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GEORGE KELL IS NEW COMMISSIONER

George Kell of Swifton has been appointed to a 10-year term on the Arkansas Highway Commission by Governor Dale Bumpers. Kell, Bumpers' campaign coordinator during the recent general election campaign, will fill the vacancy created by the expiration of Truman Baker's term on January 14.

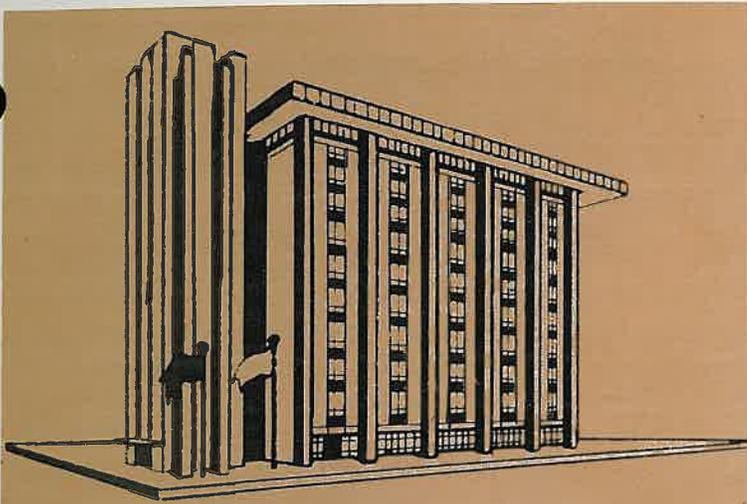
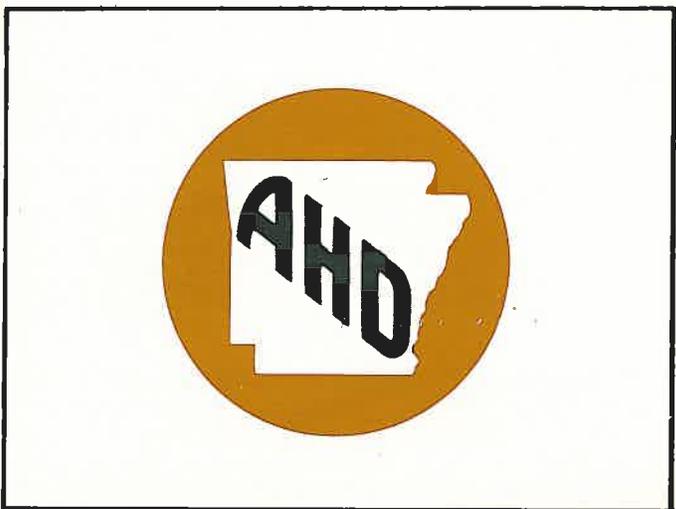
Kell, 48, is a former all-star third baseman for the Detroit Tigers. He is currently a television broadcaster for the Detroit Tigers and a partner of a Newport automobile firm. He began playing professional baseball in Newport in 1940. Three years later he moved into the major league when he joined the Philadelphia Athletics. During the next 14 years he played third base with several other American League teams including Boston, Chicago, Baltimore and Detroit. He was an all-star player for Detroit and holds a lifetime batting average of .306. In 1949 he led the American League in batting with a .343 average. He was inducted into the Arkansas Hall of Fame in 1964.

In 1969 Mr. Kell signed a five-year contract with the Tigers as a weekend TV broadcaster for the team. He is married to the former Charlene Felts. They have a son and a daughter and three grandchildren.

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Baker Ends Commission Term

Assistant Director Henry Gray, right, presents Truman Baker an appreciation plaque on behalf of all the Department employees.



Truman Baker, appointed to the Highway Commission in 1960 by former Governor Orval Faubus, completed his ten-year term January 14. He had served the five-man group as chairman during the last two years.

Baker has been a dedicated and hardworking commissioner who took the responsibility of his appointment seriously. He was an outspoken advocate of promoting Departmental employees upward when vacancies occurred, believing that practice to be the key to high employee morale, and in turn, to a high level of efficiency. He was also keenly aware of the need for more and better roads and sought every opportunity to improve them insofar as funds were available.

Honored by Associates

During the public meeting of the Commission on January 6 a plaque was presented to him by the employees in appreciation of his work and leadership. He was also given a map showing projects constructed or begun while he was a member of the Commission.

A surprise reception was held in his honor in the afternoon. During his responsive remarks he stated that he didn't know how he would use that part of his time which had been devoted to the Department for so long. (During the entire 10 years Baker was only absent one-half a meeting.) However, the time will doubtless be quickly swallowed up by the activities of various business and service organizations of which he is an active member. "I intend to call together my Board members," he jokingly said, "and pledge to them my full-time support (which they haven't had lately) and see if I can get a raise." Baker owns the Chevrolet agency at Searcy.

The other Commissioners passed a minute order, No. 2 of 1971, declaring him a Commissioner Emeritus. At a dinner party given for him by the Commissioners at Coachman's Inn the preceding evening, he was presented an engraved Model 1100 Remington shotgun. Those attending included then Gov.-elect Dale Bumpers, Congressman Wilbur Mills and W. R. "Whit" Stephens.

Baker, an avid sportsman, has a reputation for always wearing a boutonniere and for almost always having a cigar in hand. Large-sized reprints of pictures showing his participation in previous highway functions, and his interests in field and stream were on display in the lobby of the building throughout the day. Many accolades were heaped upon him during his last official meeting, all of them well-earned.



ABOVE LEFT: Baker chats with then Gov.-elect Dale Bumpers at a dinner party given in his honor by the other Commission members.

TOP RIGHT: Pres. Clark McClinton, I., presented Baker a plaque for dedicated service on behalf of the Arkansas Chapter of Associated General Contractors at a banquet held in Hot Springs.

BOTTOM RIGHT: The other Commission members presented Baker a 1100 Remington shotgun. Henry Gray does the honors.

LEFT: Long-time friends, l. to r., Rep. John Paul Capps, Searcy; Asst. Director Henry Gray, Little Rock; Rep. Wayne Hampton, Bayou Meto; and Rep. W. F. Foster, England stand with Baker as he displays an award recently received from the Searcy Chamber of Commerce as an outstanding member.



John W. Harsh



Maurice Smith

Harsh Is Commission Chairman Smith Vice-Chairman

John Harsh, a member of the Highway Commission since 1968, and vice chairman for the last two years, was elected chairman of the Commission by the other members at their meeting on January 27. He is a Magnolia businessman with interests in real estate and hardwood flooring. He is a director of Farmers Bank & Trust Co. of Magnolia and a charter member of the South Arkansas Development Council. He is also a past two-term mayor of the City of Magnolia and a past member of the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club there.

Harsh is married to the former Mary Warnock of Magnolia. They have three daughters; Molly, a student at the University of Arkansas; Roxana, 17, and Amy, 14. They are active members of the Church of Christ of Magnolia where Harsh is a deacon and Sunday school teacher.

Maurice Smith was elected vice chairman by his fellow commissioners. He is beginning the sixth year of a 10-year appointment to the Commission. Smith is president of the Bank of Cherry Valley. He and his brother operate a 11,000-acre farm at Birdeye in Cross Coun-

ty where they raise cattle, cotton and rice. He is president of the St. Francis Levee District Board which embraces seven counties, and a member of the board of the Arkansas Livestock Exposition. He is a graduate of the University of Arkansas.

Smith is married to the former Alva Jane Murray of Wynne. They have a daughter, Murray, who is employed at a Memphis bank; a son, Maurice III, a student at the University of Arkansas; and a daughter, Annette, 16.

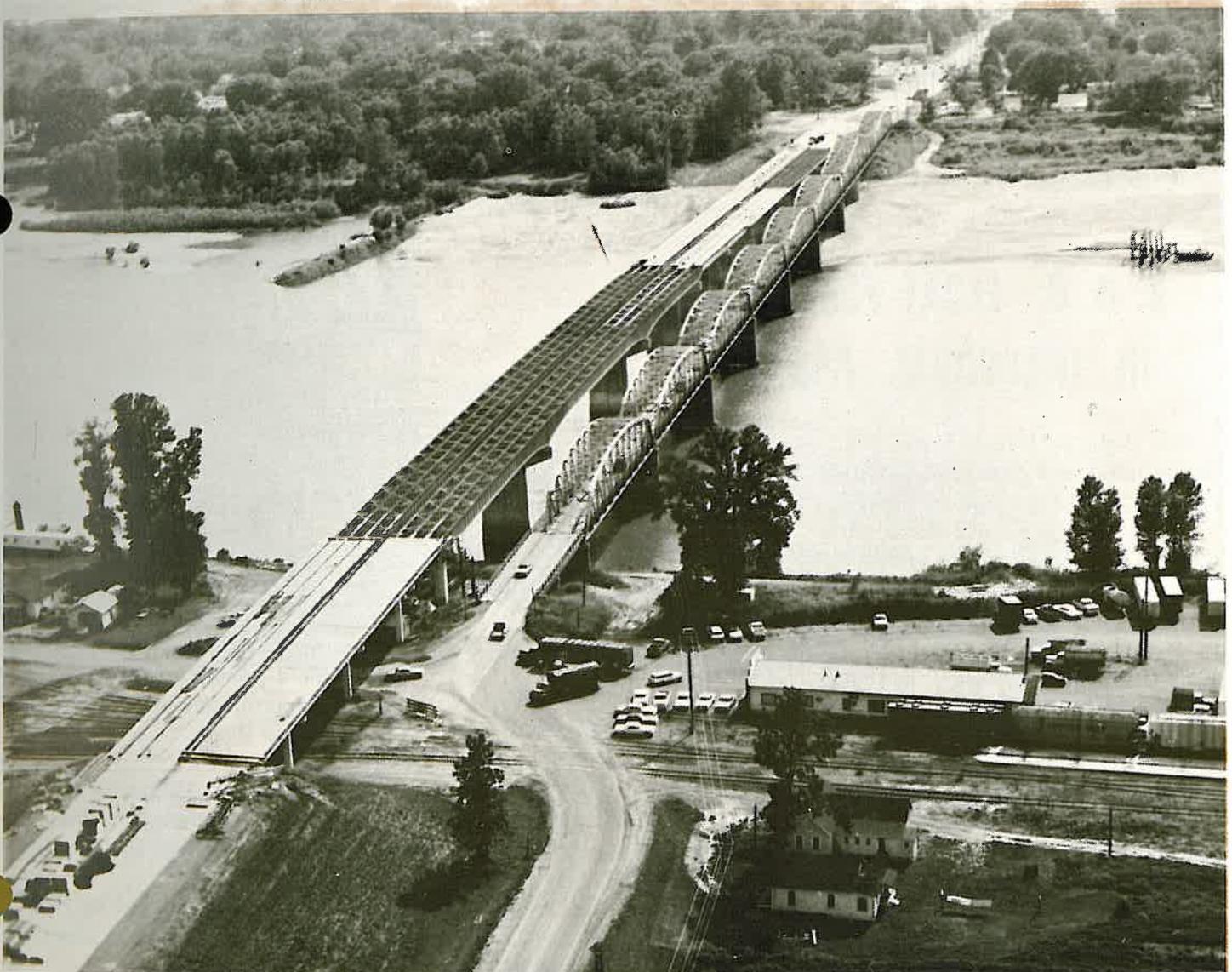
Two lanes of the new four-lane bridge across Arkansas River on Highway 7 at Dardanelle were opened to traffic on December 8. It is the third of eight structures which are being rebuilt as part of the river navigation project to be opened to traffic.

