck veered into the lane in which he was traveling and collided with his small car. Dr. Edwards played a key part in the development of break-away signs and light standards.

Industrial Engineer Hired



Crofford Harrison, Jr.

THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT has employed an engineer who is the first to work in industrial engineering capacity. He is Crofford Harrison, Jr. of North Little Rock and a 1969 graduate of the University of Arkansas. He holds a BSIE degree and is a member of Phi Delta Theta and the American Institute of Industrial Engineers. He is a graduate of Sylvan Hills High School.

Presently Harrison is engaged in a study of the Department's maintenances procedures and will make recommendations for improvement.

LETOURNEAU DIES

R. G. Letourneau, the pioneer developer of heavy equipment, died recently in Longview, Tex. at the age of 80. He made his first piece of equipment at the age of 12. It was powered by a heifer. He pioneered the use of rubber tires on earth moving machines and electric drive for large equipment. The key to his machinery was an electric motor, mounted in the hub of the large wheel which was controlled by simple switches rather than heavy steering wheels or levers. The millionaire philanthropist, a devoutly religious man, is said to have given 90 percent of his wealth to religious and other worthy causes.

ICET Exams Ready By Fall Of 1969

An examination to establish academic achievement for two years' credit toward certification by the Institute for the Certification of Engineering Technicians will be ready for administration by ICET in the fall of this year.

A person passing the exam will be certified immediately, without employment experience, to the Junior Engineering Technician grade; or, if he has five years' or fifteen years' appropriate experience and qualified endorsers, he may be certified to the E. T. or S. E. T. grades respectively.

The examination will consist of Part A and Part B. Each exam will have a three hour limit for completion. Prior to taking the exam, the applicant must complete an application form available from ICET Headquarters. If he is selected as a qualified applicant, he will pay a fee of \$25.00 (\$15.00 for the examination cost plus the regular \$10.00 certification fee) and be informed the date, time and place of examination which will be held in his locality.

The academic level of the examination approximates the freshman and sophomore years in college. Textbooks for these college years in English, math-

ematics, physics, chemistry and graphics can be studied to prepare for Part A of the examination. Since the job duties of an engineering technician require a practical, product-oriented individual, the examination will primarily test for applied knowledge in these subject areas rather than the highly theoretical.

In Part A, covering basic science and communications, there will be a total of 60 questions divided as follows: English, 15; graphics, 5; algebra, 8; trigonometry, 8; analytic geometry, 2; calculus, 2; physics, 18; and chemistry, 2. A percentage grade of 70 is required to pass.

Part B is a three-hour test covering the applicant's field of engineering technology. It consists of 50 questions, and a grade of 70 percent is required to pass.

All questions are multiple-choice and closed-book.

Tests will be available for the general fields of civil, architectural, electrical-electronic, mechanical, and industrial. ICET is planning to establish examination centers throughout the United States to minimize the travel time and expense for applicants.

Employees May Purchase Bonds On Payroll Savings Plan

In cooperation with the Treasury Department's "Share in America '69" campaign to promote the purchase of U. S. Savings Bonds and Freedom Shares, Highway Department employees are being given the opportunity to buy bonds through the payroll savings plan. Individuals who are interested should write the Personnel Office, Arkansas Highway Department, P. O. Box 2261, Little Rock, 72203, or call LO 9-2452.

Series E Savings Bonds now earn 4.25 percent interest when held to maturity. Federal income tax may be deferred and the bonds are not subject to state or local income or personal property taxes.

On The Cover

EMPLOYEES HONORED FOR SERVICE

Top Left: Pulling piling after a pier is completed on the bridge job at Des Arc. The substructure is almost finished. James Gee is the resident engineer.

Top Right: Pier construction for the new Dardanelle bridge, which is being built alongside the present one. It will span the Arkansas River on Highway 7.

Bottom Left: Steel is being hung on the new U. S. 64 bridge under construction across Arkansas River at Van Buren. The existing bridge seen in the background will be removed. M. C. Peevy is the resident engineer.

Bottom Right: One section of steel rests partially in the Arkansas River while another is being set in place on the new bridge project at Morrilton. Minutes after the picture was made the hoist dropped the piece of steel shown suspended into the river, narrowly missing the existing bridge seen at the left of the picture.

After JAMES M. "SMITTY" SMITH and GERALD SISK of the Maintenance Division received their 35-year and 25-year service awards respectively on May 23, the Division employees treated them to cake and punch and provided the occasion for friends and fellow employes to congratulate them. Travis Orton, Sr. was similarly honored by Roadway Design employes when he received a 35-year award on June 23.



Those who helped with the party for Gerald, left center, and Smitty, were left to right, John Hall, Billie Boyd, Jimmie Farnam, Madge Livingston, Barbara Bonds and J. C. Perkins.



The Ortons are, left to right: sons Sidney and Travis, Jr.; Travis, Sr.'s sister, Mrs. Juanita Strode, Travis and Mrs. Orton, and son Don.



"Is this the game and fish commission?"

RESPECT BENDS A HIGHWAY - William Leith was almost three years old when he died in 1859. His father buried him alongside the wagon trail near Yuba Creek, Michigan, and moved on to Ohio with William's six brothers and sisters. In 1963 the grave was found to be directly in the route of a planned eight-mile highway construction project on U. S. 31, near Traverse City. Today, near the gravesite, the completed highway slightly deviates. Michigan State highway engineers showed regard for human values, permitting motorists traveling this scenic route to respect the memory of the infant pioneer.

-Asphalt Institute



Former General Counsel

NEILL BOHLINGER, 84, former general counsel for the Highway Department, died June 5. He was an attorney for the Department intermittently from 1934 but in 1957 the position of chief general counsel was created for him. He served in that capacity until an appointment by former Gov. Orval E. Faubus to the state Supreme Court on September 6, 1961 to fill the unexpired term of the late Justice J. Seaborn Holt. He served until December, 1962.

He was born July 3, 1884 in a house at the corner of Markham and State streets in Little Rock, the son of the late Antoine and Bessie Peay Bohlinger. He was educated in Little Rock public schools and Washington University at St. Louis, and admitted to the bar in 1909. Besides being a lawyer, he served at length as parliamentarian of the state House of Representatives, a position from which he resigned in 1965, with the statement, "I have ridden shotgun for my last speaker. It's time to warm up another pitcher." But Bohlinger knew parliamentary law well and loved it, so he allowed himself to be persuaded to take the job again in the 1967 session. Again he resigned, with a stirring farewell address, and again he was sought out. Consequently he worked in the 1968 special sessions and began the regular session in 1969 but relinquished the duties after a few days. The House

adopted a commendatory resolution during the 1969 session which designated him as "parliamentarian emeritus."

A fine gentleman of the "old school" with a puckish glint in his eye, he continued his law practice until early this year. The many worthy activities in which he involved himself are succinctly summed up in his own statement: "I may wear out, but damned if I'm going to rust out!"

In his earlier years he served four terms in the House, representing Yell County in the 1919 and 1933 sessions, and Pulaski County in the 1923 and 1925 sessions.

Bohlinger was highly knowledgeable about the Civil War in which his ancestors served and he had amassed a collection of material from that period including buttons from his grandfather's uniform to a shell dug from a tree at Dardanelle. He made many speeches on the War and turned down numerous offers to collaborate on books dealing with the conflict. He was active in the Sons of Confederate Veterans and had served in positions ranging from camp commander to national commander.

Bohlinger was chairman of the Arkansas Vicksburg Memorial Commission, the Pea Ridge National Park Commission and the State Gettysburg Memorial Commission. He was instrumental in getting Pea Ridge designated a national park in 1959. In June 1966 he made the principal address at the dedication of a \$150,000 granite memorial to the Third Arkansas Infantry Regiment (CSA) at the Gettysburg Battlefield Park. The memorial stands near the junction of Confederate Boulevard and Emmitsburg Pike, the point from where the Arkansas regiment began its charge against Little Round Top on July 2, 1863. In earlier days when more Confederate veterans were living, they often gathered at the Bohlinger home to reminisce.

He was a member of the Pulaski County and American Bar Associations. In 1967 he was chairman of a committee to revise the rules of the Democratic Party in Arkansas. He was a member of and a former vestryman of Christ Episcopal Church where his funeral services were held on Monday, June 9.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Leslie Hall Bohlinger; one daughter, Mrs. William Shannon of Ottumwa, Ia.; four sisters, Mrs. M. F. Holman of Dallas, Mrs. Laura B. Jennings of Mercer Island, Wash., Mrs. John F. Britt of Little Rock and Mrs. C. B. Lenow of Lewisburg, W. Va., and four grandchildren.



FORE !!!

Thirty-six golfers made up the field of participants on the second annual Highway Department individual invitational golf tournament held during the month of May. All the rounds were played at War Memorial Park course.

Purchasing officer Frank Caple put together four sizzling rounds of 54-57-64-57 for an amazing winning score of 232. Caple said his game reached it's peak during the tournament. He now shares the AHD Golf Hall of Fame with last year's winner, Glendol Jackson of the Right of

Way Division. The winner's prize was a beautiful trophy, \$10.00 and a pack of 36 golf balls.

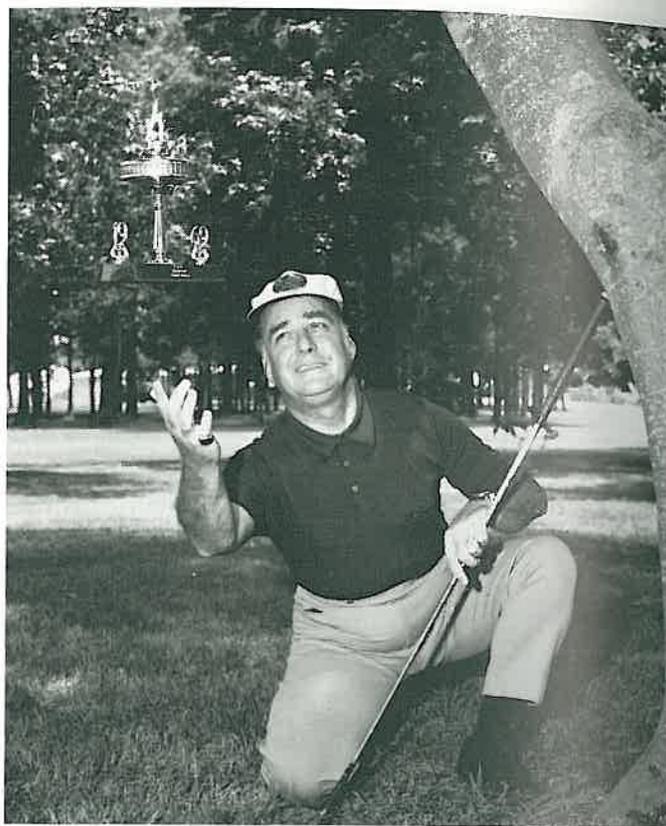
R. E. Cargile with Ben Hogan Construction Co. took second place with a low net score of 247. He won a trophy, \$5.00 and 36 golf balls. Third place was won by Paul Keith whose score was 256, and fourth place by Travis Orton of Roadway Design with a 257.

Cargile made a hole-in-one for which he received \$5.00. Jim Barnett and Bill Swaim tied for the most one-putt greens-8. Each player in the tournament received a pack of balls. Low gross score prize was won by Travis Orton who shot 73-73-76-79 for a total of 301.

The players with the next six lowest net scores were: Roland Copeland, Bob Mattox, and Mayo White who tied for 6th place, Dale Loe, Rex Leathers and Bill Swaim who tied for 8th place, Larry Johnson and Joe Magness who tied for 9th, and Louis "Dish" Dishongh.



Caple, left, fired the low net score, and Orton shot the low gross.



Frank Caple's trophy seems about to get away from him but being an accomplished prestidigitator, he managed to retain possession of it.



LETTERS

June 17, 1969

Mr. Ward Goodman
Director
Arkansas State Highway Department
Highway Building
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Ward:

Yesterday afternoon while driving, about 20 miles west of Arkadelphia on the interstate, I had the misfortune of having my car to quit running completely.

Three members of the state highway crew stopped and

were of great service to me. They were Mr. Lowell Hardaway, Mr. Shelby Reid, and Mr. Curtiss Copeland. These men were very courteous, and I could not let this opportunity pass to commend them.

kindest personal regards,

Jimmy Woodard
 Woodard Construction Co.
 Little Rock, Ark.

(Hardaway, Reid and Copeland work in District 7 Construction.)

June 20, 1969

Captain James T. Harrell
 Weights and Standards Division
 Arkansas Highway Department
 Little Rock, Arkansas 72204

Dear Captain Harrell:

On behalf of the Arkansas Council of Safety Supervisors, and the Arkansas Bus and Truck Association, as well as myself, I wish to express our sincere appreciation for your assistance in helping to make our recent Third Annual Truck Roadeo so successful.

We are especially grateful in that we know that you and the others who helped "run our Roadeo" most likely gave up a Sunday off to assist us. Without your efficiency and cheerful attitude, it would not have been so successful, nor run so smoothly.

Again — thank you very much for helping us with our Roadeo.

Sincerely,

Winfred Robertson
 Roadeo Chairman

WR:mm

(This letter was also directed to Capt. Bob Baker and Capt. Guthrie Goodwin of the Weight Division who helped with the Roadeo. Ed.)

May 6, 1969

Dear Mr. Tucker,

Mr. Ross and his men have been some of the nicest gentlemen and they've helped us so much with beautifying the shoulders and banks of state property in front of our home on Hwy. 70 W. All of you have made so much effort in trying to please us. Mr. Ross sure tries to see to it that his jobs are well done, and they are, too!

June, July, August 1969

Again, thank you and Mr. Ross for being so kind to us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. R. E. Hale
 Brinkley, Ark.

(Submitted by Maint. Supt. Jim Tucker of Wynne. Mr. Ross is Monroe County Area Foreman H. M. Ross of Brinkley.)

June 16, 1969

Chief of Highway Patrol Officers
 Headquarters, Highway Department
 W & St. Div.
 Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

Last week I blew a tire on Highway (?) South of Little Rock. By the time I had my trunk open, two of your officers arrived and very promptly took over the disagreeable chore of changing the tire for me.

They were most efficient and very pleasant — And of course, very helpful. "Thanks" was all they would accept from me which seemed quite insufficient.

Help such as this is probably the greatest good-will builder Arkansas ever could have. So put a "star" after their names for me. They were officers Charles Roberts and Turner Cooper.

Thank these gentlemen and your whole department for me.

Sincerely,

H. "Bud" LeGros
 Le Gros Oil Co.
 New Orleans, La.

(Charles Roberts and Turner Cooper are in the Weights and Standards Division, working out of Little Rock. Ed.)

219 Adams St.
 Steelton, Pennsylvania
 June 19, 1969

Department of agriculture (sic.) and Highways Little Rock Arkansas

Yours truly

Darrell Cox

(This is the shortest letter we have received in the PR office this year. The laborious childish handwriting obviously represented great effort of the part of this youngster. Too bad that he forgot to tell us what it was he was writing about. Ed.)

Highway Accident Picture

BLACK !!

Three hundred ninety-seven fatal accidents snuffed out the lives of 508 persons on rural Arkansas highways during 1968 - an increase of 30 fatal accidents over 1967. This black picture of carnage by car is a part of the first comprehensive accident report to be compiled by the Highway Department. The Planning and Research Division put the statistical information together from State Police records. No attempt has been made to analyze the data - the facts are merely presented. Rural accidents are categorized as being those which occurred on highways outside the city limits with a population of 5,000 or more.

Other important and equally somber figures which came to light from information compiled include:

- 203 multiple vehicle collisions killed 289 persons.
- 152 single vehicle accidents killed 177 people.

- Out of 397 accidents, 61 involved fixed or other objects.
- Drivers 20 to 24 years of age accounted for 82 of the 508 fatalities. 67 of the 82 were males.
- Out of 628 drivers involved in fatal accidents, 122 were between 25 and 34.
- In 42 fatal pedestrian accidents, 42 pedestrians were killed and 4 others injured.
- Out-of-state drivers were responsible for 15% of the fatal accidents.
- Female drivers were responsible for 12% of the fatal accidents.
- 29 of the 443 passenger cars involved in fatal accidents were compact cars.
- 43% of the fatal accidents occurred during the dark hours and only 4% occurred on illuminated highways.



**NANCY BENSON
IS
MISS PINK TOMATO**



Blond, brown-eyed NANCY BENSON, the reigning Miss Calhoun County, captured the title of Miss Pink Tomato at Warren on June 14 from a field of hopefuls. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Benson of Woodberry community northwest of Hampton. He is a motor patrol operator for the Highway Department.

The Miss Pink Tomato title is rather like frosting on a cake for Nancy, who has already won about everything good that Calhoun County and Hampton High School has to offer. She was chosen by her classmates as queen of homecoming, most beautiful and having the best personality. She was salutatorian of the graduating class and second runner-up in the state fair queen contest in Little Rock. Ironically, after the accumulation of all these honors, Nancy at 17 is two months too young to enter the Miss Arkansas contest. Her vital statistics are 36-24-36. She is 5' 8" tall and weighs 130 pounds.

This fall she will enter Monticello A & M College with the aid of a \$500 scholarship from the Tomato Festival and a \$250 scholarship from A & M.

It should be said to Nancy's credit that her beauty pageant laurels were won the hard way - at her own expense, when Hampton and the Calhoun County Fair Association didn't come forth with backing for the considerable expense of entering such

**NORMA HAWK
PAGEANT RUNNER - UP**



NORMA HAWK of the Procurement Section was chosen third runner-up in the Miss Arkansas Pageant held in Hot Springs' convention auditorium July 16-19. She was the first of forty-one contestants to perform her talent number and was judged the preliminary talent winner the first night. Entered in the contest as Miss Arkansas Valley, the husky-voiced contralto sang "I, Who Have Nothing." She was also selected as Queen White River of 1968 and was a finalist in the Miss Little Rock pageant in 1968.

A native of Walnut Ridge and a graduate of Clover Bend High School, she attended Little Rock University for two years and has been at the Highway Department two and one-half years where she operates a magnetic tape selectric typing system. She is a brownette with brown eyes and an olive complexion.

affairs.

Nancy shrugs off the fact that she is too young to be Miss Arkansas, saying she is essentially a home girl who prepares most of the family meals while her mother works, and sees that her two younger brothers, Bill and Johnny, get off to the many athletic events in which they participate. In her spare time, guess what she does - works with tomatoes! That had nothing to do with winning the Miss Pink Tomato title, however. No doubt about it, she is some "tomato" and is going to make some lucky fellow a beautiful "home girl" to have around the house!

RESIDENT ENGINEER'S DAUGHTER U OF A STUDENT PREXY



JO MARTIN, daughter of Res. Engr. and Mrs. H. C. Martin of Paragould, defeated her opponent 2,125 - 1,591 in a run-off election in April to become the first woman to be president of Associated Students at the University of Arkansas since the early '30's. Miss Martin, 20, is a resident assistant at Hotz Hall. She is a member of Mortar Board, women's scholastic and leadership honor society. She is also a past president of Tau Alpha Upsilon and of Hotz Hall. Miss Martin has been active in student government ever since she entered the university.

Jo was an honor graduate of Paragould High School and a National Merit Scholarship finalist. She has promised to "lead an activist student government. As issues arise within the university community, the student voice will be heard."

The following statement was part of her campaign platform:

"I believe," she pointed out, "that students have

an important role to play in the direction of the University of Arkansas. In the past the student viewpoint has often not been a part of the decision making progress on our campus. Student government has an obligation to serve as the voice of the student in university affairs. Student officers should plan an active role in protecting and promoting student interests.

"This role," Miss Martin continued, "requires that the student officer be both acquainted with the concerns of the student body and knowledgeable about the problems of the university. It requires that student officer to ask questions of administrative personnel and to expect answers to these questions. Student opinion does not have to be expressed through demonstrations and rioting. Instead, expression should be through presentation of rational improvements to present policy, and then working to achieve adoption of the improvements."

WE APOLOGIZE, JIM!

In the May issue of Arkansas Highways Magazine we noted RES. ENGR. JIM GEE as being unidentified in a picture noting opening of a section of the Eighth Street Expressway in Little Rock. A resident engineer is perhaps the most important fellow on a construction project. We apologize for this slight, JIM.



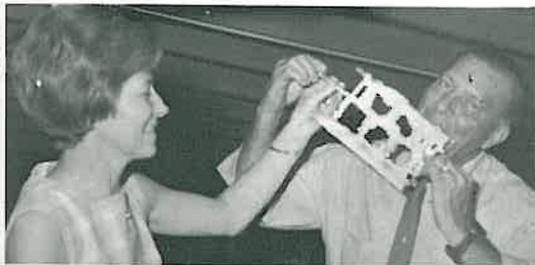
Summertime Is

Summer is that magic time of the year for picnikers, water enthusiasts, gardeners, fishermen, golfers and baseball fans. That includes most everybody at the Highway Department, whose employes enjoy various outings in summer. So far this year the Highway Dames, the Planning and Research Division and the Right of Way Division have all had picnics.

The Highway Dames and their husbands met for an old-fashioned ice cream social on May 24 in Burns Park. The May meeting is traditionally the money-making project of the Dames. The money goes into the group's charity fund.



Pete Daggett gets spoon-fed by David L. Moore while Troy Laha helps hold the freezer.



Licking the dasher is always the best part, so Bonnie Magness hands one over to Calvin Butler.



(L. to R.) Polly Cloud, Janet Billingsley, Brenda Kirkpatrick and Adelia Lewis make no pretense about it. They came to the P & R picnic to eat!

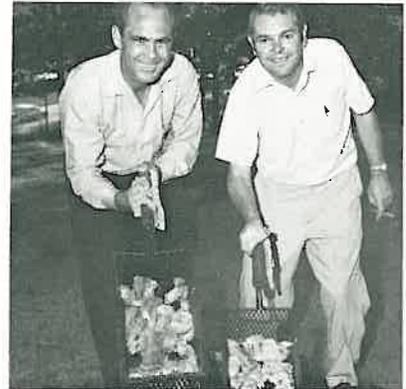


That's bound to be one of retiree Stuart Patillo's newest jokes which he is sharing with Bill Looney's daughter Becky and her boyfriend, Gary Capshaw.

F
U
N

T
I
M
E

The Right of Way Division plans and anticipates their annual picnic for weeks ahead of time and talks about the fun they had for weeks afterward. Theirs and P & R's was held the same night, June 6, at different pavillions in Burns Park.



Nathan Garrett (left) and A. C. Ledbetter pull fry-cook duty using deep fryers made especially for R. O. W. picnics.



Kenny Sipe waits while Henry and Mary Beth Gray, Connie Sipe and her mother Nancy help their plates.



Schmidt and his lovely harem.



Dick Andry lifts off the lid of a container while Herman Schmidt empties a basket of fish into a warmer.



FRANK O' DONELL, retired from the Safety Section, was a visitor in the building one day several weeks ago.

JIM CARVELL, JR. of Dallas also visited at the headquarters in June, Jim, a former Planning and Research engineer, is now with Texas A & M's Transportation Institute. He is a member of a team who is setting up a computerized traffic control on North Central Expressway there.

KATHERINE JONES of the assistant chief engineer's office has completed 15 years' service. Chief Engr. J. T. Pendergrass presented the certificate to her early in July.



Mr. Pendergrass, left, and Katherine Jones.