The old bridge which had been in use for 42 years is being demolished. The other two lanes of the new bridge are expected to be opened in mid-February.

The new bridge was designed by consultants Garver and Garver of Little Rock. It is being constructed at an approximate cost of \$3,699,000 under the supervision of the Highway Department with reimbursable funds from the Corps of Engineers. John F. Beasley Construction Company of Chicago is the contractor. John F. Price is the district engineer in the Dardanelle area.

Dardanelle Bridge Opened

Two lanes of the Dardanelle bridge are now open and the old bridge is being demolished. The other two lanes are expected to be opened in February.





The Highway Department's float.

A. H. D. FLOAT FEATURED IN INAUGURAL PARADE

The Highway Department's Vermeer tree planter was adapted as a float and moved in the governor's inaugural parade on January 12.

The planter was gussied up with a new "dress" (Omaha orange, of course) and carried a pine tree so that viewers could see the machine in actual operation.

Large plaques of the Department's own AHD symbol and the ecology balance emblem were mounted on the sides, and a message, "Planting For The Future" was painted on the cylindrical shell, which holds the tree roots and a ball of earth intact when a tree is moved from one location to another.

Flags of the United States and Arkansas were mounted on the front of the planter.

Bryan Davis of Roadside Development was in charge of the float preparation. Others who assisted were Charles Frazier and Stella Owen of P&R, and Susan Patterson of the Public Relations Office. Jack Barnes, James Peay, W. E. Ripberger, F. E. Harden, Carl Hillis,



What would a parade be without the Shriner cut-ups such as this clown with his transportation, Minnie the Mule.

A. J. Derden, W. R. New and O. E. Wagner did the actual work of repainting and mounting the signs on the planter. John Smith of Roadside Development drove the tractor that pulled it.

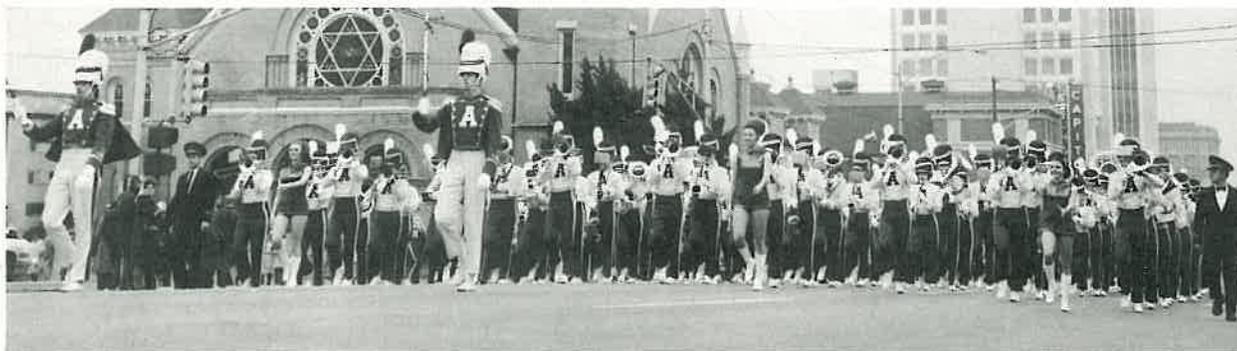
More than 500 trees have been planted by Roadside Development using the planter since it was purchased 3½ years ago.



Lt. Gov. Bob Riley, left, and Gov. Dale Bumpers watch the Inaugural '71 parade from a reviewing stand in front of the Old State House.



A literal Governor "Bumpers" sign.



The mighty marching Razorback band was one of many college and high school bands which helped make the Inaugural '71 parade one of the longest in history in Little Rock.

TOPICS

7 Topics Programs In Progress, 2 More Planned

The Department currently has 7 TOPICS programs under way and authority to proceed with planning for 2 more was granted by the Highway Commission at their January 27 meeting.

TOPICS is the acronym for a Federal program which provides aid to urban areas. It is designed to achieve maximum operational efficiency and safety of existing streets and highways in cities of 5,000 or more through use of traffic engineering techniques without major construction expenditures. The selected sections or locations may or may not be on the state highway system.

Arkansas received regional publicity in the highway field when, in 1968, Searcy was selected by the Department of Transportation to be a pilot location for the first TOPICS study of a city in the U.S. of less than 25,000 population and the second city west of the Mississippi River where such an improvement program was initiated (*Arkansas Highways*, February, 1969). Searcy (whose population is about 9,000) is representative of a majority of Arkansas cities. Since that time, programs have been initiated in Batesville, Pine Bluff, Texarkana, Fort Smith, Van Buren and Little Rock. Projects are planned for Jonesboro and Blytheville.

Improvements in Searcy have been completed at a cost of \$15,000. Work included upgrading traffic control signs and pavement markings. The status of other programs in progress is:

Batesville — A study for the construction of a railroad grade separation over Highway 69 has been completed and approved by the study committee, which is made up of officials from the city, the Highway Department and the Bureau of Public Roads. Project director - Lee Gibbons.

Pine Bluff — A draft of the study is being reviewed by the study committee. Early projects already let include traffic signals (Phase 1) which are to be installed by the City of Pine Bluff. Additional traffic signals, fencing for the Pine Bluff Expressway, a pedestrian overpass for the expressway and improvement of Texas Street are under contract. Project director - Lee Gibbons.

Texarkana — A draft of the study is being reviewed. Improvement of 39th Street between U.S. 71 and U.S. 67 has been programmed. The project is a cooperative effort of the Arkansas and Texas Highway Departments and the City of Texarkana. Project director - Charles Rain.

Fort Smith — Study under way for approximately 2 months. Improvement of the U.S. 71-Phoenix Street intersection has been programmed. Project director - Lee Gibbons.

Van Buren — Study under way for approximately 2 months. A railroad grade separation for Highway 59 has been programmed. Project director - Frank Vozell.

Little Rock — A study, which is being handled by the City of Little Rock, is just getting underway. Ken Bynum, formerly with the Traffic Division, is in charge of the study.

All of the TOPICS programs are under the supervision of Bob Faulkner, head of the Traffic Engineering Section of the Traffic Division.

Improvements in a city through the TOPICS program must be initiated by a city. Funds are apportioned among the states under the same formula used for distributing federal-aid urban funds and are matched in the same 50/50 ratio. Arkansas' portion of TOPICS funds for the 1970-71 biennium was \$2.2 million.



Texas Street will be improved for approximately 4 blocks.



The improvement will carry Texas Street straight ahead where it now dead-ends at this point.

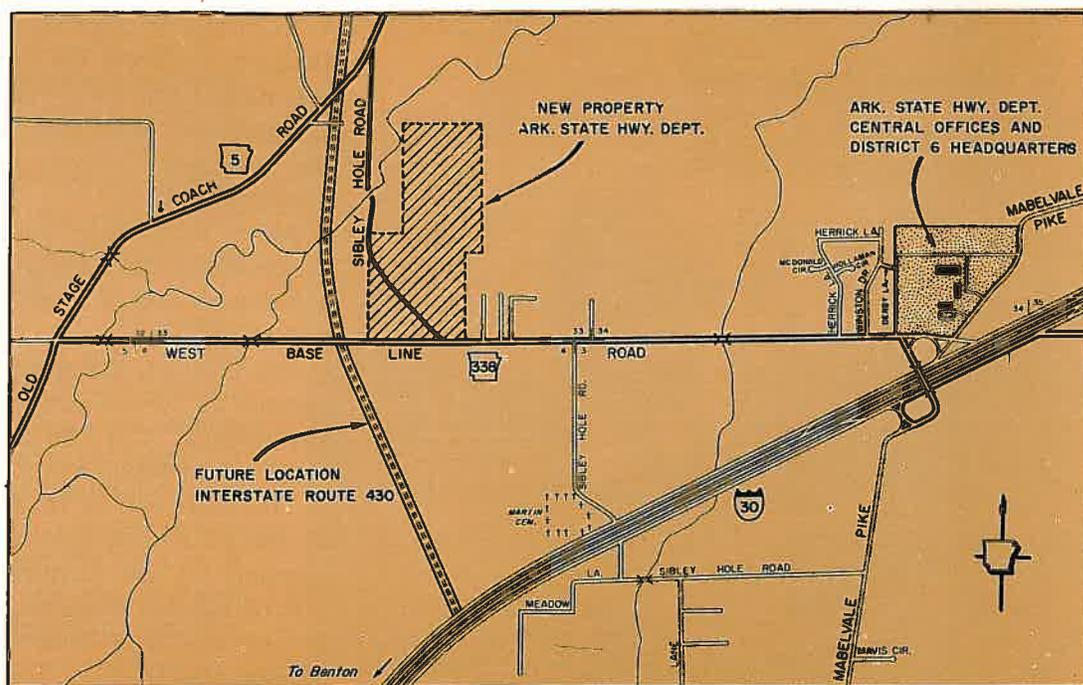
The Highway Commission has authorized Director Ward Goodman to proceed with the purchase of a 60-acre tract of land near the central headquarters where facilities will be built to house the sign shop and central maintenance shop, the only remaining sections of the Department in the Little Rock area located away from the central headquarters.

The tract is located about a mile west of the central headquarters and fronts on Baseline and Sibley Hole roads. When I-430 is completed the site will be near the northeast corner of I-430 and Baseline Road.

The Department plans to sell its property at 13th and Main in North Little Rock where the sign shop presently is, and on U.S. 67 at the Main Street exit in Jacksonville, site of the central maintenance shop.

The negotiated price for the new tract is \$150,000. The 9-acre site at Jacksonville is especially valuable as commercial property.

NEW FACILITIES PLANNED FOR SIGN & MAINTENANCE SHOPS



1970

FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY ACT Most Important In 14 Years

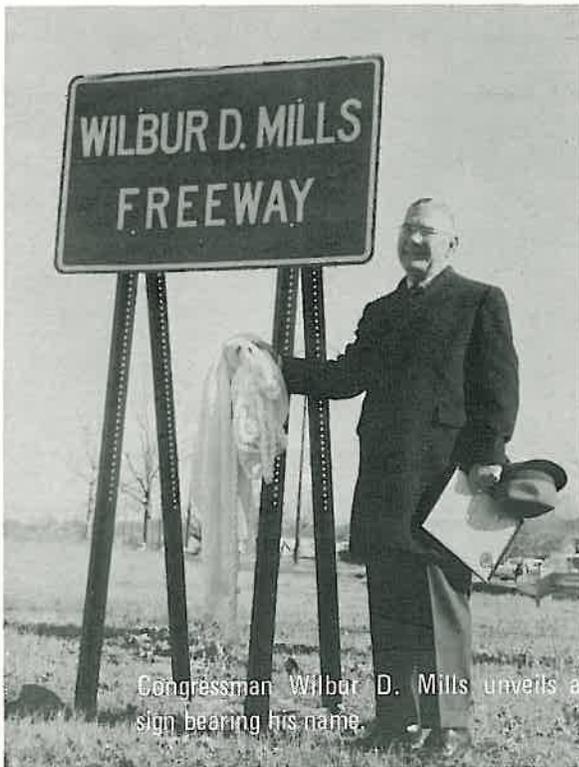
The Federal-aid Highway Act of 1970, signed by President Nixon the last week in December after the bill was held up in Congress for several months, is the most important federal highway legislation since 1956, when building the National System of Interstate and Defense highways was set in motion. Ordinarily the authorization in the act becomes available in July.

The highway trust fund has been extended to assure completion of the interstate system in this decade. The new legislation also tackles growing social challenges of the nation and includes the areas of highway safety and access roads to national forests and public lands.

The act includes protective guidelines to be followed in building highways which supplement the current program of environmental enhancement and preservation. New emphasis has also been placed on billboard and junkyard control. Most federal funds are paid to states for reimbursement after work has been done on the Federal-aid highway program.

The Arkansas Highway Department has been notified that our state's share is \$38 million. A letting estimated at \$7.5 million is scheduled for January 27. Lettings for October and November were reduced and none held in December because of the lack of new federal funds.

EAST-WEST FREEWAY NAMED FOR MILLS



Congressman Wilbur D. Mills unveils a sign bearing his name.

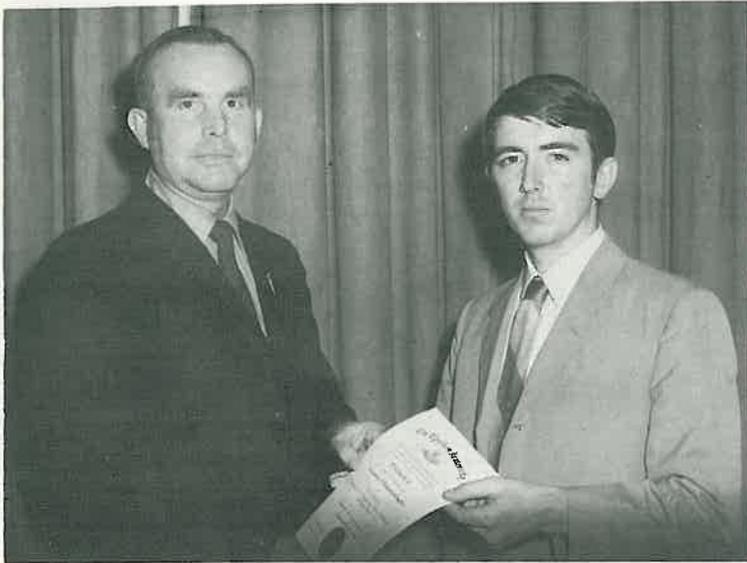
In formal ceremonies initiated by the City of Little Rock on January 5, the Little Rock East-West Freeway was named the Wilbur D. Mills Freeway in honor of Congressman Mills who was instrumental in getting the proposed 7.4-mile urban route included in the interstate system.

About 80 persons braved sub-freezing temperature to see Mills unveil a highway sign with his name on it at the west end of a one-mile section already opened to traffic.

The Highway Department expects to let a contract January 27 for the section from Pine Street to University Avenue. It will be six lanes wide and is expected to be completed in about 18 months.

The route will be referred to locally as the Wilbur D. Mills Freeway but for official purposes such as mapping, it will continue to be called I-630, the official number designated by the federal Department of Transportation when the route was approved and accepted by DOT.

Smith Honored By Chi Epsilon



Smith, left, receives certificate from Stafford.

District 10 Engineer Sam Smith has been selected as an honor member of the University of Arkansas chapter of Chi Epsilon, honorary civil engineering fraternity. Members of the fraternity are chosen from the top students in the junior and senior classes. Occasionally they select an outstanding professional engineer to be an honor member because of his outstanding accomplishments in the field of civil engineering. Smith is a graduate of the class of '51. A certificate of membership was presented to him by Danny Stafford, Chi Epsilon president.

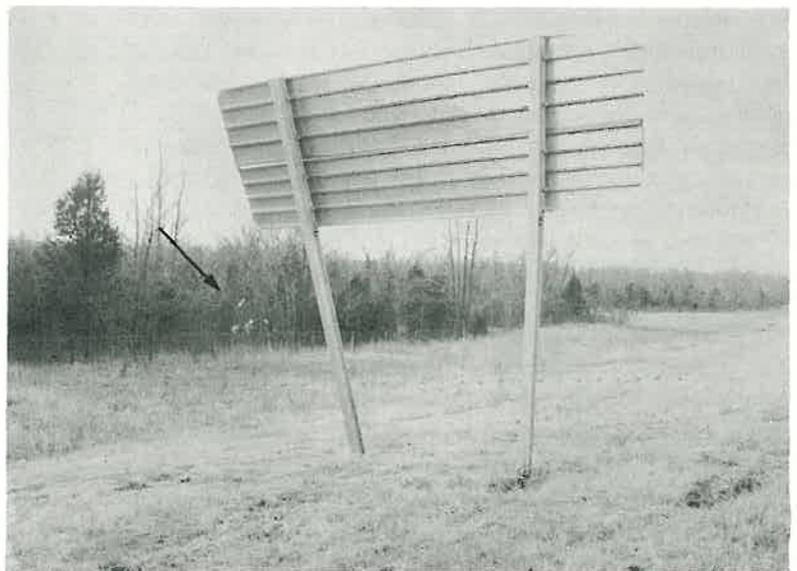
He is a native of Forrest City and first worked for the Highway Department as a summer employee in 1949. He has worked as an instrumentman, resident engineer and assistant construction engineer and has been District 10 engineer since July, 1965. His district includes Randolph, Clay, Lawrence, Greene, Craighead, Mississippi and Poinsett counties.

BREAKAWAY SIGNS SO EFFECTIVE,

How Much Is Difficult To Determine

Throughout the nation breakaway sign posts are proving so effective that it's impossible to tell how many lives are saved by them according to Federal Highway Administrator F. C. Turner. "Many times the only evidence we have that an accident has occurred is the breakaway sign pole slipped from its base and dangling in air . . ." Breakaway sign posts are now mandatory on Federal-aid high-speed highways. They are designed to slip their base and move forward and upward out of a vehicle's way upon impact.

In the picture at right, a Volkswagen (arrow) hit the breakaway sign, went off the right of way, through the fence and into the trees on I-40 just east of Alma. The vehicle was traveling west in the westbound lanes, but crossed the median and the eastbound lanes before hitting the sign. District Engineer Calvin Peavy of Fort Smith made the picture. A check with State Police in the area revealed that the driver (the only occupant) was not injured.





ST. LOUIS — A local contractor has developed a practical and efficient means of burning trees and brush in clearing operations through use of an air curtain destructor. The destructor was developed to use in areas where air pollution and fire control regulations prohibit open burning.

The destructor is a simple device consisting of an industrial engine, a centrifugal fan and a drum with a series of slots or nozzles cut into one side. The builder used a 75 h.p. diesel engine, an 800-r.p.m. fan with an engine speed of 1600 r.p.m.'s, and a 30-foot long, 30-inch diameter cylinder. Twenty-seven slotted nozzles were cut into the cylinder, which delivers a force of air at a high velocity.

The destructor is built on a detachable truckbed so that it can be set up beside a pit which has been dug for burning. The destructor acts as a bellows, fanning the fire to temperatures in excess of 2,000 degrees F. Since only the gaseous products of combustion pass through the air curtain into the atmosphere, a clean burn is experienced with very little refuse left after the burning.

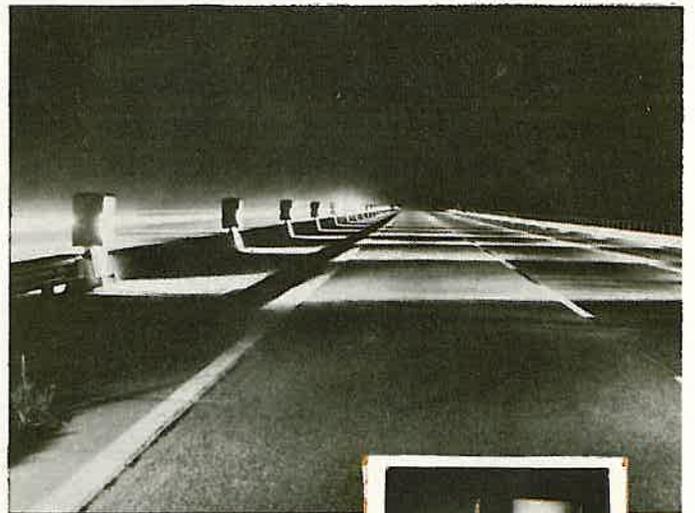
SWITZERLAND — Another first in the traffic field? An underwater parking lot is being built in the Rhone River in Geneva. When completed, the 45-foot-high structure, which will accommodate 1,450 cars, will be 8 to 15 feet below the river's surface. The underwater parking was decided on as an alternative because Geneva residents were opposed to the sacrifice of riverside park land, where the parking area was to be built originally. Advantages of the in-river location include: (1) no question about ownership of the land; (2) the waterfront park will remain undisturbed; (3) impervious clay in the river bottom simplifies excavation and foundation work; and (4) the underwater location will inhibit thermal stresses in the building. The parking lot is being paid for by financial and commercial interests without cost to the city. Under a 90-year contract, all earnings during the first 30 years will go to the operators; during the next 30 years the city will receive a share of revenues; and after 90 years title to the parking area will pass to the City of Geneva.