DON KEENE, Chief Auditor R. B. Keene's son, was a visitor at the building while home on leave before going to Korea on military assignment.

BILL AND CHARLOTTE (LEE) WHALEN, former Right of Way employees,

were visitors on June 12. They now reside in Michigan.

ERMA JEAN WYNN is a new employe in the Director's office. She formerly worked as a secretary in the Senate during the 1969 session and for a Little Rock attorney. Her husband, Maurice, is a career service man stationed now in Okinawa. They have three children, Sharon 8, Victor 6, and Michele almost 3, Erma comes from Center Point in Howard County. She graduated from high school in Nashville, Ark. and attended Capitol City Business College in Little Rock.



Erma Jean Wynn

JIMMY ZINN has recovered from his heart attack and was out visiting at headquarters in mid-June, looking fit as a fiddle as always. He's retired from Personnel.

MARIE BLANKENSHIP of the Safe-

ty Office had a nasty fall the 4th of July and spent a couple of weeks in the hospital. She is still off work at this writing.

SPEEDY HUTSON in Weights and Standards scared us with what was thought to be a heart attack but it turned out to be a blood clot. That, of course, is a serious situation but the doctor was able to puncture it and Speedy was back to work in a few days.

In the Reproduction Section both **HENRY VOPEL** and **MAMIE FANNING** are hospitalized. Henry is in St. Vincent's Infirmary and Mamie is in Memorial Hospital in North Little Rock. Mamie was seriously injured in a crunching automobile accident on the freeway. She is improving but both she and Henry will probably be hospitalized several more days. They would no doubt appreciate receiving cards from their friends. Someone must have put a hex on the Reproduction Section. **DICK RAUSCHENBERGER** who also works in Repro, was in an automobile accident last week and is off from work with a neck injury.

FEROL JONES, the Director's secretary, has been chosen "Woman of the Year" by the Razorback Chapter of the American Business Women's Association, an honor highly deserved because Ferol is one of that organization's most tireless workers. The award is based on progress the member has made in her chosen field. She is entered in the competition for the national title, "American Business Woman of the Year" which will be announced at the national ABWA convention to be held in Detroit in October.



Ferol Jones

Word came to the Magazine office of the beautiful roses grown by Area Foreman **HUEL D. PACK** at the Searcy County headquarters in Marshall this summer. Too bad the photographer didn't happen along and take a picture.

FORREST BOGART, retired from the Right of Way Division, was in town from Forrest City on June 25 and came in to the Magazine office to visit a moment and leave some early Department pictures. It's like walking into the annals of earlier days to hear Bogey talk. He has almost total recall, even to dates of happenings thirty and forty years ago.

PETE DAGGETT of the assistant chief engineer's office and Rebecca celebrated his 65th birthday and their 41st wedding anniversary while on a visit with their daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Vaught, Jr. and daughters in State College, Penna.



"Grandpa" takes a try at blowing out all his candles at once while Cheryl 2, and Jennifer 4, watch expectantly.

Both **FRANK BLAYLOCK** and **CHESTER JESTER** of the Traffic Division received five-year service awards in May. Asst. Div. Head **V. O. CAMPBELL** made the presentations.



Frank Blaylock



Chester Jester

LEM KIRKPATRICK of Procurement received a 20-year service certificate in May. Procurement Officer Frank Caple made the presentation. Mrs. Kirkpatrick looks on. Doesn't that carnation look nifty on Lem's shirt? The presentation and a little party were a surprise for Lem, and once under way, things moved so swiftly he didn't get a chance to put his coat on.



Caple, left, Mrs. Kirkpatrick, and Lem.

ERMA JETTON, keypunch supervisor in Computer Services, retired in May and straightaway moved to Lake Conway so as to be near that fishing hole. She had been with the Department almost 20 years.

JAY EHRHORN, former Magazine staffer, now living in Chicago, and her family came through Little Rock the weekend of July 19 on their way home from a Florida vacation. I enjoyed a nice long telephone conversation with her from their motel and she is the same bubbling personality who delighted many of us while she was employed here. Among other things, she said they'd gone by to see their "sandpile", which is the way she always refers to a lot they own in Florida.

ANN MCLAIN, secretary to Asst. Chief Engineer B. K. Cooper, had the pleasure of being chosen Radio Station KMYO's "Secretary of the Day" on July 15. The flowers are a part of the gifts that the chosen secretary receives.

It seems a little too coincidental that two of the Highway commissioners had birthdays on commission meeting days. That wouldn't be a ruse just to get a birthday cake, would it? On June 23 Commissioner **LAWRENCE BLACKWELL** was honored with cake and coffee.



Ann McLain



Lawrence Blackwell, left, Henry Gray and Nancy Sipe.





Bill does the huffing and puffing while Commissioner Harsh does a little coaching.

This pert-looking Accounting employe is **TANYA GARNER**, daughter of Ray Garner who was a designer in Roadway for several years before leaving the Department.



Tanya Garner



Jackie Wallace, left, Truman Baker, and Jane Greenlee.

Switchboard operators and erstwhile nurses **JACKIE WALLACE**, left, and **JANE GREENLEE** come to the assistance of Commissioner **TRUMAN BAKER** after his hand was caught in a car door. What some folks won't do to hold a gal's (or a guy's) hand!



Geanice Langley

GEANICE LANGLEY is a new employe in Personnel. She and her husband Randy live in Benton. He is with A. O. Smith Co. They are practically newlyweds, having been married only six months.

Asst. Const. Engr. **H. H. PERKINS** is a resourceful man to have around when an emergency arises. He had waited a year to see his grandchildren appear on the "Bozo" TV show but when the big day came one mother had entered the hospital for minor surgery the day before, so it was decided the other mother could take the children to the television station. But shortly before the scheduled appearance, the "patient" mother was panicked to find out there was not a set available for her to use at the hospital. So, HHP to the rescue! He located a small portable post haste and scurried to the hospital with it, so everyone lived happily for the rest of the day.

NEW MAGAZINE STAFFER



Susan Patterson is the new composition-layout artist for *Arkansas Highways Magazine*. She replaces Kay Weitzel, who resigned in June to begin a business of her own.

Susan is from Holly Grove and a 1969 graduate of Arkansas State University with a degree in art and a minor in business administration. She has previously worked for the Arkansas Electric Co-ops, Inc. She, of course, likes to paint and last summer had a one-man showing in the Grand Prairie Festival of Arts at Stuttgart. Several of her paintings were purchased during the showing.

In addition to painting, Susan likes to play golf, ride horseback and make things that involve crafts. She is a member of Chi Omega, Kappa Pi, and the National Art Education Association. In 1967 she was a member of the Royal Court of the Memphis Cotton Carnival.



"That's the new shovel you get to operate—the one designed to cut fuel costs."



by Willie Whitmire

Doesn't it make you glad to be alive when you look out the window this time of year?

Welcome to our summer employees Lavernal Williams and Eddie Fain. Lavernal was with us last summer. Eddie is single and a senior civil engineering major at the University of Arkansas. His hobbies are camping, hunting, canoeing and get this! - karate!! So beware, fellows! We hope Lavernal and Eddie enjoy their summer's work with us.

L.P. Carlson was very pleased to have his grandchildren, Kristen, 4½, and Charley, nine months, from Huntsville, Ala. visit he and Mrs. Carlson recently. Kristen and Charley brought along their parents Catherine and Kenneth Rochester and the Carlsons of course enjoyed visiting with them, too.



Kristen and Charley Rochester

Jim Matthews' son Jim, Jr. was married to Sarah Kay Lantrip in El Dorado, April 7. They are students at LRU and plan to continue their education there in September. Jim stated that Jim, Jr. was the last one to get married, but this does not mean they have lost him or daughter Mary, rather they have gained another son and daughter. Congratulations to Jim and Sarah Kay.

Robert Seay's dream finally materialized! Recently he purchased his first house. It's in Treasure Hills. We wish for Robert and Kay many happy years in their new home.

Things have really been happening since daylight saving time has come into effect. . . I am tired all the time. Looks like with an extra hour of sunlight I could get something done but each day I get further behind.

We in Bridge Design hope all the "Weekend Warriors" enjoy their two weeks at summer camp. Three of ours will be going this year.

Our sympathy to Veral Pinkerton and his family in the loss of his mother and mother-in-law recently.



Dinsmore (left), & Finister

We welcome two new employees, both of whom came to us by way of Arkansas Foundry Co. Harry Dinsmore, Jr. is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and a former Air Force fighter pilot. Presently he is very active in Boy Scout work and Oak Forest Methodist Church. He "talks" a good game of golf and can tell some pretty good fishing stories. He has three sons, ages 8, 12, and 13 of whom he is proud.

L. D. Finister originally came from Batesville, Ark. He is married and has two daughters 7 and 9. He was a sergeant in the Army and was stationed in Korea. Now he is a night student at LRU. He also collects coins. We welcome both Harry and L. D. and hope they enjoy being co-workers with us.

Betty Claude recently returned from a week's vacation with her only son Gary and his wife Lynne in Atlanta, Ga. She reports a wonderful time visiting with them, plus her sister Peggy and sister-in-law and brother-in-law who also live in Atlanta.

Therman Lassley spent the week of July 4 with his family in Oklahoma. He reports that it was very hot, nothing happened and didn't have much fun, just visited with "good" folks.

L. P. Carlson is a proud grandfather again. His son Larry, who is in Alaska, is the proud papa of his first child, a son Eric Stephen born June 18. Now Mr. Carlson just has to make that long awaited trip to Alaska!

COMPUTER SERVICES

by Fay Sullivan

Peggy Hardin's daughter, Sharlotte, who is state secretary of the Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) attended their National Convention held in Atlantic City May 5-9. The 7500 delegates who attended came from all over the U. S. and Puerto Rico. Arkansas paid their delegates' full expenses, whereas most of the other states' delegates paid their own, a fact which we think speaks well of Arkansas. Sharlotte plans to attend the University of Arkansas' Academy of Arts and Sciences this fall.



Erma Jetton

This month we said a fond farewell to one of our employees, Erma Jetton, who has been with this department for almost twenty years. She was supervisor of the Key Punch Section. Our Department gave a party in her honor and served cake and punch to the guests.



Guy Sims

Tommy Bradshaw, our computer operator and a motorcycle enthusiast won the first place trophy for motorcycle racing at Golden Eagle Speedway in May. His speed was 67 m.p.h. on a 250-cc Ascott.

On June 18 we had a potluck lunch in honor of Billie Ratliff who retired. We also had the pleasure of having her sister Lela join us for lunch. Billie received a charm bracelet as a farewell gift, and our Chief, Pat Huddleston, presented her an Ambassador of Good Will certificate. It just doesn't seem the same around here without Billie.

We extend a welcome to two new employees. Basil Shoptaw, a summer employee, has been attending the University of Arkansas and received his BSCE in June. He plans to return to the University at the end of the summer. Guy Sims began working July 1 as a programmer. He received a BSBA degree at Henderson College and has had two years' experience programming for Lockheed in Houston.

Donna Carson, who used to work as a key punch operator before moving to Arizona, came by last week for a visit. It sure was nice seeing her again.

Several of our staff took vacations during June and July.



by John C. Helgen

Final Estimates

Dub Rogers, our squad leader, took three days' annual leave and guess where he went — "started" painting his mother's house in Sylvan Hills. We emphasize "started", as he has asked for volunteers to help finish this project. So far he has had very little, if any, response. Dub says he doesn't recommend this type of vacation but sometimes we become victims of circumstances and chores do pile up.

Cheryl Pool left us May 15 to accept a position as receptionist at the State Hospital. We had cake and coffee and presented her a gift. We wish her well in her new job and hope she keeps in touch.

Gene Ashcraft and family took a trip to Panama City the week of June 9 — 13. He says he had a fine time.