GERMANY — On a bridge spanning the Lippe River, where large quantities of warm water discharged into the river by factories in the area cause heavy fog to form frequently, special lighting has been installed on the multilane autobahn to penetrate the fog. Lantern-type mercury lamps were installed about three feet above the ground along the guard rail in the median. A fan-shaped beam, projected from a clear bulb by a parabolic reflector and a flat mirror set at a 45-degree

A close view of the air destructor curtain shows arrangement of the air nozzles.



The destructor positioned beside a burning pit.



Beam of low-set lights pierce the fog between headlight level and the road surface.



angle, is thrown onto one half of the road in the same direction as the traffic. The lanterns are set in pairs at 66-foot intervals.



The 4th of 5 generating shafts moves to the Ozark lock and dam.

Overload Requires Special Bridge Inspection

During and after the passage of five steel generating shafts being installed at the Ozark lock and dam, John Hall and his heavy bridge maintenance crew inspected all bridges along the 15-mile journey.

The shafts are over 4 feet in diameter, 65 feet long and weigh 100 tons. They are forged in Japan and sent to this country for machining. They are shipped by rail to Ratcliff (15 miles south of Ozark on Highway 22), then loaded on an 11-axle truck and transported to the dam by Highways 22, 23 and 309.

Employee's Son Is Mayor At 22

Charles Larry Jones of Minturn has been elected mayor of that small municipality at the age of 22, making him the state's youngest mayor. He is the son of Charles F. "Jack" Jones, a materials inspector for the Materials and Tests Division of the Department. Minturn is located six miles south of Walnut Ridge on U.S. 67 in Lawrence County.

Larry's mother urged him to run but he didn't decide to until the filing date for the Democratic primary had past, so he had to run as an Independent, even though he is a Democrat. He made every house in the community and when the votes were counted (64 of the town's 69 registered voters voted), Jones had received 36 votes, thus defeating his opponent, who only received 28. A leader who takes his responsibility seriously, he hopes to secure natural gas service for the town and get a



Mayor Larry Jones

sewage system developed to replace the septic tanks now in use.

Mayor Jones was offered a convertible to ride in in the Governor's inaugural parade at Little Rock but he couldn't be-

cause he was studying for finals at ASU. He is an honor student majoring in agronomy.

Larry's mother was mayor of Minturn from 1959-1966. During her term she was instrumental in getting the town's city hall, a 12' x 24' cement block structure, built. His grandfather, Rudy Jones, was mayor in 1922. His grandmother has been the postmaster for 37 years. Mayor Jones' ancestors have lived at Minturn since the Civil War and he knows about everything there is to know about his town except how it got its name. He would appreciate hearing from anyone who can be of help. He also knows that back in 1922 geologists agreed that one of the largest oil pools in the United States lay under the Minturn-Hoxie-Alicia-Black Rock-Portia part of Lawrence County. Jones wonders what ever happened to it.

Christmas Is Get-Together Time For Employees

B. E. Woodyard looks as though he is about to take an eyes-closed jab at Woodrow Powell with his fork but he isn't. (The fork wasn't sturdy enough, anyway.)



Donald Forte and his date, Sharon Steen.



Going through the chow line are, from left to right: Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hardin, L. N. McGuire and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hurley.



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Broadway, their lovely daughter Karen and her date, Claude White.



Woody Hardin (sax) and Monty Deakins give it up a little after dinner.



What's a Christmas party without Santa? The children wait with eager faces to see what Santa's bag will yield.



Children get excited over Santa's gifts, but so do some bigger kids, like District Engr. Jim Chaney, Maint. Supt. C. L. Bradberry, and Asst. Maint. Supt. George McElmurry.



C. L. Bradberry



George McElmurry



The Gene Cooper band provided entertainment.



Former Equipment Division head C. Don Hayes and Asst. Chief Engr. Jim Lowder make their selections. Behind them in the line are A. J. Derden, Parker Hardin and Mike Latture, son of Helen in the office.



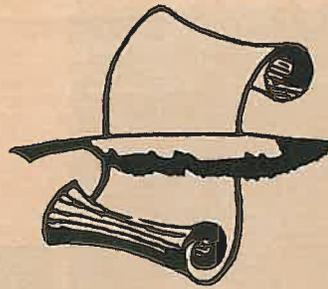
Shops secretary Helen Latture serves retiree Carl Hosick a cup of punch.

Most all offices, sections, divisions and districts of the Department have some sort of get-together during the days preceding the Christmas holidays. There seems to be only one requisite — food. Leastwise, it is always there in abundance. The pictures

below show some of the fun from two of the districts and the Central Shops crew at Jacksonville.

District 6 headquarters personnel and the district's area foremen had a dinner at the new area headquarters on Dixon Road

the night of December 17. The District 5 dinner was held at the Batesville headquarters the evening of December 18 and Central Shops enjoyed their usual sumptuous board at noon on December 23 at Jacksonville.



Letters

Washington, D.C.
January 4, 1971

Mr. Ward Goodman
Director of Highways

Dear Mr. Goodman:

The study programs provided to nationals of other countries have been a significant part of our highway effort for many years. These are positive, purposeful programs in the fields of greatest need.

The knowledge, techniques, and experiences which we share with the foreign visitors will certainly contribute to the improvement of their transportation facilities and to a better measure of life for their countrymen. The success of this activity could not have been possible without your wholehearted support and close cooperation.

Aside from the technical aspects of this program, we cannot overlook the good will created through the many cordial acts of hospitality and friendliness by members of your organization. These efforts are appreciated and will be long remembered.

With a feeling of gratitude, I express my appreciation to you and to the members of your staff who so unselfishly provided their time and talents. I trust that the continuing program will reflect the same spirit of friendly cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

H. C. Turner, Administrator
Federal Highway Administration

January 7, 1971

Mr. S. L. Swink, Resident Engineer
Searcy, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Swink:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend Mr. Albert Watkins for the courteous and helpful assistance he gave me on January 6.

On Highway 167 south of Garner I ran off the road to avoid an accident and became stuck in the mud. Mr. Watkins saw my problem and took the time to help. He was very careful not to damage the car in the process of pulling it back onto the road.

It is very reassuring to know that a member of your Department is concerned enough with the welfare of a stranded motorist to offer such assistance.

Please convey my appreciation and thanks to Mr. Watkins.

Sincerely,

Mrs. T. H. Weidinger
Batesville, Arkansas

I-40 SIGN ADDED AT BRINKLEY

An illuminated overhead sign has been installed on the westbound lanes of I-40 at the Brinkley interchange. A hill just east of the interchange obstructs the motorist's view of the approaching exit, which can easily be missed when traveling at interstate speeds. The sign cost \$14,378. The entire project award was for \$19,470.



Obituaries

John L. Vandenberg, 60, an employee of the Current Planning Section of the Planning and Research Division, died suddenly on January 13. He had been employed by the Highway Department since 1965, after taking early retirement from 30 years of government service. Vandenberg was a native of Michigan and graduated from Michigan Tech University in 1922 with a degree in civil engineering. Two years later he came to Arkansas with the Department of Agriculture. He was with the Bureau of Public Roads 24 years at Little Rock and Albany, N. Y.

During World War II he was the operations officer of an engineering construction battalion in the Pacific. He retired from the Army Reserve as a lieutenant colonel in 1958.

Vandenberg was a member of the Midsouth Section and Little Rock Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the local and state chapters of the National Society of Professional Engineers, Pulaski Heights Masonic Lodge 673, the Consistory of Scottish Rite Bodies, and Trinity Methodist Church, where he was treasurer of the administrative board.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Mada Fowler Vandenberg; two daughters, Mrs. Ann Colvert of Houston, Tex., and Mrs. Linda



Bradley of Ann Arbor, Mich.; two sisters and four grandchildren. Funeral services were held Friday, January 15 at Ruebel Funeral Home with interment at Malvern.

Dodson I. Leonard, 2113 Valmar Street, died Friday, January 22 after a lengthy illness. He retired December 31 and would have been 67 on March 6. He was employed in the Planning and Research Division (called Statistics and Analysis when he began) for a total of 33 years. He was an original member of the Traffic and Loadometer Survey parties, and served as field supervisor on Road and Bridge inventories.

Leonard was born at Hot Springs and grew up at Foreman in Little River County. He was a graduate of Henderson Brown College (now Henderson State) in Arkadelphia. He was a member of Highland Methodist Church, where funeral services were held Monday, January 25, and where his father was once the pastor.

Leonard was also a member of Rocky Comfort Masonic Lodge of Foreman, Scimitar Shrine Temple, Bendemeer Grotto and the Consistory of Scottish Rite Bodies. Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Marjarine Turner Leonard, also a former Plan-



ning and Research employee; one brother, John L. Leonard of Texas City, Tex., and a sister, Mrs. J. M. Burnett of Little Rock. Interment was in the cemetery at Atkins by Griffin and Leggett.

Ivan Henry Black, 59, of Rt. 4, Box 294-G, Texarkana, died Tuesday, January 26 after a brief illness. He had been employed by the Department 21½ years and worked with the Miller County maintenance crew. He was a life-long resident of the Texarkana area and was a member of the Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Addie Rachel Black; two

daughters, Mrs. Rachelene Walton of Texarkana and Mrs. Janet Hamm of Little Rock; five brothers, Lewis of Garland, Everett, Alvin and Otha of Texarkana, and Dale McKinney of Hope; four sisters, Mrs. Vera Ward of Hope, Mrs. Goldie Crow and Mrs. Ethel Vines of Provencal, La.

Funeral services were held Thursday, January 28 in the Texarkana Funeral Chapel with burial in Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

HIGHWAY DAMES ENJOY CHRISTMAS COFFEE

The Highway Dames Auxiliary's annual Christmas coffee was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Oliver, 3 Hall Circle, on December 17. The house was gaily decorated throughout in the Christmas theme. Hostesses were Betty Hutchison, Nadine Head, Sue Rownd, Wilma Perkins and Mada Vandenberg. Twenty-three members and 7 guests were present in addition to the hostesses and the Olivers.



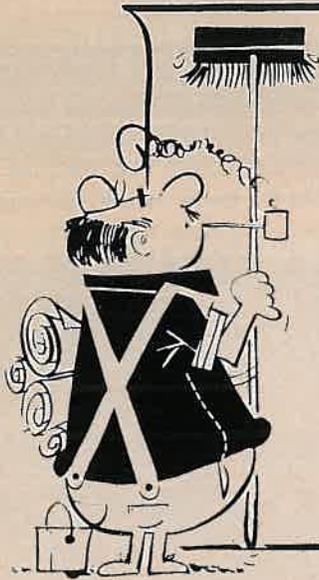
Two of the hostesses were Wilma Perkins, I., and Sue Rownd.



Evelyn Schamer, I., visits with Lucile Brown. Bonnie Magness is at the coffee service.



Marion and Floyd Oliver explain souvenir pieces from their travels to Adele Mattox.



Look Who's Retired In 1970

Accounting:
J. T. Beavers

Buildings and Grounds:
Charles C. Thirion

Chief Engineer's Office:
J. T. Pendergrass

Equipment:
Joseph Stinson
(Central Shops)

Maintenance:
J. M. "Smitty" Smith

Planning and Research:
Lukie Atkinson

Right of Way:
Norman A. McLeod

Roadway Design:
Fred L. Pulliam
Sidney J. Lee, Jr.
Travis G. Orton

Secondary Roads:
John E. "Jack" Teasedale

Surveys:
Charles E. Hooker
Roy Dunfee
Edgar R. Smothers

Traffic Division:
Gist W. Henry
Marshall H. Smith

Weights and Standards:
Francis M. Waymack
Walter W. Smith
William R. Cole
Miller C. Ford
S. A. "Speedy" Hutson

District 1:
Dee Miller
Nolen Bailes

District 2:
Cleet D. Harper
Barney M. Doss
Lee G. Cox
James E. Goins
L. K. Howell
Clifton Coats
Bob S. Farmer
Willard P. Johnson

District 3:
Paul F. Cogbill
Andrew J. Schaeffer
Oren M. White
Charles L. McPherson
Sam Gilbert
Perry Russell
Leonard L. Thomason
James E. Collums
Lee. W. Helton

District 4:
Charley F. Mabry
Jerome E. Dale
William N. Denson
Emmitt F. Gilbreth
June P. Clayton
Mike J. O'Shea
Lloyd D. Harberson
R. Nealy Parker

District 5:
Thomas B. Love
Hale H. Hayden
Robert J. Parish
R. D. Bogard
Allison L. McClure
William T. Newman
Elmer L. Deckard
Leo Aunspaugh

District 6:
Homer C. Atchley
Doyle E. McClung
Mrs. Edith Green

District 7:
Homer Garrett
John W. Helms
Emon J. Lindsey
Bun L. Heldebrand

District 8:
Noel Hickey
James A. Ross
Gordon A. Ethridge
Sanner Henry
Charles E. Gibbons
Otho L. Elliott, Sr.
Alton P. Carmichael
Luna F. Bradford
Luther D. Doughty
Willie M. Kimbrough

District 9:
Jewell C. Whitaker
Neal P. Taylor
James A. Foresee
Chester C. Hickman
(Springdale)
John T. Knight
Harley E. Adcock
Melvin Montgomery
(Springdale)
John E. Box
Daniel L. Grant
Verlan P. Redman
Wright N. Horton
Clell W. Deakins

District 10:
Eddie Smith
John W. Bracken
Carl T. Willis
Ralp E. Lewis
Clifford Cook
Virgil A. Taylor
George W. Brady
Daniel J. Dale
Ed Meeks

RETIRES DECEASED IN 1970

Bridge Design:
Edwin A. Williams

Arthur Lewis
Charley V. Cagle

Construction:
James Harold Johnson

District 6:
Marvel G. Kemp
Samuel C. Adams

Chief Engineer's Office:
Guy W. Cobb

District 7:
William D. Livingston

Maintenance:
Alex Daniel Boaz
(Henderson Ferry)
John Strom

District 8:
James A. Ross
Clarence H. Johnson

District 2:
Dewey Hicks
Albert Jackson

District 9:
Jewell C. Whitaker
William H. Porter
Miss Bertha P. Wagley
J. E. Hudson

District 3:
James L. Purtle

Louis O. Carter
(Springdale)

District 4:
Luther W. Piles



Here we are already deep into the first year of the seventh decade of the 20th century. Some things that are already behind us this year include New Year's Day and its string of wins and losses, Ground Hog day, Abe's birthday, another moonwalk completed, the bills paid for last Christmas, the first snow (though it was hardly enough to count in the capitol city), and all those resolutions we made, such as eating less and exercising more, broken. Those faceless persons who decide when whose birthday shall be when, and which ones are worthy of a four-day holiday weekend in their memory, apparently don't hold Abe in such high esteem. He didn't rate having his birthday moved to a time of convenience for present and future generations, as did George. St. Valentine and St. Pat didn't make it, either.

Some things to look forward to before the year is out include: more snow (probably); another birthday (for many of us); losing 6 pounds (one of the aforementioned resolutions included losing it in January); 11 more months of jogging and remembering not to grunt when we bend over to retrieve a dropped pencil (our exercise resolution); payment of taxes, taxes, taxes; the beauty and freshness of spring; spring housecleaning (if you do any, I don't); fishing (which I don't do, either); all that sultry hot summer weather; Labor Day weekend; football season; Thanksgiving weekend and Christmas holidays. Boy, didn't this year go by fast! Make the most of it while it's here — it will never pass this way again.

It was good to see Margaret Allen and Tyronza Hines out for Alleene Boysen's wedding shower on December 11. At this writing Margaret's husband John is hospitalized but the doctors have said it was not a heart attack as they first thought. Tyronza is attending UALR fulltime, majoring in elementary education. Both Margaret and Tyronza are former Accounting employees.

Don Hayes and Fred Pulliam were out visiting at Christmas and perhaps others whom I did not see were here.

Ursula Schlesier of P&R was called on to provide an unexpected service a few days ago. A request for some biennial reports was received from Germany. Ursula helped Division Engineer Al Johnson in the preparation of a transmittal letter in German.

Frank Newsham's wife has just finished an in-and-out round of hospital stays that lasted three weeks while first one doctor and then another tried to correctly diagnose her problem. At last one did and she is quite relieved. Frank heads up E.E.O.

Boss Bill Looney was out a couple of days with a terrible cold. His son Randy was ill at the same time with near-pneumonia. Bill won out over the cold but Randy had to spend several days at home resting while he recovered.

Marie Wano in Bob Mattox' office waited through a couple of anxious days after the California earthquake before she heard from her son and his family and her sister and family, all of whom live in Los Angeles. When she did hear, the news was good. All were unharmed, though the doors were shaken off the hinges of her

sister's kitchen cabinets, and all loose objects such as bric-a-brac were broken.

A. J. Robertson of Roadside Development went on a 7-day hunting trip near Pagosa Springs, Colo. and took an 11-point, 324-lb. buck, which he hauled eight miles to the camp on his motorcycle.



Deer hunting by motorcycle? That's A. J. Robertson behind the beard.



Who Is It? for December was Dist. Engr. John F. Price at Russellville. He was correctly identified by Helen McCook, Jackie Wallace, Gerry Kissire, Pat Koonce, Jane Greenlee, A. C. Ledbetter, Nathan Garrett, Virginia Tackett, Bert Rownd, Marie Blankenship, A. G. Rives and Tony Leone with FHWA in Fort Worth, Tex. There were at least that many who were sure that the mystery man was Roadway Design Engr. Brooks Nichols.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

COMPUTER SERVICES

by *The Staff*

Well, Christmas has come and gone but as per usual our Christmas dinner on December 23 was extra special again!

Turkey and dressing and all the trimmings. Dip and candies throughout the day with our Santa at break time. It was a very nice day for all, topped off by a visit to the 10th floor, where we tasted all the delicious morsels they had to offer.

Art Johnson chose the break time to present Jerry Conway his 10-year pin. Jerry is the second employee in the Data Processing section to complete 10 years service, because 10 years ago that section was in its infancy with only two or three employees.



Jerry Conway, left, receives certificate from Art Johnson.

Brenda Templeton was not here to enjoy the day, but she had her own exciting time—she and her husband spent the holidays in Hawaii! Now she and Art Johnson can compare notes on the "Friendly Islands".

Our thoughts of sympathy are extended to Guy Sims and his wife on the death of Mrs. Sims' mother.

Anne Minor had relatives from Louisiana to spend the holidays with her.

Al Comeau and his family went to Searcy for a visit with relatives.

Brenda Haley was by for a short visit during Christmas. She is recuperating at

home after a short stay in the hospital.

Pat Huddleston was off for a week's vacation. Pat said he didn't go anywhere, just stayed at home and rested.

Peggy Hardin and Sharon Burnett, two former employees, visited us recently.

Our news is brief, but we wish all a Happy New Year!



Final Estimates

by *Sandra Cearley*

Final Estimate Section is sad over the loss of Judy Lawrence. We were happy for Judy's new job in Computer Services but we all miss her happy smile and enthusiasm.

Vickie Arthur has joined our crew to take over Judy's work. She is a graduate of North Little Rock High School and attended Little Rock Adult Vocational School for a business course. A bride of only two months, she says she is still learning to cook. Vickie also considers bowling and sewing two other hobbies. Her husband David is with Musak.

Neda Yoder, a native of Hot Springs, was formerly with Western Auto. James, her husband, is with Little Rock Linen. They attend Twelfth Street Baptist Church, where she is a member of the church's trio. We were very interested when Neda told us of an album the trio has recorded. It's of religious songs and came out this year.