Gary Joe Lewis took four days annual leave and spent the time up on his and his father's farm near Quitman bailing hay for their herd of Herefords. Not much vacation, however it's a change from the ole grind around the office.

June 17 we had a coffee break to honor Debra Tracy on her birthday. We enjoyed the chocolate swirl banana cake and wished her well and hope she has many more. She said her dear husband got her a new front porch! Of course they have nothing to sit on, but at least they have a porch.

Victor Moody's son, Marcus, fell from a slide at War Memorial Park on May 30 and broke his arm. He was just trying to keep up with Dad, who is just now recovering from a broken hip which he got October 18. We hope for both a speedy recovery.



James Ronald Cofer

We have a new employe as of Monday, July 7. His name is James Ronald Cofer, better known as Ronnie. He and his wife Elaine live in Winston Terrace. He's a big man, so watch your step! We'll send him to do all our fighting.



Robert Hendley

Robert Hendley, a Texas refugee from Houston, is our newest employe, having started to work with us July 16.



by Shirley Dunegan



Mr. and Mrs. Ray Taylor

Congratulations are in order for Ray Taylor of the Radio Shop on his marriage to Eileen Hoyt, a former employe of District Six. They were betrothed on April 26 in St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. R.B. Runions and Johnny Nalley, both of the Radio Shop, were groomsmen. The couple is residing at 3218 West 12th St. Eileen is presently employed at Lyons Machinery Company.

A. J. Robertson and Raymond Behrens of Roadside Development, along with B. M. Shalmy, maintenance superintendent of District 2 and his son spent a night on Lake Conway fishing with great results, we hear. Still, you always hear fish stories but seldom see any proof. Also a note about the new high-powered ski rig recently purchased by A. J. He has been taking it out every weekend just to get the feel of it and daring anyone to try and pass him. Now, A. J. you know that is a "No No."

Clarence Page, our Communications supervisor, recently enjoyed a week's vacation in Albuquerque, N. Mex. visiting his daughter and family.

A bit of round-up news from the old corral brings Bennie Robbins, secretary in Maintenance now lost to Roadway Design, into the lime light for winning second place in the womens western pleasure class in a recent horse show. Yours truly won first. Bennie and I are both equally proud of ourselves as this was a first for us.

Billie Boyd of Roadside Development had a birthday the 8th of May, Jimmie Farnam and I treated her to lunch at Bonanza Steak House and upon returning to work she was presented a beautiful potted plant by her men in the office. Many happy returns, Billie.

There has been a couple of changes around our office during the past month. First we bade farewell to J. E. Lowder who moved upstairs to become an assistant chief engineer. We all regretted to see him leave Maintenance and he will be missed by all of us but fame and fortune calls, they say.

Bert Rownd, past District 6 engineer, is his replacement. We hope that you will enjoy your new surroundings, Bert, and we offer a big welcome to you from the staff.

A party was held in the Maintenance office for Gerald Sisk, assistant maintenance engineer and J. M. "Smitty" Smith, heavy bridge inspector on May 23 for completion of 25 and 35 years of service respectively. Many visitors both from within the building and other districts as well attended and offered congratulations. These two men are very well liked and have our greatest admiration for such an achievement as this. Congratulations again you two.

Billie Boyd of Roadside Development and her hubby Rick, bought a new mobile home and are now busy setting up house at a new location south of Little Rock.

For another change in personnel, we now welcome Barbara Bonds who transferred from Equipment Section to replace Bennie Robbins, who transferred to Roadway Design. Jim Francis is being assisted this summer by Terry Burruss, an architectural major at the University of Arkansas. He is single and only 18 years old, so look out you single gals.

Several co-workers have been lucky enough to enjoy their vacations early this year. J. C. Perkins, assistant in Maintenance, drove to the great open prairie country of Oklahoma for a

visit with relatives. John Hall spent his vacation camping up at Greers Ferry and came back with a mighty suntan. Gerald Sisk and his wife Maurine are visiting with their new granddaughter at this writing.

Jimmy Farnam, secretary in Maintenance has a brand new 1969 Oldsmobile Royal in gold and black. It surely is a beauty and she is still getting accustomed to power steering and power brakes. We pity the poor soul who puts the first scratch or dent in it.

Chuck Stewart, one of our radio technicians last year, is back. He is attending school and will operate the radio during the evening. Welcome back, Chuck.

Richard Livingston has now finished his second year at Hendrix College as a medical major and working this summer at the Health Department as a lab technician. He is the son of Madge in Maintenance.

A little bragging from yours truly concerning an important event in the life of a young horsewoman. My daughter Cheri won her first trophy during the Annual Arkansas Buckaroo Horse Show held at Bryant, Ark. recently. She teamed up with her brother Alan for the barrel pick-up and their time held fast until Cheri rode with another girl thus the results were, sister wins the trophy and brother ends up with a second place ribbon. It hardly seems fair, does it, but that's the life of competition. Men seem to always be giving over to women, but that's the way it's supposed to be. Right? Bye now.

MATERIALS & TESTS

by *Sibyl Maddox*

Fish, fish, and more fish!! Approximately 85 employes and their families enjoyed a fish fry at Burns Park on April 18, complete with all the trimmings, hush-puppies, french fries, slaw (with, I think, a bit of Jim Briley's finger in it), and plenty of good onions. This was our first outing in many years. Let's have more!

Our congratulations to J. L. Owens and Ed Wilkinson who received 20-year and 15-year awards and pins respectively.

We regret the loss of Troy Laha who resigned April 14. We will miss these two.

We have recently re-employed J.D. Spurling of Oden, Ark. He worked for the Highway Department two years ago but resigned to go in business for himself. We are glad to have you back, J. D.

Two of our engineers-in-training have transferred, Joe Foster to District 6 and R. J. Blackwell to Construction.

Our congratulations to Francis Roller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Daus, on their golden wedding anniversary. That's a mighty, mighty long time and we in Materials and Tests wish you well and much happiness.

Julia Halliburton and your reporter attended a council meeting of the International Toastmistress Clubs in Memphis, April 19. I was privileged to be elected second vice chairman of the council.

NINTH FLOOR WEST

by *Marie D. Wano*

OFFICE ENGINEER'S

Ken Rounsavall's wedding to Darla Harper will be at 7:00 p.m. on July 26 in Christ Episcopal Church. Darla's mother is Doris Harper in the Legal Division.

VACATIONERS - Marvin Staton and family stopped in the Smokies at Gatlinberg, Tenn. and then went on to the Cherokee Indian Reservation in North Carolina. Gerry Lewis, with husband Tom and their son, spent the 4th of July weekend camping, skiing and boating. Hubert Holland is painting his home, and the Bob Andrewses are planning a trip to Florida.

David Covey is the proud owner of a new Toyota - - that makes two Toyotas on the ninth floor!

Millie Houston's son Pat has been ill but is expected to be much better after a tonsillectomy scheduled for July 23.

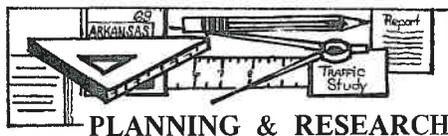
"MR. DAGGETT'S OFFICE"

Max and Freida Koehler and daughter Donna motored to Modesto, San Francisco and Los Angeles, Calif. on a vacation trip. They visited Freida's brothers' families and sightsaw at Disneyland, Fisherman's Wharf and Los Angeles' Chinatown. Max says a good time was had by all.

Katherine Jones' son Tracy completed his student driver's education course at Central High and will be in line for a driver's license. Good work, Tracy!

ENGINEER OF OPERATIONS

Your reporter had a streak of luck - - won \$12.00 at a bingo game and a consolation prize pin in a sweepstakes drawing! And, her spouse won a G. E. portable t.v. and sports jacket for sales in his company!



PLANNING & RESEARCH

by *Penny Bullock*

First, we welcome three new employes: Joe Foster (left), Margaret Harris and Dan Morgan. Joe, who started to work the last of April, is in the Advance Planning Section. Margaret, from Benton, is married and works in the Current Planning Section. Dan transferred to P & R Division from the Office Engineer's office and



Joe Foster (left), Margaret Harris, Dan Morgan.

is assigned to the Advance Planning Section also.

Our summer employes are Mark Allen, Jerry Higginbotham, Johnny Cantrell, Danny Beacham, Jon Keel, Charles Johnson, Larry Watson John Riddle, Ronald Gorman, Tommy Tull, and James E. Johnson. All of these young men are college students. We're glad to have all of you with us.

John Vandenberg is still talking about his golfing vacation at Whispering Pines, N.C. where they visited his sister and brother-in-law who live in a retirement community built around a 36-hole golf course. Van also had the opportunity to play one of the five 18-hole courses at famous Pinehurst Country Club.

Bob and Alta Faulkner have a little baby girl born April 9. She has been named Lesa Michelle. Bob was treated to a baby shower by the girls in P & R. The Faulknors also moved into a new home recently.



Libby Brockinton

Libby Brockinton left the last of May to await the stork. She, too, was the recipient of a shower by the P & R girls. Come by to see us and be sure to call us when the big day arrives.

Billie Whiteside, a former employe in our front office, came by and visited awhile April 23. It was nice seeing her again.



Dave Connors, left, and C. C. McChesney

Dave Connors received his 5-year pin on April 18. C. C. McChesney presented it and Betty Wiggins pinned it on. We all celebrated with two cakes.

Fonda Courtney of the Current Planning Section resigned in May.

Karen and Dick Deviney, two former P & R employes, came by to see us April 25 and brought their little baby daughter. Hope they will visit again soon.



Ruth Cantley, left, and L. R. Jester

Ruth Cantley of the Current Planning Section received so many flowers at her retirement party on April 25, that we almost ran out of working space. She received two corsages and six arrangements. Many co-workers came in to wish her godspeed. The Division gave her a charm bracelet as a remembrance from us and several other friends brought gifts, too. Cake, punch and coffee were served to all the friends. Best of luck Ruth - hope you enjoy sleeping late, etc.

Howard Snow has been elected vice president of the Navy Reserve Officers Association, Department of Arkansas.

Mayo White's grandson Jason will be coming soon for a month's visit from Clarksville, Tenn.

Florence Routh's brother is home from a

tour of sea duty aboard the John Paul Jones.

Polly Cloud's daughter Connie won "honorable mention" in a Saline County horse show. Her youngest daughter Stacy has had mumps.

Doug Nielsen was showing his skill in place-kicking the football and made a 20 - yard goal into the lake, which resulted in showing off his skill as a swimmer. Better luck next time, Doug.

Morris Smith's birthday (his 33rd??) and Jim Gilbert's on May 1 were observed with cakes made by our own friendly baker, Fernie Speights. This birthday was a meaningful one to Jim because it was his 25th one, which means that he is now out of the high risk drivers category and his auto insurance rates will be cheaper.

Wonder what has happened to Johnny Longcoy?

Softball season is off and running in our division. Connie Cloud, Polly's daughter, hit her first home run in the first game of the season for her junior team at Salem. They won the game 17-16. Margaret Harris of P & R and Barbara Zuber in the Permit Section also have daughters on the team. Keep up the good work, girls

L. R. Jester, our division head, left us May 9 to accept employment elsewhere. We all wish him the best of luck in his new position. A.E. Johnson, Jr. replaced him as division engineer.



Troyce Wilson, left, and Bill McRae

Two more new employes are his secretary, Troyce Wilson, who transferred from the Personnel office, and William "Bill" Charles McRae in the Map Sales & Reproduction Section. Bill is married and lives in Pine Bluff. We are glad to have all three with us. We are especially glad to have Mr. Johnson as our new boss.

The Traffic Engineering Section left us to become part of the new Traffic Division, taking away Bob Faulkner, Lee Gibbons, Charles Rain, Jim Carvell, Asa McCord, Bill Headrick and Bill Harrod. We had a party in honor of their going to show them how much they will be missed. We will see all of you around.