Deborah Barnes attended high school at Benton and college at SCA. Her husband Jerrell is the manager of Jingle's Hardware at Benton.

Our last new employee to introduce is Robert Loveless, a graduate of Central. He attended the University of Arkansas. His hobbies are bowling and playing drums. He also plays chess, which Ron Cofer was happy to hear about. Ron's so good at chess, it's hard for him to find a partner on our floor. Oh, yes, Bob wants it to be

specifically noted that he is single and very eligible.



Neda, Vickie, Debbie, and Bob.

Mike Herndon's son Keith is playing basketball with the Mabelvale Raiders coached by E. L. Modlin of Reproduction and Bud Davis. So far this year, theirs is the best team in its league. They won the Christmas tournament held at Cloverdale Junior High. Keith's team played the Cloverdale II team on which my son Eddie plays. My husband Ed coaches this team and requested that I not mention the score. We have a newly organized team and have a long way to go to catch up with E. L.'s efforts.

All the ladies in our office were treated to a lovely luncheon at Paul's Lamplighter by Const. Engr. E. E. Hurley. Mr. Hurley does this each year and we love it!

MATERIALS & TESTS

by *The Staff*

Our tummies are full of goodies and cheer, and ready to start the new year right! We've made our resolutions and are ready to break or keep them. Which will it be? Our Christmas party was much, much fun. The gals exchanged gifts and everyone participated in the potluck lunch. Maria Holmes, Allan's wife, baked the hams and were they good! Our thanks to George Green for the delicious punch.

Jim Briley and Jake Clements recently attended the Southeast Soils Conference in Jackson, Miss.

Many of our employees took advantage of the long weekend, and with a little extra annual leave, visited out of the city

over the Christmas holidays. Smokey Wood and wife spent the Christmas holidays at Jackson, Miss. with their son, Dr. Gary Wood and family. Dr. Wood was recently appointed staff doctor at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Allan Holmes and family spent Christmas with their families in Danville.

Julia Halliburton and her mother spent Christmas day in Hazen with her sister, Mrs. Jewel Edge.

Buck Dozier visited friends in Cotton Plant over the holidays. Buck's sister from Baltimore, Md., whom he had not seen in over 4 years, visited with him and his parents during the holidays.

R. C. and Georgette Turney had as their guests over the holidays their son, Doug and wife Lexa. Doug is a graduate student in zoology at the University of Oklahoma. Lexa is a junior.

Charlene McClain took annual leave over the holidays to entertain relatives from Louisiana.

Sibyl Maddox had as her guests, her daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Bill Skyrme and two lovely granddaughters, Kim and Ashley Skyrme from Waterbury, Conn. They are sporting a new Chevrolet Monte Carlo. Also visiting the Maddox family were Sibyl's son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Bonita and their little daughter, Suzanne from Fayetteville. They get home a little more often than the Skyrmes. Bob receives his Bachelor of Architecture degree in June from the University. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree this past June.

Norman Cobb and wife visited some of his wife's relatives in Memphis.

Gerald Burks has recently traded for a blue LTD Ford with tape player and AM-FM radio. He calls it his Music Box and says it is a pleasure to drive. We should think so! He and his family recently drove to Wilhelmina State Park.

Bill Shore flew to Hawaii for four days in an Air Force Hercules C-130. He is a retired colonel from the Air Force.

D. M. Greene took an extended vacation over the holidays and just stayed at home for a long overdue rest. That's the best kind-to-take, D. M.

Will Banks has traded for a yellow and black Chevrolet and Bob Gossett is now sporting a green Chevrolet Caprice. Norman Cobb is driving a new Impala Chevrolet. Lucky people!

Harry Doyle's son and family from Tulsa, Okla. visited over the Christmas holidays. Harry's son is employed by Bell Telephone Company.

Bob and Becky have a new addition to their family, a four legged one. A darling little toy poodle. They have named him Scottie.

Fred Clark and Will Banks recently received their 10-year service pins and certificates. Our congratulations to both of you.

Gary Hayden is a new engineer employed in our Division. He is single and his hobbies are hunting, fishing, skiing, and scuba diving. Gary is a U of A graduate in civil engineering.

George Smith has a turkey dog (??) for sale cheap. He says it will really do the job. Are you feeling alright, George?

Barney Phillips has been doing a lot of bird hunting lately. We hear some good reports but no evidence as yet. Barney and Betty have a new addition to their family, a baby daughter born December 30, their third. A new deduction for 1970, just under the wire, huh, Barney?

Bill Langston is the unlucky one. He planned a big Christmas holiday, so signed up for extra leave to enjoy himself. What happened? He ended up in the hospital, had major surgery and spent a lovely (??) Christmas day in a hospital bed. We thought of you, Bill, and our sympathy was abundant. I am happy to report that Bill is now at home and on the road to recovery.

PERMIT SECTION

by Virginia Winfield

News has been scarce around the Permit Office lately, but seems everyone had a very Merry Christmas.

Mike Masten went to Oklahoma City to spend Christmas with his father.

This reporter took a few days' vacation just to be home with my family. Of course, this is a very special season around our house with our little daughter, Jan, who has just become nine years old.

Permit employees and their families met at my house on a Sunday afternoon for a Christmas party and dinner. The food was delicious and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

From all of us to all of you we hope you have a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

PROCUREMENT

by Jean Cadjew

Quite a few things have been happening in and around our division this month. First of all, some former Texans took and gave a lot of ribbing about the Arkansas/Texas game. We had a very nice Christmas party and exchange of gifts. Also had a lot of delicious food on several occasions.

Lem and Margarite flew to Houston to their daughter's new home for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Reported that the weather was very nice and warm there.

Patsy and Eulen spent Christmas in Iowa. Patsy has a beautiful new set of wedding rings that Eulen gave her for Christmas.

Rita and family visited in Little Rock with both their parents during the holidays.

Melba attended MTST school which she enjoyed very much. She recently got her house carpeted and received a new dishwasher as a Christmas present.

We enjoyed having Mrs. Caple in for a visit one day and will be looking for her to come back.

Some people were lucky enough to attend the big game on December 5.

Well, we thought Bernie Cox would surely run out of all those pretty shirts that he has been wearing but he says that he got some more even prettier at Christmas. Think we must enter him for the best dressed man award.

Ted will be leaving us this month to further his education. He is certainly going to be missed.

Several of us have been on the sick list for the past few weeks. My family and I enjoyed our first Arkansas Christmas; however it was a little lonesome since neither my husband nor I have any relatives nearby.

Both Lewis Wade and Lewis Warren said they didn't do anything over the holidays other than visit relatives and stayed in and around Little Rock and Conway.

With that I would like to insert a little recipe for everyone to read this New Year.

RECIPE FOR A GOOD YEAR

Take twelve fine full-grown months: see that these are thoroughly free from all old memories of bitterness, rancor, hate and jealousy. Cleanse them completely from every clinging spite: pick off all specks of pettiness.

Cut these months into 30 or 31 equal parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time. But prepare one day at a time as follows:

Into each day put equal parts of faith, patience, courage, work, hope, fidelity, liberality, kindness, rest, prayer, meditation, add about a teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, a heaping cupful of good humor.

Pour love into the whole and mix with a vim. Serve with quietness, unselfishness and cheerfulness.

REPRODUCTION

by Sue Walls

Reproduction had a very nice Christmas party. There was plenty of food and punch for everyone. The whole building was invited to our open house for refreshments in the afternoon, and all who came seemed to enjoy it.

Santa was good to Lucille Huffstutlar. He brought her a new Buick LeSabre! She certainly is thrilled with it. I would be, too, if Santa was that good to me.

Patsy Latson spent the holidays in Clarksville with relatives. She entertained the same relatives in her home New Year's.

Mariea Borneneier was walking on clouds during the holidays. Her husband, Richard, was home from the service for Christmas.

While Marie Crawford was sick with the flu, she received a dozen long-stemmed red roses. She may be ill more often now.

Gary Kirkland was also ill during the holidays, but he didn't even get one rose.

E. L. Modlin's son, Tommy, is on the winning basketball team in the Cloverdale Invitational Tournament. E. L. can be very proud of Tommy, he is the team's leading scorer and rebounder.

Now that the new year has begun, we can all start worrying about income tax. That's a nice thought to start the new year with, isn't it?



Appraisal Section

by Jean Barrett

We all had very enjoyable Christmas holidays. I think everyone gained a pound or two. Rochelle Cullins and I brought lots of good things to snack on.

Children haven't really changed much in the last several years — they just want more now. The following letter was written by little Charlie Scott to Santa Claus in 1922 and published in the *Prescott Daily News*:

"Dear Santa Claus,

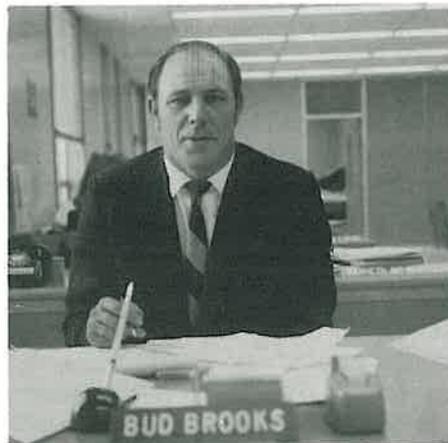
Please bring me a watch and a chest of tools and a pearl handled knife for Sunday and some fireworks I am a little boy seven years old and study hard at school.

Charles Addison Scott"

The letter was republished before Christmas in the *"Looking Back at Prescott"* column of the paper.

Charlie and Allena's daughter and family, Margaret and George Hayes and their two children, spent the holidays at the Scotts. Charlie said the children helped him empty the stocking that Santa brought him. (Did he bring you a new pearl handled Sunday knife, Charlie? Ed.)

Bud Brooks, our new appraiser, was employed November 16. He lives in Hot Springs and is a graduate of the University of Arkansas, where he was an All-American football player for the Razorbacks.



Bud Brooks

We were all glad to see Zack Mashburn again. He had a nice Christmas. We surely missed him this year at our Christmas party because he always played Santa Claus for our Section - hope he can attend next year. He and Mrs. Mashburn spent Christmas visiting with their children.

Bob Shockley and wife Zola recently spent a few days in New Orleans and reported a marvelous time.

Engineering Section

by Ellen Gross

Christmas for the Engineering Section was made more meaningful again this year because of two 7-year-old twins named Lorettea and Ronald. We had a Christmas party for them in our office on December 22. They weren't expecting a very large Christmas, so they were really surprised when it turned out to be one of their biggest ever. Everyone chipped in a little money and time, and soon the Section was full of dolls, games, toy guns, trucks, cars, clothes, shoes and two bikes. Everyone enjoyed seeing Lorettea's eyes light up at her new dolls, and Ronald's amazement when two bikes were rolled in. (He had told us he wanted a bike but knew he wouldn't receive one.)

We thank the Cycle Division of AMF here in Little Rock for parts donated to refurbish the bikes. A special thanks is also due Mrs. Linsey at AMF who was instrumental in acquiring them for us. Next Christmas we plan to do it again and hope other Sections in the Division will join in, and see how much more Christmas means when people give to children like Lorettea and Ronald.



Section Head Glendol Jackson hands out packages to Lorettea and Ronald while reporter Ellen Gross looks on.



Christmas is happiness in a child's face.



Just what they wanted!

TRAFFIC DIVISION

by *Joan Niehaus*

Congratulations to our fellow worker, Ray Maxey, and his wife Linda on a new addition to the family. A bouncing baby boy named Travis was born December 13. This makes two boys for the Maxeys. (I wonder why only the men receive cigars?)



Sarah Wright

We certainly welcome our new employee, Sarah Wright. She is taking the place of Bobbie Ellis, who resigned for employment with National Investor's Life Insurance Co. We are very glad to have Sarah with us.

Birthdays celebrated in the Traffic Division this month were Otha Hewitt, Van Campbell and Frank Vozel.

Our office personnel enjoyed Christmas lunch at the Sign Shop in North Little Rock. The food was simply delicious. See you next year, same time.

The same day, all the ladies on the 10th floor had a little party, exchanging gifts and eating a bite. Right before we "did our thing", Director Goodman presented Chief Engineer B. K. Cooper a 15-year certificate of service.

Everyone seemed to have had a very merry Christmas this year. It is now time to make New Year's resolutions (just to break, I guess).

Bill Harrod gave a New Year's Eve party and WOW! what a party! Who can remember who all was there?

SIGN SHOP

by *Marlene Hogan*

From all of us at the Sign Shop, we hope each of you have a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Everyone here enjoyed a delicious meal during the holidays. Those attending other than employees were wives Mrs. Earl Hillis, Mrs. Howard Stoebener, Mrs. Frank Blaylock and a former employee, Mrs. Lou Net Ricketts came by for a visit.

I am happy to report that my husband is able to leave the hospital today, after suffering a heart attack December 18.

Ray Cranfill is still home with a broken arm sustained when he fell from a pecan tree during the Thanksgiving holiday. We hope he is better at this time.

Waldo Roberts of the Sign Shop has a new grandson, Christopher Ray. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Roberts of North Little Rock.

Hubert Loyd's son Bill and Rose Ann Leach were married December 26. She is the niece of Shelton Leach with the Center Stripe Crew. We do wish them many years of happiness.



A new employee reported for work and the boss told him to pick up the broom and sweep out the office.

"But, sir, I'm a college graduate," the youth said.

"Oh, well," the boss said, "give it to me, I'll show you how."

DISTRICT NEWS



DISTRICT

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by *Leslie Long*

Many Christmas days have come and gone since the first Americans celebrated their first Christmas on the eastern shores. It is still a joyful thought to hold that Christmas is the best happening that ever befell the human race. For us, the Yuletide season has a special significance when we consider the blessings that have been bestowed upon us.

I spent the holidays with my son and his wife and two children at their home here in Pine Bluff. Chad celebrated his 4th birthday Christmas Eve and Holly will celebrate her 9th on February 15. We all had a wonderful holiday.



Chad and Holly, grandchildren of Leslie Long.

A project of two of the Sunday School Departments of Olive Street Missionary Baptist Church is clothing and caring for an orphan at the Missionary Baptist Orphanage in Texarkana. Their current adopted orphan, Debra Burton, 11, is invited to visit in their homes for three weeks in the summer and during the Christmas holidays. Members of the church presented her a bicycle. She also received many gifts while visiting in various homes. She was a guest in the home of Ouida Grimes (our Fuel Clerk) and her daughter, Debbie, Christmas and attended our Christmas

office party. We hope she had a Merry Christmas and look forward to her next visit.

District 2 office and shop held our annual Christmas tree and lunch on Wednesday, December 23. We always appreciate Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Shalmy and Mrs. Wilson attending and assisting us with the delicious food. We had the pleasure of both Mrs. Nissblatt and Mrs. Leopard being able to participate in this year's activities.

Pat Shalmy, son of Brewster and Sunny, his wife Nancy and daughter Katie were home for the holidays. They also joined us for Christmas lunch. We missed retiree "Miss Inez" Royston this year but glad she could visit with her family in Little Rock.

Willard Patterson Johnson, a native of Crossett in Ashley County, took disability retirement in September, 1970 but not before completing some 34 years with the Department. He first began in January, 1934 as a truck driver. Since that time he has held many jobs, including laborer, section foreman, mechanic, and crane operator. He was considered one of our most versatile employees, capable of assuming responsibilities and applying his services best when it involved complicated road maintenance problems.

Willard makes his home in Monticello. He is married to the former Miss Frances Jones of Hamburg. They have one daughter who teaches in Little Rock, and another who teaches in Texas. The Johnsons have two grandsons, Mark age 13 and Brian, age 10. Willard is a member of the Pauline Baptist Church in Monticello and Eureka Lodge No. 40, one of the oldest



Willard P. Johnson receives a goodwill certificate from Commissioner Lawrence Blackwell.

Masonic lodges in Arkansas. His hobbies are fishing, hunting and woodworking. We hope your retirement will bring you much happiness and the fulfillment of many hopes and plans.

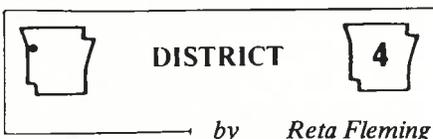
Bob Jarboe, Chicot County area foreman who is really a believer in having his card punched every week at the Sunflower Store in Lake Village, was finally rewarded. Bob won an \$800 jackpot at a drawing on December 26! Bob also killed a buck during the deer season.

The "Dial for Dollars" program dialed the residence of James Henderson, a laborer here in the shop, but his family didn't have the correct answer. Too bad. Better luck next time.

Storekeeper Joe Leopard displays a hornet's nest sent in by Glen Jacks, area foreman in Lincoln County. He would like to know if John Hughes, Desha County foreman, can top this one?



If Joe Leopard wants to stir up a hornet's nest, he holds the material in hand to create a terrific buzz.



Service award recipients in District 4 are Don D. Wilkinson, Coleman's residency, 10 years; Hoyt T. Gilbreth, Franklin County maintenance, 10 years; and Gary A. Wellnitz, Sanders' residency, 5 years.

Mikel Neal, engineering aide in Sanders' residency, is the proud father of a bouncing baby boy, Mikel David, who arrived December 12. Both baby and mother, Ann, are doing fine.

Hershel Henry, engineering aide in

Spencer's residency, bagged this nice 9-point buck near Mena. (Hershel still thinks it was an elk.)



Hershel Henry and his "elk".

Others from Spencer's residency who bagged a deer in the November season were Mack Rose and Jim Barker, 8-point bucks; D. C. Spencer, a 10-point buck; and Ed Slaughterbeck, a 3-point buck (2 ears and 1 tail).

The employees of District 4 and their families enjoyed a Christmas party December 16 sponsored by Arkhola Sand and Gravel Company. There was plenty of food on hand and everyone attending reported having a very enjoyable and "filling" evening.

Tommy Berna, engineering aide in Sanders' residency, celebrated his birthday December 20. May you have many more, Tommy.

My husband, daughter and I spent the Christmas holidays with our parents in North Little Rock. We had a wonderful time visiting and "stuffing" ourselves.

David Becker, engineering aide in Sanders' residency, presented his girlfriend, Nancy, an engagement ring for Christmas. David says they haven't set the wedding date yet but it will probably be in June 1971.

My family's 1970 ended sadly because of the passing of my grandmother on December 31. She was a wonderful person and will certainly be missed by all of us who loved her so very much.

A woman President probably wouldn't start wars like men do over silly things, such as national boundaries, economics, etc. But if another world leader wore the same dress to a party - look out!


DISTRICT


by *Monte Deakins*

McCConnell's Residency

by *Pat Main*

On December 18 we had a potluck supper here at the office. To say it was a beautiful success would be the understatement of the year. It was perfect! At last I had a chance to meet all the women behind our men, and would you believe, I can remember which wives belong to which men? Well, each one was distinctive enough to be easily remembered.

Red Merriman's wife, Margaret, wore red — that was all the identification she needed to match her with Red.

We had much more food than we could have eaten in three days — but Leon Trickey's wife carried off the honors in that line. They came in with a huge roaster full of the most delicious duck and dressing imaginable. I'm sure if they looked closely at the bones they carried away (and believe me, that's all that was left) they would have found a few teeth marks on them.

After eating all we could hold, we went out to Ruben's house and had a few drinks. My husband and I usually play Cinderella and get home before midnight — but, well, we had so much fun, the party didn't break up until the wee hours of the morning. If everyone enjoyed themselves only half as much as we did, they won't hesitate to be present at the next one, and there will be more. You certainly couldn't ask for a more congenial bunch. I just hope nobody brings any more of those great big black olives, huh, Bill?

One sour note, though. On Saturday afternoon Ruben discovered that someone had broken into our office sometime after we left here. The burglar only took a couple of personal items stored here (I think Santa had some stuff stashed in the cabinet), a few stamps and small change. We are still finding spots of blood they left behind when they broke our front window. I sure hope they have some pretty bad cuts to remind them of their dastardly deed. Maybe blood poisoning, or is that too mean to wish on them? Ah well, I guess we were lucky they didn't do more damage or get away with more than they did.



Can anyone help Henry Purvis with when and where this picture was taken, or identify any of the people in it?

I am enclosing a picture donated by Henry Purvis — a reminder of the "good old days"? Who is it? Where is it? Nobody

around here seems to know for sure, so maybe someone will recognize this crew. There are no hints as to identity or time.




DISTRICT


by *Althea Campbell*

Congratulations to Ollie Baugus, equipment operator, who received his 15-year service award.