NOTE TO THE GIRLS IN TRAFFIC DIVISION: Beware! Lee Gibbons and Bill Headrick are now in the main building. Lots of luck, girls!

W. P. "Bill" Looney's daughter was in an automobile accident May 9 and was in intensive care for a time but is doing much better now.

We also lost Asst. Div. Head J. D. Barnett and Joann Niehaus with the formation of the Traffic Division. Jim has been made the assistant division chief. Joann is now a secretary in that division.

I hear that some of our girls had a poker party. Yes, Joann, they were kidding when they said that the one who gets a "joker" has to tell a joke, and a "straight" didn't mean your drink! And Betty, about that mysterious door. . .

Jack Brockman of Bodcaw, Ark. is a new employe added to the staff of field men. From what the little bird tells me, Roger A. did rather well at the men's poker game.

Research Engr. J. W. Chapman attended a Technical Subcommittee meeting in Dallas on May 20 pertaining to breakaway sign supports.

Everyone is making plans for or taking a vacation. Fernie Speights took a week's leave the last of May.



RIGHT OF WAY

by *The Staff*

Administrative Section

Several changes were made in the Administrative Section during the month of May. The chief for the past seven years, Gip Robertson, Jr., was promoted to division chief. He succeeds Otha Hewitt who moved up to chief of the new Traffic Division.

We say congratulations to Gip but we also miss Mr. Hewitt. (Needless to say, the "crack-down" has already started. . . shorter breaks and longer days. Kay Jones sent Donna Barbee her sympathy. Someone said that some moves are good, some are bad but only time will tell.)

A. C. Ledbetter, who was administrative assistant chief, was promoted to section chief.

Ann Rackley, file clerk, transferred to the Acquisition Section. She will be just across the hall, so I guess we won't miss her too much.

Phyllis Erwin is the new file clerk. She was employed May 21. Phyllis is the mother of three boys; Robby 11, Toby 8, and Toney 5. They live at 5201 Geyer Springs Road. Welcome, Phyllis.

Retha Griffin's son Terry was among those who graduated from Henderson State College at Arkadelphia on May 23. He received a B. A. degree in political science.

Acquisition Section

Mr. and Mrs. Elledge visited his sister in Palestine, Texas, May 1-4. While there they attended a retirement party for Mr. Elledge's



Phyllis Erwin

sister who retired from the telephone company as the chief operator. Mrs. Elledge stayed in Texas for a week, so Mr. Elledge returned the following weekend to bring her home. He reported they both had a wonderful time.

Carolyn West left us June 13 to start her family. We all hated to see her leave, but we know she will enjoy staying at home. She already has two trips planned for the summer, not counting a vacation sometime in August. I don't believe she will miss working much.

Linda Randolph came to work April 28 wearing a sparkling new diamond, left hand, third finger. She and Larry Barnes will be married August 23 at Geyer Springs First Baptist Church. She extends an open invitation to all her friends in the Department to the wedding. After the wedding she and Larry will be making their home in Fayetteville where he is a student at the University of Arkansas.

Ann Rackley transferred from the Administrative Section to take over Carolyn's job. She has been employed since December 16. We are glad to have you with us, Ann.



Bob Thornton

As you can see from the picture, Bob Thornton has been doing a little fishing. He caught these trout at Calico Rock, May 24. One weighed 2 1/4 pounds!

Doug Thacker, who has been working in the Utility section for six years, joined our office May 12 and is now working in the new Relocation section. We are glad to have you with us, Doug.

Appraisal Section



Jean Barrett (left) receives her 5-year pin and certificate from Herbert Hooten.

Jean Barrett was honored at a party in March to celebrate receiving her 5-year service pin and certificate. Herbert Hooten made the presentation.

E. P. "Pluty" Scruggs, who worked in Appraisal several years before going with the Corps of Engineers, underwent surgery May 9 at the VA hospital. We are happy to report that Pluty is convalescing well and is now back at work.

Several from our section attended the Right-of-Way fish fry and we certainly had a good time.

Congratulations are in order for Walker and Mildred Watson, who just gained a new son-in-law. Their daughter Kathleen, and G. Alton Crumby were married June 1 in Baring Cross Baptist Church. They are at home in Russellville where they are students at Arkansas Polytechnic College.

We extend heartfelt sympathy to Kenneth and Dee McMurrugh in the death of Dee's father, J. D. Turnage.

Appraisers Bill Hayes, H. K. McMurrugh and Kenneth Suthmer recently attended a two-week appraisal course in Memphis.



Charles Scott (left) receives his 10-year pin and certificate from Herbert Hooten.



Henry Williams (left) receives his 10-year pin and certificate from Herbert Hooten.

Charles Scott and Henry Williams were surprised with a party June 9 in honor of 10 years with AHD. Herbert Hooten presented their pins and certificates.

Kathy Phelps and family recently went to Six Flags for the weekend. They came back tired and blistered, but saying that they had a marvelous time.

Charles and Allena Scott recently went to Rozerville, Pa. for a few days to see their little granddaughter, Nancy Gale Bemis, who was born February 12.

Engineering Section



Van Johnson

We welcome new employe Van Johnson, 19, who came to work April 21. He is from North Little Rock, single, and says he is no relation to that old movie star.

Charles Edwards spent the first two weeks of June having fun in the sun at the Country Club of the Army (Fort Polk, La.). Have fun, Charlie? Paul Broyles will also be leaving for Army Reserves soon.

Gary Rea, a draftsman in our Section, and Vicki Edmonson from Bauxite were married May 2 at Sallisaw, Okla. Pam Lewis in Appraisal was her sister's matron of honor. Gary and Vicki are residing at Benton.

Neil and Nola Gibbs are happy over the arrival of Nola Rene on April 11. One and a half year old Richard is really proud of his new little sister.



Fred Williams (left) receives his 10-year pin and certificate from Glendol Jackson.

Fred Williams received his 10-year certificate the first of May. Congratulations, Fred!

Ellen Gross took one week of vacation and she says they didn't do anything, but she surely got a nice tan somehow.

Ron Johnston and his wife spent their vacation with his parents in Atkins.

Several of our employes have treated themselves to new cars. Chevrolet seems to get the nod. Carl Keehn got a '69 Malibu, Fred Williams a '69 Impala and Steve Crook a '69 Impala custom.



Jim Mode (left) receives his 5-year pin and certificate from Glendol Jackson.

Jim Mode was recently awarded his five year pin and certificate by Glendol Jackson.

Glendol and his lovely wife Jerry recently celebrated their eighteenth wedding anniversary at Olde West Dinner Theatre. A delightful surprise of the evening was a cake bearing 18 lighted candles, the gift of some friends.



Richard and Rene Gibbs

We'd like you to meet Neil Gibbs children Richard and Rene. Richard is almost two years old and Rene is three months old as of July 11.

Paul Broyles took one week of vacation and two weeks of military leave and left for a summer vacation. We hope you have a nice time disciplining all your delinquents, Paul.

HELENA BRIDGE

by George Cloud

A lot of water has passed under the bridge since I sent any news to the magazine. It seems that nothing newsworthy happens to us river rats, so there might have been a longer lapse of time except that I got the nicest ultimatum from you know who.

(You may not have much news but you make puns! Ed.)

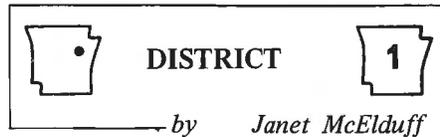
No one has taken a vacation as yet but I have one planned in a few days, so when the time comes, gangway from here to the Missouri Ozarks!

We miss Harry Dunivant who resigned and moved to California, and Noel Cozart who resigned and went to North Mississippi. We welcome Fitz Hargraves and Eugene Winter as replacements.

The most excitement we have had occurred recently while Sherman Yates' bridge crew was working on the bridge. When a sudden, violent windstorm struck, the men working on the "snooper" under the roadway had to hang on for dear life while hats, papers and I imagine, a few well chosen words floated out over the river. Then at home, our Sherry Grace stuck her nose into the first fire she ever saw and burned her whiskers. Sherry is our five year old daughter's kitten.

(Your news next month might include an explanation of what a snooper is. Ed.)

We feel a personal loss in the death of Mrs. Henry Sewall who was killed July 4 when a train struck the car in which she, Henry, Jr. and a friend were riding. Both the others in the car were also killed. Mrs. Sewall crossed here twice daily on the way to and from her job as head of the nurses training department at Phillips Junior College and she always had a cheery word for the men on duty. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her and our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the families.



by Janet McElduff

Lois Marie Summerville, 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Summerville, is developing her talent for seeing beauty in places it is often overlooked. Here she poses with a driftwood arrangement which was recently on display in the Cross County Bank lobby in Wynne. Lois found the piece of driftwood along the Ohio River



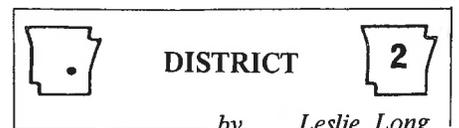
Lois Marie Summerville

while visiting in West Point, Ky. She brought it home, cleaned it up and then decorated it with foliage. Lois also collects unusual rocks and other artifacts of nature to be blended into her arrangements. Her father Bill works on the heavy bridge crew out of Wynne, and we join him and Mrs. Summerville in being proud of this young lady.

Congratulations are in order for Verlon Drennon, for 20 years' service; to E. D. Bolden and Raymond Andrews, for 10 years; and to P. S. Watts for five years.

Griffin and Mildred English have just returned from a trip "all over Texas" and the girls in the office have enjoyed hearing about it. Sounds like they had a marvelous time. According to Grif, this was something he had wanted to do all his life. Now that he's done it, he never wants to do it again. Don't blame him - Texas is a BIG place to cover. Haven't heard of any more trips yet, but that time of year has come again, and folks will be off in all directions before you know it.

Construction Res. Engr. C. H. Mitchell has moved his Marianna office to West Helena, and with that we have a welcome for Mary Elizabeth Johnston who is the new field clerk there. All of the Marianna crew moved and a goodly portion of the Forrest City residency. It's just time when we get all shook up again and I'll have to start all over learning who belongs where! YAWL COME!



by Leslie Long

YOUR HELP IS URGENTLY NEEDED!
Share the joy of living - give blood! Unfortunately participation has not been sufficient to

continue the highway employes Red Cross blood program on a statewide basis, however we may be able to participate at the district level. We consider this a good program because many highway employes and their families have been able to secure whole blood or plasma at substantial savings. You are urged to donate regularly. Blood is the magic medicine!



Barbara McQuilla

Barbara McQuilla of Minden, La. was the first of "Red" Goins six grandchildren to graduate from high school and "Red" attended the exercises there. Barbara plans to attend college and major in art and business.

Richard Allen Jarboe graduated from the University of Arkansas law school in May. He is the son of Chicot County Area Foreman Bob Jarboe.

The Chicot County crew welcomes back B. W. Slaughter who is recovering from a broken neck sustained in a car accident on March 22. M. V. Morphis has also rejoined the crew after being with the state park for three months.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Edward Minchew, the proud parents of Michele Marie, born at St. Mary's Hospital in Dermott on May 16. Albert is a truck driver with the Desha County crew.

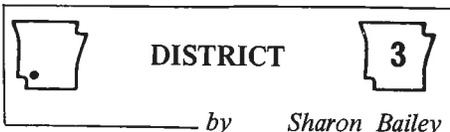
We are happy for all the following employes who have recently received certificates and pins for their years of service. First, we congratulate Asst. Maint. Supt. W. K. Wilson who was awarded a 30-year service certificate and pin at the Commission meeting in Little Rock on June 25. Twenty-year service awards were presented to Glen Jacks, area foreman of Lincoln Co.; Jessie D. Nelson, patrol operator in Arkansas Co.; Jim S. Whitten, truck driver in Lincoln Co.; and Johnnie L. Fox, loader operator with the heavy maintenance crew. Fifteen-year service recipients were Job Supts. Virgil Green and Joe C. Hays and Robert R. Holderfield, truck driver in Jefferson County. A 10-year certificate was awarded to Richard E. Waller, station attendant at DeWitt; Harry F. Humphries, a mower operator in Drew County and Walter L. Jones, boat operator at St. Charles Ferry.

We at the Pine Bluff headquarters are sharing with Maint. Supt. Brewster and Sunny Shalmy the pleasure of recognition given their son Pat and his wife Nancy by the newspaper in Camilla, Ga. where they now reside. Their home was chosen as "Home of the Week" in Camilla and the story notes Pat's love for music and hobby of guitar-playing, Nancy's doll collection and culinary art, and the young couple's work with Methodist young people. Pat is an assistant planner in charge of local assistance planning in a thirteen county area. He graduated from the University of Arkansas, got a master's degree in planning at the University of Arizona and worked with the Memphis and Shelby County Planning Commission for two years before going to Camilla.

The story also brings out a fact perhaps long known but forgotten by friends and associates of the Shalmys, both Brewster and Pat. Brewster's father was a Syrian immigrant named Abdul Shamaley but he wanted an American-sounding name after coming to the United states so he changed his name to Abbott Shalmy.

We all were very much saddened to learn of the death of our Cleveland County foreman, Pink May, at Rison.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Bart Weaver in the loss of his mother at Fairfax, Okla. on April 7; to Mrs. Bob Jarboe in the loss of her sister, Sally Reed Morse on June 1; and to Willie Key in the loss of his mother at Kansas City, Mo.



Congratulations to the following employes who received service awards in May; Ivan Henry Black, 20 yrs.; Mack Clyde Hicks, 15 yrs.; Mike Floyd, 10 yrs. and Earl Gibson Wright, 5 yrs.

Two of William Sanders' children are recovering from spinal meningitis. William is one of the Lafayette County crew. The children, William D. 7, and Manny 6, were extremely ill and spent many weeks in the hospital. Fortunately a four-year-old sister escaped the dreaded illness.

Michael Tittle comes out to the shop often to check up on his grandpa Clovis and to see us. He is 13 months old and the only child of Mr. and Mrs. James Tittle. Clovis is also proud of his newest grandson, Mark Alan who was born March 29 to Dr. and Mrs. Charles Tittle. They live in Bloomington, Ind. where he teaches sociology at the University of Indiana.

Larry Hazel is presently attending Red River Vocational Technical School in Hope, studying diesel and gasoline mechanics. His brother, Lonnie Ray, a 1969 graduate from Bright Star High School, also plans to attend the vocational school to study welding. They are the sons of Howard Hazel with the Miller County crew.



Michael Tittle



Mark Alan Tittle



Larry Hazel

Buster Royston's daughter, Marjorie Elizabeth, is a sophomore at Ouachita Baptist University, where she is majoring in psychology. She is a member of Gamma Phi. She was Ouachita's homecoming queen last fall and was first runner-up in the Miss Ouachita Pageant. Incidentally, did you know that for the past two years this school's representative has been selected Miss Arkansas and has represented



Lonnie Hazel



Marjorie Royston

Arkansas in the Miss America Pageant at Atlantic City? Buster is a construction inspector with one of the Hope residencies.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hampton and family have just moved into a new home on West 16th Street in Hope. Earl is a mechanic in our district shop and since he is so close, well . . . I sure do like coffee.

We have so-o many graduates in District 3 of which to be proud! Our sincere congratulations to all of you who have successfully put those books, tests and teachers behind you and came out a winner! Those we know about are:

Bobby Joe Barham, a Hope High graduate who was active in FFA. He also plays the bass guitar in a country music group called "The Country Gentlemen" and his hobbies are fishing and hunting. Bobby plans to attend Southern State and major in agriculture. Joe Barham, welder in the district shop, is his father.

Tommy Hampton, also a Hope High graduate who was active in FFA, plans to attend Red River Vocational School to study diesel mechanics. He is the son of Earl Hampton, mechanic in the district shop.



Bobby Barham



Tommy Hampton



Carroll Beck

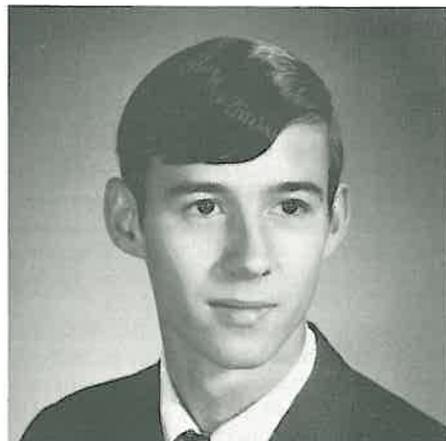


Judy Ann Waddle

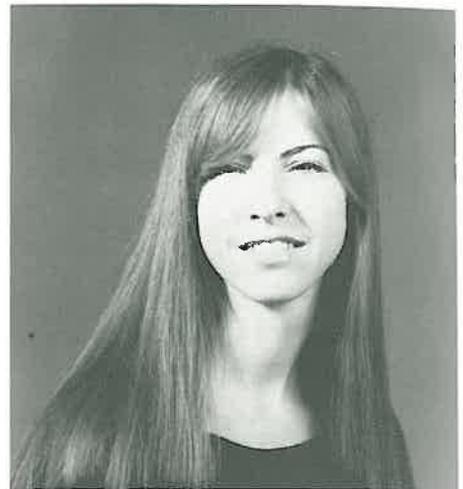
Carroll Beck, whose football playing we have mentioned before, graduated from Hope High and will continue his ball playing at Henderson. He was secretary of the Key Club, vice-president of the National Honor Society, president of FFA, and a Boys State delegate. In addition to football, for which he was named all-district player, he was also active in track. He is the son of Hempstead County Area Foreman W. C. Beck.

Judy Ann Waddle was active in the Beta Club, FHA, FTA, Pep Club and Business Club before graduation from Prescott High School. She plans to major in elementary education at Southern State. Judy is the daughter of Jodie Waddle, Lafayette County area foreman.

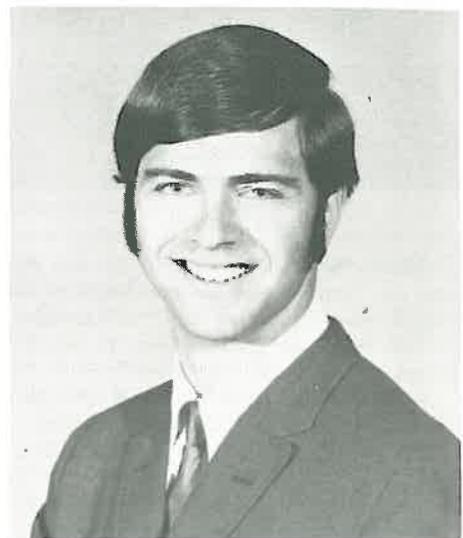
Burl Austin Arledge was a member of the basketball team and on the year book staff before graduation from Spring Hill High School. He was also elected Mr. Spring Hill of 1968-69. The son of Errol Arledge with the Lafayette County crew, Burl plans to study to be a machinist at the vocational school.



Burl Austin Arledge



Sue Carolyn Robinson



Aaron Lee Robinson

Sue Carolyn Robinson was active in the Pep Squad, Red Jackets, Speech Club and FBLA at Arkansas High where she graduated. She plans to attend Eaton Barber College. (That's a break for you guys, and the tonsorial profession!)

Sue's brother Aaron Lee graduated from Texarkana Junior College and will continue his major of psychology at Southern State College. He is to be commended for effort because he played on an intramural football team and held down a 40-hour a week job while going to school. In high school he was active in the band and Spanish Club. Their mother is Billie Robinson, clerk in the Texarkana residency.

Joe Elvis Fedd graduated from Fouke High School where he was active in FFA. He likes to hunt, fish and play baseball. He plans to work on a full-time basis. He is the son of E. D. Fedd with the Miller County crew.

There are all kinds of outstanding students at Billy Wayne Stewart's house. He is the area foreman in Pike County. First there is Randy Wayne who graduated as salutatorian of Kirby High School where he was president of the student council, vice president of the Beta Club,

assistant editor of the annual staff, a member of FFA, and a member of the Governor's Youth Council. He was selected for All District 1969 in basketball. Honors accorded him by the student body were most likely to succeed, most outstanding senior, Mr. Kirby High School, best all around, most studious and most dependable. He plans to attend Henderson and major in engineering.



Joe Fedd



Randy Stewart

Then there's Debbie Stewart, 14 and a ninth grader, who is a member of the Junior High's basketball team which is undefeated at 17-0. They hold the titles of Pike County champs, district champs - Area 12, and umpire tournament champs. Debbie was elected best athlete by the student body. Bruce, 13 and in the seventh grade, also plays basketball. His team was the district 7B champions and played two games in the state tournament.

Leon Hoover is a graduate of Murfreesboro High where he was active in football, track and sentinel of FFA. He plans to attend Red River Vocational School for one year, then enroll at Southern State to major in forestry. He is the son of Delbert Hoover with the Pike County crew.



Debbie Stewart



Bruce Stewart



Leon Hoover

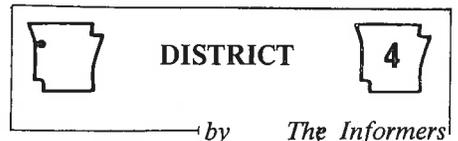
Morrison McClellan, motor patrol operator, and James Johnson, mechanic, both with the Nevada County crew, retired in June. Morrison has been with the Department 18 years and James retired due to ill health after working 15 years. We wish both of them the best in their retirement and hope they will come by to see us often.

Congratulations to Victor Stone and Paul Cogbill for completing 15 years' service with the Department and to Louis Zelonis for completing five years.

Johnnie Robinson, who works in the interstate residency at Hope, took off a week and went to Tampa and St. Petersburg, Fla. where his wife Liz, had been visiting relatives. They drove back to Arkansas and went to Johnnie's old stamping ground, Searcy County, where he caught his limit of fish each day. (Sorry, Searcy County, but I didn't get any info as to where his secret fishing hole was.) Johnnie said they really had a nice time and he came back with a beautiful tan to prove he had spent a lot of time outdoors.

Dub Beck, Hempstead County foreman, was hand-cranking the circulator engine on an asphalt kettle when it kicked back and broke his arm. He was hospitalized for a few days and then spent some time at home. He's back at work now with only a temporary wrapping on the arm because of the swelling. He has yet to get a cast on it. It looks like a long haul for him but, who needs a right arm anyway?

I hope everyone had a nice 4th of July and for the ones taking vacations, I hope you're having a good enough time that you will want to share it with us next month in the news.



You can imagine the excitement that went on in the home of the Bill Michaels, one of our truck drivers. Both their twin daughters were married in separate weddings within one month! Mrs. Michaels made two beautiful gowns in between bridal showers and all that goes with wedding plans. It must have been hectic to say the least!

One of the twins, Kaye, was married May 2 to Jackie Earl Brown. They are making their home in Greenwood, Ark. where he works for a construction company. The other twin, Raye, married James Henson on June 13 and they are now making their home in Champaign, Ill. He is an airport station agent. (We can guess where the Michaels will be spending their vacation.) Bill made two trips down the aisle and gained two sons. Our congratulations to him and Norman and best wishes to Kaye and Raye, whom we have watched grow into attractive young women.

Other proud parents to be congratulated are "Young" Nelson Keller, our blacksmith, and his wife, Irene. Their first Great grandchild, Tommy Wayne Plymale, was born April 23. He is the

son of Tyanne Plymale, who is the daughter of Nelson and Irene's daughter, Maynette Teague.