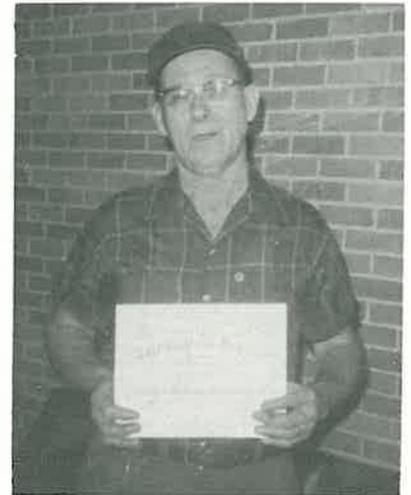
Office employees in District 7 and their spouses enjoyed a Christmas dinner party at the headquarters on December 18. The 1970 Highway film was shown and gifts were exchanged around the Christmas tree, with approximately 45 in attendance.

Permit Clerk M. S. Smith showed the Highway film to the Camden Lions Club for program chairman W. E. Hicks at their December 30 meeting. Mr. Hicks, now retired from the Department, is both a former District 7 engineer and a former Highway Director.

W. V. Bradshaw, Union County area foreman, and his wife spent an interesting vacation in California.

Eugene Slaton, maintenance repairman, and his wife, together with friends Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mays, spent the weekend of December 5-6 in Natchitoches, La. attending the city's 44th Annual Christmas Festival. Over 75,000 were in attendance to see the beautiful art display, Christmas lighting, parade, choirs, Festival of Music and fireworks. The town is built on the

banks of Cane River, a beautiful setting for the festival. We mentioned in the December issue that Slaton had completed five years of service. He displays his certificate in the picture below.



Eugene Slaton

Mildred and John Russ have loaned the headquarters a lovely oil painting, now on display in the lobby. Mildred is the equipment clerk. John's mother is the artist. The Alaskan scene blends with the decor and is a delightful addition to our offices. Thanks to the Russes!

Former Job Supt. Emon J. Lindsey is very proud of the Ambassador of Goodwill certificate which he received from the Highway Commission when he retired from the Department in August, 1970.



Emon J. Lindsey

Theresa Griffis, 16, is a basketball star at Bearden High School this year. She is the daughter of George Griffis, special maintenance supervisor.



Theresa Griffis

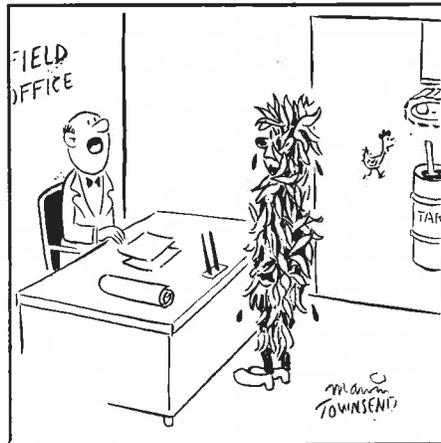
You may recall from the December issue that when Rick Guesner, equipment operator, nabbed his first deer at 6:30 in the morning of November 9, he immediately came by the office to show us the proof. Here's his proof.



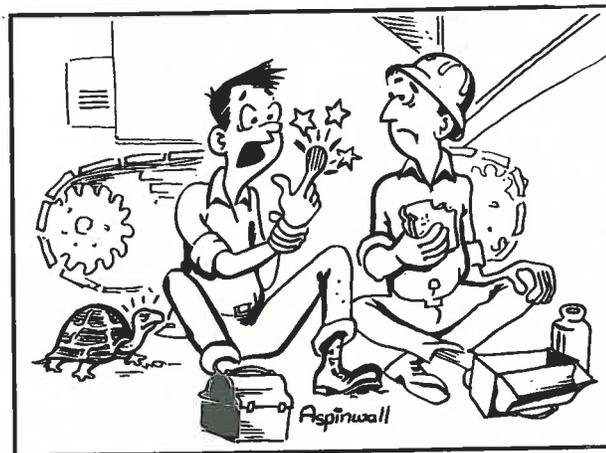
Rick Guesner and his 8-point buck.

We are glad to report that J. E. Sweet and J. O. Britt, both equipment operators in Union County, are doing fine after surgery and will be back to work soon.

We appreciate the many thoughtful gifts and cards received during the holidays, and wish for all of you a healthy and prosperous New Year!



"I understand you're not getting along too well with some of the men, Hutchcroft."



"My hard hat just bit me!"

BOWLING LEAGUE FINISHES

FIRST HALF OF SEASON

At the close of the first half of the Highway Bowling League's season the team standings were:

	Avg.
1. Radford Equipment	961
2. Roadway Design	944
3. Bureau of Public Roads	957
4. Materials & Tests	948
5. Secondary Roads	949
6. Outcasts	940
7. Planning & Research	938
8. Weights & Standards	935

Jerry Conway of Computer Services is the only Highway employee on Radford's team. Secondary Roads bowled the high team game. Dale Loe of Bridge Design, and a member of Secondary Roads' team, bowled the high individual game. Charles Rain of the P&R team bowled the highest over average series with 131 pins. Joe Magness of M&T's team had the highest over average game, with 79 pins over.

SERVICE AWARDS WILL CONTINUE TO BE LAPEL PINS

From time to time, employees have inquired whether their service award emblem might be made up as a tie tack or charm for a bracelet. It has been decided that the service award pins will not be changed but anyone who wishes to have one modified for a tie tack or charm may request an additional pin.

JOY PEWITT IS NEW LADY ENGINEER

Joy Lynn Pewitt has completed the engineering training period and has chosen the Traffic Division as a permanent place of assignment. Miss Pewitt is from Watson in Desha County. She attended Arkansas A&M for two years after graduation from McGehee High School, then entered Mississippi State University at Starkville, where she completed work for a degree in civil engineering.

In answer to the inevitable question of why she chose the engineering field, her answer is that she likes math and the outdoors. She also likes to water ski and has a student pilot's license. She is the daughter of Mrs. Harry Pewitt and the late Mr. Pewitt of Watson.



Joy Pewitt gets some pointers from Operations Engr. Bob Mattox during her training period.

Frank Caple demonstrates to the "sultan" that one of his "harem" is sitting on the carpet, which in turn seems to only be sitting on air. Hope the trick works — those are mean looking guards in the background.

In the first part of the act, Caple shows the audience a little girl's doll house (with all sides openly turned to the audience to show that there is nothing or no one inside, of course.) He closes the sides of the doll house, murmurs a few words in magicians' dialect and presto! a girl stands up in the house.

The second part of the act is the familiar routine where a woman's head is placed into a guillotine. While the audience gasps, the blade comes crashing down to sever the head, only hers isn't. The last part of the act is a girl on a floating carpet. The supporting lady on stage is seated on a small carpet supported by swords and screens. After being hypnotized, she remains stiffly suspended in mid-air on the carpet, even after all the supporting props have been removed. Frank passes a hoop around her and the carpet to demonstrate that she is visibly unsupported.

If you ever get a chance to catch one of Frank's shows, don't miss it. He puts on a fun and exciting show.

CAPLE'S ACT BEST AT MAGICIANS' CONVENTION

Frank Caple, purchasing officer for the Department, is also well-known as a professional magician. At the Texas Association of Magicians' convention in Dallas he won awards for both the best act and the most outstanding act with a bit of sleight-of-hand in the setting of a sultan's harem. Illusory magic (creating magic dramatically by means of optical illusion) is Caple's specialty. The harem trick is a combination of three standard illusory tricks with variations.

**THIS'LL
KILL YA**



In a country courtroom, the bailiff escorted a little, old, gray-haired lady to the witness stand and swore her in. He asked, "Are you acquainted with the prosecuting attorney?"

She replied, "Yes, I know him quite well, and he's a crook!"

Next, he asked her if she was acquainted with the defending attorney.

"Yes," she nodded, "I know him and he's a crook, too!"

The judge beckoned to the bailiff and whispered in his ear: "If you ask her if she knows me, I'll have you arrested for contempt of court."

Daughter: I'm sure you'll like Tom, Dad. He's a very nice young man.

Father: Does he have any money?

Daughter: Oh, you men are all alike. Tom asked me the very same thing about you!

A modern war is like an argument with a woman. You can't win it or end it.

Teacher to class of small children: "Will all those who think they are stupid stand up."

For a moment no one got up, then one little fellow slowly stood.

"Johnny," said the teacher, "Do you think you are stupid?"

"No, Ma'am," said Johnny. "I just didn't like to see you standing up all by yourself!"

Middle age is when the girl you smile at thinks you are one of her father's friends.

Executive to his secretary: "Miss Jones, please answer this letter for me, will you, and be careful not to lose my temper."

Mother: "Be sure to wash your arms before you put on a clean shirt."

Junior: "Long or short sleeves?"

The loudspeaker of a big jet clicked on and the captain's voice announced in a clear, even tone, "Now, there's no cause for alarm, but we felt you passengers should know that for the last three hours we've been flying without the benefit of radio-compass, radar, or navigational beam. This means that we are, in the broad sense of the word, lost. However, on the brighter side of the picture, we're making excellent time!"



A Successful Goose Hunt

District 3 Engr. John Tallant (left), Jimmy Clem of Southwest Arkansas Co., Inc. of Texarkana (center), and Commissioner John Harsh of Magnolia recently enjoyed a wild goose hunt near Hungerford, Tex. Their kill included snows, blues, Canadian cacklers and speckle bellies. They "roughed it" in Clem's customized bus camper.



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Where is it?



Apparently there is a number of bridges in the state which closely resemble the one used for Where Is It? in the December issue. The bridge across the South Fork of Spring River on Highway 289 near Saddle, Ark. in Fulton County was correctly identified by Frank Oliver of Salem; A. G. "Lanky" Rives, retired as Chief of Surveys; Frank Harrison of Bridge Design; George Green of Materials and Tests; and Charles Venable, Jim Trost and Jake Weston, all of the Surveys office, who not only identified the bridge but also correctly pegged Party Chief Tom Wacaster (who sent in the picture) as the driver of the truck and the photographer.

James A. Ford, area foreman of Phillips County, correctly identified the October-November Where Is It? as being Old Town Lake as seen from Highway 44 south of Lake View in Phillips County. His letter identifying the picture was received one day too late to include in the December issue.