Alma Residency

I have never written anything before but here goes! I'm Ginger Helton, the new secretary in this resident engineer's office. I live in Barling, which is about 20 miles from here but with I-540, it really is a fast 20 miles.

Former secretary Wilma Jones left our district for Russellville. Seems she would rather be with her husband than work for us.

Our boss, Jack Coleman, took a five-day trip to Mexico for "fishing, etc." He said it was the best vacation he'd ever had, so he must have done a lot of "etc." (Just kidding.) He said they caught several large fish. They were deep-sea fishing, of course.

Bill Bice and family went to California for two weeks' vacation. They had just bought a new Nash Ambassador, so I guess they wanted to road-test it before the warranty ran out.

Congratulations to Jack Randall on reaching the 10-year service mark in employment.

J. D. Kuykendall has been down in his back for about two weeks but he has been taking treatments and so is now able to walk straight again. (Word has it that he sprained his back playing horseshoes!)

Chester Eversole's small daughter was operated on recently but is recuperating nicely.

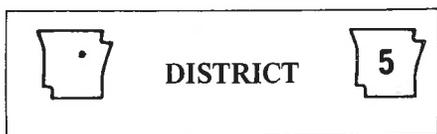
Nick Mings surely has been getting around lately! He was spotted in Dogpatch one week end, in Mansfield the next weekend and in Texarkana the next one. Wonder what he is looking for??

Our office is getting a much-needed paint job. We have one room finished and five more to do.

New employes other than I are David Johnston, a student at U of A, Donnie Lee Koch from Ozark, and Harry Wilson, former employe returned.

Three of our men - Sam Young, Harry Wilson and J. D. Brown - have been away for two weeks playing soldier over at Fort Chaffee. I really didn't think Charleston had a chance, but they managed to miss blowing the town off the map again this year!

So long for this time.



Retired District 5 employe Clyde Nast spends some of his free time reminiscing about his early days with the Department. Last week he brought us this picture of him driving a 1929 International Highway truck. Also in the picture is another employe, John Homesley (in work clothes) who retired in 1958. The dude in the white shirt is Clyde's brother Buck who was mayor of an Oklahoma town at that time.

Special congratulations to Brooks Barnes, bridge Carpenter, and Mary Lee McCown, pay-



Clyde Nast, Buck Nast, and John Homesley

roll clerk, who completed twenty years of service in June. They were honored by a coffee-cake party given by the office employes and were presented 20-year pins by George Cavaness, district engineer.

June service awards and pins were also presented to Charles Sherley, 15 yrs.; John D. Martin, 10 yrs.; Frank Oliver, James Hawley, John Haney, Earl Haigwood, and R. G. Burge, 5 yrs. July service awards and pins went to C. K. Logan, 20 yrs.; Roy Carter and James Harber, 10 yrs; and Clyde Pogue and Elmer Gilbreath, 5 yrs.

Stock Clerk, Oscar Syfert, and his wife travelled with their daughter Lynda and grandchild Susan to Las Cruces, N. Mex. for the graduation of their daughter, Elaine Syfert McKinney, from New Mexico State University with a degree in sociology.

M & T Inspector Bobby Hughes took time off from his Little League baseball games to vacation with his family in Texas and Oklahoma, visiting Six Flags Over Texas along the way.

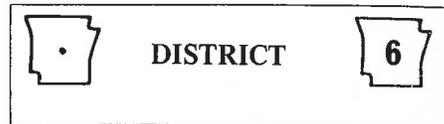
Candy Cavaness and Sandra Coffman, daughters of Dist. Engr. George Cavaness and his secretary Marilyn Coffman, were members of the Batesville junior cheerleading squad who received first place in the cheerleader clinic at Jonesboro. Mr. and Mrs. Cavaness and Marilyn were present at the final competition to watch their daughters receive the award.



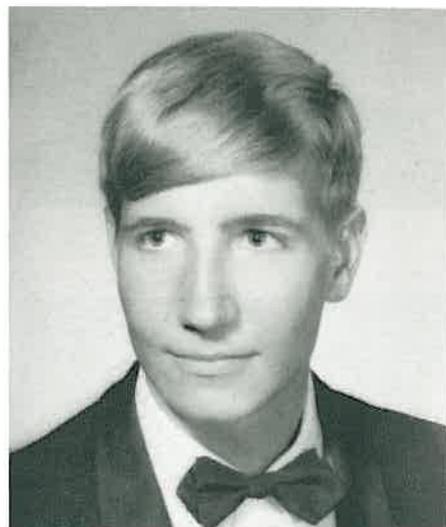
Roy Nicholas Goatcher III

We just received word that Maint. Supt. S. L. Bradberry has his first grandchild, a 6½ pound girl born July 7. We are glad she arrived before her father, 2nd Lt. Shylar Bradberry, left for an overseas tour of duty with the U. S. Air Force.

Fourth-of-July visitors with Stock Clerk Roy N. Goatcher and his wife were Mr. and Mrs. Nick Goatcher and their nine-month old son, Roy Nicholas Goatcher III, from Kansas City, Mo.



Ralph Jones' Residency



Jim Schroeder

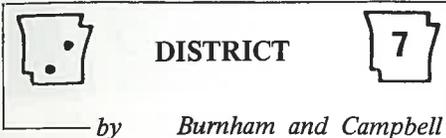


Chris Jones

Jim Schroeder, son of Fred Schroeder, has been appointed to the United States Military Academy at West Point. He was an honor graduate of McClellan High School (Little Rock) where he was president of Mu Alpha Theta, member of the Beta Club, Science Club, school

band, Industrial Arts Club and student council. He is an Eagle Scout. He was also a Boys State delegate last year and was voted a good citizen by Rosedale Optimist Club. Sen. McClellan and Rep. Mills nominated Jim for the Academy and Sen. McClellan made the appointment. His father works for Res. Engr. Ralph Jones.

Ralph Jones' own son, Chris, graduated cum laude from Hall High School in Little Rock and received a scholarship from Rice University. He was president of the Junior Academy of Science at Hall and in his junior year received a superior award in chemistry and the Rennsaeler Science Medal.



Service awards were presented by the Highway Commission in Little Rock in May to three District 7 employes: Civ. Engr. III Gayle E. Gunn, 30 yrs.; and Ernest J. Barner, crane operator, and Bun Lawrence Heldebrand, Hwy. Foreman I, 25 yrs.

Other service awards presented in May went to Richtor R. Guesner, heavy truck driver; Lois H. Hamilton, truck driver; and Asst. Maint. Supt. Jewell W. Prince, 10 years each. Five-year awards went to laborer James E. Cates and mower operator Jimmy Parker.

June service awards were presented to Crew Leader Floyd W. Blann, 15 yrs.; Elbert D. Benson, motor patrol operator; and Chester Kitchens, truck driver in Bradley Co., 10 yrs.; and Fuel Clerk Mildred Russ and Lester N. Garrison, laborer, five years each. Congratulations!

Harry T. Castleberry, Hwy. Foreman 1 in Dallas County, was presented a safety award for completion of one year without a job-associated accident. Congratulations again!

Asst. Shop Foreman Lee Parker's daughter Margaret Ann has returned from a European tour which included London, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Switzerland, Italy and France. She is a student at Southwestern Assembly of God College, Waxahachie, Tex.

Sula and Harlan Burnham spent several days in Hot Springs where Harlan received a good report from his check-up at Wade Clinic.

Frank Mulligan, Parts Room assistant, retired after 23 years with the Department. His brother John Robert, truck driver in Calhoun County, also retired after 12 years' service. We will miss you both and wish you many pleasant days in retirement.

Res. Engr. Norman Pumphrey spent two weeks in June at Ft. Belvoir, Va. fulfilling a military obligation. Then he and his family enjoyed a pleasant ten days in Panama City, Fla.

Summertime is fun-time in District 7. The trend seems to be to purchase a new car and/or a camper trailer and take a trip. Dist. Engr. Coy Campbell has both a new camper and a new Oldsmobile station wagon. They have several trips for summer weekends planned.

Coy's secretary, Althea Campbell and her

husband and son have a new camper-trailer and really enjoyed it on a north Arkansas trip to Lake Norfolk, Dogpatch and Mt. Nebo.

In the new car department, everyone's choice seems to run to black vinyl tops. Maint. Supt. G. E. Nunnally has a new gold Caprice with black vinyl top; Bob Myers, Civil Engr. II at Camden, chose a '69 dark green Mercury with black vinyl top; and Mary Nell Carlson and husband Joe bought a green Pontiac with black vinyl top.



John McKanna

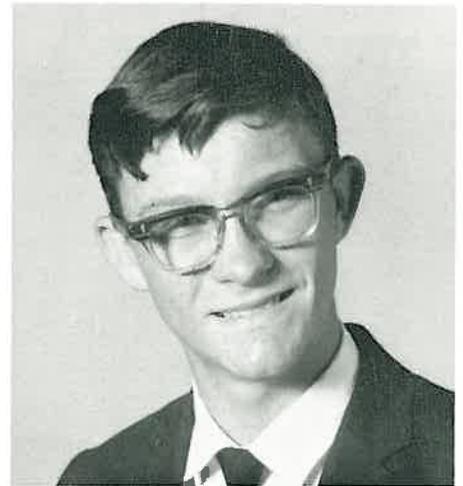
Mr. and Mrs. Nunnally enjoyed a trip to Columbia, Mo. where they visited their daughter and family, Anne, Bob and little John McKanna. During the trip Mr. Nunnally went to St. Louis to watch his favorite team, the Cardinals, play. He just happened to bring back this picture of his grandson.

Permit Officer Maxwell Smith visited with relatives in Fayetteville. He was quite pleased to see little Kari Elizabeth, his three-week-old great-niece, for the first time.

Equip. Supt. and Mrs. Jessie Parker took a quick trip to Evansville, Ind. to visit Birdie's sister and family.

Engrng. Aide III Charles Rampley and his family enjoyed a visit with friends and relatives in Shreveport and DeRidder, La. Their son Douglas Ray graduated from Fairview High School this year and plans to study radiological technology. His sister Patricia and brother Dennis Joe won first place in individual science exhibits at the Southwest District science fair at Southern State College. They received a first-place ribbon, science fair pin and literature covering their projects. Patricia, a sixth grader, chose photography as her subject and she won first place in a contest at Fairview School. Third grader Dennis Joe's subject was anatomy. He won a second place at the Fairview contest.

John Livingston, his family and his parents spent a wonderful vacation sightseeing through Colorado, to Yellowstone National Park, and re-



Douglas Rampley



Patricia Rampley



Dennis Rampley

turned home by way of Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri.

Equip. Clerk Mildred Russ made her first long-distance plane flight to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Silcox in Mobile, Ala.

Stock Clerk Arlene Davis is spending the summer at her cottage on Mustin Lake. She has been entertaining relatives from Sheboygan, Wis who love those visits with Arlene on the lake.

Gene Naugle, Civil Engr. I, attended the ASCET convention in Daytona Beach, Fla. in June.

We all enjoyed a visit from Payroll Clerk Carolyn Milner's nephew, Brad White. He is a jubilant 14-year-old from Dallas who has two loves - visiting Carolyn and his grandparents, and eating her "all-the-way chocolate" cake.

Sgt. Terry M. Kitchens, Chester's son, has returned from Korea and was discharged from military service at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Congratulations to our graduates! Besides Douglas Rampley, whom we have already mentioned, Radio Opr. Mary Lane's daughter Sherry Ann graduated from Camden High, Nancy Benson from Hampton High, and Sula Burnham's daughter Susan graduated from the University of Arkansas with a B. S. E. Sherry Lane was a participant in the recent Miss Camden contest and is now attending Southern State in Magnolia. Nancy Benson was selected Miss Pink Tomato and her story appears elsewhere in the magazine.

We'd like you to meet Kim Myers, 2½ year old daughter of Bob and Joyce Myers.



Kim Myers

Internal Auditors Bill Pilcher and David Cook were with us in District 7 for several weeks.

Sula Burnham's mother is improving after recent minor surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor E. Slaton attended the wedding of their son Victor, Jr. to Ann Stanton Dorsett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Dorsett on May 3. The ceremony was in Trinity Episcopal Church of Pine Bluff with Rev. Theodore P. Devlin officiating. The bridal gown was white peau de soie with chapel length train. Victor's brother Jerry served him as best man. A reception followed in the parish house of the church. The bride attended Little Rock University and is now employed by Blue Cross-Blue Shield. The groom is a senior in business administration at LRU. They will make their home in North Little Rock. Victor, Sr. is employed at the district headquarters.

Miss Vicki Jean Gunn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gayle E. Gunn of Sheridan, and David Harrington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Harrington of North Little Rock, were united in Marriage June 7 at First Baptist Church in Sheridan. Both bride and groom are graduates of the University of Arkansas. They are now residing in Ft. Hood, Tex. where he is a lieutenant in the Army.

Donald Beard, construction inspector at Camden, was married to Lavone Hodge of Stephens, on July 7. We wish you many years of happiness, Donald and Lavone.

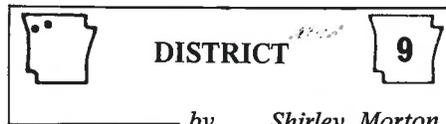
Mary Nell Carlson's children, Letitia and Richie, were attendants at the recent wedding of Mary Nell's brother Johnny Beasley to Beverly Tucker. Mary Nell is the clerk-typist for Res. Engr. Norman Pumphrey.

Sympathy is extended to the family of James W. Pipes, a laborer in Bradley County who died of a heart attack; to Arlene Davis in the death of her brother, Reed Kregel; to Gerald Sneed, whose grandfather passed away in Quitman, Ark., and to Ralph Toward, stock

clerk, in the recent loss of his father, Alex Toward of Camden.



Letitia and Ritchie Carlson



Congratulations to the following employes who received service awards and pins in May: Elmer Jordan, 20 yrs.; F. M. Parker, Jr., John T. Knight, Arthur L. Huntley and Dee Dale Edens, 10 yrs.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Allen are the parents of a baby girl born April 9 at Boone County Hospital. She has been named Tammie Jean. The proud grandfather is Arl Allen, front end loader operator at the Flippin asphalt plant in Marion County.

Service awards and pins were presented in June and July to John W. Hiatt, John C. Miller and Dave Thornberry, 20 yrs.; Troy Deweese 15 yrs.; James W. Smith and James T. Richardson, 10 yrs.; and Frank Rose and Clarence Ward, 5 yrs.

Mr. and Mrs. Oral Young announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Nancy Diane, to Chuck Bergman, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bergman of Mountain Home. Nancy is a 1968 graduate of Harrison High School and attended Arkansas Tech this past year. Mr. Bergman is a 1966 graduate of Glenbard West High School, Glen Ellyn, Ill. and has attended Arkansas Tech for three years. The wedding will be solemnized on Saturday, August 30 at 3 o'clock at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Harrison. Oral is a carpenter with the bridge crew working out of the Harrison office.

Carolyn Pangle will attend state band camp at Arkansas Tech, in Russellville from July 26 to August 9. Carolyn, who is in the trumpet section of Harrison High School band, is the lovely,

talented daughter of Dist. Maint. Supt. Curtis Pangle and Mrs. Pangle.

We are very proud to announce that we have moved to our beautiful new district headquarters located five and one-half miles south of Harrison on U. S. 65. Come see us!!



W. Max Farley

W. Max Farley, 24, son of Mr. & Mrs. W. S. Farley of Beech Grove, is shown being sworn into the Navy. He enlisted in Officers Candidate School Command, Pensacola, Fla. Upon completing O. C. S. he will receive a commission in the Navy Air Force.

Max is a 1963 graduate of Stanford High School and attended York Junior College, York Neb. where he received an A. A. degree. He has a degree in Agriculture Engineering from the Arkansas State University, Jonesboro. His father, W. S. Farley, is a bridge carpenter in the District bridge crew.



Polly Zollner

Miss Polly Zollner, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Zollner of Marmaduke, graduated from Marmaduke High School with a 3.84 grade point average and lists Beta Club, FHA, FTA, and Student Council as organizations in which she has membership. She made in the 98th percentile on an SCAT test. She received several scholarships and plans to enter Arkansas State University in Jonesboro this fall. Her father, Henry Zollner, is an asphalt raker HTS. As we can see from her picture, Polly is beautiful as well as smart. Congratulations, Polly.



DISTRICT

10

by Isabelle Psalmonds

Congratulations to these men who received service awards in May: William C. Laughlin, Mechanic I, Paragould, 15 yrs; William S. Farley, bridge carpenter, Paragould, Cecil E. Short, front end ldr. opr., Paragould, and Homer R. Sides, mower operator, Jonesboro, 10 yrs.; James Arnold Upshaw, Crew Leader, Pochontas, 5 years.

Richard "Dick" Hays, Engng. Aide IIA, Paragould, and Mrs. Hays became the proud parents of a son, Richard Allen Hays, on April 14. This is their fifth child and second son. Congratulations.

J. O. McDaniel, crew leader at Paragould, retired effective April 10. He was by the office to pick up his last pay check and told us all about his garden. Mr. McDaniel is the kind of man who will stay busy and we wish for him many happy, productive years of retirement.

We mentioned last month that Franklin Robert who kept the Imboden rest area in such a good condition had retired because of poor health. When he came by to pick up his last pay check, the Lawrence County crew had coffee and doughnuts and presented Mr. Robert a billfold. The attached picture shows Mr. Robert



Frank Robert (left) and Melvin Brown

(left) holding the billfold and Area Foreman Melvin Brown (in hard hat). We hope Mr. Robert's health will improve greatly and that he will have many years of happy retirement. Oscar and Frank, come in to see us often.

Welcome to John Porter, a new employe in the District office. He is a native of Paragould and still single. He studied mechanical drafting at Cotton Boll Vo-Tech School at Burdette. His title is Draftsman I and he will be assisting the permit clerk with permits, utility adjustments, etc.

Richard M. Sanders with Mobley Construction Co., Russellville, Arkansas, was elected president of the Arkansas Ready Mix Concrete Association at their recent annual meeting in Hot Springs. Richard is the son of our maintenance superintendent John H. Sanders.

Needless to say, John H. is proud of Richard and we add our congratulations.



Selena Gregory



Kathy Gregory

These two lovely young ladies are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Gregory. Selena is 7 and Kathy is 3. Their proud mother, Karolyn, is our fuel clerk.

A 20-year-old Paragould girl is the new student body president at the University of Arkansas. Jo Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Martin (Clif, the father who is still walking on air, is resident engineer at Paragould) defeated Tim Boe of Pine Bluff in a run-off election.

We are all so happy for Joe and extend our heartiest congratulations. Her mother and dad are so proud of her and well they might be.

WANTED !!

Beagles ready to run !!!

**Willie Whitmire at LO 9 - 2361 or
Bauxite 557 - 5394.**

Coming Events

Aug. 15 - 17 - Tontitown Grape Festival.

Aug. 30 - 31, Sept. 1 - 17th Annual Clothesline Art & Craft Fair & Labor Day Celebration, Battlefield Park, Prairie Grove.

Sept. 19 - 27 - Arkansas - Oklahoma Livestock Exposition & District Free Fair, Fort Smith.

Sept. 26 - Oct. 5 - Arkansas Livestock Show, Little Rock.

Oct. 15 - 19 - 22nd Annual Ozark Folk Festival, Eureka Springs.

Oct. 17 - 19 - Ozark Arts & Crafts Fair, War Eagle.

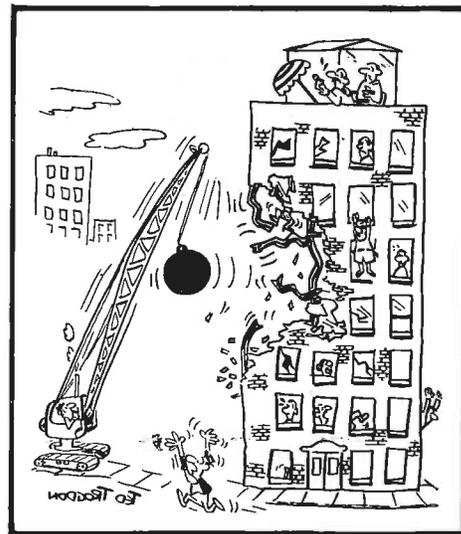
Oct. 18 - Weiderkehr Wine Festival, Altus.

Continuing through Oct. 17 - The Great Passion Play on Mount Oberammergau, Eureka Springs.

Open through October - Dogpatch, U. S. A., Highway 7 south of Harrison.

Through August - Arkansas Traveler Folk Theatre, 1 mile south of Hardy on U. S. 62 - 167, Saturday nights only.

Sept. 27 - 28 - Saunders Memorial Gunshoot, Berryville.



"Hold it, Hank - wrong building!"

Him Heap Big Man!!!



By using a wide lens and shooting from a low camera angle, *Northwest Arkansas Times* photographer Ken Good caught Doyle Jordan in a Paul Bunyan-like perspective as he finished a concrete curb at the intersection of U. S. 62 and U. S. 71 in Fayetteville recently. The intersection is being widened to ease truck turning movements. Jordan is an employe with the maintenance bridge crew working out of the Harrison headquarters.

**THIS'LL
KILL YA**



She: "Why does the man behind the hitter wear such a big bib, honey? He looks silly."

He: "That, my dear, is to keep the catcher's shirt from getting all mussed up in case a ball happens to knock his teeth out."

One of a group of five-year-olds discussing bedtime: "I have to go to bed at seven thirty. My mother is a half hour meaner than yours."

Definition of a hippie: A Joe who looks like a Jane and smells like a John.

After the checkup, the doctor asked his patient, "Have you been living a normal life?"

"Yes, doctor."

"Well, you'll have to cut it out for awhile."

Some girls will scream at the sight of a mouse - and then climb right into a car with a wolf.

There is one good thing about pants that are too tight. They teach you not to drop things.

Going to a party with your wife is like going fishing with the game warden.

The average woman would much rather have beauty than brains, because the average man can see better than he can think.

Pedestrian: "Sorry, but I just don't give money to men on the street."

Panhandler: "You want I should open an office?"

Personnel Director: "You're asking big pay for a beginner."

Applicant: "Well, the work is harder when you don't know anything about it."

Barber: "Was your tie red when you came in?"

Customer: "No."

Barber: "Oh, my gosh!"

A youngster's first card from camp read: "Dear Mom, I told you if you made me go to camp something terrible would happen. Well, it did. Love, Bonnie."

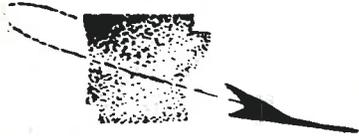


"EVERYTHING'S COMIN' UP ROSES . . ."

Hal Moody, owner of Moody Equipment Co., was challenged to beautify the back of his property which is located across the street from Highway Department property. Hal, one of A.H.D.'s best friends, good-naturedly accepted the challenge and had hybrid roses planted along the outside of his fence with the compromise that the Highway Department maintain them. Here Hal, left and Equip. Supvr. B. E. Woodyard examine the fruits of their labors. By next spring the roses should have grown enough to really create a beauty spot.



"Told ya' you'd find this work fairly exciting."



ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

P. O. Box 2261 • Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

*Address Correction Requested
Forwarding and Return Postage Guaranteed*

Where is it?

For identification
of last month's
Where Is It?,
see page 6.

